

## Kiwanis Newsletter

### SPLIT EDITION – February 28 and March 1, 2017

President Laurie was not able to attend the lunch meeting so Nancy Petronio stepped in. It's good practice for her! Nancy led us in the pledge and Sue Tagg gave the prayer before lunch. We had no birthdays to announce.



*(no need to be nervous when you're among friends)*

Lunch was served in the Captain's Quarters at the DYC.

- Soup
- Caesar Salad w/ Grilled Chicken or Salmon
- Kale Salad w/Grilled Chicken or Salmon
- Turkey Wrap
- And finally the famous "Assorted Desserts" a.k.a the awesome desserts leftover from other events

The Membership Committee will be having another meeting on Tuesday, March 7 at Calitri's at 5:30 pm.

Nancy informed the group that the Danvers Rotary Club is having a comedy show at the Danversport Yacht Club on Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be a social hour from 7-8pm and then the show after that. \$25 per ticket!

Don't forget about the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual Pancake Festival at Danvers High School on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 7-Noon. Make sure you sign up to volunteer! OR email Kay to let her know you'll be there and if you want a special assignment; otherwise, we'll just 'put you to work'.

The ad books are done for the pancake festival. We should be able to see those next week. *(they arrived on Wednesday and Diane Brinkley distributed some of them to the downtown businesses who supported us in the ad book – thanks, Diane!)*

Kay Maurice spoke briefly about the Kiwanis Magazine we all should have received in the mail for February. She pointed out how the cover was all black with the statement "What if Kiwanis didn't exist?" Kay mentioned a few of the great things we do and how proud she is to be a part of

such a great organization – **and YOU should, too!** Please make sure to check out last month's issue to get the rundown on what is happening in our club throughout the world!

Our speaker for the day was our very own Don Gates. Don spoke about his involvement with the Pan Mass Challenge Bike Race. He briefly explained the history of the event and how he and his friend, Ralph Ardiff became involved with the race over 16 years ago. Each year the Pan Mass Challenge gets more riders, volunteers, and donations than the previous year. The two-day event starts in Sturbridge and ends in Provincetown. Don and Ralph together have raised \$280,000 for the Pan Mass Challenge in 16 years!



*(Don's a passionate and dedicated Pan Mass rider AND Kiwanian – lucky for US!)*

Some interesting facts about the race:

- The first race made \$10,000 total in 1980.
- Since 1980, the race has donated \$547 million to cancer research! (Yes, you read that number correctly)
- In 2016 alone, the race participants donated \$47 million to cancer research! \$47 million in one year!
- The race brings riders from all over the world. 7 countries to be exact!
- It also has participants from 39 out of the 50 states with 5000 riders being from the great state of Massachusetts!
- The race is held every year the first week of August.

## **HAPPY DOLLARS \$\$\$**

We had a lot of people happy about the weather we had on Tuesday. Nancy Hathaway, Andrew Patton, Barbara Remon, Pat Small, and Carmine. Carmine and Tom Flannagan were both happy the Red Sox are in training. Pat Allen is happy it's almost pancake time! Sue Tagg is excited to be going somewhere warm and sunny (I found out it's the Bahamas!) Diane Brinkley is happy to be attending a great party celebrating Harry & Judy DeLorenzo's birthdays. Maureen Bernard is happy to let everyone know she joined Mortgage Master in Danvers. She's back home and still lending money! Susan Rogers is happy about Maureen's new career move. Nancy Petronio is happy she survived being Laurie for the meeting. Irene is happy for Kiwanis friends and Kay Maurice is happy to support our President-Elect Nancy Petronio. Dick Moody is happy to be retired and that John Keohane sat next to him at lunch. He is also sad he didn't retire earlier. Ellie Hersey is happy to spend a wonderful day with Will (her great-grandson.) Med Anderson is happy to be at Kiwanis and Ellen Lefavour is happy just because! Art is sad he had to leave

lunch early and John Keohane is happy for his new Kiwanis shirt and the pancake breakfast. Don Gates is happy his son and twin granddaughters had a wonderful cruise vacation. Leonel Espinal is happy because he chose to be here today! Oh, and Alan Hartnett is happy because he had an appointment with Ashley (that's me!) at her office on Wednesday!

Ashley Meagher and Ellie Hersey had no lucky drawing the cards.

Dick Moody won the free lunch.

Oh, and Doc Comeau was not in attendance so the fines were held to a minimum.

## **KIWANIS NIGHT MEETING**

**Wednesday, March 1, 2017**

President, Laurie, began the pledge and Don Gates read the blessing. Laurie updated everyone on the donation requests approved by the board members at Tuesday's meeting. These included:

\$100 to Circle K (which is the college level of Key Club). They are going to convention and we place an ad in their adbook every year as our support.

\$350 to DECA (which is the Danvers High School association of marketing students). They need funds to send their students to the state competition.

\$100 to DanversCARES for their Teen Resource Guide which goes to over 1,000 teenagers.

\$500 to the HAWC Walk (which is Healing Abuse, Working for Change). We have been supporting their work consistently for the last 10 years.

Laurie was excited to welcome newest member, Gianna Langis (the board approved her application at Tuesday's board meeting). We also approved our first corporate member, North Shore Elders. Chris Chirco will be their representative at Kiwanis.



*(Gianna looks excited to be here, too!)*

Her employer, Citizen's Inn, was the recipient of this month's project. We put together over 40 Easter baskets for the children who find themselves in a homeless situation. We should be happy knowing that we're making their holiday just a little bit better! She also explained that Citizen's Inn is trying very hard to get the number of families in shelters DOWN – in fact, Danvers use to have over 200 families staying in motels and now they are down to ZERO! Citizen's currently has 35 families under their care and one of their goals is to make their places feel like a home.

Dan Bennett informed everyone that a new Amesbury Kiwanis Club has been established AND they are working on one in Burlington as well. Jesse offered to have the Amesbury Club meet in his barn – even though I think he was hoping they'd help him clean out his stalls as payment ;-)

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Dan Bennett was happy that we took 6 applications for the new Amesbury Club

Joe Flaherty was happy for a great Restaurant Fund Raffle

Linda Flaherty was happy for all the fabulous restaurant gift cards we'll be raffling off!

Tom Flannagan was happy about the success of the Restaurant raffle

June Guidara was happy to look forward to PANCAKES!

Frank Herschede was happy that his spinal stenosis is only severe (*I guess that's a good thing*)

Thale Herschede was happy that she's going to the International Kiwanis Convention in July – as an alternate delegate! (*which takes place in Paris, France – not too shabby. Thanks for representing Danvers Kiwanis, Thale!*)

Peggy James was happy that Gianna is joining Kiwanis!

Laurie Pellerin was happy that her baby boy got a new job in his field.

And everyone else was too busy being happy making up Easter baskets to write anything down (*but don't worry - we still got their money*) Those people were: Kay Maurice, Deb Sauer, Natalie Fiore, Gardner Trask, Janet Bennett, Karen Alden, Gianna Langis, Paula & Don Gates, and Jesse James.

After dinner, we all went to work....and here are some photos documenting the fun!





*AND THE FINAL PRODUCT – a whole lot of fun and over 40 happy children at Easter!*



*Thank you to EVERY Kiwanian – day & night...together, we're helping others in our world!*