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NOTES FROM THE WEEKLY MEETING HELD FEBRUAT 12, 2015

President Brian Cofrancesco called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. We sang "My Country Tis of Thee", recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and prayed along with Doc Roccapriore.

GUESTS: Doc Roc brought his wife, Gladys, JoAnne Keene brought her husband, Billie, and Justin & Jennifer Piccirillo brought their son, Andy. Kate Slavinski and Lisa Galante also came.

BIRTHDAYS: We recognized the birthdays of Florence Thibodeau (Feb. 12th) and Ed Siebert (Feb. 15th).

ANNIVERSARIES: We recognized the Kiwanis anniversary of Terry Bongiovanni (26 years). We also recognized the wedding anniversaries of Bill and Ann Marotti (Feb. 13th), Mike and Nancy Rohde (Feb. 15th), and Cathy and John Battista (Feb. 17th).

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Brian advised the group:

The January Member of the Month, the Unsung Heros, was David Elkin.

Inter club at the Kiwanis Club of West Hartford on March 5th. West Hartford will be holding a "Wine and Chocolate Tasting Night", 6:30 PM, \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Contact Brian Cofrancesco if you would like to attend.

Upcoming programs: February 19th - luncheon meeting with a performance by the BABES; February 26th - service night meeting at the CT Baptist Homes, 6:30 PM; and March 5th will be a luncheon at Il Monticello and our Lieutenant Governor, Marc Romanow, will make an official visit.

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM: The meeting was adjourned and we celebrated Valentine's Day with delicious food and games organized by our FUN Committee: Doreen Roddy, Sandy Doucette and Cindy D'Agostino.

The games included: "Guess the name of the movie" where everyone had the name of a romantic movie stuck to their back and by asking questions of other people you would try to guess the movie on your back.

We also played "Love Story Mad Lisa" which had everyone in stitches! The majority of the content of these stories cannot be duplicated here, but it was a truly hilarious game.

We also wrote love poems using two words: one from the pink pile - a word a couple in love at the beginning of their relationship; and one from the yellow pile - a word a couple might use after years of being together. There were many amusing poems written by the group. It was a lively and enjoyable evening.

Thank you FUN Committee. You are the BEST!



Sandy Doucette & Doreen Roddy handing out words for love poems.

NEW ENGLAND DISTRICT - MIDWINTER CONFERENCE - 2015

March 20-22, 2015

Holiday Inn Mansfield/Foxborough
31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048
For Hotel Reservations: 508-339-2200

Rooms are available at the group rate until Thursday, March 12, 2015
(or until room block is sold out, whichever happens first)

No guarantees after March 12th
Group room rate is \$89.00 per night
(plus applicable taxes) King or 2 Queen.
There are a limited number of Jr. Suites
available at the rate of \$114.00 per night.

The conference includes courses on club leadership education, an update on the Eliminate Project, information on "The Formula" program, education on the "Youth Protection" guidelines and other interesting speakers, an on-site, hands on community service project, time to socialize and network with other members of the New England and Bermuda District. Also, there is an 100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on Saturday night.

For more details and a tentative agenda you may visit the

New England & Bermuda District website:

<http://www.newenglandkiwanis.org/events/MWC.html>

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- FEBRUARY 19th: Lunch Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM. Presentation by B.A.B.E.S. (Beginning Awareness Basic Education Studies), a Community Service Organization which our club supports. Come out and see what it's all about!
- FEBRUARY 26th: Night service project meeting. 6:30 PM, Connecticut Baptist Homes, 292 Thorpe Avenue, Meriden. We will be making dog toys from old T-shirts for the Meriden Humane Society. Please bring one or two old T-shirts and a pair of scissors. Pizza will be served, so if you plan on attending, please RSVP to Corinne Balcher at (203) 213-2182 or cbb68@rocketmail.com.
- MARCH 4th: Board Meeting at Hunters, 474 West Main Street, Meriden. 6:30 PM snack; 7:00 PM meeting.
- MARCH 5th: Lunch Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM. Official visit from Division 22 Lieutenant Governor, Marc Romanow.
- MARCH 12th: Evening Meeting & Social. Time and place TBD. Details will be forthcoming.
- MARCH 16th: Community Projects meeting, 6:30 PM at Four Points Sheraton, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden.
- MARCH 19th: Lunch Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM.
- MARCH 20th - 22nd: New England & Bermuda District Midwinter Conference. (Details above)
- MARCH 26th: Night service project meeting. 6:30 PM, Connecticut Baptist Homes, 292 Thorpe Avenue, Meriden.
- MARCH 30th: Kiwanis Spelling Bee - 6:30 PM at Roger Sherman Elementary School, 64 North Pearl Street, Meriden. *This is the first year our club is sponsoring this spelling competition. Please come out to show your support for this rewarding event.*

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