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# Danvers Kiwanis News for Tuesday and Wednesday September 6 & 7, 2011

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## Club News

### GUESTS/BIRTHDAYS:

No birthdays this week – but **Tom Paras** celebrated on September 4! Interestingly enough today is also the 35<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Tom Pappas** a former United States Olympian in the Decathlon. So what is clear is that the only thing holding back Tom Paras from athletic greatness was a couple of consonants.

We did have a very special guest with us today – Michaela Bartlett (Gayla's daughter) – who decided to spend her last day of Summer Vacation with us. As many of you know, Michaela is a regular contributor to the Snack Shack effort during the summer.

### DRAWINGS: FREE LUNCH

went to Joe Palmer and our President told him it was her gift to him for recently celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary. On that note, if anyone has recently celebrated a wedding anniversary and has not received a gift from Kay please give her a call at your convenience.

There were **no winners at cards** this week and I don't think we should embarrass the losers by mentioning the names of those **LOSERS!**

On a sad note, our thoughts and prayers go out to Ron & Isabelle Ouimette on the passing of Ron's brother, Jeffery, in Florida.

Welcome to Fall...not meteorologically speaking perhaps – but if it is September then it is Fall! As is usually the case on the day after a Monday holiday with a night meeting to follow we were a little light on attendance at lunch – but there were still three full tables of crazy Kiwanians. And if you add the 16 of us on Wednesday night then all in all it was a good week for attendance.

As next month's President, Jesse got up and spoke about some of his plans as President. Diane Brinkley's previous advice to him was to have lots of parties (she was always good at those!) Therefore he'd like to have a 'pot luck' social before the holidays and anyone who would like to get that started, please send him an email. ([jesse@james.org](mailto:jesse@james.org))

He also asked for thoughts or suggestions on how to make the night meetings more beneficial and/or interesting – perhaps by having a speaker. Since he'll soon be at the microphone every week – we haven't heard the last of Jesse James! And that's going to be a GREAT THING!

## Happy / Sad Dollars:

**On Tuesday afternoon the following people were either happy or sad – mostly happy:** **Ken K.** is sad about the injury to Josh Beckett...and since Ken wrote this things have gone from bad to worse for the Sox! Many people were happy about a great long weekend, including **Jesse J., Anna B., Barb R., Bob M.** and **Kathy G., Ellie R.** and **Carmine** were happy to be back and Carmine was also happy for the get well card and thanks everyone!! **Alan H.** is happy that both Ellie and Carmine are back...and **C.R.** is happy that Ellie is back. C.R. is probably happy that Carmine is back also...we can ask him next week. **Malcolm** was happy for a great lunch and a great President. **Myrna F.** was not happy that she has to replace her oil tank, but I bet she will be happy when it gets cold outside. **Gayla** was happy that daughter Michaela was with us today. **Michaela** who obviously has been taught wonderful manners at least said she was happy to be at lunch with us! **Susan R.** was happy that Michaela was going to share her dessert with her. Almost former President **Kay M.** was happy to announce our new service project. **Sharon C.** was happy to be at Kiwanis (even though I spilled water on her today). **Larry C.** was happy for a great visit from his children and three grandchildren. **Frank H.** was happy that Home Goods was not junk. **Joe P.** was happy that his cruise was great and he is also happy to be back. **Dan B.** was happy for a visit from Lt. Gov. John Maihos, and **John M.** was happy for the great work of the Danvers Kiwanis Club.

**On Wednesday night the following people were happy or sad – again mostly happy:** **John Alden, Jr.** was happy to be here and with good people and **John Alden, Sr.** was also happy to be with good people! (who read off whose paper?) **Anna B.** was happy to be at a Night meeting. **Diane B.** was happy for a nice weekend **Joe F.** and **Linda F.** (why don't you just join Kiwanis Linda) were both sad and happy – Joe is sad because it's very quiet around the house (Kevin started school at Suffolk Univ.), and Linda misses her 'baby', but she is also happy that Kevin is 'happier than a pig in mud'! (WOW – I guess that's pretty happy!). And I it gets too quiet Joe then there is always adoption. The other Kiwanis couple is also happy, **Don G.** is happy as he just started his new job at East Boston Savings Bank, and **Paula G.** is happy to be back working more hours at the Senior Center. **Maureen G.** is happy to have her new staff which is her "past staff" with her at East Boston Savings Bank! **Jesse J.** – attending both meetings was happy for the good turn-out tonight (even if he got a pen that didn't write). **Nancy K.** was happy for a fabulous Labor Day weekend in Maine with family **Kay M.**, also attending both meetings this week was happy to have the Night Meetings again (with new 'mood music') **Ron O.** was happy to be going to Houston for 'It's My Heart' conference/vacation. **Kerilee P.** was happy 'to be here'! (she even paid extra dollars for that! – thanks, Kerilee!) **Gardner T.** was happy to start Dinner meetings again. **Lisa Vince** was happy for the Rubber Duck Race!



