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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*You never know* who or how you may touch a child's life. Many of you do not know that I taught music at an elementary school from 1995-2001 fresh out of college. I was the K-4 music teacher at the Hampstead Central School and taught music & chorus, working at The Majestic Theatre nights, weekends, and every free moment. In 2001 I went on sabbatical from teaching to work at The Majestic full-time, and never turned back. I love what I do, and even though I'll never drive a limo (unless I become a chauffeur), I know that I am doing what I was meant to do and that I play an important role in my community.

The Friday night after Thanksgiving I went to a local nightclub to see a friend perform. I had been to this place before, but it is not really a place I "frequent" as the crowd typically runs from ages 18-22; I do not need any help feeling like the "old man chaperone" thank you. :) After the show I was waiting for my friend when a young lady approached me. She was probably 20 years old, slim, emo-style fashion with a pink stripe down the left side of her hair; truly she wasn't approaching me to dance. Before I could say anything she said "Mr. Dionne, it's great to see you." (insert a confused look on my face). Noticing this, she told me her name and informed me that she had me as her 3rd grade music teacher and how excited she was to see me. It seems that my influence helped her decide that she wanted to teach music to kids and alas, she was in college as a music education major and was home for the holidays visiting family. I told her it was nice to see her, and that I was glad that she was pursuing music- it was definitely a "wow, feel good" moment. *You never know*.

So, next I jumped on my smart phone to post what had just happened on Facebook (that's what the young ones would do- right?). I was shocked by the response: it seems that there were many kids that chose to pursue a music career after their positive experiences in 3rd and 4th grade chorus at Hampstead Central School during my time there; the comments were very touching. *You never know*.

Now, I can't say I knowingly trained kids to be professional music teachers and performers or was some kind of super hero, I just did my job and tried to instill a love of music in all of the kids. It's only apparent to me now 10+ years later that I must have done something right as a young music teacher fresh out of college.

In Kiwanis we have the same impact on kids; *You never know* what the kid you fished with or shopped with or celebrated with will take away from the experience: a smile? a sense of happiness? a friend? a sense of pride because someone is taking time to help them? a future leader or philanthropist? We hear often the stories of how kids (now adults) were touched by the work of a Kiwanis, a theatre, a Boy's & Girls Club, a Girls Inc, a YMCA, a Way Home, or any other non-profit organization that continues to feed the souls, minds, and beings of our kids, our future. *You never know*.

As we come to the end of 2011, remember how important our work as Kiwanians is to the kids who sometimes just need someone to give them a smile and a helping hand; *You never know* who or how you may touch their lives.

*Rob*

A. Robert Dionne  
President, Kiwanis of Manchester

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

### BIRTHDAYS

Jack Burke	November 1
Cathy Cere	November 1
Debbie Landwehr	November 4
Jack Crane	November 4
Jim Mason	November 10
Frank Catano	November 19
Dave Acqiavova	November 21
Dick Letendre	December 1
Fred Savage	December 4
Paul Tetu	December 21
Mike Arrison	December 24
Steve Scheiner	December 24
Michelle Gendron	December 31

### ANNIVERSARIES

	November
Ed Bellemare	1993
Ed Dumm	1999
Tom Janosz	2003
Jen Indeglia	2008
Natalie Martin	2008
	December
Dick Letendre	1977
Bill Weidacher	1992
Dottie Gove	1998

### NEW MEMBER RECRUITMENT EVENT

*by Shannon Sullivan*

Do you know someone who is interested in making a difference in the community in exchange for a little of their time? If so, please be sure that January 18 is on their calendar!

Our Club will be holding a New Member Recruitment Event on Wednesday, January 18 (in place of our scheduled evening meeting) from 5:30 – 7 pm at the Derryfield. The cost will remain \$15 for members. Guests are free.

It promises to be a fun night of socializing and merriment. We are also working with a few fellow members on the potential for a special guest appearance by a POPULAR, LOCAL BAND...details to follow!

