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NOTES FROM THE WEEKLY MEETING HELD JULY 31, 2014

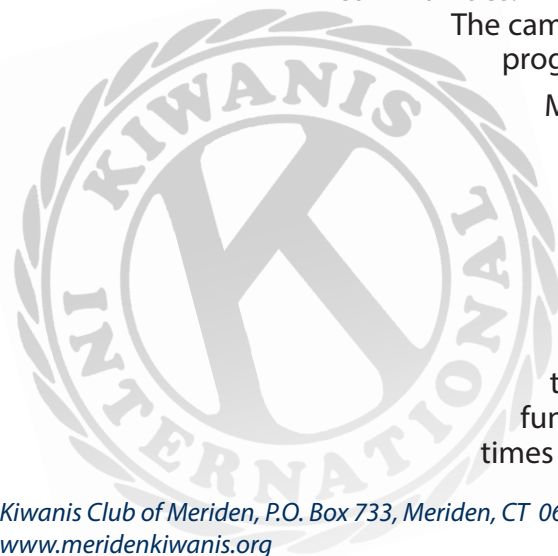
Past President Bob Gollnick brought the meeting to order at 12:20 PM. We sang, pledged and prayed along with Liz Fast.

50/50: None - forgot to bring the tickets. Kiwanians gave extra Happy Dollars!

- HAPPY DOLLARS:
- Julia Kane - Five Happy Dollars for the beautiful day in this great place and very happy to be back in the gym.
 - Doc Roccapriore - Very happy to be here with all these beautiful girls.
 - Ann Giannetti - Very happy to be here.
 - Julianna Rathonyi - Happy to be here today.
 - Ed Murphy - Seven Happy Dollars because Jim Gamble has been home for two weeks.
 - Eileen Bongiovanni - Ten Happy Dollars because she loves Girls Inc. and Michelle and is very happy Jim Gamble is doing so well.
 - Lorraine Gamble - Five Happy Dollars because she is happy to be here, happy to have her son and grandchildren visiting and very, very happy to have her Jimmy home.
 - Bob Gollnick - Five Happy Dollars because he's happy to be here and to be President for a day again.
 - Christelle Aube - Five Happy Dollars for a great lunch in a great place.
 - Bob Meister - Happy to be pain free and for a very nice lunch today.

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Today, the Club was invited to lunch at Girls Inc. of Meriden and Michelle Bourdeau, Director, gave the presentation. Girls Inc. is a national non-profit organization and this year Girls Inc. of Meriden was recognized as having an outstanding program. Michelle told the group that they plan to change the name to Girls Inc. of Central Connecticut and reach out to neighboring communities. This year, enrollment for the summer camp is at 110 girls. The camp ends on August 22nd and, once school begins, the fall program begins, which runs from 3:30 - 8:00 PM on weekdays.

Michelle went on to detail the daily activities at the camp. Campers participate in many fun and exciting activities appropriate for their age level. Each group has swim time with lessons, arts and crafts, physical activities and games. One activity is a nationally sponsored program: S.M.A.R.T., which focuses on science, math and relevant technology where girls can explore fun, hands-on experiments several times a week.



TODAY'S PROGRAM:

Each week, activities are based on a theme and this week's theme was "Blast From the Past". Each day, the girls learned about the fashion, music and culture of the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, and 00s.

Michelle also explained the camp's Teen Leadership program. This program is for girls ages 14 and 15 entering 9th grade and gives young women marketable skills for future jobs when they turn 16 years old. Girls in this elite group gain knowledge about what it takes to work as a team, to make it in the workforce and gain self confidence to prepare themselves to be great leaders...and potentially great camp counselors.

Girls Inc. inspires all girls to be Strong, Smart, and Bold and takes pride in offering a safe and nurturing environment for girls while at the camp.

After Michelle's presentation, we were entertained by the different age groups singing happy, funny songs, some of which we took part in. It was a delightful, informative experience.

Bob Gollnick adjourned the meeting at 1:10 PM.

**KIWANIS CLUB OF MERIDEN
2014 TALENT SEARCH**

The Kiwanis Club of Meriden is sponsoring a community-wide talent search again this year in connection with the 63rd Annual Kiwanis Kapers.

There are two audition dates scheduled:

Saturday, August 30, 2014, from 9 AM to 3 PM

Saturday, October 4, 2014, from 9 AM to 3 PM

Walk-in registrants accepted from 9 AM to Noon

Both auditions are being held at Hunter's Ambulance Training Center, 450 West Main Street in Meriden. If you know of anyone who would like to audition, entry forms and a complete list of rules are available at: www.meridenkiwanis.org, or by contacting Liz Fast at (203) 427-3722.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- AUGUST 6th: Board Meeting at Lauren Rizzuto's house, light fare at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:00 PM.
- AUGUST 7th: Luncheon Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM.
- AUGUST 9th: Kiwanis Kapers Picnic, 2 PM at John & Marie Bernier's home, 1260 N. Broad Street in Meriden. BYOB and potluck. Please contact Julianna Rathonyi at (203) 426-4930 if you will attend and what dish you will be bringing.
- AUGUST 14th: Night Meeting at Gouviea Vineyards, 1339 Whirlwind Hill Road, Wallingford at 6:30 PM. Pot Luck - please bring something to share.
- AUGUST 21st: Luncheon Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM.
- AUGUST 21st-24th: 96th Annual New England District Convention, Warwick, RI. To register, visit the N.E. District website: <http://www.newenglandkiwanis.org/events/DCON.html>
- AUGUST 28th: Possible evening service project meeting. Watch for further details.
- AUGUST 30th: Community Talent Search Audition, 9 AM to 3 PM, Hunter's Training Center, 450 West Main Street in Meriden.
- SEPTEMBER 4th: Ice Cream Meeting and Social, 6:30 PM, Girls Inc. Watch for further details.

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