# New Club Project

## DID YOU KNOW...

- We raised \$2,500 for the DARE program at DHS. Madam President thanked everyone who came out this summer to work the Snack Shack at the Crusin to the Tree Car show.
- Hopefully everyone has received your Duck Tickets! We own the rights to: rubberduck-race.com so if they type that in – our Danvers Kiwanis web site will pop up and our Duck Race info is just ‘one click’ away! Past President Irene has gotten Honey Dew (new in town) to donate coffee and donuts for 100 people so we’ll be selling that for extra \$\$, along with our always popular Duck items for the kids. Everyone will have a job to do so please sign up!
- **HABIT STARTING CHALLENGE** How about every time we’re at the grocery store, or reaching into our cupboards to make dinner – that we pull out a couple of cans of food (or box of macaroni or jar of peanut butter) and we put it into a plastic CVS bag and set it by the door. When you leave in the morning put that bag in your car and drop it off at the Danvers Food Pantry, or at Kiwanis lunch, or at the library, or Cranney Storage.



**If we get in the habit of buying a couple of extra items each week it all adds up and you will be helping in ways you can't imagine!**

**It would be great if we all began thinking of and looking at ‘can goods’ in a different way. Therefore I’m calling this ‘habit starting’ challenge - ‘Cans for Kids’! Please join Kay and let’s help fill those shelves at the Food Pantry!**

At convention, Governor Vesta Browne talked about her goals this year, and she is challenging every club to complete a NEW service project that DIRECTLY IMPACTS CHILDREN in our community. As she stated that night: “Our Kiwanis clubs focus on CHILDREN. This is what Kiwanis is all about: “Changing the world one child, one community at a time”.

So.... on the way home from the convention, Gayla and Kay thought about how WE AS A CLUB could make an impact on the children in our community! Sadly, we DO have many homeless children living in 4 hotels in town. (107 school age children). They did not choose to be here but they are, and they are children living in one hotel room, going to school with other children they don’t know, and then going back to that same hotel room.

So they came up with the idea of a **movie and craft night!** We are now looking into locations to hold this night, so we’ll keep you updated. We’re going to call this service project **‘Kiwanis Cares for Kids’!** And Kay is thrilled because one of her goals was to do more community service and this is exactly the type of project she wanted to get us involved in!

In Vesta’s presentation, she introduced us to a children’s book *Thank you, World* by Alice McGinty. The book tells - through pictures - that the joys of childhood are the same the whole world over. Eight very different kids from eight different countries, all go about their day and experience the same moments of happiness; greeting the sun in the morning, swinging on a swing, flying a kite, being tucked in by Mommy at bedtime. Uplifting and visually rich, this book reminds us that the world isn’t as large as it seems, and that life’s greatest pleasures are the simple ones. At Lunch Tuesday, Gayla’s daughter Michaela read it to the club – with rousing applause!

Even though this movie night is for those children living in the hotels, Danvers still has MANY poor families who cannot afford the basics. It is important that we continue to support the food pantry with food and school supplies so Barbara and Ellie can continue the GREAT WORK they do to help those in need in our community. Thank you, both, for your daily dedication to the people in a town we all love!

## Quote of the week:

“Be especially kind to all you meet, each of us carries a burden that others can't see”

## KEY KIWANIS DATES . . .

**Saturday, September 24** – Kiwanis 18th Annual Great Rubber Duck Race / Pope's Landing. Remember this is an early morning race, so your race fans will have the afternoon free!

**Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - Kay’s President’s party will be held at St. John’s Prep in their Campus Ministry Center from 1 pm – 4 pm. Since we are still ‘celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> Kiwanis anniversary, I would like to invite any of our Past Presidents to come to my President’s party – even if

they are no longer a member. So if you know how to contact any of them – please let Kay know and she will personally call and invite them to join us.

**Remember the Food Pantry** needs: juice boxes, children’s snacks, cookies and cereals for children & adults, cans of food with meat including spaghetti & meatballs, ravioli, beef stew, macaroni, cheese, applesauce, brown rice, peanut butter, jelly, marshmallow fluff, jello, pudding and canned fruit.