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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Greetings Fellow Kiwanians!

February has been a very busy month for us in the Manchester Club. We've had members help out at Café Lauren, which is at Girls' Inc., and they really need the help! There is only one woman who does all the cooking for the kids every night so she really appreciates the help we are giving her. Plus it's a lot of fun! We've also had our second Interclub of the year, which was with the Hooksett Club. It was great to see how other clubs run their meetings. John Clayton spoke and was very interesting. SUDS! What a fun night that was. The 60's rock musical was held at the Majestic Theatre with our own Rob Dionne running the show. Great job! It was another very fun night!

I'd say that we are very lucky people to have so much talent within the club and also because we have so many dedicated people who want to work hard and keep improving upon what we already have. Kiwanis has a lot to offer and I hope that we can spread the word and get new members, continue to add new experiences and also keep thinking up new ideas for service.

As Kiwanis members, we are dedicating a portion of ourselves in service to others, which in turn, adds value to our own lives. The French philosopher Montaigne said: "The value of life lies not in the length of days but in the use we make of them." I think we're doing just that!

Great job everyone and I look forward to seeing you at our meetings!

Debbie Landwehr
President

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

The following Club members were born and/or joined Kiwanis during the month of February. Club members wish them a Happy Birthday and/or Happy Anniversary!

BIRTHDAYS

Rich Chagnon - 3/2
Bernie Pockell - 3/4
Cindy Harrington - 3/6
Hal Jordan - 3/7
Bob Giordano - 3/12
Shannon Kelly Sullivan- 3/17
Dennis Sweeney - 3/19
Emile Tetu - 3/27
Angelica Ladd - 3/31

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom Kallechey - 1989
Gregg Flegal - 1994
Fred Savage - 1996
Cathy Burnham Martin-1997
Flo Bernard - 2006
Diane Brewster - 2006
Debbie Landwehr - 2006
Shannon Kelly Sullivan- 2006
Sue Tetu - 2006
Rob Dionne - 2008
Bonnie White - 2008



UPCOMING SPEAKERS

March 3: Samantha Appleton
Intown Manchester: Great Things are
Happening "Downtown"

March 10: Mayor Ted Gatsas
Manchester's New Mayor Speaks Out

March 17: Douglas Rickard
Irish Music on the Banjo, Guitar, & Bagpipes

March 24: Will Stewart
Neighborworks: "Stomping Out" Manchester's Bed Bugs

March 31: Debbie Landwehr
Manchester Kiwanis Moving Forward: A Conversation

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

by Emile Tetu



The Board of Directors held its monthly meeting on February 18, 2010.

The Board approved the minutes of the January 10, 2010 Board meeting and the financial

statements for January 31, 2010.

Balances in the three accounts at Hampshire First Bank are: Operating Account \$10,539.02; Foundation Account \$6,263.20; and Parking Account; \$11,856.08. The Treasurer reported that the anticipated increase in the Club's fees for use of the credit card machine has been waived and the fees will continue at \$10 per month. Annual Membership dues have been paid to Kiwanis International subsequent to the close of business on 1-31-10 and this will be reflected in next month's reports. Rich Prud'homme, a Club member and the individual who prepares the required tax forms for the Club has filed for an extension allowing the Club additional time to file.

The Club presently has 77 active members. Several Board members noted that they had potential new members who would probably be joining the Club within the next few months.

Rob Dionne will send each Key Club School Advisor an email inviting them and two of their members to an upcoming luncheon. In addition President Debbie will address training for Club Advisors at the mid-winter conference. Everyone on the Board agrees that it is important to keep close contact with the Key Clubs.

Emails will be sent to School Key Club Advisors and School Guidance Counselors advising them of the availability of a \$1,000 scholarship for members of the Key Clubs at West, Bedford and Derryfield.

Cathy Cere reported to the Board that she is working on setting up a second Read With A Child program at Bakersville School. This should be finalized later this month.

Debbie Landwehr advised the Board that an interclub with Hooksett had taken place on February 3 at SNHU - four Club members attended.

Board members were reminded that to keep the Kommunikator interesting, articles need to be submitted by Club members. Members can submit articles for publication on different events that occur in their lives, at their businesses, etc. - committee chairs should also be sending in articles reporting on their committee activity

during the month. Rob Dionne will send an email to the chairs to reminding them of this.

Board members who have volunteered at Café Lauren have found the experience rewarding and fun. This opportunity is available the 1st Wednesday of each month from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at Girls Inc. on Varney Street. Call Jen Indeglia at 625-1296 to sign up for the month of your choosing.

The Board discussed on how best to get the Club PR. Articles are being sent to the HIPPO Press, Manchester Union Leader and NH Business News. Each of these publishers may or may not run the articles but the Publicity Committee will continue to send them. Shannon Sullivan and Tracey Adams will try to get SPECIAL publicity for Kiwanis One Day on April 10th at the Boys and Girls Club. Rob Dionne is going to contact Angelica Ladd and determine how we can set up a Facebook page for the Club. He will report on this at a later date.

65 Kiwanians, relatives and friends from Manchester, Hooksett and Hudson, attended the opening of "Suds" at the Majestic as a Kiwanis night out. To say it was a great time would be an understatement. The Board thanks Rob Dionne for his efforts in putting together this extra presentation.

Kiwanis night at the Monarchs will take place on Saturday February 20th at 7:00 pm. Several Kiwanis Clubs have purchased tickets for this event.

President Debbie has arranged for a musical review dinner theatre get together when Stage One presents "George Piehl and Friends" at the Chateau On Saturday April 10th. Club members can purchase discounted tickets for \$36. Join us for a FUN evening by contacting President Debbie.

