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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Happy Spring Everyone!

Yes, it's that time of year again when you look outside and see the buds coming out on the trees and the tulip bulbs poking their heads out from under the ground. There's new growth everywhere you turn. New growth in our club means new members, and also, new ideas created and old ideas rejuvenated and turned into more current events. Every year we see members come and go and I'd like to look within our club and work with members to seek out these ideas and change the way we do business. I think by working together and talking with each other on a regular basis will provide us with the know how to grow our club and in turn we will be able to do our job more effectively. Growth is the key, inside our club as well as finding new members. It is my belief that we will have a terrific year for growth because of the wonderful members that we have in our club! Thank-you to all of you for everything that you do!

Debbie Landwehr  
President

## KIWANIS NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT MID-WINTER CONFERNECE

*By Darlene Chauvette*

As a member of the Kiwanis Club of Manchester for less than a year, I felt it was a very worthwhile experience attending the New England District Mid-Winter Conference, held March 5<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup> at The Crowne Plaza in Worcester, MA. I was able to meet other Kiwanis members from Vermont, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Bermuda! The members I met were very friendly, caring and willing to share what they do to help children in their towns and also shared some great fund raising ideas. The sessions I attended

Saturday were very informative. I would definitely recommend attending a New England District Conference to make member contacts from the other districts as well as gain valuable Kiwanis Club knowledge. If you would like to learn more about the fund raising ideas, please contact Debbie Landwehr or Darlene Chauvette.

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

### BIRTHDAYS

Emile Beaulieu – 4/2  
Doreen Astbury – 4/9  
Gail Pine – 4/11  
Ed Bellemare – 4/11  
Beke Van Der Beken – 4/13  
Flo Bernard – 4/16  
Tim Sweeney – 4/17  
Skot Pare – 4/23  
Tracey Adams – 4/26

### ANNIVERSARIES

Carl Jones - 1965  
Art Sullivan – 1981  
David Acquaviva – 1990  
Tim Sweeney – 1990  
Steve Hulett – 1999  
Lou Catano - 2000  
Cathy Cere – 2003  
Deborah Crane – 2009  
Jack Crane – 2009  
Kathy Duguay – 2009  
Dick Kiley – 2009  
Steve Scheiner - 2009



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

April 7 – George Piehl Performs Broadway Selections

April 14 – Tom Sullian talks about “ Green Construction

April 21 – Tour of the Brand New Boys and Girls Club

April 28 – Lynda French – Executive Director of Hear NH

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

by Emile Tetu



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

President Debbie introduced Monika Bryant, Club member and Lt. Governor for Division

#7. Monika attended this Board meeting as part of her responsibilities as Lt. Governor. She advised the Board that on March 29, 2010 the Concord Club will host the annual Governor's Visit at the Red Blazer. This will be an evening event and the cost is \$15 per person. As part of this visit the District will hold a caucus to elect the next Lt. Governor. Our BOD voted to have Debbie Landwehr and Ed Bellemare represent our Club at this caucus. This event will also serve as an interclub with Concord. If you are interested in attending please contact Debbie Landwehr.

Monika told the Board that the Memorial Key Club was chartered on February 24, 2010 with 40 members. This should be a very active Key Club.

Since the Memorial Key Club is a new Key Club and since no funds were allocated for them when the Kiwanis Club of Manchester's budget was set the Board voted to allocate \$1,000 for this club.

The Key Club DCON convention (West Springfield MA) scheduled for April 9 through 11 will have 12 to 15 Key Club members from Memorial, West and Bedford attending. Monika is working on making some arrangement to transport the attendees.

The Board voted to approve the cost of the transportation including driver, vehicle and gas.

The Board expressed its sincere thanks for all the effort and time Monika has put into her position as Lt. Governor and especially her commitment to the sponsored Key Clubs.

The Board approved the minutes of the February 18, 2010 Board meeting and the financial statements for February 28, 2010.

Balances in the three accounts at Hampshire First Bank are: Operating Account \$4,984.12; Foundation Account \$4,036.64; and Parking Account: \$12,174.89.