**Also, for every potential new member brought in by a Kiwanian, you will be entered into a raffle to win a \$50 Visa Gift Card!**

*The needs in our community have never been greater. Now is the time to build up our membership in order for the Club to be able to meet these needs and sustain and grow our contributions to the children of Manchester. Let's get excited about the work that we do and share it with others. Please start thinking about who you will invite on January 18<sup>th</sup>. Let's start 2012 off right!*



### UPCOMING SPEAKERS

12/7/2011 - 12:00pm - Emile Beaulieu  
Big Brothers/Big Sisters

12/21/11 – 5:30pm - Holiday Party  
The Derryfield

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*by Maria Dean Curran*

#### **OCTOBER MEETING:**

The Board of Directors held its monthly meeting on October 20th, 2011 at the new meeting time of 8:30 a.m. Meeting minutes from September and bank statements were reviewed and approved.



**Financials:** Balances at Hampshire First Bank are: Administrative/Operating Account: **\$10,791.85**; Foundation Account @ Hampshire First: **\$26,951.58**; Foundation II Account – Parking @ Hampshire First Bank: **\$21,136.51**.

**2011-2012 Budget: The Board reviewed and approved the Foundation Account 2011-2012 Budget for \$60,776.**

**Membership:** Membership renewal invoices have been sent to club members; if you haven't sent in your renewal, please contact Tom Kallechey or Maria Curran or alternatively Mike Arrison or Jack Crane if you have any questions.

**Parking:** the Club earned \$130 in parking in September. Remember to sign up to participate in this important Club fundraiser!

**Donations:** The Board voted to approve the following recommendations by the Donation committee as presented by Jen Indeglia:

\$150 donation to Share a Meal

Send \$200 to fund UNH Circle K reactivation as it is being started by former Key Club member Katie Pappas

In addition, the following were approved via email vote by the board:

Fund table of 10 for Salvation Army Santa Fund Luncheon on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>

\$50 donation to support Child and Family Services Relay Race sponsorship of Angelica Ladd on Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### **NOVEMBER MEETING:**

The Board of Directors held its monthly meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the new meeting time of 8:30 a.m. Meeting minutes from October and bank statements were reviewed and approved.

**Financials:** Balances at Hampshire First Bank are:  
Administrative/Operating Account: **\$11,872.13;**  
Foundation Account @ Hampshire First: **\$23,194.93;**  
Foundation II Account – Parking @ Hampshire First Bank: **\$6,860.49.**

**Parking:** the Club earned \$720 in parking in October. Remember to sign up to participate in this important Club fundraiser!

**Donations:** The Board voted to approve the following recommendations by the Donation committee as presented by Jen Indeglia:

The Way Home request of \$1000 to improve housing and safety conditions for 50 Manchester children. Committee recommended supporting the request but reducing monetary support to \$500.

YMCA Camp scholarships request for 20 scholarships for \$2500. Committee recommended to approve the request

**Next Board Meeting:** The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup>. at **8:30 am** at Hampshire First Bank. *All Club members are invited and encouraged to attend board meetings.*

#### **WALK WITH A CHILD – A SUCCESS AGAIN**

*by A. Robert Dionne*

The annual Walk With a Child event this past week at the Bedford Walmart was a tremendous success once again. In two days we took 45 children shopping, spending just shy of \$5,000 to help brighten the holiday season for some youngsters, while at the same time making sure they had winter coats, boots, and hats to get them through these next few cold months. The very

excited kids came from the Boys and Girls Club, Girls Inc, and Eagle Eyes Foundation.

I'd like to especially thank the committee members: Tracey Adams and Jen Indeglia for helping to plan a smooth event. Also thanks to Mike Lee (manager) and Sharon (cashier) at Walmart for helping us put on a great event and for giving us a 10% discount once again this year, and Subway for providing refreshments for the kids. Finally, to the countless Kiwanians and Key Club members who volunteered to work the event, a tremendous thank you! Rest assured this holiday season that your gift of time has brightened the lives on many children, and we should all be proud for the good we have done. Thank you for doing your part to make this event a success. It makes for a very easy job as chair when all of you came prepared to get the job done with a smile; thanks so much for your willingness to make this event fun for all.

