

Kiwanis Newsletter
SPLIT EDITION
June 6 and June 7, 2017

Get Well Wishes to Maureen Gillis. We hope you are going to enjoy your new knee. Also, good luck to Susan Rogers who is having a procedure on her knee this Friday. I think we get a Kiwanis discount if one more person has work done on their knee!

The Meeting Opens:

Acting President Nancy Petronio opened the meeting....*with that smile.*



Susan Rogers provided the grace

Guests:

There were no guests today.

Lunch:

Wedding soup (although no one seemed to be getting married), cobb salad, Caesar salad, burger sliders & hotdogs, chips and condiments and assorted desserts.

Kiwanis Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Barbara Remon. She requested that the club sing the birthday song to her. She may have regretted that decision.



(and here she is with a few old friends – who AREN'T singing to her)

Happy Dollars:

Ellen Lefavour was happy that her grandson graduated on Sunday, Linda Swinnerton was looking forward to seeing the sun soon, Anna Bertini was happy for Barb's birthday (even tho we can't sing),

Joe J was sorry to be late,

Ashley Meagher was happy that the weather will be warmer this coming week

(and we're happy she'll soon be opening her own store front – can you guess where it will be?)



Alan Hartnett was happy to see twenty Kiwanians at the meeting (can you hear the sarcasm in his voice?), Leonel Espinal was sad for no sun but will be happy tomorrow...he thinks. Barb Remon was happy that she had heard a rumor that summer will arrive soon. Diane Brinkley was happy that Maureen Gillis is recovering nicely from arthroscopic knee surgery. Gail Tierney was happy because she is going to attend her 45th high school reunion. Med Anderson was happy to be at the meeting, Andrew Patton was happy for March in June. Dick Moody was happy to be back. Bob Moore was happy to be at the meeting. Doc Comeau was sad for the weather. Art Skarmeas was happy that it was not hot. Nancy Petronio was happy to be enjoying a free lunch. Susan Rogers was happy that her daughter was getting an award at school for her artwork. Dan Bennett was happy that his grandson hit a single to win the ball game and send his tem to the

playoffs. And I was happy that Nancy Petronio was willing to switch with me last week and so I was able to stay in Kennebunkport for another day....thanks Nancy.l

Guest Speaker:

We did not have an expensive guest speaker today. Instead Dan Bennett talked to us about the Opioid Epidemic that is raging through our state. In 2016 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) reported an opioid- related incident in 301 of the 351 communities in Massachusetts. The number of confirmed opioid-related deaths for 2016 is updated to 1,933. The number of confirmed opioid-related deaths for 2015 is updated to 1,651. Opioids are the leading cause of death in Essex County. The Danvers Board of Selectmen is currently discussing the regulations regarding the sale of edible marijuana in the Town of Danvers. If you have an opinion on this issue, please contact a member of the Board of Selectmen.

To learn more about the opioid epidemic in Massachusetts and how to get help for substance use disorder, visit www.mass.gov/stopaddiction or contact the Massachusetts Substance Abuse Helpline at 800-327-5050.

Free Lunch and Cards:

The free lunch was won by Doug Rendell. No one won at cards.

SPECIAL NOTE: President Laurie went to the Holten Richmond Middle School and installed our ‘newly formed’ BUILDER’S CLUB. We will now have middle school students following our lead and bringing ‘service to others’ to their lives! We’re thrilled for them AND for President Laurie for being their advisor and making it all happen!

Here’s their banner and out-going 8th grader Michaela Bartlett. She’ll be going to Essex Tech High School where she will join our Key Club. Congratulations to Michaela on the next step in her life journey!



Scribe of the Day: Doug Rendell (keep reading)

June 7, 2017

President Laurie opened the meeting, Gayla said the prayer and Joe announced the winner of the Restaurant Raffle!
BUT, you have to keep reading before we tell you if it was YOU.....



Paula and Don Gates organized this month's service project...with a little help from their friends....thank you, friends - you know who you are.



We put together 'rainy day bags' for the kids who will find themselves at the Food Pantry this summer. Helping others is always a 'feel good activity'.



Dates You Need To Know:

Saturday, June 24th is our Bike Rodeo at Great Oak School. We'll need lots of volunteers for this day but you can sign up for the 1st shift at 8:30 – 10 am OR the 2nd shift from 10-12 pm.

Tuesday, June 27th will be our yearly serving lunch at the **Senior Center day – DO NOT GO TO Danversport Yacht Club!** We'll need help at the beginning at 11:30 am at the Senior Center and then a group can come near the end at 12:30 pm to help clean-up. We need both shifts!

Same Day—**Tuesday, June 27th**—our annual Bocce Tournament with Rotary and the Lions Club—who are hosting this year. We'd love to get a good crowd to cheer us on!

Tuesday, June 27th, there is NO Board meeting this night!

Tuesday, July 4th, THERE IS NOT A KIWANIS MEETING ON THIS DATE.

Wednesday, July 5th the Night Meeting at Calitri's. Bring snack items for the kids at the Food Pantry – like small bags of goldfish, pretzels, juice boxes, fruit roll ups, etc.

Saturday, July 22nd—hopefully you have already signed up with Dan for our sunset cruise out of Gloucester. The cruise is 7—9 pm (As of this newsletter there were 2 openings)

Monday, August 21st – the Night Meeting will meet at the Library Pavillion. Gardner Trask will be our entertainment and Chick-Fil-A will donate our dinner (thanks, Gayla!). Bring a chair or a blanket for 6 pm and we'll party together!

August 23 – 25th - Kiwanis Convention in Hyannis. Dan Bennett will be installed as our new District Governor! President Laurie and a few other members will be attending for part of this time to show their support of Dan. Let her know if you want to join them.

Saturday, September 9th—Autism Picnic

.....AND THE WINNER of the Restaurant Raffle is.....Donna Bergeron – she's a friend of fellow Kiwanian Natalie Fiore! Natalie was thrilled and we hear, so is Donna!

Thanks to everyone (especially Joe Flaherty for taking the lead) for a very successful Kiwanis fundraiser – we raised \$3,590!