Mike reported that the Club had received the income earned on the three accounts that are with New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. The Bud Smith Scholarship Fund generated \$3,520.30; this money was sent directly to

Breakthrough Manchester. The two additional funds, Community Builders Fund (Frank Touhy) and the Kiwanis Charity Fund (Carl Noyes) generated \$1,388.37 and \$5,323.41 respectively and this money has been deposited into the Club's Foundation Account.

The Board approved a new member application for former member Skot Pare.

Each year the Board budgets monies for scholarships for qualified students who are members of Key Clubs sponsored by our Club. Scholarship application packages have been sent to Bedford, Derryfield and West. One Key Club senior at each school will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Memorial does not qualify this year.

The Auction Committee is in high gear. An Auction Kick Off Evening is scheduled for Wednesday March 31, 2010 at the Chateau. The Committee has guaranteed that this will be a fun filled evening. If you would like to attend please RSVP to Debbie. A post card has been sent to each member outlining this event. Note: This **will replace** the regularly scheduled luncheon.

Cathy Cere reported to the Board that she has received the approval from Bakersville School to provide our Read With A Child Program at the school beginning in September 2010. In the RWAC program Club members read to second graders once a month for forty-five minutes. This will now put the RWAC program in two schools (Beech Street & Bakersville) as of September 2010.

Fish With A Child will take place on May 8<sup>th</sup> (Saturday morning) at the Londonderry Fish & Game Club – VOLUNTEERS are needed.

The Café Lauren evening of service is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month between the hours of 5:00 pm & 6:30 pm. This is a very rewarding experience. Contact Jen Indeglia to sign up.

The social committee still has tickets available for the Stage One musical review featuring "George Piehl and Friends". Contact Janice Pal or Debbie Landwehr for tickets - (\$36.00 includes a dinner buffet).

The Membership Committee has scheduled a Membership Night for April 21, 2010 at the Chateau. Members are encouraged to bring a potential new member for an evening of fun, food, raffles, testimonials and a special performance by Permanent Vacation, the Kiwanis band who is just coming off a sold out gig at Impressions in Hooksett. If you are interested please RSVP to Rob Dionne. A post card has been sent to each member giving more details. This event **will not replace** the scheduled luncheon for that day. The Club will still hold its regularly scheduled luncheon on the 21st.

Tom Wiggins advised the Board that Hampshire First Bank has approved the relocation of the toolbox that holds the parking supplies. Emile Tetu will be in contact with the irrigation contractor for the Bank to be sure that when the box is moved no irrigation equipment is damaged. Emile will also line up a few members to help with the relocation. Can you guess who will be the GC on this project?

As everyone knows Saturday April 10, 2010 is Kiwanis One Day worldwide. On this day Kiwanis International asks that all clubs do a special project that involves commitment to the community, especially kids. The Kiwanis Club of Manchester will volunteer at the Manchester Boys and Girls Club installing their new playground equipment. Volunteers are needed for the assembly. Contact Emile Tetu if you able to help. In addition the Club may also do a clean-up project at Girls Inc. Debbie Landwehr is checking on this now and will report back to the membership.

Webster House has submitted the grant application, provided by the Grace Foundation of New York through our member Tom Janosz. If Webster House is awarded the grant members will be notified.

Jack Burke and Bruce Willey are working closely with the city of Manchester's Traffic Committee in an effort to have some of our deteriorated Kiwanis signs replaced, and new ones installed in new locations. It is possible that this item may come before the Traffic Committee in April.

The Board approved a donation of \$250 for Patrick Dunphy to attend a Boy Scout Jamboree.

President Debbie let the Board know that she has appointed Ed Bellemare, Monika Bryant and Rob Batchelder to serve on the Nominations Committee for the upcoming elections scheduled for the annual meeting on May 12, 2010. If you are interested in serving on the Board please let one of the Committee members know.

The Board voted to approve Debbie Landwehr as the Club's representative to the New England District Foundation. She will attend the Foundation's annual meeting on June 5, 2010. (We now realize this date is in conflict with our annual auction)

The 2010 International Convention will be in Las Vegas, Nevada from June 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup>. Representing our Club will be President (Debbie) and the Vice President (Rob).

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for April 15, 2010 beginning at 8:30AM at Hampshire First Bank. All Club members are invited and encouraged to attend.

