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KIWANIS CLUB OF THE CHATHAMS SERVING THE CHATHAMS AND MADISON

NEWSLETTER FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER, 2009

NOVEMBER NUT SALES HELPED BY CHEERFUL D.U.C.K.S

Our weekend sales at ShopRite and Kings were aided by volunteers from the Drew University Circle K Club (often referred to as DUCKS). For the Saturday and Sunday events, nut sale chairman Dick Ligterwood lined up 14 Kiwanians, and 7 volunteers from the Kiwanis-sponsored student club at Drew.

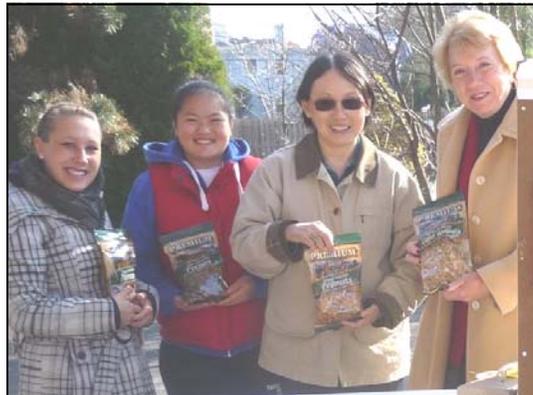


Nov. 21--Doug Bryant and Jerry Cunningham, with Circle K VP, Ariel Breitbart, showing our nut sale display board.



A sunny Nov.22- Danielle, Alan, Gabrielle, and the nuts.

The Nov. 22 sale at Kings included Alan Robertson and Dick Plambeck, who had the 1-3PM slot. Joining them were the Circle K President, and the Coordinator of Special Activities, Danielle Gregor and Gabrielle Kostiuk. When Alan was asked about the impact of the student volunteers, he laughed and said, "They did most of the work". He described them as being enthusiastic and friendly, and said that his custom-



Nov.22-- Holding nut packages-- Nancy Boucher (R), Melanie Sze (2nd fr L), and student volunteers, Ellen Reinhard (L) and Yasmin Baldini.

ers enjoyed dealing with them. Kiwanis volunteers not shown here include Betty Anne Keat, Karen Swartz, John Eyre, Mal Kitson, Ron Whalin, Dick Plambeck, Dave Pike, your editor & the Chairman.

In addition to keeping weekend volunteers supplied with nuts, Chairman Dick has distributed nut order forms, made weekly announcements, delivered orders



Saturday at ShopRite: Student club Secretary, Sarah Cronholm, and Treasurer, Carly Mora

at our meetings, and established a *nut-of-the-week* award. The first award went to Betty Anne Keat, and the second, to David Lloyd. Congratulations!

As his stock of nuts has gone down, Dick has placed more orders. Please see him for nuts for your own use and for gifts. Proceeds will go to our sponsored youth programs and scholarships. **Photos by Ron Whalin & Editor**

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CLUB CALENDER FOR DECEMBER '09– MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Board Meeting, Tues, Dec. 15, 9:AM, after Breakfast at Charlie Browns.

CHS-KeyClub Meetings & Events: Wed, Dec. 16, 7:30 in the cafeteria.

Circle K Meetings (Drew). Last meeting of semester scheduled for Dec.1, after a fundraiser at Firehouse Pizza in Madison. Next semester starts the beginning of February.

Special events this month: Tues, Dec.22, Pre-Christmas Breakfast Special: stories, poems, Christmas carols, decorations. Sign up and bring your special guest. *

Birthdays this month: Dec.10, Marc Litwack; Dec.10, Mary Anne Maloney..

Invocations Dec.1, Tom Mullin; Dec.8, Dave Mutchler; Dec; 15, Monte Montague; Dec.22, Mary Anne Maloney.

Newspaper Recycling: Mondays 7:00 AM– Volunteers meet at collection area near Chatham Post Office. Reminder for neighbors: Leave newspapers near Kiwanis trailer.

Special Note for December : Lunches at Brooklake CC, Florham Park, and Breakfasts at Charlie Browns, 8: to 9:AM, Southern Blvd, Chatham Township.

DECEMBER MEETINGS, Diane O'Brien, Chair.

Dec.1, Tues Lunch, The speaker is Gil Rambach. With a humorous narrative, he will bring us the background story of "Fellowship Theater", an eight-month collaboration with the Chatham United Methodist Church.

Dec.8, Tues Lunch John Gardner will speak to us on "Oil - Now What?"

Dec.15, Tues Breakfast Steve Carroll, "The Environment in New Jersey "

Dec.22, Tues, Pre-Christmas Breakfast. Dress for the holidays, if you wish, and share Christmas songs, poems and stories. *

Dec.29, No meeting. Happy New Year!

JANUARY MEETINGS, Valerie Olpp, Chair

Jan.5, Tues Breakfast Matthew Giordano, Development Officer of Market St. Mission, will discuss the Mission and how it is helping our communities.

