

## **Kiwanis News for Tuesday November 10, 2009**

**\*\*Please note that due to an unexpected workforce stoppage by the Newsletter Carriers Local 567 that occurred just as this edition was ready for delivery – it is being sent embarrassingly late. We hope that in the good spirit with which Kiwanians like to approach life's little foibles that you will all appreciate this offering as a bit of nostalgia!**

### **THE START**

I think our Fearless Leader spoke for 37 minutes prior to allowing us to eat. We think this is a good ploy by Ms. El Presidente because the hungrier that we are the better that the lunch tastes – even if we do not know what it is.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Ken Koon celebrated his -- birthday and celebrated by having the entire club in attendance sing a rousing version of "Happy Birthday." Ken, of course, shut his hearing aide off and was pleasantly surprised by the group's melodic tone.

Sesame Street also celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> birthday today (or close to today any way). Ken does not remember the first episode as he was too young at the time

### **GUESTS:**

We had Allie in attendance today – one of our youngest guests ever.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

To our former President and esteemed library scientist Doug Rendell who has been chosen as one of this year's Drum Major for Justice recipients – let's get as many of us as possible to attend the awards dinner on MLK Day in 2010!!

### **THIS DAY IN HISTORY:**

The United States Marine Corps was founded 234 years ago today – in a place called Tun Tavern in Philadelphia, PA

Now here is one that we all, or at least almost all of us have some familiarity with – In 1871 – Henry Morton Stanley

locates missing explorer and missionary, Dr. David Livingstone in Ujiji (where?), near Lake Tanganyika (Oh That's Where), allegedly greeting him with the words, "**Dr. Livingstone, I presume?**".

November 10 is also the birthday of Richard Burton - who was born in 1925 and would have been 84 today except for the fact that he expired 25 years ago, at the age of 59. A more famous actor, Russell Johnson aka "The Professor" on Gilligan's Island was also born on this date in 1924. he remains with us at the age of 85.

Of course I can't move to the next section of this email without remembering that November 10 is also the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this writer's favorite actor growing up - "The Rifleman" Chuck Connors. C'mon admit it everyone - you all loved it when Lucas McCain came in to town to save the day for his wimpy Sheriff friend Micah Torrence.

### **HAPPY DOLLARS**

There were some similar happy dollar thoughts this week. For example Sharon C, Sandi W, Frank T., and Kay M. and actually some anonymous person were happy for the fall party. Kay was specifically happy that she made the dancing part of the party.

Med (who apparently attended the game), Paula G., Ken K., Ed F., John W., and Malcolm were all happy for the Pats win - and Paula was also happy for a gathering with good friends (so she was clearly doubly happy).

Everyone was happy that Kerilee was visiting with baby Allie, but some, including Pat S., Carmine, Alan H., and of course Kerilee herself made appoint of it in their slips.

Two members were happy to have Frank T. in attendance, they were Jesse J., and Tom P. - Frank T., as noted above, didn't really care that Jesse or Tom were there.

Tom H was happy for the pumpkin ice cream - not me though.

Barbara was happy for Jesse's "Grace," and not Jesse's grace.

Maureen G. was happy for good friends, although she didn't mention whether those friends were at lunch.

Frank H. was happy for taking a extra long bike ride up and own the Minuteman Trail.

Irene was happy for warm days (some people are easily pleased).

Joe F and I were happy to be at the meeting and I was also happy for warm days.

Ellie was happy for being here, Sue T. is happy that her construction is almost done and Dave T. is happy for a new grandson Liam!!!!

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

We did have some special recognition plaques handed out by President Dan to some of our favorite and indispensable members:

Ellie R. for all of her hard work with the interclub's, and getting us our special prize for getting them done early.

Doug R. for stepping in whenever and wherever needed (as always).

Dave T. for coming up with and implementing the Bug Program to try and motivate our elementary school kids just a little.

Pat S. for her hard and underappreciated work as Club Secretary.

Congratulations to all and to Dan for recognizing these great contributions.

### **GAMES**

Everyone was a LOOOOOSSSSSEEEEEERRRRRR in cards this week - \$108.00 back into the pot. I think Paula won a free lunch...or was it Sharon. I can't remember it was so long ago.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Kiwanis Foundation of New England - Big Raffle - Tickets and only \$500.00 each and only 100 will**

be sold. A bunch of overly wealthy Kiwanians chipped in to buy one ticket - but there are more to be had. The winner gets \$5,000.00. That is right FIVE THOUSAND!! See Irene of Alan H and get in on the game. Winner to be drawn on December 5, 2009 at the KPTI Open House in Boston. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE PRESENT TO WIN!!!!

As you know if you were in attendance, we passed around and signed a card - actually two cards for a soldier who is currently serving in Afghanistan. If you would like to send anything directly to this young man here is the address. Think about all that we have and think about the job that James and others like him are doing - and finally think about having to do that job in a war torn, dangerous region away from family and friends during the holidays. I am sure that anything that anyone can do would be greatly appreciated!

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Thanksgiving lunch in Gloucester on November 24!

Okay - the Her High Holiness - President Irene has been killing me for my tardiness with this newsletter - but again - we probably will not have a newsletter this week because of the Gloucester meeting so - it was actually a service that I waited - because what else would you have done this week if you didn't have this to read!!!