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NOTES FROM THE WEEKLY MEETING HELD MARCH 13, 2014

Vice President, Julianna Rathonyi opened the meeting at 7:30 PM.
We prayed along with Ann Giannetti.

GUESTS: Don Parker brought his wife, Judi, Richard Roccapriore brought his wife, Gladys, and Ann Giannetti brought her husband, Joe, as guests this evening.

- HAPPY DOLLARS:**
- ♣ Ed Murphy - HAPPY!
 - ♣ Don Parker - Three Happy Dollars:
 - ♣ Happy to be here because he never gets to attend meetings;
 - ♣ Happy to have his wife with him; and
 - ♣ Happy St. Patrick's Day!
 - ♣ Ann Giannetti - reminder of the May 15th Kiwanis Club of Meriden Educational Awards Dinner!
 - ♣ Doreen Roddy - Happy to see everyone here!
 - ♣ Pierre Blanchet - Happy, Happy, Happy: to be going skiing on Sunday!
 - ♣ Sharon Karrass - Happy to be getting a new hip soon!
 - ♣ Doc Roccapriore - Happy to have his wife with him; Happy to have a drink with the bartender; and Happy to be here!

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM: This evening was a social gathering to celebrate St. Patrick's Day as friends and enjoy each other's company.

Thank you, Lauren, for organizing this evening's festivities!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM and the social event began.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- MARCH 20th: Luncheon Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM.
- MARCH 24th: Aktion Club Meeting, 10:00 AM at the ARC, 92 Main Street, Meriden. Rosanne Ford will be the guest speaker.
- MARCH 27th: Service project meeting to assemble safety kits from KPTI to be donated to Midstate Medical Center. Details to follow.
- MARCH 29th: 2014 New England and Bermuda Connecticut Regional Conference, PAL Learning Center, 58 Griggs St., Waterbury, CT, 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM.
- APRIL 2nd: Board Meeting at Lauren Rizzuto's house, snacks 6:30 PM, meeting 7:30 PM.
- APRIL 3rd: Luncheon Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM.
- APRIL 4th-6th: New England and Bermuda Key Club District Educational Conference, Springfield, MA.

KIWANIS WILL CELEBRATE 100 YEARS OF SERVICE IN 2015

On January 21, 2015, Kiwanis will celebrate its 100-year mark. Kiwanis started as an organization in Detroit, Michigan, committed to self-interest but soon, through arguments and debates, evolved into an organization dedicated to helping others, which we are still doing today. Clubs from around the world perform 150,000 service projects a year. We build better lives and communities. Whatever the cause, Kiwanians of all ages and abilities devote 6 million hours a year to service in their communities.



What a better way to celebrate the 100th anniversary with a project marking this historic milestone.

First, focus on what best fits your club:

- What would be a fitting project to celebrate Kiwanis International's 100th anniversary? Brainstorm with club members.
- What skills or contacts can we bring to the project? For example, is there an expert landscaper or carpenter in the group? Does someone in our club have a contact at city hall?
- What facilities or organizations (community center, shelter, park, homes, etc.) would benefit from hands-on service?
- What signature project would leave a lasting mark on the community?
- What types of projects are our members passionate about?
- Will we involve our sponsored youth clubs or Aktion Club?
- Will we ask others outside the Kiwanis family to participate?
- Will our project attract media attention?
- Will our project appropriately reflect 100 years of Kiwanis service?
- Will our project create pride in membership and in our Kiwanis history?
- Will our project attract new members to Kiwanis?
- How much time and how many people will be needed to accomplish our goals?
- What is the estimated budget for our project, and how will we raise the funds?
- Will our project capture our members' interest?

Second, think about creative ways to celebrate:

- The number 100 and multiples of 100: 100 children served, 100 canned goods collected, 100 winter coats collected, 100 games donated to a school, etc.
- "Platinum" projects and the metal's properties (resistance to wear, tarnish, corrosion).
- Achievements by your club and how you could tie in your club's history.
- Achievements by your district and how you could tie in your district's history at the club level, in cooperation with other clubs.
- Service Leadership Programs and how youth programs represent the future, supported by your Kiwanis club.
- Tying in The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis' anniversary gift to the world.
- Tying in milestones of Kiwanis history.

Third, tell your club about any ideas!

An organization does not reach the 100-year mark by chance. It does so by staying relevant in an ever-changing society. Kiwanis is just as relevant today as it was when it was created in January, 1915. This fragmented, fast-paced world needs us.

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