## **KIWANIS ONE DAY** **Saturday, April 10, 2010**

**Chairs: Emile Tetu and Dennis Sweeney**

Kiwanians across the world will join together on April 10 for a day of hands-on community service in celebration of Kiwanis One Day. Here in Manchester, our club will be assembling a playground at the Boys & Girls Club of Manchester's newly expanded and renovated Union Street Clubhouse. The Kiwanis Playground Project Committee met recently to review the recommended process to assemble this large play gym. Several additional "mechanics" will be needed to help with the assembly. If you are able to help, please contact Emile Tetu to sign up.

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

## **PICTURES FROM OUR MARCH MEETINGS**

*by Tom Kallechey*



**Mayor Ted Gatsas - March 10**



**St. Patrick's Day -** Rev. Douglas Rickard played, sang and brought us to our feet for a fun St. Pat's Day Celebration at our weekly meeting. Plus, the Chateau served a delicious corn beef and cabbage lunch





**Bedbugs** – A problem that is impacting residents across the city of Manchester, Karen Black explained the personal experiences she had and the difficulties associated with overcoming them. Our Club is participating in a program to help mitigate bedbugs.

### **CAFÉ LAUREN - BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB**



Cindy Harrington and Ed Bellemare serving dinner. Cafe Lauren provides breakfast and dinner to girls and boys on the city's West Side. As our major emphasis partner, the Club has committed \$75,000 to Cafe

Lauren, plus members volunteer once a month.



**FINALLY** - Ed doing real work! Mopping the floor at Cafe Lauren.

### **WELCOME (BACK) TO THE KIWANIS CLUB** by Mike Arrison



The Board voted to approve Skot Pare as an active member of the Club. He is a former member of the Club and is now back in the area. Rob Batchelder sponsored Skot. Skot and his wife Judy live in Windham, NH and Skot is the Director of Development & Communications for the Friends of the

Manchester Animal Shelter.

Each Club member welcomes Skot back and looks forward to enjoying his fellowship at luncheons and working with him on Club Projects.



## **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.

### **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB FUNDRAISER**

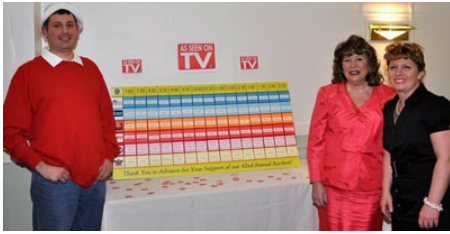
**Thursday, April 15, 2010**

**7:30 AM to 8:30 AM**

The Boys & Girls Club of Manchester will host their 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tadams@mbgcnh.org). I do hope you'll be able to join us!

## PICTURES FROM OUR AUCTION KICKOFF

by Tom Kallechey



**As Seen On TV** - was the theme of the kick-off.

Here's the

Auction Quad-Squad Rob "Gilligan" Dionne, Sue "Donna Reed" Landwehr, and Becky "Lucy" Tetrault. Shannon Sullivan was on hiatus.

The board contains suggestions for Auction items and will be displayed at future meetings.



**Mini Auction** - Frank Eaton, Auctioneer starts his 15th year as a volunteer with our fundraiser.



**High Bidder** - Darlene Chauvette.

## THANK YOU KIWANIS!

by Jennifer Indeglia – CEO Girls Inc. NH

When the Manchester Kiwanis selected Girls Inc as their major emphasis recipient in late 2008 everyone at Girls Inc. was thrilled to work with their dedicated members.

We found ourselves on the receiving end of many needed donations. Of course, the yearly donation of \$15,000 is wonderful and has helped us to continue feeding children and their families breakfast and dinner each week night. But Kiwanis members have also donated games, toys, teddy bears and many other items to our program and we are very grateful!

Beginning in 2010, Kiwanis members started volunteering the first Wednesday of every month at Café Lauren. In the first three months of the year, 12 Kiwanis members, 1 husband of a Kiwanis member and two daughters of

Kiwanis members volunteered! Each member and guest was given specific jobs to do at the Café and all did a fabulous job! Jobs included meal preparation, food serving, milk serving, clean up and dish washing. The time commitment of approximately an hour and half has been very successful and we look forward to many more nights.