This year we had two changes to the event that helped enhance the experience for both volunteers and the kids. First was the elimination of the "garbage bags"; this always rubbed me the wrong way - we spend all this money on the kids and then send them home with a garbage bag of "stuff". This year I was able to get large Christmas bags at a discount, so the kids had a cool Christmas bag to bring their new clothes home. The sight of shopping carts filled with all of those Christmas bags was awesome, and many Walmart shoppers from the general public commented to me with a smile when they saw what we were able to do for the kids. I was sure to let them know that we were from Kiwanis of Manchester, and that helping kids was what we do and enjoy doing. The second change (ok- this one I made after Tuesday's event!) was the addition of some low cost calculators to help people keep track of their items and budget (thank you dollar store!). This helped us keep our budget in tact, and I'm hoping that next year we will be able to serve a few more kids from each venue with the surplus from our budget; with a \$5,000 budget, I would love to serve 50 kids next year - we can do this if we stay on budget per kid.

Walk With a Child is always a great event and an easy way to get the kids the winter clothes they need while putting a little holiday cheer into their lives. Although the event runs smoothly, I am always open to suggestions as to how we can make the Kiwanis end of things better. Thanks again for making the holidays brighter - there are 45 kids smiling right now because of you.

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

## **K ROCKS BATTLE OF THE BANDS**

*by Rob Batchelder & Cindy Harrington*



After a successful debut this past March, our newest service project - K Rocks! is back for 2012! *K Rocks!*, a high school Battle of the Bands competition, provides our Kiwanis Club with an opportunity to reach out to a new audience, work with our local Key Clubs, and raise money in a fun and exciting musical event.

On Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup> from 2-6pm, 8-10 high school age “garage bands” will compete on stage at the Dana Center under the lights for a chance to share in prizes totally over \$1000! We’re partnering with the Manchester Community Music School to put on a very professional music show! Adam McCune from the Union Leader will once again serve as our MC, and local celebrity judges will be on hand to decide who wins bragging rights at the 2012 *K Rocks!* battle. The day will be filled with great music and fun, so mark your calendars.



Soon we will be reaching out to Kiwanians and local businesses for sponsorship opportunities. We appreciate all the support we received this year for our inaugural event, and look forward to another successful year.

We also will have a program book, focusing on business card type ads for \$50.00. Sign up your hair stylist, accountant, financial consultant, and mechanic. It is a perfect opportunity for a service business. Your “captain” will be in touch soon.

Please spread the word!! This is a great opportunity for young musicians – talk to friends, family and co-workers to help make this first *K Rocks!* a great success! We will be launching a brand new website for the event very soon. You can also find us on facebook (*K Rocks!*)! If you need any information or have questions please contact Rob Batchelder at (603) 714-0342.

## **KEY LEADER PROGRAM**

*by Monika Bryant*

I had the pleasure of transporting three Memorial High Key Club members to the Key Leader Weekend in Pittsfield, MA. It was a three day comprehensive leadership training weekend for Key Club members. The ride down was full of wondering what expectations were

of them, what the accommodations would be and lots of excitement. Needless to say the Lakeside Camp was a gorgeous setting at the water’s edge, great sunsets, sunrises and never ending activities which kept everyone engaged from 7:00 am to 12:00 midnight. There were agility courses, role playing, and numerous introspective sessions. The whole group was in awe of the experience.

The trip home was much quieter, alas, the girls were totally exhausted. Kudos to Brianna who was my co-pilot for the trip back home.

The Key Club members are looking forward to attending another session as facilitators, which is a testament to how impacted they were by this program. Several of the girls are looking forward to coming to a Kiwanis meeting to share their experiences with our members in the near future.

## **BELL RINGING FOR THE SALVATION ARMY**

*by Shannon Sullivan*

We have two more dates left for Bell Ringing in support of The Salvation Army. There are still various slots available and we need your help to fill them!

Tuesday, 12/6 (Macy’s- Mall of NH: Furniture Entrance) from 10a – 2p

Thursday, 12/8 (Wal-Mart Bedford) from 10a -2p

Please email Shannon Sullivan (shannon.sullivan@graniteuw.org) to sign up!

