

## Kiwanis Newsletter

March 31, 2017

President Laurie was in Florida (lucky her!) on Tuesday so Nancy Petronio took her place. Nancy led us in the pledge and Dan Bennett gave the prayer.



Carmine and Frank Herschede had birthdays last week so we all sang Happy Birthday to them as a group. Our singing skills as a group need improvement.

It was make your own sandwich day for lunch - salami/roast beef/hot & regular Ham/Turkey/Chicken Salad – plus caesar salad, soup and assorted desserts!

*(& here's Kay's favorite part of the meal - she's getting a little crazy with that iPhone 😊)*



Our speaker was Jim DiGianvittro, Chief of Police in Middleton, who spoke to the group about his recent trip to Israel. The Anti-Defamation League sent him and 14 others to the ADL Massachusetts Counterterrorism Seminar on a 9 day trip. They were able to see how Israelis tackle terrorism and train the Israeli police. Israel is the size of Rhode Island and surrounded on all sides by countries that want to do harm to them. Because of this, Jim noticed how much better the officers are trained and how fast they react to incidents and issues that arise. He was impressed with the security every place he went which included Palestine, The Gaza Strip, Jerusalem, and Tel Aviv. Jim and his group were shot at while close to the Syrian border, while

bombs were being dropped on ISIS targets from a close distance away. Jim made numerous comparisons between the American approach to terrorism and training versus the Israeli way. He felt that the Israelis are much more prepared and act faster than Americans in most situations, but also added that Israel has to take this fast approach because of the constant danger the Israeli people face every day.



Jim is not only the Chief of Police in Middleton, but also represents all the chiefs in the state as President of the Massachusetts Chiefs. He is acting President of the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. The Torch Run raised \$625,000 last year for all the athletes that

### **Happy \$\$**

Some members of the group were just happy to be Kiwanis and around friends on Tuesday. This included Leonel Espinal, Richard Warren, Doug Rendell, Charlie Carrozza, and Andrew Patton. Kay Maurice is happy to be selling our restaurant raffle tickets (don't forget to get YOURS to sell!) *Kay was also happy to celebrate Joan Geiger's 90 birthday at the St. Patty's lunch – even though she is a member of the Lions Club – Sandy Lane was happy, too!*



Med Anderson is happy for her father's 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday yesterday. Frank Herschede and Jan Tipert were happy that the Boston Celtics are in 1<sup>st</sup> place in the East League (*and here are a few happy tables at our St. Patty's Day lunch*)



Diane Brinkley is happy her grandson will be attending St. John's Prep in the fall (Go Eagles!). Nancy Petronio is happy she just spent 5 days in Amelia Island, Florida. Nellie is happy her mom is getting better and Dick Moody is glad his daughter is moving back to Danvers. One table at lunch spent majority of the time discussing chickens.....Barbara Remon is sad that chickens have pooped all over her yard while Jesse James is happy his chicks are now laying eggs.



Sue Tagg was happy to just be sitting at that table so she could learn all about these chickens and their poop. Pat Allen is happy the snow is melting. Tom Flannagan is happy baseball is almost here....(I'm also excited about this but I have to cheer for my St.Louis Cardinals always!) Dan Bennett is happy he brought a guest, Charlie C. Doc Comeau is happy he bought a new car and Ellen Lefavour is happy and she's not sure why! Last but not least, Carmine is happy this is his last week of work. Jim Tallo is also happy that Carmine is retiring!

*(and here Jim's happy to show off his 'slugger' – that's the cane NOT President Laurie)*

