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NOTES FROM THE WEEKLY MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 20, 2014

President Lauren opened the meeting at 12:15 PM.
We sang, pledged, and prayed along with Richard Roccapriore.

GUESTS: We had no guests at today's meeting.

BIRTHDAYS: We sang "Happy Birthday" to Ed Siebert (February 15th) and Bob Meister (February 25th).

ANNIVERSARIES: We recognized the Kiwanis Anniversaries of Terry Bongiovanni (February 18th - 26 years); and the wedding anniversaries of Bill and Ann Marotti (February 13th), Cathy and John Battista (February 17th) and Dave and Denise Lowell (February 20th).

50/50 DRAWING: Won by Liz Fast!

HAPPY DOLLARS:

- ❖ Bob MacDuff - happy to be back on his feet again after being ill. Thanks to all those who sent cards and called him to wish him well;
- ❖ Bob Gollnick - sorry he couldn't make last night's audit committee meeting;
- ❖ Doc Roccapriore - sorry one of his favorite actresses, Shirley Temple, died this week;
- ❖ Mike Rhode - happy to be back with his Kiwanian friends;
- ❖ Sandi Gollnick - three happy dollars: (1) that Jim Gamble, Bob MacDuff and Sandy Shorr are all home and recovering from illness; (2) to celebrate her son's, Christopher, 26th birthday; and (3) happy to finally have all her Christmas decorations put away after her illness;
 - ❖ Lorraine Gamble - happy to have her husband home from the hospital;
 - ❖ Eileen Bongiovanni - happy that her mother is doing well after back surgery;
 - ❖ George Hamrah - happy to celebrate his 66th Honorary Kiwanis Anniversary and also happy to hear Eileen Bongiovanni's son is coaching both basketball and baseball at Conard High School in West Hartford; and
 - ❖ Lauren Rizzuto - happy not to have broken any bones when she took a fall.



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- We are trying to get a head count for the February 27th game night/meeting. If you plan on attending, please contact Lauren Rizzuto. If you have a favorite board game, please bring it with you. Our SLPs have been invited to join us for some good old-fashioned fun!
- The March 13th evening meeting will be a St. Patrick's theme event. More details to follow.
- The March 27th meeting will include a service project, putting together safety kits from KPTI to be donated to Midstate Medical Center. Watch for further details.

HEADS UP FROM LAUREN:

Lauren is in need of feedback from ALL Kiwanians regarding many questions and decisions which need to be discussed in connection with next year's Kiwanis Kapers show. She will be sending out an e-mail questionnaire requesting input. It was suggested that the Club hold a meeting to brainstorm in addition to the e-mail. Lauren agreed and suggested the March 13th St. Patrick's meeting/social as a time that could be used for discussion. She will be contacting the entire club with more details.

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

Today's speaker was Eileen Bongiovanni, the Membership Chair of the Greater Meriden Chamber of Commerce. She first described the structural organization of the Chamber, supported by numerous committees; including Health and Wellness, Government and Business Development, Education, Membership, etc. Eileen explained the goal of the Chamber of Commerce is to help businesses and organizations become more active in the community. She said the Greater Meriden Chamber is very active and friendly and that we, as Kiwanians, are welcome. The Chamber has a website visited by over 30,000 people seeking information about the City of Meriden. The Chamber also prints a very useful Membership Directory and Community Guide, copies of which Eileen will provide to the Kiwanis Club upon the next printing. Eileen also explained that as a member of the Chamber, the Kiwanis Club of Meriden is eligible for free announcements in the monthly newsletter, such as our fund raising efforts at the Daffodil Festival. Eileen has been associated with the Greater Meriden Chamber of Commerce for many years, beginning as a Town Cryer. She is very knowledgeable about the Chamber and its services and is happy to answer any questions regarding this vital organization.



Eileen Bongiovanni speaking on behalf of the Greater Meriden Chamber

Lauren adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FEBRUARY 27th: Night meeting, Connecticut Baptist Home, 292 Thorpe Avenue in Meriden, 6:30 PM. Game night with our SLP Clubs. \$5.00 per person for pizza and soft drinks.
- MARCH 6th: Luncheon Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM.
- MARCH 13th: Evening meeting and St. Patrick's Day social. Watch for further details.
- MARCH 20th: Luncheon Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM.
- MARCH 27th: Service project meeting to put together safety kits from KPTI which will be donated to Midstate Medical Center. Details to follow.

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