






WEEKLY BULLETIN | KIWANIS CLUB OF MERIDEN



October 1, 2015

We are a proud sponsor of the following Service Leadership Programs in the Meriden school system:

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President Corinne Balcher called the meeting to order at 12:16 pm. We sang "My Country Tis of Thee", recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and prayed along with David Wyskiel. There were 15 members in attendance.

Guests: There were no guests in attendance.

Birthdays: Cathy Batista October 7

Anniversaries: Jim and Lorraine Gamble Oct 4

Kiwanis Anniversaries:

Vincent Nanfito	Oct. 1, 1973	42 years
Sharon Karrass	Oct. 3, 2007	8 years
Brian CoFrancesco	Oct. 5, 2011	4 years
Eileen Bongiovanni	Oct. 7, 1999	16 years
Lauren Rizzuto	Oct. 7, 1999	16 years

50/50: Won by Dorothy Elkin (Dave got the money)

Happy Dollars:

Corinne Balcher	\$4	To thanks Brian Cofrancesco for his leadership For her new board In honor of the Kapers In honor of Bob MacDuff, who fell and broke his shoulder And hip
Ann Giannetti	\$2	\$1 for Brian for his outstanding leadership and \$1 for Madam President
Eileen Bongiovanni	\$5	For Brian and Corinne wishing her luck For the installation dinner
Pierre Blanchet	\$2	Corinne – she has big shoes to fill For Saturday's Motorcycle Ride for the Sunshine Kids
Brian Cofrancesco	\$5	For a great year For Corinne – he knows she'll do a "great" job In honor of his last luncheon In honor of the new coloring books promoting Kiwanis

		In honor of using the President's Fund to start up an For Kiwanis
Dorothy Elkin	\$2	For Corinne to have a successful year For Bob MacDuff
Dave Wyskiel	\$3	For Brian in spite of not seeing "eye-to-eye" For Corinne for a successful year For Comedy Magic at the Fly-in
Bob Gollnick	\$2	For Brian and Corinne
Bob Meister	\$3	For Brian and Corinne and for Bob MacDuff

Luncheon Program:



Corinne emphasized the Kiwanis goals: Social Media & Publicity
Membership/ The Formula "Love it; Live it; Share it"
Club Meetings
Community Service – Important aspect of our club
Service Leadership Programs

As to Service Leadership Programs, Dorothy Elkin spoke up and said she had been an advisor at Platt High School for 17 years and found it extremely rewarding. Eileen Bongiovanni spoke as an advisor to Israel Putnam and informed us there were 69 children involved in the program.

A short video was presented: "What if..." Giving the message that all things are possible. What we can do as opposed to what we can't do.

Coloring books are now available for kids which have Kiwanis contact information on the front and back of the books putting our name out. We want to get these out.

Club Calendar: The club will continue to have luncheon meetings the first and third Thursday of every month; and have service projects in the evenings the second and fourth Thursday of every month.

Major Fundraisers:

- Kapers (November)
- Daffodil Festival (April)
- Relay for Life (May)
- Peanut Day (June)

Other Important Club Events:

- Meriden Fly-in – Saturday, Oct. 3 9am-3pm (Rain Date: Oct 10)
- 5th Annual sunshine Kids Ride
- Kiwanis Family Month (November)
- KPTI Day – Sat. Dec 5 10-2pm at Tufts Medical Center
- Bell Ringing for Salvation Army (December)
- Caroling at area Nursing Homes (December)
- Club Holiday Party (December or January)

Past President's/Legion of Honor/Legion of Merit Dinner (January)
 Kiwanis Spelling Bee (March)
 Kiwanis & Rotary Joint Lunch (we host this year (March)
 Kiwanis One Day (April 2, 2016)
 Club's Annual Meeting (April)
 QRWA Butterfly & Bee Garden Clean-up (April)
 Educational Awards Dinner (May)
 Walter Deptula Essay & Public Speaking Contest (May or June)
 Kiwanis Family Night (May)
 Picnic at Camp Nerden (August)
 Lunch at Girls, Inc. (August)
 Annual Ice Cream Social (August)
 National Night Out (August)