Our staff and girls are very lucky to have such fantastic hard working volunteers helping each month. Thank you!

## DIVISION GOVERNOR'S VISIT

by Monika Bryant

Governor David Koohy, was the guest at the Division 7 meeting held at the Concord club's end of month evening meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> at the Red Blazer. He spoke briefly about the upcoming International Convention in Las Vegas, June 24-27, where Steve Hill will be New England District's Candidate for International Trustee. Those attending as delegates and other members are urged to help in Steve's campaign efforts, as many hands will make the work load lighter.

Also, the Bermuda Cruise coming up May 21 was highlighted as a terrific way to interact with other District Kiwanians and enjoy the Bermudian hospitality as was displayed at the Mid-winter conference in Worcester. I have been on several of these cruises and have enjoyed them immensely. Norwegian Cruises tout their "Freestyle" cruising. Being at Dock for 4 days gives plenty of time to visit the sights and enjoy the relaxing island events and shopping to say nothing of the dining experiences on shore or on the ship.

Membership is always the concern of the District, and I am proud to say our division continues to grow this year - Thanks to the ongoing efforts of Division 7 clubs and members.

**A huge Thank You to President Mike Vlahos for hosting this event.**

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

by Monika Bryant

After several months of organizational meetings, and paperwork filing, the Memorial High School Key Club was officially chartered on February 24, 2010. Our club proudly sponsors this new addition to our Kiwanis Family. We now have Four Key clubs and one builders Club under our "umbrella".

These students are great resources for helping our club with fundraisers, as well as us supporting their efforts in community service.

This charter issuing is timely as Memorial High Key Club will be able to bring voting delegates to the District convention in April. The students are very excited about their newly formed Key Club. Our next step will be the formal Chartering event which is in the planning stage as I write this.

This will be the first year that the Key Clubbers will be travelling to D-Con in Springfield MA as a group. A huge **Thank You** to the Board of Directors who agreed to make this to happen.

The students look forward to attending our club meeting and sharing their experiences with us. Plans are in the making for training of Kiwanis club members interested in being Key club Advisors to our Key clubs. This will provide a better understanding of what roles we are expected to play to keep the Key Clubs up and running.

## **FISH WITH A CHILD**

*by Greg Flegal*



Fish with a Child will take place Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at the Londonderry Fish & Game Club. It is designed to give young boys and girls from center Manchester the opportunity to enjoy a morning of excellent trout fishing. In many cases, it's the first time they've ever held a rod and

reel. What a joy it is to see the proud smiles as they pull in a fish for the first time! Poles, bait and a delicious lunch are provided. The trout are even cleaned and bagged for them to be taken home. Along with the poles and fish, each child will take home an official Fish with a Child trophy to commemorate the day.



This event has become a favorite among Kiwanians. It's a chance to really impact a child one on one. It's also a time to get to know club members in a relaxed environment. We expect about 30 smiling, excited kids in attendance and it can't be a

success without a strong turnout from the club. Most importantly, we need at least 20 people dedicated to helping the kid's fish. The first timers need some hands on help with baiting the hooks, casting and of course, removing the fish! However, they get the hang of it quickly and often take pride in doing it



themselves. We also need a large number of folks to help with the lunch, setup, cleanup and general supervision. Just plain socializing with fellow members is also one of the most important tasks!

Fish with a Child is held rain or shine. Plan to arrive at 8:00am and leave by noon. This year they have a new access road. So no more gate duty or floating through the mud puddles.

Directions are as follows:

- **From the Manchester-Boston Regional Airport, go South on Brown Ave/Rte. 3A. (Becomes Charles Bancroft Highway).**
- **Continue for approximately 3.2 miles.**
- **Turn Left onto Albuquerque Avenue at Hidden Creek Country Club for 8/10ths of a mile.**
- **Turn left onto Century Lane for 3/10ths of a mile.**
- **Turn right onto Brenton Street for 3/10th of a mile.**
- **Turn left onto Burgess Street for 3/10th of a mile.**
- **Turn left onto Lund Street**
- **Gate is 350 feet on right.**

If you have any questions please call Gregg Flegal at 660-1379 or e-mail [glegal@comcast.net](mailto:glegal@comcast.net)