

**Kiwanis Lunch Meeting —Dec. 6, 2016 AND
our monthly SPLIT EDITION
Kiwanis Night Meeting – Dec. 7, 2016**

By Myrna Fearer

It is always wonderful when Kiwanians break bread together and Tuesday was right on.

Pres. Laurie Pellerin started the meeting on time which meant that Doc Comeau was on the alert for those who tried to sneak in. As usual, he was also on the hunt for anyone who might have forgotten his or her badge. No one can escape his eagle eye, Besides, the treasury needs the money.

There were no birthdays today, but we did sing to Susan Rogers last week – and she seemed happy...



Ellen Lefavour was our clergy person Tuesday and we were all blessed although we had one member who was thrice blessed. Since neither **Kay Maurice** nor **Nancy Hathaway** won the card pot (and we do mean cards), the pot is becoming more valuable. There could be a nice payoff for some Kiwanian and it could be you but you have to be there to win.

It seemed to have been **Richard Warren**'s day. First he won two Hartnett car wash tickets and he also won one of three massages donated by Doc Comeau. Looks like Sandi did a good thing when she urged him to join us. *(and he seems happy here just juggling a few marshmallows – guess it doesn't take much to make him smile!)*



The other lucky car wash winner was Dick Moody and not Richard again. Diane Brinkley and Eileen Lubas will also be entitled to a free massage.

If you weren't with us last Tuesday you missed an interesting and eclectic lunch. It was a great soup day and we did have a great chicken tortellini soup. There were two kinds of salad: one was Chicken Tortellini soup; two different kinds of salad, Caesar and garden. You also had an interesting assortment of add-ins including sliced grilled chicken, grilled baby shrimp and turkey wraps, although they weren't an add-in. There were two different desserts: slices of Reece's pieces cake and/or slices of layers of pumpkin and cheesecake.

Our own Jim Tallo took us down memory lane sharing his many experiences as a beloved Santa Claus and he had a scrapbook of clippings, stories and pictures that were fun to see. Would you believe that one of them was of our own Frank Herschede sitting on Santa's lap? I do hope Frank got what he wanted for Christmas.

What started out as a family request (his mother made him do it) Jim became a family and local Santa with a red flannel handmade Santa suit. From there, his fame took off. Jim made appearances in homes on Christmas Eve for the lofty sum of \$2. He graduated to dropping into all the homes on one street and, of course, he made his appearance in shopping malls. When the North Shore Shopping Center opened up in 1958, Jim had steady employment. He became one of the many Santas that were hired by the department store to greet kids in front of a castle. He did a party for former Congressman Peter Torkildsen and appeared at Catholic Charities events several times.

For many years, Jim would have his picture taken with kids downtown. For some of those years, Mary Greenlaw, who worked at Murphy's Fruit Mart, posed with him as Mrs. Claus. Later, Jim would arrive in the Square aboard the fire truck and the next week by boat at Danversport. Jim was also the Santa at the Party with a Purpose at DanversBank, now People's United, for many years. Strange though, when Santa appeared, Jim Tallo was among the missing and when Jim was there, Santa disappeared. Jim has had his share of kids' accidents and he didn't even get combat pay.



It must have been the excitement but when talking to some little girl, or boy, he would suddenly feel warm liquid on his lap and going down his legs. (Good thing he brought an extra outfit to change into.) And then there was the child who jumped up on his lap and said, "Guess what, Santa, I've got the measles." It was a fun career for Jim but now the Santa outfit belongs to his son and Santa Jim has retired.

And now for those Happy/Sad dollars:

Jim Tallo is very happy that during the past year he lost 40 pounds. He says “If found - do not notify me.) We definitely promise we won’t.

Doc Comeau is happy to be here (at Kiwanis, I believe). **Ellen Lefavour** was happy that the sun was shining and so were **Eileen Lubas** and **Alan Thibeault**. **Dick Gilmore** is happy that all the Christmas decorations are up as is the tree, which is all decorated. (Too bad you will soon have to take them down.) **Dick Moody** says he is just about ready for Christmas. As an aside, he added, “Boy is Comeau a pest!” (I can’t imagine what Doc did now.) *But here, Dick is happy to have the help at Operation Troop Support two weekends ago. New member, John Mulvihill, Laurie and Kay helped box up gifts and write Christmas cards to the troops)*



Kay Maurice is happy that **Sandy Lane** is on the road to recovery and we hope she knows she is missed. *(She better join us next year wearing her Christmas bow, bells and hat - and CR, too)*



Barb Remon is happy that Sandy is on the mend and wants her to get well. **Irene Kucinski** is politically correct; she is happy for the Christmas/Hanukkah season. (Note. The first Hanukkah candle will be lit on Christmas Eve, which is the first night of Hanukkah.)

Alan Hatnett was happy to report there were only 19 days to Santa. (I wonder if he sat on Santa's lap.) **Eileen Lubas** is happy that the holidays are here. And **Nancy Hathaway** is happy that there are only 19 days until Christmas. (There are fewer now.)

Only **Dana Healy** can say this: "I'm happy to be 7 weeks from my baby's due date."

Sandi and **Rich Warren** were both happy for a great Thanksgiving spent in Seattle with their sons and families. **Jan Tipert** was happy for a great Thanksgiving dinner at Wally and Christen's house.

Laurie Pellerin is happy that her family is healthy. **Med Anderson** and **Ellie Ross** were both back to be at Kiwanis. **Diane Brinkley** is happy for a great family vacation to Disney World (*and maybe she and Sue will bring out their Christmas sweaters again this year for our contest on Monday, Dec. 19th with Rotary as we enjoy hearing the DHS Choral singing group*)



Susan Rogers is happy for the Hospice Tree of Lights. **Frank Herschede** is very happy that his chalet in Gatlinburg, Tenn., was not damaged by the horrendous fire. **Nancy Petronio** is happy that this Sunday will be her second Kiwanis Caroling event.

Pam Wall is sad because she had to put one of her dogs down this past week. And I, **Myrna Fearer**, knowing how traumatic that is, am sad for Pam.

Ashley Meagher and Carmine G. are both happy for the Patriot's win and Carmine is especially happy for Tom's 201st win!

*Please note that this Sunday (Dec. 11th) is our annual Christmas Caroling event. We will meet at 3 o'clock at Comeau Health Center (197 North St.) for a pre-caroling warmup. At 4 p.m., we will leave via the Salem Trolley. When we return to doc's place of business, we will enjoy a light dinner before taking off on our own....feeling good for the cheer we spread to others less fortunate – thank you!

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Thanks to Karen Alden, we made a number of young children a little bit happier this Christmas. Our work went to help those children visiting and under hospice care.



We thank Gail Tarmey, Jennifer Carey, Peggy & Jesse James, Joe & Linda Flaherty, John & Karen Alden, Sharon & June Guidara, Gayla Bartlett (standing in for our President), Janet & Dan Bennett, and Thale Herschede – where was Frank?

And if you didn't get to join us last week, we had an InterClub with our fellow Kiwanians in Wilmington.

There are so many Kiwanis Clubs doing great work reaching out to our community – come be a part of it!

