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NOTES FROM THE WEEKLY MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 7, 2013

President Lauren began the meeting at 12:15 PM.
We sang, pledged, and prayed along with Elaine Murphy.

GUESTS: Bob Meister brought Alfred Schmeer, President of the Maloney Key Club.
Marge Ballard was a guest of Judy Bouchard.

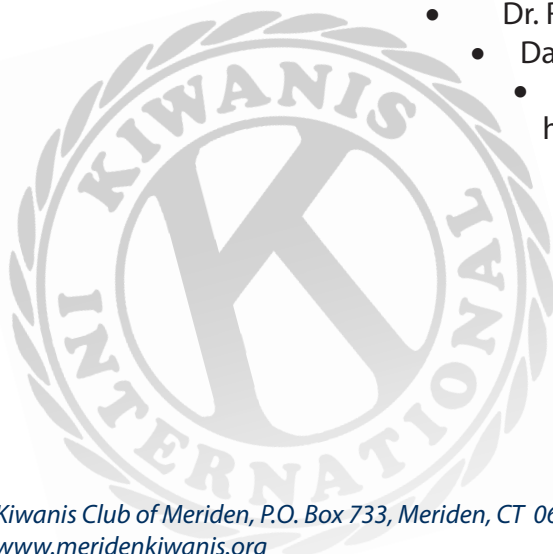
BIRTHDAYS: We sang "Happy Birthday" to Dick Leary (November 12th).

ANNIVERSARIES: We recognized the Kiwanis anniversary of Julianna Rathonyi (November 10th).

50/50 DRAWING: Won by President Lauren Rizzuto!!!

HAPPY DOLLARS:

- Lauren Rizzuto - for a wonderful board meeting and grateful for Louise Cuccaro, our newest club member, volunteering to be the Team Captain for the "Relay for Life" project, and for a great Kapers show;
- Sandy Gollnick - for a good Kapers show, for the her son, Chris, getting married one year from today, and congratulations to David Lowell for being elected to the Meriden City Council;
- Bruce Burchsted - for a great Kapers show and being glad it is over;
- Ann Giannetti - for a great Kapers show and for George Hamrah being a star again;
- Bob MacDuff - grateful for greeting everyone at lunch today;
- Ed Murphy - grateful for a card from Melissa Neville and Bill Passarelli expressing their sincere appreciation for all his help;
- Bob Gollnick - for a great Kapers show;
 - Dr. Roccapiore - for a great Kapers show;
 - David Wyskiel - for a great Kapers show;
 - Dorothy Elkin - for a great Kapers show and she still has the moon; and
 - Elaine Murphy - for a great Kapers show and congratulations to David Lowell for being elected to the Meriden City Council.



**Kiwanis
Young Children
Priority One**

LUNCHEON

PROGRAM: Today's guest speaker was Gina Morales, a caseworker from The Women and Families Center in Meriden, Connecticut. Ms. Morales spoke about one of WFC's newer programs called Project R.E.A.C.H. (*Reaching Every Adolescent to Create Hope*). R.E.A.C.H. conducts street outreach to youth throughout Meriden, Wallingford, Middletown, Portland and other Middlesex County towns, as well as the Berlin Turnpike areas of Berlin and Newington. Street outreach is conducted primarily during the evening and weekend hours when high-risk youth are most likely to be on the street.



President Lauren presenting a Kiwanis Bell to guest speaker, Gina Morales from Women & Families Center

R.E.A.C.H. provides short-term emergency housing to runaway and homeless youth ages 13 to 17. Shelter is provided in host homes located in the community for a supportive, home-like atmosphere and supervision from caring host home parents. The need for host homes is vital to the success of the program. Host parents are required to go through a three month training program and are subject to background checks.

Additionally, Project R.E.A.C.H. provide case management to sheltered youth, including: intake and assessment; counseling, referrals and service linkages; exit planning, including referral and linkage to long-term housing and support; educational support; service learning and recreational opportunities; and aftercare as youth move from homelessness to long term placement in a safe and stable environment.

Ms. Morales took questions from the group. Lauren then presented her with a Kiwanis bell and thanked her for speaking at the luncheon.

The meeting was then adjourned at 1:00 PM.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- NOVEMBER 14th: Evening service project meeting (*socks and blankets for KPTI*), at Masonic Temple, 112 East Main Street, Meriden, 6:30 PM.
- NOVEMBER 16th: Governor George Delisle's Official Connecticut Visit.
- NOVEMBER 18th: Community Projects Meeting, Brian Cofrancesco's house, 7:00 PM.
- NOVEMBER 21st: Luncheon Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM.
- NOVEMBER 22nd-24th: New England & Bermuda District Fall Training Conference, North Conway, NH.
- NOVEMBER 27th: Roundtable at Huxley's, East Main Street, Meriden, 12:15 PM.
- NOVEMBER 28th: HAPPY THANKSGIVING! (*No Luncheon Meeting*).
- DECEMBER 4th: Board Meeting, Lauren Rizzuto's house, snacks @ 6:30 PM, meeting @ 7:00 PM.
- DECEMBER 5th: Luncheon Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM.
- DECEMBER 12th: Christmas Party, location TBD, 6:30 PM.

NOVEMBER IS KIWANIS FAMILY MONTH

The Kiwanis family is made up of more than 580,000 members in clubs and programs for youth and adults around the world. Get to know your Kiwanis family during Kiwanis Family Month - an entire month dedicated to spending time with your Kiwanis family. There is so much we can learn from one another. Here's some ideas to reach out and bridge the gap:

1. Find out more about the Kiwanis-family clubs and programs we sponsor;
2. Reach out and invite someone from another club in the community to a meeting; and/or
3. Work together with members of another club on a service project.

Just like your immediate family, your Kiwanis family can help you learn and grow!