If you are interested in volunteering to help with the set up of the playground equipment on Kiwanis One Day at the Boys and Girls Club on April 20, 2010 contact Emile Tetu.

The grant that was offered by the Grace Foundation of New York through Cain & Janosz Funeral Home has a restriction that requires that 100% of all monies expended by an applying agency must be used for children. This eliminates The Way Home and several other agencies that have members in the Club. Since the availability of this grant is a quarterly event and since the only agencies that qualify in our Club are Webster House, Boys and Girls Club and Girls Inc the Board offered the grant to Webster House this time. This offer will rotate on an ongoing basis if it remains available to us.

At President Debbie's request Rob Dionne will be sending a membership survey to the Club membership addressing weak attendance at luncheons and asking for suggestions from the membership to increase the attendance. It will be sent via Kiwanis One and will use SurveyMonkey.

President Debbie advised the Board that she had participated in a webinar presented by First Giving through Kiwanis International. Though she does not recommend that the Club become involved with this group, Debbie did glean some good ideas from the online presentation.

The New England District Mid-Winter Conference will be held on March 5 through March 7, 2010 in Worcester. Debbie Landwehr and Darlene Chauvette will represent the Club at this conference.

The 2010 International Convention will be in Las Vegas, Nevada from June 24th through June 27th. Representing our Club as delegates will be President Debbie and Vice President Rob

The next BOD meeting will be held at Hampshire First Bank on March 18th at 8:30 in the morning. Members are invited to attend in a non-voting capacity or to submit material for discussion.

PICTURES FROM OUR FEBRUARY MEETINGS

by Tom Kallechey



King of Hearts 50/50 Drawing: Rob Dionne sells the tickets and Hal Jordan announces the winner from the weekly drawing. If your ticket comes up you get a free lunch and a crack at cutting the cards for the King of Hearts. Hit the King of Hearts and you win half of the kitty.



The Cost of Health Insurance - Doug Weners, CEO Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield, NH, Feb 17.



Manchester Moves - Dean Williams, a board member of the volunteer organization that is coordinating the system of walking and biking trails in the city, Feb 24.

YMCA PRESENTS PLAQUE TO KIWANIS CLUB OF MANCHESTER *by Mike Arrison*



At a recent luncheon at the YMCA the Greater Manchester YMCA presented plaques of appreciation to supporters of youth programs at the Y. The Kiwanis Club of Manchester received a plaque for our support of youth programs, specifically the YOU Program designed to keep kids in school. Each plaque presented was designed especially for the group receiving it. Pictured above is the Club's plaque.

Governor John Lynch, Mayor Ted Gatsas, friends of the YMCA, and many dignitaries and community leaders from the City attended this luncheon. However, the most important attendees were kids from the STAY, TAP and YOU programs. These kids spoke of the experiences they had and what they gained from these programs. They also talked about how these programs have given them a new outlook on life, helped them to do better in school and encouraged them to want more out of life.

Hal Jordan, President and CEO of the YMCA, thanked those in attendance and highlighted the successes of each of these programs. He thanked the members of the Kiwanis Club of Manchester for their commitment to the kids in our City.

I was honored to accept this plaque on behalf of the Club.

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of volunteers dedicated to changing
the world one child and one
community at a time.*

KIWANIS NIGHT AT THE MONARCHS *by Tracey Adams*



On February 20th, as part of Kiwanis' partnership with the Boys and Girls Clubs, the Manchester Kiwanis treated staff and members to the game. The kid's ages range from 6 to 9. K's from Manchester and other Clubs throughout NH also enjoyed the game.



UPCOMING EVENTS

KIWANIS ONE DAY

Saturday, April 10, 2010

9 AM to 2 PM

Kiwanians across the world will join together for a day of hands-on community service in celebration of Kiwanis One Day. Here in Manchester, our club will be at the Boys & Girls Club of Manchester's newly expanded and renovated Union Street Clubhouse. Our project will be the assembly of a playground for their Kids Club program. This effort will save the Boys & Girls Club nearly \$8,000 in labor costs! Emile Tetu and Tracey Adams will be taking names for volunteers at the March meetings and more information will be published in the April issue of the Kommunikator, but for now...save the date and dig out the tools in your garage!

KIWANIS NIGHT with STAGE 1 PRODUCTIONS

Saturday, April 10, 2010

7:00 PM

Join us for a musical revue on at the Chateau with George Piehl and a few of his friends as they entertain you with well known show tunes and well loved standards. For over 30 years, Mr. Piehl has entertained thousands with his magnificent voice and dramatic renditions of some of Broadway's greatest songs. He will be joined by local area talent. If you love music, then you are going to love spending a musical evening with George and his friends. The price for this show is \$36.00 which includes a cash bar, hors d'oeuvres, buffet with 3 entrees, and desserts. If you would like to join other Kiwanians, please make your check out to Stage One Productions and give to Debbie Landwehr or Janice Pal.

I hope you all can join us for another fun filled evening. Be sure to invite your family and friends!

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB FUNDRAISER

Thursday, April 15, 2010

7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

The Boys & Girls Club of Manchester will host their 8th Annual Foundation of Friends Breakfast at the Radisson Hotel Manchester. This is a free, inspiring one-hour event that will feature a message from executive director Gary Frost, a video, a testimonial speaker and Club members seated at each table so you can hear first-hand of their experiences at the Club. This is the Club's major fundraising event that raises money to support annual operating expenses and guests will be asked for a contribution, although there is no minimum or maximum expectation. All Kiwanians are invited to attend and, if interested, should contact Tracey Adams at 625-5031 x-228 or at tadams@mbgcnh.org. I do hope you'll be able to join us!