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NOTES FROM THE WEEKLY MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 11, 2014

President Lauren Rizzuto called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM. We sang, recited the Pledge of Allegiance and prayed along with Eileen Bongiovanni. Nineteen members of the club attended the luncheon.

GUESTS: Florence Thibodeau, a prospective member and guest of the Membership Committee.

BIRTHDAYS: We sang "Happy Birthday" to Ray Parmentier, who will be 92 years old on September 18th.

ANNIVERSARIES: We sang "Happy Anniversary" to celebrate the wedding anniversaries of Vincent and Stacey Nanfito (September 4th), Cindy and Aldo D'Agostino (September 12th), Peter and Dena Vouras (September 16th) and David and Debbie Lyman (September 18th).

We also recognized the Kiwanis anniversaries of Clifford Bradley (21 years), Bob Meister (21 years), Raymond Parmentier (63 years), and Rhudean Raye (19 years).

50/50: Brian Cofrancesco won \$11!

HAPPY DOLLARS: ↪ Brian Cofrancesco - Five Happy Dollars: one for starting a new job last week, one because the new job will allow him to attend weekly luncheons, one for next

Friday's installation dinner, one for our guest today, Florence Thibodeau, and one as a plea to members to sign up as club advisors to our Service Leadership Programs in the Meriden schools.

↪ Corinne Balcher - A Happy Dollar for the start of Kapers.

↪ Julia Kane - A Happy Dollar for getting the club dues bills out in the mail this week.

↪ Sandi Gollnick - Three Happy Dollars: one for a great vacation in Cape Cod, one for her new kitten, Benny, who gained weight and is now 2 pounds, and a third for her aunt's 99th birthday.

Eileen Bongiovanni read the slate of Officers and Directors for the 2014-2015 Kiwanis Foundation of Meriden, Connecticut, Inc. The eleven member board shall consist of four past presidents and the current president of the Kiwanis Club of Meriden. The slate is as follows:

Officers:

Bob Gollnick, President (Past President)
David Lowell, Vice President (Past President)
Eileen Bongiovanni, Secretary (Past President)
Bill Passarelli, Treasurer
Brian Cofrancesco, Current Kiwanis Club of Meriden President

Directors:

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Michelle Bourdeau
Cathy Battista
Julia Kane

TODAY'S PROGRAM: Today's speakers were Brian Cofrancesco, Corinne Balcher and Julianna Rathonyi, who caught members up on the happenings within the club.

Brian began by discussing the New England & Bermuda District Convention which was held August 21st through 24th in Warwick, Rhode Island. It was a very informative conference and a great atmosphere. Brian talked about the Meriden Kiwanis Club's hospitality suite and the money we raised for Eliminate over a two night "vote for your favorite drink" competition. Daria Davis was also instrumental in raising funds by selling mini plush lobsters (NED B. - our district mascot). Brian also informed the attendees about the Kiwanis Fall Training Conference, to be held November 21-23, 2014, in Portsmouth, New Hampshire and the Kiwanis Mid-Winter Training Session, March 20-22, 2015, in Mansfield, Massachusetts.

Corinne and Julianna presented information regarding the 63rd Annual Kiwanis Kapers Show - "Kapers Klowning Around". Sponsors and raffle prizes are needed. The next community talent audition is scheduled for October 4th and asked the group to spread the word. Please contact Corinne (203-213-2182 or cbb68@rocketmail.com); or Julianna (203-426-4930 or jr06424@gmail.com) if you can assist with raffle prizes, sponsors, community talent, props, costumes, etc.

Lauren adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- SEPTEMBER 25th: Luncheon Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM, with speaker Andrea Lorenzetti, Dispatcher for the City of Meriden.
- SEPTEMBER 25th: Kiwanis Kapers Rehearsal - Lincoln Middle School, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.
- SEPTEMBER 29th: Kiwanis Kapers Rehearsal - Lincoln Middle School, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.
- OCTOBER 1st: **HAPPY KIWANIS NEW YEAR!**
- OCTOBER 1st: Board Meeting at Hunter's Ambulance Training Center, 474 West Main Street, Meriden, light fare at 6:30 PM, meeting at 7:00 PM.
- OCTOBER 2nd: Luncheon Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM.
- OCTOBER 2nd: Kiwanis Kapers Rehearsal - Lincoln Middle School, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.
- OCTOBER 4th: Community Talent Search Audition, 9 AM to 3 PM, Hunter's Training Center, 474 West Main Street in Meriden.
- OCTOBER 6th: Kiwanis Kapers Rehearsal - Lincoln Middle School, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.
- OCTOBER 9th: Service project night meeting, Lincoln Middle School, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. We will be making superhero capes again for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center. (Because we are limited to an hour, the plan is to cut the material for the capes and finish them at the next service project night meeting on October 23rd.)
- OCTOBER 9th: Kiwanis Kapers Rehearsal - Lincoln Middle School, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.
- OCTOBER 13th: **There is no Kiwanis Kapers Rehearsal tonight.**
- OCTOBER 16th: Luncheon Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM.
- OCTOBER 16th: Kiwanis Kapers Rehearsal - Lincoln Middle School, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.
- OCTOBER 18th: 2014 Meriden Markham Airport Fly-In, 213 Evansville Avenue, Meriden, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. The Kiwanis Club of Meriden's Membership Committee will have a table at the event. Please come by as it will be a fun day and admission is free! Click [here](#) for more details.
- OCTOBER 20th: Kiwanis Kapers Rehearsal - Lincoln Middle School, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.
- OCTOBER 23rd: Service project night meeting, Lincoln Middle School, 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. We will be finishing the superhero cape project for the Connecticut Children's Medical Center by decorating the capes with creative designs and finishing them with Velcro closures and applying "Kiwanis" tags.
- OCTOBER 23rd: Kiwanis Kapers Rehearsal - Lincoln Middle School, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.
- OCTOBER 27th: Kiwanis Kapers Rehearsal - Lincoln Middle School, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.
- OCTOBER 30th: Luncheon Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM.
- OCTOBER 30th: Kiwanis Kapers Rehearsal - Lincoln Middle School, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.

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