*Funds raised throughout the Red Kettle Campaign fund The Salvation Army’s various holiday programs as well as summer camp scholarships for local children.*

## **DID YOU KNOW?**

How The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign started:

A Salvation Army Captain in San Francisco had resolved, in December of 1891, to provide a free Christmas dinner to the area’s poor. But how would he pay for the food?

From his days as a sailor in Liverpool, England, the Captain remembered a large pot, displayed on the Stage Landing, called “Simpson’s Pot”, where passersby would toss charitable donations.

On the next morning, he secured permission from the authorities to place a similar pot at the Oakland ferry landing. No time was lost in securing the pot and placing it in a conspicuous position, so that it could be seen by all those going to and from the ferry boats. In addition, a brass urn was placed on a stand in the waiting room for

the same purpose. Thus, Captain Joseph McFee launched a holiday tradition that has spread not only throughout the United States but throughout the World.

## A BIG THANK YOU!!!

by Angelica Ladd

Thank you to all of my fellow Kiwanians for supporting my five mile relay run in this year's Manchester City Marathon!

It was truly a beautiful day for a run. The sky was the bluest of blues, the sun was shining, and the fall leaves danced in the air. It was one of those days when you are absolutely thankful to be alive.

I finished the five mile leg of the race in 56 minutes and 21 seconds, which is twenty seconds better than my last five mile run back in September. I was pretty pleased. Overall, my team finished 47<sup>th</sup> out of 86, which isn't too shabby. Over \$6,000 was raised for Child and Family Services by all of the CFS teams. Amazing! I was able to raise \$245 for the cause of protecting NH children from abuse and neglect and strengthening families, so thank you for your kind donations. I couldn't have done it without you.

All in all, it was a great run. There were times when I felt like I couldn't go any further, like when my foot kept falling asleep, but when I thought about all the people who believed in me then I was able to push through. Training continues, and I hope to run the seven mile leg in next year's marathon relay. Thank you Manchester Kiwanis! I couldn't be more proud to be a part of such an amazing crew of do-gooders!

## PICTURES FROM OUR MEETINGS & EVENTS

by Tom Kallechey



### Our newest member, Michelle Kenna-Gendron.

Michelle is a property and casualty specialist with Metlife in Goffstown, where she has lived for the past ten years with her husband Gary and their kids, Hunter, who's 12 and Sadie, 9. Already, Michelle's entire family has signed up to serve at Café Lauren at Girl's Inc. Gregg Flegal is Michelle's sponsor.



### 10/5 - Denny Kolodze, CEO Batteries Plus

Batteries are a product that we take for granted. Denny explained the fascinating and important technology.



### 10/19 - Meryl Levin, Mills Falls Charter School

Scheduled to open in September, it will be the first public Montessori School in NH. Learn more at: <http://millfallscharterschool.org>



### 10/28 - The 10K

(top L/ R) Peter and Kathy get the good news! Cohost Hal Jordan spins the cage. Natalie Martin and Debbie Landwehr draw "Lucky Buckets." The winners and hosts. Heidi LaRouche poses with her "Lucky Bucket" win! President Rob welcomes the crowd. Longtime 10K patron and winner Claude LaRouche with

Dennis Sweeney. Cohost Dottie Gove presents a consolation prize to Sue Tetu.



10/21 "Kiwaniis Kasino" Benefits the UpReach Therapeutic Center in Goffstown. UpReach helps disabled kids build confidence by teaching them to ride horses. The Club underwrites the cost and staffs the "Kiwaniis Kasino" during the annual "Diamonds and Denim Gala" at the Manchester Country Club. (l to r) Fred

Savage with a winner at the Money Wheel. Denise Batchelder at the Roulette table. Angelica Ladd, Rob Batchelder - Event Chair, Heather Battles and Debbie Landwehr were dealers. Also present, Marilyn Charbonneau.



### 11/3 - Josh Judge, WMUR Meteorologist

Gave a great view into the business of forecasting the weather, that combines science and a bit of luck.

### 11/16 - Regan Hartley, Miss NH

talked about the path to becoming Miss NH 2011. The scholarship assists in her education. She spoke passionately about being a victim of bullying, legislation that now addresses the issue, and working with kids who have been bullied.

