

## Kiwanis Newsletter

### February 14, 2017

**It was Valentine's Day today and the tables were festive with hearts and chocolates. A special thanks to Gayla's mother for the heart decorations.**



President Laurie opened the meeting with the Pledge. Alan Hartnett provided the grace. Alan also spoke for all of us as he spoke of how sad we all were to learn of the death of Douglas MacLean who was the son of Malcom (who was a member of Kiwanis for over 45 years) and Debbie MacLean.

Lunch today was Chili, Tossed Salad, Tortellini Pasta Salad, Make your own Sandwich, and the ever popular assorted desserts.

Our guest today was Chris Chicro. Chris is with the North Shore Elders. The organization is planning to join Kiwanis as a Corporate member.



*Welcome Chris!*

Gayla Bartlett's birthday is Sunday and she was looking forward to having the Birthday Song sung by none other than Elvis. Some days Elvis is known as Art Skarmees. However, on special occasions, Art is able to channel the King himself. Hail and well done oh King of Rock and Roll.



*I wish I had my camera on video so you could hear  
(if you closed your eyes) it really WAS Elvis!*

Happy Dollars: Art Skarmeas was happy for Gayla's Birthday, Alan Thibeault was happy that Spring is coming, Carmine was happy to wish everyone a Happy Valentine's Day, Dick Gilmore was happy for the lull between two storms, Susan Rogers was happy for Valentine's Day and heart shaped pancakes, Myrna Fearer was happy that after 24 hours she finally got her Comcast internet and telephone back. Nancy Petronio was happy to be celebrating Valentine's Day, Med Anderson was also happy for Valentine's Day. Diane Brinkley was happy for a nice warm vacation, Pat Allen was happy for a lovely day, Jesse James was happy for sunshine, Dan Bennett was happy for our guest Chris Chirco. Laurie Pellerin was happy that Lt. Gov Gayla Bartlett was visiting, Gayla, on the other hand, was happy that Michaela got her braces off, Kay Maurice was happy to be celebrating Valentine's Day. Ashley Meagher was happy that the snow had stopped....for now. Someone, who didn't put down their name, was happy for the UCONN Girls Basketball for winning their 100<sup>th</sup> game. Amazing!! Jim Tallo was happy to wish all the female members of Danvers Kiwanis a Happy Valentine's Day. Barbara Remon was happy for a bright and beautiful day...the snow is beautiful. Andrew Patton was happy for Valentine's Day. And, Doc Comeau was happy for the sun and Valentine's Day.

Alan Hartnett and Tom Flannagan were both so saddened by the death of Malcolm and Debbie MacLean's son.

Lt. Gov Gayla Bartlett was our guest speaker: Gayla talked about the Kiwanis I Plan:

#### **The Four Priority Areas**

Inspiration—Membership & Engagement

Impact—Meaningful Service

Image—Our Kiwanis Image

Investment—Financial Viability

Gayla also talked about some of the things happening in "beautiful" division 9. The Georgetown Club sponsors at Penguin Drop, The Beverly Club is doing their Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast. The Danvers club will soon be having an interclub with the Lowell Club. There are also new clubs in Amesbury and Burlington.

Dan Bennet spoke about ELIMINATE and presented Jim Tallo with an Impact Pin for his donation to ELIMINATE. *Kay had a great photo of Jim and Dan but for some reason she can't save it HERE...aarrgghh....she's not loving 'modern technology' right now ☹*

The Free Lunch went to Alan Hartnett. Dan Bennett (again) and Barbara Remon tried their luck at cards but with no success.

Chick-fil-A coupons were won by Andrew Patton and Diane Brinkley.

### **Upcoming events:**

Our 47<sup>th</sup> Pancake Festival, Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> – We'll be setting up on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 at Danvers High School and Saturday we'll be starting at 6 am with people coming at 7 am until noon. We appreciate whatever day you can help out – you know it can be busy so 'all hands on deck'.

\* don't forget that we'll also need baskets that day AND a lottery tree. So if you want to donate \$\$\$ for lottery tickets, Tom will be collecting on Tuesday. OR email Kay and she'll make sure your \$\$\$ gets turned into lottery tickets. That 'tree' is always a popular raffle item!

Midwinter Conference, March 17<sup>th</sup> – March 19<sup>th</sup>, Warwick Rhode Island  
District Convention, August 24<sup>th</sup> – August 27<sup>th</sup>. Dan Bennett will be sworn in as Governor.

Have a good week everyone!

Doug Rendell



*...sorry that this looks more like a pepto bismol tablet than a candy heart*