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NOTES FROM THE WEEKLY MEETING HELD JUNE 26, 2014

President Lauren Rizzuto called the meeting to order at 12:45 PM. We sang, pledged and prayed along with Louise Cuccaro.

GUESTS: Daria Davis came without her father, Loyd. Lauren said she hoped that Daria would soon be joining Kiwanis as a new member. June Vandal brought her husband, Roger.

BIRTHDAYS: We sang "Happy Birthday" to Jack Harrison (June 20th); Cliff Bradley (June 24th); and Bruce Burchsted (June 27th).

ANNIVERSARIES: We recognized the wedding anniversaries of Sandy and Flora Shorr (June 22nd); David and Dorothy Elkin (June 24th); and Richard and Winnie Leary (June 28th).

We also recognized the Kiwanis anniversary of Richard Carabetta (38 years).

50/50: Sandi Gollnick won \$11!

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The Kapers theme was chosen at the June 22nd meeting -- Circus!
The Kapers show dates are schedule for November 14th and 15th of 2014.
There will be a Community Project Meeting July 21st at 7 PM at Brian's house.
Lauren asked for a moment of silent prayer for Jim Gamble.

HAPPY DOLLARS: 💰 Sandi Gollnick – happy to have won the 50/50 and for spending yesterday, June 25th, painting water colors at her instructor's house.

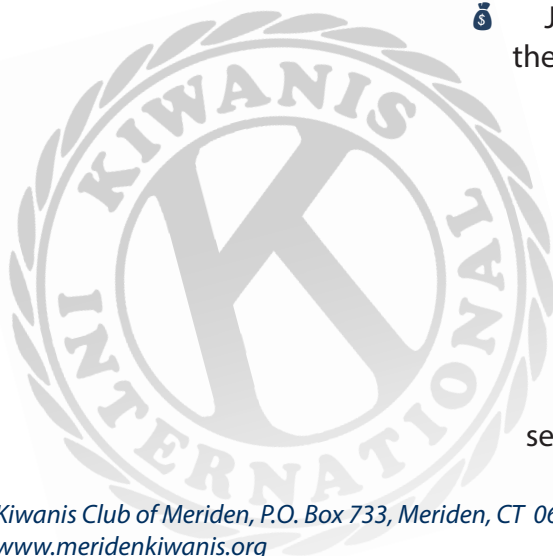
💰 Eileen Bongiovanni – happy because she thought Sunday's Kapers meeting was very successful.

💰 Julia Kane – very happy her inner ear problem is fixed and the "dizzy lady" is on the road to recovery.

💰 June Vandal – happy to have attended the Edison Builders Club officers meeting and also asked for prayers for Jim Gamble who is in intensive care.

💰 Dorothy Elkin – happy to be celebrating fifty-seven happy years with her husband, David. Dorothy also asked for prayers for Jim Gamble.

💰 David Elkin – overjoyed to be celebrating fifty-seven wonderful years with his wife, Dorothy.



TODAY'S PROGRAM: Carol Reiss-Miller introduced today's speaker, Dr. Sherwin Borsuk, a collector of historical "Mr. Peanut" items. Three years ago, Dr. Borsuk lent our club his "Mr. Peanut" costume that Brian Cofrancesco wore in the Daffodil Festival parade.

Planters Peanuts (originally known as Planters Nut and Chocolate Company) was formed by Amedeo Obici and Mario Peruzzi, both immigrants from the province of Treviso, Italy. Mr. Obici, had developed a process of blanching, roasting and salting the peanuts which was a big hit with his customers in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.



Dr. Sherwin Borsuk, sharing his collection and the history of Mr. Peanut.

In 1916, Planters sponsored a contest for school children in Suffolk, Virginia, where the majority of peanut production was taking place, to come up with an advertising figure to represent the company. A 12 year old boy won the contest and received \$5 in gold for his winning submission. His drawing, enhanced with a top hat, monocle and cane is the dapper Mr. Peanut we know today.

The company grew from its small humble beginning in Wilkes-Barre to a brand of peanuts that is globally recognized. Mr. Peanut, the trademark of the company, is one of the most recognized advertising icons in the world.

Dr. Borsuk was very entertaining and knowledgeable as he shared the history and his assemblage of Mr. Peanut collectibles.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 PM.

JULY PRAYER SCHEDULE *July 3rd - Dorothy Elkin; July 19th - Bob Meister; July 17th - Doc Roccapriore; July 24th - Elaine Murphy; and July 31st - Bob MacDuff.*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- JULY 2nd: Board Meeting at Lauren Rizzuto's house, light fare at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:00 PM.
- JULY 3rd: Luncheon Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM.
- JULY 10th: Possible evening meeting/social. Stay tuned for details.
- JULY 17th: Luncheon Meeting at Camp Cuno, 12:00 PM. Please contact Lauren Rizzuto if you plan to attend as she needs a head count.
- JULY 21st: Community Projects meeting, 7:00 PM, at Brian Cofrancesco's house.
- JULY 24th: Possible evening meeting/social. Stay tuned for details.
- JULY 31st: Lunch at Girls, Inc., 12:00 PM. Please contact Lauren Rizzuto if you plan to attend as she needs a head count.
- AUGUST 21st-24th: 96th Annual New England District Convention, Crowne Plaza at The Crossing, 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island. To register for the convention, you may visit the New England District website at: <http://www.newenglandkiwanis.org/events/DCON.html>

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