

## Kiwanis Meeting — October 18, 2016

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HE'S BACK!!!

Yes, the long-missing Wayne “Doc” Comeau has returned to us, and of course, in FINE form! And anyone who knows Doc knows that he will be fining Kiwanians once again for actual or perceived



offences. Ah, what power our illustrious Doc doth have. (*he does wear a badge...*



*...but doesn't carry a gun*

*...his voice is powerful enough!*

I must add, though, he was very generous when he walked around collecting Happy Dollars, trying to make up for lost time. Our good chiropractor also intoned an emotional blessing before lunch. Speaking of lunch reminds me to tell you all lunch was delicious. Fried mozzarella sticks with a small dish of marinara sauce made a nice appetizer on each table. We started our lunch with an elegant caprese salad that had delicious greens, mozzarella balls and little red and yellow grape tomatoes covered with a basil-infused unique dressing. Each table had its own filled salad plate and our lovely waitresses Nadine and Sandy helped slide the mixings onto our own plate avoiding any potential accidents.

The entrée was a plated dinner: Statler chicken which usually has a drumette attached, however these boneless chicken breasts included the whole wing. Nothing wrong with that! It was served with a delicious cranberry and walnut stuffing (yummy) and baked acorn squash, plus cranberry sauce of course. I almost forgot to tell you that we started with a bread basket filled with rolls and lovely moist cranberry bread. As for the dessert, anything with ice cream is terrific but how about a quarter of a waffle with vanilla ice cream covered with hot fudge and light whipped cream. Now aren't you sorry if you weren't there?

Barbara Remon won the free lunch. Neither Bob Moore nor Dan Bennett won at cards. We also had two guests, both potential members: Pastor John Mulvihill from the Baptist Church and first-timer Gail Tarmey, a former Rotarian who is seriously interested in joining Kiwanis because of our mission helping kids. We welcome both of them.

There was no speaker and Pres. Laurie Pellerin announced that we will have only two speakers a month. So, those of you business folks who claim they don't come to lunch because the meetings go too long, you now have at least two meetings a month that will definitely end on time. Come on, folks, you

have no excuse: don't be a no-show any longer. *(here Past Prez Susan is giving new Prez Laurie a bit of advice – probably something like, if you take an extra dessert, Frank Herschede is happy to eat it)*



Sadly we have to say au revoir to longtime member Sharon Clark (although she could possibly return.) Pres Laurie reported that Sharon has had some health issues and plans to have her other knee operated on in a few months so she knows that will incapacitate her for quite some time. But, she also knows that she is always welcome to re-join the Club.

Now you are probably wondering what words of wisdom we found in our Happy/Sad dollars. First of all, Patriot fans were in their glory. Tom Brady has certainly made a comeback and for that Pam Wall is happy.

Med Anderson, Sue Rogers, Dick Gilmore and Carmine (of course), were very happy at the Patriots' win and Carmine was also happy to celebrate 61 years in America. Since he came here from Italy at the age of 3 1/2, if you want to know his age, you do the math.

And now for the Doc Comeau Fan Club all of whom are happy at Doc's return. Bob Moore, Laurie Pellerin and Doc Comeu, himself. Jim Tallo is happy that Doc is back as he said, "Funds will be incredible." Diane Brinkley added to her happiness, "The kitty was getting low on money;" and Pat Allen was happy to be sitting at the head table, according to her, and she added that now that Doc is back, "heads are going to roll." (I didn't know Doc brought a guillettine with him.)

Barb Remon was happy that her Georgia family was up for a visit. Nancy Petronio is happy that she is leaving for the Florida Keys this Friday. *(even though she looks pretty happy here between two handsome guys in Tom and Doug)*



Nancy Hathaway was just happy to be at Kiwanis. Sue Tagg was happy that Richie Warren is now a member of Kiwanis and Doc is back. Rich Warren felt that he should be able to take a few sad dollars back because he had the worst vacation possible. (Check with him so you don't book through his connection.)

Alex Kurey was happy for the nice weather continuing; it's not too cold yet. *(she's happy here)*



Leonel Espinal was happy because we have rain. (He must be a gardener.) Peg Sallade was happy to welcome prospective member John from the First Baptist Church. Kay Maurice was happy to welcome new prospects John Mulvihill and Gail Tarmey. Tom Flannagan was sad that the election is still going on. (He has a lot of company with that one.)

And I am happy that I found my car keys Tuesday night (the start of Yom Kippur) after losing them between the Peabody High School and Temple Tiferet Israel's parking lots. I thought I had them in my pocketbook but somehow they wound up on the ground. Fortunately one of the police officers on detail found them and left them on the desk of the temple office. Evidently prayers do help, especially on a holy day — or night.

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

Tuesday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – Kiwanis Board Meeting at 5 pm at DCAT office (Elm St.)

Tuesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – DCAT Leadership Forum at 11 am at DCAT office (see Dana Healy for details)

Friday, Nov. 18-20 – Kiwanis District convention in Portsmouth, NH. (Kay's going up for the day on Saturday – if you want to join her and learn a little more about this great Club you're in)

Thursday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> – Artisan/Holiday vendor fair at Hathorne Hill from 4-7 pm. (see Pam Wall for details AND if you're interested in being a vendor)

*AND – stay tuned for more photos in upcoming newsletters because Kay has FINALLY come into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.....she's gone from this...*



*.....to this*



*...please pray for me ;- ) Have a great week everyone! Kay*