



# Danvers Kiwanis News for October 4th and 5th, 2011

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## President Kay's Farewell

Kay opened her last formal meeting before she turns the gavel over to our infamous Jesse James, who said the blessing. We also had a moment of silence for Mike Power's father, Alfred, who passed away on Wednesday. Kay gave the blessing at the night meeting.

### **GUESTS/BIRTHDAYS:**

Our guests today were Glen Boutchie, who has turned in an application, and Kay's other half Roger Deveau. Alan Hartnett celebrated his birthday with us, (his birthday is next Monday the 10<sup>th</sup>.) Alan deserves to have a day off in honor of his birthday (too bad he won't get it off) – We sang to him TWICE .... something about being 'off key' ... At the evening meeting, our guests were Janet Bennett, Karen Alden, and Linda Flaherty. Same Birthday boy.

**GAMES:** Alan Hartnett won the free meal. (Happy Birthday) Pat and Malcolm tried their luck at cards. NO LUCK

**BOARD NOTES:** The Board of Directors approved the following donation requests:

- \$95 – Kiwanis Family Night which gives 5 tickets to NE Revolution game to the young adults in our Service Leadership Programs.
- \$500 – Kiwanis ad showing our support for the Hospice Walk on Oct. 16
- \$1,000 – Camp Sunshine in Maine which helps children and their families get a little respite from their dealings with their life-threatening illnesses.
- \$200 – Friends Forever which creates programs in leadership development and conflict resolution in the US, Ireland and Israel. This year they will work with over 75 youth and adults. Their work transforms lives and has a profound impact upon its participants.
- The board has decided that it will buy a table at the DEEP Wine Tasting event on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>, so if you buy 1 ticket - we'll pay for your guest. We have 10 tickets, so contact Alan if you are interested.

*I started this journey a year ago...I knew what I was hoping I could accomplish – and the first thing was:*

- *Keep the Kiwanis name 'out there'.....well....I did that! Not always a 'pretty picture' but the Kiwanis name did get in the paper EVERY time we gave money to another needed organization.*
- *I wanted us to be OPEN to NEW WAYS of growing and ENHANCING the club – and you did that by supporting our Night Meetings...which has brought in a number of new members AND is still giving the opportunity for many of our regular members to fit those Night meetings into their schedule.*
- *One thing I had not mentioned at my first meeting but, in my heart, I wanted to get us involved in more community projects. So I was thrilled when we could partner up with the Rail Trail and help bring that closer to a reality for this town.*
- *Our Baby Safety Bags are being distributed to local birthing centers and OBGYN offices. If you know of any place that would benefit from getting these bags filled with 'safety information for new mothers including electrical outlet covers and a bath duck water temperature indicator' – let me know. Distributing these bags will help all young mothers know that KIWANIS cares about them and their children.*
- *As a group, continuing to serve at the Welcome Table showed us how much our reaching out means to someone else. AND our Crafts and a Movie Night will do that, too, for the temporarily homeless families in town.*
- *I'm grateful to Alan and Joe for doing so much to bring the Snack Shack back to the Car Show each week. I know the Police and the DARE program are very appreciative!*
- *Also proud that – thanks to Dave for being the guiding force behind the BUG program – the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Danvers are proud of themselves for achieving that BUG status.*
- *AND I'm grateful to Kerilee for sticking with the Key Club, and with the help of Frank and Mike and Sue, I know this year will be a great 'building' year and more kids will learn how good it feels to 'give back'*

*I have always said 'it's all about teamwork' and 'we're all in this together'.....and you have all proven that together we CAN do great things and make peoples lives better....and THAT is why we want to be a part of this club – to keep on reaching out and helping others....*

*From the bottom of my heart, I thank you ALL.....and I know you will continue your support of Jesse just as you have done for me .....Jesse – it's all yours!*

Kay



Lt. Governor Dan Bennett presided over the installation of officers. Pat Small, Secretary, Alan Hartnett, Treasurer, Art Skarmear, VP, C.R. Lyons, President Elect, William Jesse James, President. Congratulations to you all.

President Kay was presented with gift from the club: a Red Jacket, a green fish planter for her front porch, some bowls for entertaining, napkin rings, and gift certificates to Custom Cup and Brothers.

