

**Kiwanis News – DOUBLE EDITION**  
**Lunch on January 3 and Dinner on January 4, 2017**

**Happy 2017 Everyone!**

On January 3<sup>rd</sup>, Myrna celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. She doesn't mind being 80 but please tell her she certainly does not look 80 – which is easy to do because she doesn't!!



A number of local celebrities flew in for the celebration: Karen Kane, John Keohane, David Mills, Lorraine McGuinness, Joe Palmer and Nancy Palmer. A warm Kiwanis welcome to you all!



Yes, we had birthday cake too!!!



President Laurie opened the meeting and Jesse James provided a meaningful grace to start our new year.

**Happy Dollars:** Well, you will not be surprised to read that lots of people were happy for Myrna's Birthday. They include but are not limited to.....Myrna Fearer (she donated \$80 to the club in honor of her birthday), Carmine, Med Anderson, Diane Brinkley, Art Skarmeas, Ellie Ross, Nancy Petronio, Pam Wall, Irene Kucinski, Barbara Remon, Karen Kane, Nancy Palmer, John Keohane, Joe Palmer, and Kay Maurice.



*(this wasn't taken today, but these ladies ALWAYS look happy!)*

Although happy for Myrna, some folks had some additional things to be happy for.....Andrew Patton started us off with happiness for the Pats. He was joined by Tom Flanagan and Carmine. Nellie Homer was happy that her mother's surgery went well and she's recovering slowly but surely. Doc Comeau was happy to be at the meeting,



*(and here Doc was happy – along with the rest of the Kiwanis Carolers – to be singing to Sandy Lane while she recuperated at Hathorne Hill)*



*(speaking of which, here's the whole singing crew – we may be small, but we were mighty – even Tom Flannagan's daughter joined in!)*

Pat Allen was happy? That we are embarking on another horrid winter and so it goes. Dan Bennett was happy for a 10 day cruise to Central America. (Fun Fact: Dan gave \$5.00 for his vacation. He also let me know that Dan and Jan left on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December (Dan's Birthday) and returned on the 19<sup>th</sup> of

December (Jan's Birthday) Jesse James was happy for a quiet Christmas and time with Peggy and critters. Gail Tarmey was happy for a new year and for the arrival of a grandson at the end of January. Happiness abounded for a new year. These people were Dick Gilmore, Doug Rendell, Laurie Pellerin, Susan Rogers, Maureen Bernard, and Sue Tagg. And finally, Lorraine McGuiness was happy to be Lorraine McGuiness.

Paul Pawlak was our guest speaker. Paul, from the Danvers Diversity Committee, spoke about the upcoming Martin Luther King observance at the Danvers High School on January 16<sup>th</sup>. The event takes place in the Atrium from 4 – 6 pm. There will be a social hour, music, readings, and art work from students in various Danvers Schools. The Danvers Diversity Committee is committed to making sure that Danvers is a welcoming community (and there is no charge, but food items for the Food Pantry are welcome)



*(Kay is obviously still working on her iPhone picture-taking skills)*

Laurie Pellerin and Dan Bennett went to the Middle School to discuss the creation of Kiwanis Builders Club. This is a club for Middle School kids. The school seemed interested in the proposal. The Key Club is the club for High School students.

*And speaking of Builders Club, here is our Kiwanian June Guidara with her grandson, Nate – who just happens to be in a Builder's Club in Idaho!*



And the card winners could have been but were not.....Doc Comeau and John Keohane.

Sue Tagg did win the free lunch. Susan Rogers, Pat Allen and Diane Brinkley won a free car wash. Although, Tuesday was not the best day to do that as mother nature was giving us plenty of water.

Don't forget that the first Wednesday of the month Kiwanis meetings have started for the new year.

All the best to you all in 2017.

Doug

### KIWANIS NIGHT MEETING – January 4<sup>th</sup>

After Dan read the blessing, Kay filled everyone in on what happened last month in Kiwanis...which wasn't a whole lot because of the holidays. And, we would have sung Happy Birthday to John Alden, but he (conveniently) scooted out to another meeting....next month, we'll get you, John!

BUT, the pancake committee met during Christmas week and sent out request letters for ads in our ad book. If YOU know anyone or any business who would like to sponsor an ad – let Kay know.



*I don't want to point it out, but it looks like Kay's the only one actually working ;-)*

Back to the Night meeting – there was lots of discussion about upcoming service projects so we hope you join us 'the first Wednesday of the month at Calitri's'. And, like the lunch crowd, Kiwanians at Night (June & Sharon Guidara, John & Karen Alden, Gardner Trask, Joe & Linda Flaherty, Gayla Bartlett, Dan & Jan Bennett, Paula Gates, and yours truly) are happy for similar things....a new year, a great holiday, the chance to connect with good friends and the hopes of new opportunities in 2017!



*(and nothing says Christmas than two handsome Kiwanians in their holiday finest!)*

The Essex Tech Key Club wasn't able to join us at the Night meeting, but we did collect hats and mittens (along with gloves and scarves) for their winter service project. Thanks to the Kiwanis lunch AND dinner crowd – we collected over 70 items for the homeless and those in need in our community!

*AND here we are displaying them....*



**To quote this year's Martin Luther King, Jr's: Drum Major for Justice evening....**  
*Life's most persistent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'*

**Happy and Healthy 2017 to you all!**

