

KIWANIS NEWSLETTER

February 21, 2017

Called to order by President Laurie and Grace was given by Laurie as well! An extra prayer went to our waitress Nadine because her mother had just passed away.

Today's meal was a plated luncheon that included scrod, brown rice and multi-colored carrots! Yes, carrots-orange, white, yellow and purple! Dessert was a make-your-own Sundae table. Yum!

ELLIE HERSEY will celebrate a BIRTHDAY this Sunday. She celebrated early with a delicious hot fudge sundae!!

GUESTS: SEVERAL GUESTS were in attendance today. Beth Ballas, Essex Tech High School Psychologist and KEY CLUB ADVISOR. Student and Key Club President Brittany was able to attend even though it was school vacation week.

Some of the KEY CLUB activities this year were: Mittens and Hats collected at school and donated to LifeBridge Shelter in Salem, iPods for Veterans and Wounded Warriors, and recently for Valentine's Day a 1000 paper hearts were made and taped to lockers and other areas around the building. Each heart contained a positive message to inspire and let the recipient know that someone is thinking of them.

Kay Maurice brought Gianna from the Citizen's Inn-a transition program to help and support children moving into a shelter with the goal of leaving homelessness behind. The program is located on Washington Street, Peabody. The current project is making baskets for Easter.

Nancy Petronio brought Ronna from the non-profit "Cradles to Crayons". Who will also be our guest speaker.

GUEST SPEAKER and ACTIVITY:

Cradles to Crayons provides children from birth to age 12, living in low-income and homeless situations, with the essential items they need to thrive – at home, at school and at play. They supply these items free of charge by engaging and connecting communities that have with communities that need.

One of many activities is the BACKPACK-A-THON, which they hold every August for their READY FOR SCHOOL program. Corporations donate backpacks and new supplies for the school year for the children. Each backpack also contains a Well Wish Note. **That was the activity!!!** Magic Markers and note cards were given to each table so that we could create our

own message to the children for the backpack. I do think that most of us enjoyed our little arts and crafts time – I know I did.

I believe 40,000 backpacks are stored in a warehouse in Waltham while waiting for the fall school opening. To date a million children have received backpacks to help them start the school year. Contact: cradlestocrayons.org

FRANK HERSCHEDE entertained us with a joke about family activities in West Virginia and I'll just leave it at that!

FREE LUNCH=BARBARA REMON!

DIANE BRINKLEY went after the 10 of Spades and FOUND IT!!!! FIRST TIME UP FOR THE NEW GAME! \$46.00! Maybe she should try her luck at the multi-million dollar Lottery! Luck of the Irish!

Alan donated CAR WASH tickets and Lenny Marshall, Irene and Carmine will now have clean cars!

***KIWANIS BOARD MEETING next Tuesday at DCAT.

MARCH 14TH -INTERCLUB AT LOWELL.

KIWANIS HAPPY DOLLARS-Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Pat Allen is happy for the great weather.

Diane Brinkley is loving this weather!

Doc Comeau is happy to be sitting with great friends.

Leon Espinal is happy because he tries to do his best in life.

Tom Flannagan is happy/sad that his child turned 15 yesterday.

Carmine is happy for the good weather and no snow.

Dick Gilmore is happy for the nice winter weather.

Alan Hartnett is happy to be sitting with the Key Club Advisor and member.

Ellie Hersey is happy to be sitting with her buddy Finley.

Frank Herschede is happy for the start of Spring Training-Go Sox!

Jesse James is happy for a great Sunday with his youngest grandchild.

Irene Kucinski is happy for Beth and Brittney from Essex Tech Key Club.

Ellen Lefavour is happy that the weather has been so nice!

Eileen Lubas is happy to have her new Kiwanis shirt.

Ronna Maltz is happy to be our guest speaker today!

Lenny Marshall is happy to have lunch with friends again.

Kay Maurice is happy to have Essex Tech HS Key Club with us.

Ashley Meagher is happy that the weather is nice again!

Dick Moody is happy that his daughter and family has moved back to Danvers from California.

Andrew Patton is happy to have had a great weekend up in North Conway!

Laurie Pellerin is happy that her son, Matt, got a new job at a wonderful company.

Nancy Petronio is happy that she went to Disney on Ice with her grandson, Nolan, 4 years old.

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Barb Remon is happy that on Friday, February 24th she and Howard will celebrate their 61st Anniversary! CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

Sue Tagg is happy that she made it up from the Cape on time since she's the Scribe today!!

Jim Tallo is happy to be sitting with Lenny and Doc and other friends.

Sandi Warren is happy that Spring has sprung!!