President Jesse outlined his goals for the coming year:

- Continue membership.....he appointed all members to the membership committee.
- Establish a Service Project Committee which would create service projects for the club.
- Increase Fund Raising.
- Keep connected to Key Club.
- Evaluate the Night Meeting Program.....what works for you?



Lt. Governor

President Elect

President

Vice President

Immediate Past President

Quote of the week:

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it’s the only thing that ever does. “

President Jesse’s favorite quote from Margaret Mead

KEY KIWANIS DATES . . .

Sunday, Oct. 16 TEAM KIWANIS / Hospice Walk at the Prep. Registration is at 8:00, the walk starts at 9:00. Sign up, walk with us, or simply ‘get donations from your friends’ in the name of Kiwanis.

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Wednesday, Oct. 19 Danvers is hosting a joint Division Council at the DYC. 6:30 meet and greet... dinner at 7:00. All club Presidents, Secretaries, past presidents and key committee chairs should attend . Please confirm by Oct 12.

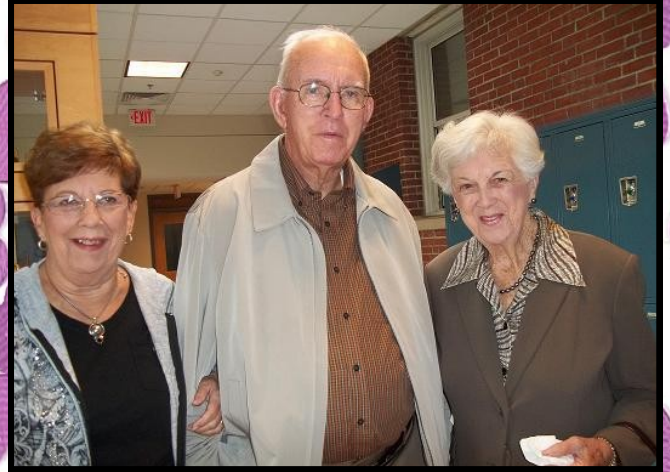
Saturday Oct. 29 Pot Luck Party at the Gould Barn in Topsfield. a ‘Fall Festivas for the Bestivas’ it will be a good old fashion pot luck with costumes ‘optional’ – but there will be prizes if you’re brave enough to ‘dress up’ in the spirit of Halloween!

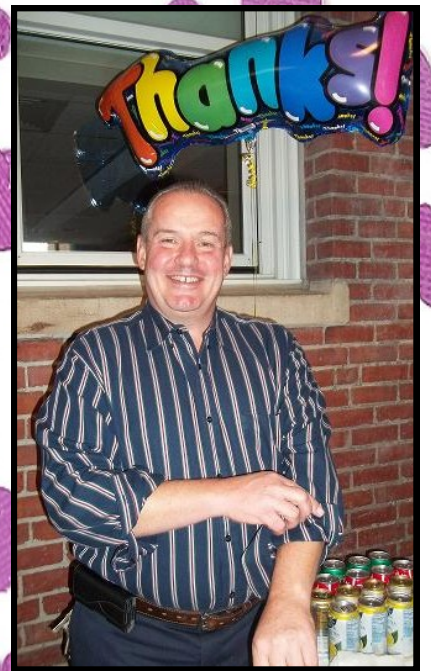
Wednesday, Oct. 19 Caring for People with Memory Disorders Learn more about "Habilitation Therapy" a technique that focuses on the patient's emotions and their remaining capacities. Paul Raia, Ph.D., will be the guest speaker at Spectrum North Andover, 1820 Turnpike Street, Suite 106, North Andover, MA on Oct 19 from 4-6 p.m. Pre-registration is requested by calling Sherrill O’Gorman at

Nov. 17 – 20 The Kiwanis Fall Trainer Conference is in Plymouth. However, Saturday, Nov. 19 has all the workshops. Everyone is invited, but our newer board members do need to have Club Leadership Training and this one does have that workshop!



**PRESIDENTS  
PARTY  
PICS**





**DUCK RACE UPDATE:** We raised approximately \$5,000 and Kay was very pleased to announce that the first place winner – Roy Anderson – has generously ‘given his \$1,500 prize BACK TO KIWANIS’ He and Sally have been so supportive of Kiwanis over the years and this is truly a wonderful gesture – and will certainly be put to good use with our scholarships.

