






WEEKLY BULLETIN | KIWANIS CLUB OF MERIDEN



June 23, 2016

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President Corinne Balcher called the meeting to order at 6:39 PM. We sang "My Country Tis of Thee", recited the Pledge of Allegiance, and prayed along with Ann Giannetti. Fourteen members were in attendance this evening.

Guests: None

Birthdays	David Lyman	June 12 th
	Bob Gollnick	June 16 th
	Elaine Murphy	June 19 th
	Bruce Burchsted	June 27 th

Wedding Anniversaries	Marv & Mike Beloff	June 14 th
	Bob & Sandi Gollnick	June 16 th
	David & Dorothy Elkin	June 25 th
	Richard & Winnie Leary	June 28 th

Kiwanis Anniversaries	Robert Mule	June 13 th	14 years
	Richard Carabetta	June 30 th	40 years

Kiwanis Kwips: Eileen Bongiovanni told a story about "Sweet Nothings", a sweet cookie treat, and a little mix up with their cat's stool sample. She had us all in stitches. Thanks for the laugh!

Happy Dollars: Corinne Balcher, Ann Giannetti, David Edgington, Bruce Burchsted, Eileen Bongiovanni, and Joan Kilby.

Program: This evening's program was a planning session for the 2016 Meriden Kiwanis Kapers – our 65th annual show. The following was discussed and will be presented at the next Board of Directors meeting scheduled for July 6th:

- Show Dates – three possibilities were discussed:
 - i. Friday, November 4th (evening) and Saturday, November 5th (evening);
 - ii. Saturday, November 5th (evening) and Sunday, November 6th (matinee); and
 - iii. Friday, November 4th (evening) and Sunday, November 6th (matinee).
- Venue – the possibility to changing the venue from Lincoln to either Thomas Edison Middle School or Maloney.
- Committee Chairs – this year's Kapers show is being co-chaired by Lauren Rizzuto and Florence Thibodeau. We will need to have committee chair assignments for: tickets, publicity, show sponsorships, props/stage sets, snack duty, makeup, stage crew, etc.
- Ad Book – would like members to sell some new ads.
- Show Sponsors – looking to have members try to get more show sponsors.
- Ticket Sales – ticket sales have been going down consistently. We would like members to really try to sell as many tickets as they can.
- Kapers Theme Ideas
 - Mardi Gras (colors, dancing, singing, music, parades, etc.)
 - Alice in Wonderland
 - Best of Kapers – 65 Years (best skits from past Kapers shows)
 - American Experience (music, dance, theater, entertainment with an American theme or feel)
 - Time Machine (going through time and space to significant eras and places)
 - Kapers Goes Cross Country (celebration of places & what they're known for across the country)
 - Woodstock – 1969 (hippies and music)
 - Nursery Rhymes
 - Broadway
 - Las Vegas

What's next?

- Because there were only 14 people in attendance and we are unsure as to the members who want to participate in this year's show:
 - First and foremost, Corinne will send an email to poll the membership about firmly committing to participate in this year's show. If there are not enough members willing to commit, the club may have to reconsider doing this as a fundraiser.
 - If we do get enough members to commit, we will be holding another evening Kapers meeting on July 14th. At this meeting, we will choose a theme for the show and start brainstorming skits and music. This will also allow time to begin planning before the annual picnic. (Details regarding the picnic TBD).

This evening's meeting was held at the AOH Club in Meriden. Thank you to Doreen Roddy and to the AOH for giving us a place to meet.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Peanut Day – June 16, 2016

A special thanks to Cheryl O'Connor for chairing a fantastic 2016 Kiwanis Club of Meriden Peanut Day. This fundraiser is important, historically and fiscally, for our club and the diligent efforts made by Cheryl and those of the club members who participated are wholeheartedly appreciated.

NICE JOB!



David Edgington & Terry Bongiovanni delivering peanuts



Lorraine Gamble & Julie Kane doing the "accounting"



Bob Gollnick packing up boxes of peanuts



Mike Rohde & Cheryl O'Connor getting the route straight

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- June 23rd – 26th – Kiwanis International Convention.
- June 30th – Lunch Meeting, 12:15 PM, Il Monticello, 577 South Broad St., Meriden.
- July 6th – Monthly Board Meeting – CT Baptist Homes, 292 Thorpe Avenue in Meriden. Light refreshments at 6:30 PM, meeting begins at 7:00 PM
- July 7th - Lunch Meeting, 12:15 PM, Il Monticello, 577 South Broad St., Meriden.
- July 14th – Night Kapers Planning meeting. Details to follow.
- July 21st – Lunch Meeting, 12:15 PM, Il Monticello, 577 South Broad St., Meriden.
- July 28th – Night service project meeting. Details to follow.

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