Slate of Committee Chairs to be put forth before the Board of Directors for approval:

Audit	Dick Carabetta & Dave Wyskiel
Bulletin	Florence Thibodeau
Budget (Admin)	Bob Gollnick
Club Communications	TBD
Community Projects	Bob Meister
Corporate Sponsors	Ann Giannetti
Creative Fundraising	Lauren Rizzuto
Daffodil Festival	Eileen & Terry Bongiovanni
Dues	Dave Elkin
Educational Awards	Ann Giannetti
FUN	Cindy D'Agostino, Sandy Doucette & Doreen Roddy
Goodwill	Sandy Doucette
Inter-club Relations	Lorraine Gamble
Kiwanis Kapers	Bob Meister & Cheryl O'Connor
Kiwanis Reads to Kids	VACANT
Major Emphasis Programs	Julianna Rathonyi
The Eliminate Project	
Membership	VACANT
Nominating	Brian Cofrancesco
Past President's Night	Ed Murphy
Peanut Day	Cheryl O'Connor
Programs	TBD
Publicity	Melissa Neville
Relay for Life/Teacup Auction	TBD
Spelling Bee	David Wyskiel
Spiritual Aims	Ann Giannetti
Service Leadership Programs	Julie Kane

Announcements: Upcoming Training Conferences & Conventions:

Fall Training Conference – North Conway, NH Nov 20-22, 2015
 Mid-winter Conference – Great Wolf Lodge, Fitchburg, MA – Mar 18-20, 2016
 International Convention – Toronto, Ontario, Canada – June 23-26, 2016
 District Convention – Cromwell, CT - August 19-21, 2016

A Press Release was issued stating Sue Petrisin of Michigan becomes the first female President for Kiwanis International and also stating 15 women will serve alongside her. Corinne stated 30 percent of Kiwanis members are women. "We've come a long way".

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Oct. 3, 2015 – 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, 5th Annual Sunshine Kids Ride
 Kiwanis Club of Meriden is a Sponsor of this event. Starts at Bartlem Park, Cheshire, CT

Oct. 3, 2015 – 9:am – 3:00 pm, Kiwanis Booth at Meriden Fly-In
 Meriden-Markham Airport, 213 Evansville Ave., Meriden

Oct. 6, 2015 – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Kapers Rehearsal

Oct. 7, 2015 – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Kiwanis Board Meeting
 CT Baptist Homes

Oct. 8, 2015 – 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Kiwanis Night Social Meeting

Oct. 8, 2015 – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Kapers Rehearsal

Oct. 13, 2015 – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Kapers Rehearsal

Oct. 15, 2015 – 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm Kiwanis Lunch Meeting

Oct. 15, 2015 – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Kapers Rehearsal

Oct. 20, 2015 – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Kapers Rehearsal

Oct. 22, 2015 – 6:30 pm – 7:00 pm Kiwanis Service Project Meeting

Oct. 22, 2015 – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Kapers Rehearsal

Oct. 27, 2015 – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Kapers Rehearsal

Oct. 29, 2015 – 12:15 – 1:15 pm Kiwanis Lunch Meeting

Oct. 29, 2015 - 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Kapers Rehearsal

Nov. 1, 2015 – Happy Kiwanis Family Month

Nov. 2, 2015 – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Kapers Rehearsal

Nov. 4, 2015 – 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Kiwanis Board Meeting
 CT Baptist Homes

Nov. 4, 2015 – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Kapers Rehearsal

Nov. 5, 2015 – 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm Kiwanis Lunch Meeting

Nov. 5, 2015 – 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm Kapers Rehearsal – PLACE TO BE DETERMINED

Nov. 6, 2015 – 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm 64th Annual Kiwanis Kapers

Nov. 7, 2015 – 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm 64th Annual Kiwanis Kapers

Nov. 12, 2015 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Kiwanis Night Social Meeting

Nov. 19, 2015 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm Kiwanis Lunch Meeting

Nov. 25, 2015 12:15 – 1:15 pm Kiwanis Roundtable Meeting – PLACE TO BE DETERMINED

Nov. 26, 2016 – THANKSGIVING

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.

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 maternal/neonatal tetanus
 International project

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12:15 PM

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