## Happy Dollars:

**Art** Skarmeas was happy that his kids don't watch the Red Sox, **Carmine** was happy that Anita is still away in Kentucky with Mother. Great job Kay. **Dick** Gilmore was happy to be present at the passing of the torch, **Dan** Bennett was happy for today's installation of officers, **Glen** Boutzhie was happy that it had stopped raining, **Med** Anderson was happy for Kay's great year as president, **Susan** Rogers was happy for the Duck Race proceeds, **John** Keohane was sad for the flooding on the North Shore, **Kathy** Giordino and Sue Tagg were happy for the long weekend coming up. **Alan** Hartnett was happy for his birthday, **Jim** Tallo was happy for a great President's party, **Pat** Small was happy for Alan's birthday and thanks for a great year Kay. **Dave** Townley was glad to be at a meeting after 4 weeks, **Bob** Moore was happy for a nice President's party and Jesse's new President's Day, **Irene** was happy for the wonderful Kiwanis year under President Kay, **Frank** Tyrrell was happy for a good party on Sunday and it was good to see Morris Toll on Sunday. **Ken** Koon was glad to get through his skin surgery with no problem. **Ellie** Ross was sad and happy for Kay at the end of her term and happy to help Jesse next year. **Malcolm** was happy to be here today and on time for Alan's birthday. **Gayla** Bartlett was happy for a nice President's party. **Sharon** Clark was happy that Dave is back with us. **Maureen** Gillis was happy to be back in Danvers Square. **Doc** Comeau was glad to be at the meeting. **Joe** Palmer was happy for Jesse. **Kay** Maurice was very happy to pass the bell to Jesse and **Jesse** was happy to be our new president.

At our evening meeting . . .

**Dan** Bennett - Happy for our new officers! **John** Alden, Sr. - Happy to have my wife, Karen, as my guest, **Table A.** (I wonder who THAT is?) - she's sad that Joe Flaherty was not with us this evening, **Karen** Alden - Happy to come as a guest and enjoy the company of many, **Linda** Flaherty - Happy to be John Alden's guest at President Jesse's first official Night meeting, **Paula** Gates - Happy for a great trip to Maine! **Don** Gates - Happy for a great weekend getaway....do you suppose they were together on this great weekend? They sure looked it! **Jesse** James - Happy to be here as President, **CR** Lyons - Happy to see all of our Night meeting members **Kay** Maurice - Happy to support Jesse and his new year! **Gardner** Trask - Happy to be in the company of such civic-minded friends **Tyler** DeStefano - Happy to be here! **Ursula** Whitney - Happy for Kay's great year as President!

At the end of the evening meeting there was an open forum discussion about the night meeting agendas and formation of an administrative committee. We had 14 people and we paid for 15, BUT, there were FABULOUS conversations on what people want to do and where they want the night meetings to go...someplace less expensive AND working on a service project when we do get together...like stuffing Christmas stockings for families in need or wrapping gifts for the troops - they want to DO something while they grab a pizza - they want to do more than just sit around and eat. So Tyler will look into Calitri's and everyone will work on thinking of service projects we can do in a night.

Jesse closed the meetingS with the following:

*"Fellow Kiwanians, it is a truism that you are as great as the thought you think, as the worth you have attained, as the fountains at which your spirit drinks and insights you have granted. You are as great as the truth you speak, as great as the help you give, as the desiny you seek and as the life you live."*

### Congratulations to:

- **Linda Flaherty** for receiving a 'Best New Show' award from DCAT for producing: The MASS Factor hosted by WRKO's Todd Feinburg
- **John Call and Paula Gates** for being named to the 2011 North Shore 100 'local leaders making a difference in our future'. John for his volunteerism and Paula for founding the Party with a Purpose and co-founder of the People to People Food Pantry.

**Special thanks to our members going OFF the board:** Irene Kucinski, Paula Gates and Dave Townley – their knowledge, contributions and service to the board will be missed. Thank you for giving so much in the name of Kiwanis!

**Special welcome to the Board** to Susan Rogers and Jason Navarro – we look forward to having your fresh ideas and energy to keep us 'doing what we do' for the community!