

**KIWANIS NEWS
FOR TUESDAY JANUARY 17, 2017**

I KNOW THAT IT IS JANUARY 30 – BUT HERE IS THE NEWSLETTER FOR JANUARY 17, 2017.

The scribe was late to the meeting but only because it was not in the regular location. Nevertheless the meeting began with me getting fined by the Great and Powerful Fine Master. My paid fines now total \$7,427.00.

We had one guest – Mary Morrow -and we did have several birthdays:

John Alden on 1/15
Sue Tagg and Doug Desrocher on 1/17
Edgar Allan Poe on 1/19
Peg Sallade on 1/21

ELIMINATE UPDATE

Can you believe this – since we made the eliminate pledge back in October of 2013 we have raised \$55,202 of the total pledge of \$59,250. That means that we have accumulated

93.17%

of the total pledge!!!

Congratulations so far everyone – we still have \$4,048 until we have a huge celebration at President Laurie’s house for meeting our goal!

The meeting was the best that we have ever had - with the best lunch that we ever had. Chicken, gravy, fingerling potatoes and other things. I think I heard Nancy P say it was her favorite lunch – which makes me wonder why we don’t have it more often.

Now many have asked what exactly is a fingerling potato – well it is not as simple as you think - there are many versions.

You have your regular fingerlings:



Then you have your **slinky** fingerlings:



And your **half** fingerlings:



Gardner's favorite – the **Mickey Mouse** fingerling:



And a special treat that you can only get at Dollywood – a fingerling that looks exactly like the theme park's founder:



YES that is a real potato!!!

NOW – HAPPY DOLLARS

First the following people were happy for the Patriots getting closer to the Super Bowl:

Lenny M, Carmine, Andrew P, Leonel, Pat A, Med, Frank H, Diane B, Dick G and Me!!

Sue T and Doug D were happy to celebrate birthdays.

Laurie P, Kay M and Barb R were happy that it was Sue and Doug's B-Days!!

Nancy P was happy for her favorite lunch (and yes there was some additional seafood stuff in there also).

Jesse J was happy because "Life is Good!!"



Doug R was happy for sunshine.

Doc and Dan B were happy for being here.

INTERRUPTION OF HAPPY DOLLARS:

Here is a fingerling potato without makeup



BACK TO HAPPY DOLLARS:

Irene was happy for her Kiwanis friends and me.

Alan H is happy that pancake ads are coming in!!

Ellie H was happy for being with friends.

Tom F was happy that his daughter got her first choice at Essex Tech!!! Yea!!!

Rich W was happy that he was about to go on a cruise (and by now he is sad to be back).

Nellie was happy for her guest Mary Morrow and Mary was happy to be at lunch!

And finally – Pam W is sad that the restaurant at the Yacht Club is closing (Agreed).

Now nobody won at cards this week which means that there is a ton of money in the pot unless someone won on the 24th – when I was unable to attend. So I have no idea whether there is a lot of money still in the pot or no money

Someone got a free lunch, Carmine got coffee ice cream and a bunch of people won car wash gift certificates – but they were not me so I am not going to talk about it further.

Now here are some upcoming events:

NIGHT MEETING on This Wednesday February 1 –

And remember the Pancake Breakfast is coming up really, really soon – in fact it is in just

41 DAYS

That is it for now – this newsletter has gone on too long – see you next week either for lunch or at the night meeting.