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## NOTES FROM THE WEEKLY MEETING HELD AUGUST 7, 2014

Past President Carol Reiss-Miller called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM. We sang, pledged and prayed along with Bob MacDuff. We had no guests today.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** We sang "Happy Anniversary" to Carol Reiss-Miller and her husband, Chris.

**50/50:** Won by Sandi Gollnick.

**HAPPY** ☞ Dorothy Elkin - for Lauren's quick recovery.

**DOLLARS:** ☞ Sandi Gollnick - \$1 for winning the 50/50; \$1 for her dog's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday; \$1 for her aunt's 99<sup>th</sup> birthday; and \$1 for her Thimble Island painting.

☞ Bob Gollnick - for Lauren's quick recovery.

☞ Richard Fuqua - for his granddaughter going off to college.

☞ Carol Reiss-Miller - for her first wedding anniversary.

### TODAY'S PROGRAM:

We did not have a speaker today, so Carol Reiss-Miller had each Kiwanian share with the group when they joined Kiwanis, who sponsored them and what are their fondest memories. Some couldn't remember who sponsored them, but most remembered the year they joined and shared some joyful memories:

Julianna Rathonyi - joined in 2004 because Kiwanis is a service organization.

George Hamrah - joined in February of 1948. The Club asked him to serve as secretary, which he refused. He was in the first Kiwanis Kapers show when he was 25 years old. He was dressed as a baby in a diaper (with vodka and orange juice in his baby bottle)!

Doc Roccapriore - joined in 1992.

Sandi Gollnick - joined in 1991 and Elaine Murphy was her sponsor.

Bob Gollnick - joined in 1991 and has fond memories of Dorothy Elkin as the first woman president of the Kiwanis Club of Meriden (1993-1994).

Louise Cuccaro - joined in 2013 and organized the 2014 Relay for Life fundraiser.

Christelle Aube - joined in 2007 and has 'stinking' memories of fried dough at the Daffodil Festival.

Carol Reiss-Miller - joined in 1994. Ann Giannetti was her sponsor and she has many fond memories of the Kapers.

Julia Kane - joined in 2008. Dorothy and David Elkin were her sponsors. She also has many wonderful memories of the Kapers.

Bob MacDuff - joined in the fall of 1982. His first year was the 34<sup>th</sup> year of the Kiwanis Kapers show.

David Elkin - joined January 31, 1961. He remembers George's baby bottle filled with vodka and orange juice!

Dorothy Elkin - joined in July of 1988. In 1961, when David joined, no women were allowed in the club.

**TODAY'S PROGRAM:**

Ann Giannetti - joined in 1990. She was a carrot in her first Kapers show.  
 Liz Fast - joined in the fall of 2013, and Eileen Bongiovanni was her sponsor. She will always remember taking notes at the weekly meetings!  
 Past President, Carol Reiss-Miller, adjourned the meeting at 1:00 PM.

**KIWANIS KAPERS KICKOFF PICNIC**

On Saturday, August 9th, the annual Kiwanis Kapers Kickoff Picnic was held. We ate heartily and then got down to the business of brainstorming. Our new director, Carolyn Daniels, spoke to the group about herself and her experience. She also gave a description of the opening act set to "We've Got Magic to Do" from the Broadway show Pippin. Carolyn asked everyone to think about the circus character each Kiwanian visualizes themselves as and to have an some thoughts when we begin rehearsals in September. Some ideas are as follows:

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|----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| <i>Dancers with big feathers</i> | <i>Ball balancer</i>  | <i>Unicycle rider</i> | <i>Hula hoopers</i>          |
| <i>Hoop tossers</i>              | <i>Clowns</i>         | <i>Strong Man</i>     | <i>Horse riders</i>          |
| <i>Jugglers</i>                  | <i>Plate spinner</i>  | <i>Stilt walker</i>   | <i>Dog trainers</i>          |
| <i>Tight rope walker</i>         | <i>Roller skaters</i> | <i>Fire eater</i>     | <i>Elephant riders</i>       |
| <i>Sword swallower</i>           | <i>Lion tamer</i>     | <i>Cannonball man</i> | <i>Trampoline performers</i> |

We also discussed wanting the venue - from the entry, the hallways, the auditorium and, of course, the stage - to look and feel like a circus. Carolyn suggested that the *ENTIRE* Kiwanis Club of Meriden, whether performing in the show or not, participate in a pre-show Circus Parade, which will wind through the auditorium. We want to show everyone what a large and enthusiastic club we are.

The group then decided on the show title. About a half-dozen title ideas were tossed around. Eventually, a vote was taken and "*Kiwanis Klowning Around*" was chosen.

The picnic was a very positive and invigorating event. So many creative and fun ideas were presented and discussed. With the help of the entire club, this year's show is going to be SPECTACULAR!

Put your Kiwanis Klowning Thinking Kap on and create your circus persona. Also, compile your ideas about possible circus-themed acts, comedy skits, songs and music you'd like to see in the show. Rehearsals begin September 15th at Lincoln Middle School from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

*A special "Thank You" to John and Marie Bernier for opening your house and yard to our use. We appreciate the hospitality and all that you do for our Club!*



*The three klowns: Julianna Rathonyi, Brian Cofrancesco, and Corinne Balcher, Kapers Co-Chairs.*

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- AUGUST 14<sup>th</sup>: Night Meeting at Gouveia Vineyards, 1339 Whirlwind Hill Road, Wallingford at 6:30 PM. Pot Luck - please bring something to share.
- AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup>: Luncheon Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM.
- AUGUST 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>: 96th Annual New England District Convention, Warwick, RI. To register, visit the N.E. District website: <http://www.newenglandkiwanis.org/events/DCON.html>
- AUGUST 28<sup>th</sup>: Possible evening service project meeting. Watch for further details.
- AUGUST 30<sup>th</sup>: Community Talent Search Audition, 9 AM to 3 PM, Hunter's Training Center, 450 West Main Street in Meriden.
- SEPTEMBER 4<sup>th</sup>: Ice Cream Meeting and Social, 6:30 PM, Girls Inc. Watch for further details.

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