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## NOTES FROM THE WEEKLY MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 26, 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 Melissa Neville. A total of 34 Kiwanians and guests attended this evening's meeting.

**GUESTS:** Kate Slavinski, a prospective member came; Cheryl O'Connor brought her husband, Bill; Lauren brought her two grandsons, Ryan & Christian, Bill Passarelli brought his parents, Bill and Marcy; Alfred Schmeer brought his mom, Theresa; JoAnne Keene brought her husband, Billie; and Melissa brought her brother, Dan. We also had Kim Martino, faculty advisor of the Thomas Edison Middle School Builders club and eight members from that club: Leilani Chan, Alanna Neville, Aidant, Jailine Carrero, Gabriella Melender, Alyssa Solla, and Alicia Allen.

**HAPPY DOLLARS:** Alanna Neville - One happy dollar because it's her birthday on Sunday, she will be 13 years old.

Kim Martino - A happy dollar to thank us for inviting her and the Builders Club here tonight.

JoAnne Keene - A happy dollar for the doctors at MidState who reattached her husband's finger.

Lauren Rizzuto - Three happy dollars: one for each of her grandsons and one for these wonderful Builders Club members being here tonight.

Cheryl O'Connor - A happy dollar because her husband joined her tonight.

Brian Cofrancesco - Two happy dollars: one for such an amazing turnout tonight and a second because on the 24th of this month our club celebrated its 85th anniversary.

**BIRTHDAYS:** We sang "Happy Birthday" to Cindy D'Agostino (March 4th) and to TEMS Builders Club member Alanna Neville.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** March 4th – Board Meeting at Hunter's, 6:30 PM light refreshments, 7 PM meeting.  
March 5th – Luncheon at Il Monticello with LTG Marc Romanow's (official visit).

March 5th – Kiwanis Club of West Hartford Wine and Chocolate Night, 6:30-8:30 PM, Atria at Hamilton Heights, \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

March 12th – St. Patrick's Day Social meeting, 6:30 PM at the AOH. Business meeting then potluck snacks and pay-your-own-way drinks.

March 19th – Luncheon at Il Monticello with Captain Isael Gonzalez from Salvation Army.

March 26th – Night Service Meeting, 6:30 PM at Connecticut Baptist Homes.

March 30th – Kiwanis/Record-Journal Spelling Bee, 6:30 PM at Roger Sherman.

**TONIGHT'S PROGRAM:** This evening the group made dog toys for the Meriden Humane Society. Lauren Rizzuto gave a quick demonstration on how to make the toys, braiding three strips of fabric cut from old T-shirts. The group proceeded to make approximately 200 dog toys. In addition, many people brought donations for the Humane Society, including dog and cat food and treats, leashes, blankets, towels and cleaning products.

It was an enjoyable and productive evening.



Photos:

Left: Builders Club members and faculty advisor, Kim Martino.

Right: Kiwanians and guests working to make dog toys for the Meriden Humane Society.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

*The Kiwanis Club of Meriden invites you to join us as we roll out the red carpet and celebrate our 85th Anniversary and Kiwanis International's Centennial. Spend an evening with friends, community members and Kiwanians for a memorable commemoration of Kiwanis' decades of service to children and the community.*

What: Gala celebration of the  
Kiwanis Club of Meriden's 85th Anniversary  
and Kiwanis International's Centennial

When: Saturday, June 6, 2015

Where: Villa Capri, Wallingford, CT

*To reserve your seat, please email [meridenkiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:meridenkiwanis@gmail.com) or call 203-530-2095.*

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- MARCH 4<sup>th</sup>: Board Meeting at Hunters, 474 West Main Street, Meriden. 6:30 PM snack; 7:00 PM meeting.
- MARCH 5<sup>th</sup>: Lunch Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM. Official visit from Division 22 Lieutenant Governor, Marc Romanow.
- MARCH 12<sup>th</sup>: St. Patrick's Day Social meeting, 6:30 PM at the AOH.
- MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>: Lunch Meeting, Il Monticello, 12:15 PM.
- MARCH 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>: New England & Bermuda District Midwinter Conference. (Details above)
- MARCH 26<sup>th</sup>: Night meeting - Community Projects brainstorming and planning event, 6:30 PM, Connecticut Baptist Homes, 292 Thorpe Avenue, Meriden.
- MARCH 30<sup>th</sup>: 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.*
- APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>: Board Meeting at Hunters, 474 West Main Street, Meriden. 6:30 PM snack; 7:00 PM meeting.
- APRIL 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kiwanis & Rotary joint luncheon meeting, 12:00 PM, Four Points Sheraton, 275 Research Parkway, Meriden.

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