Jan.12, Tues Breakfast Fran Ryder, Supervisor at ECLC Chatham Campus, will speak on autism.

Jan.19, Tues Breakfast Craig Barker from Investors Savings Bank will speak on Reverse Mortgages.

Jan.26, Tues Breakfast Tim Butler, Co Director of Green Vision at Allegro School, will speak about their Electronics Recycling initiative.

Note for January and February: All meetings at Charlie Browns

Chatham Kiwanis-Officers & Directors for 2009-2010**Officers, 1-year term, progressive**

Rich Behling, President
Dick Plambeck, Pres-Elect
Doug Bryant, Past President
Mary Anne Maloney, V Pres
Officer-Specialists, open terms
Tom Mullin, Secretary
Monty Montague, Treasurer
Valerie Olpp, Asst Treasurer
Ron Whalin, Publicity
Bob Stannard, Editor

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rotating 3-year terms
Nancy Boucher, Dir 2010
Nancy Holt, Dir. 2010
Herb Ramo, Dir 2010
Jerry Cunningham Dir 2011
Gill Gregg, Dir 2011
Betty Anne Keat, Dir. 2011
John Eyre, Dir 2012
Marty Secheyay, Dir 2012
Bill Williams, Dir 2012

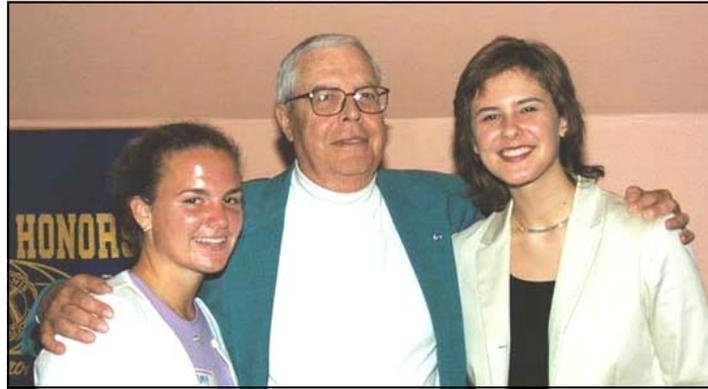
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Former Key Club International President Receives New Honor.

Lauren Kapsky, 2000-2001 KCI President, Princeton Graduate, and currently graduate law student at UVA, has been appointed by the Board of Kiwanis International to a select committee, tasked with advising the Board on their choice for the second World Service Project, to be announced at the International Convention in Las Vegas.

Kiwanians may recall that the first World Service Project, to eliminate the scourge of IDD, raised over 90 million dollars, and in collaboration with UNICEF, was largely successful in that goal. Today's goal



Lauren visited our club on May 22 in 2001, when she and fellow Senior, Amy Lee, were each awarded our 4-year scholarship. Before serving as International Key Club President, she had previously served as Secretary and Governor of the New Jersey District. Photo by Ron Whalin shows Amy Lee, left, Dick Haenschen, scholarship committee chairman, and Lauren.

of Kiwanis International is to develop a project that shows the commitment of the worldwide Kiwanis "family" to improving the quality of life for people everywhere.

Lauren will draw on her experiences as a young member of the Kiwanis Family to recommend ways in which the Kiwanis family of organizations can improve the relevance of its service to the world. Her appointment to the advisory committee is a testament to the encouragement of her family, to our sponsored youth program, and to the skills of leadership and personal discipline that she has developed. We salute her achievements and wish her well on this new journey.

NEWS ALERT FROM NOVEMBER 18 BOARD MEETING

President Rich Behling announced that the "Madison Kiwanis Club is joining with ours as of December 1" He said that Madison members have been invited to transfer to our club.

This news was followed by a Dec.3 article in the Courier/Eagle newspapers. Joan May, past President of the Madison Club, writes that the Dec. 6 *Breakfast with Santa* at the YMCA will mark the first time that "Madison is partnering with the Kiwanis Club of the Chatham".

The article goes on to say that "December marks the beginning of the joining of the Madison



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The 2008 *Breakfast with Santa* at the Madison Area YMCA included Joan's grandson, Eric, with his list of Christmas wishes. **Photos, Joan May**

NJ DISTRICT FOUNDATION

“The Foundation raises funds to assist our sponsored youth clubs, training organizations and programs for physically and mentally handicapped young people”. **Rufino (Rudy) Fernandez, Foundation President for 2009-2010**

Rudy, a member of the Livingston Club, met with us November 10, and told us of the Foundation support available as we work with the middle school, high school and college level students in our communities. He explained that the District Foundation itself does not run programs, but contributes to those with potential benefit to the community at large.

Among the clubs and programs the Foundation has supported are Key and Circle Clubs (with scholarships), plus Builders and Aktion Clubs; along with the Youth Leadership Institute,



President Rich thanks Rudy for his presentation, and prepares to give him our famous Kiwanis pen.

Key Leader Camp, and Circle K training. The Foundation has also contributed funds for under-insured young patients at Children's Specialized Hospital.

As we learn about the availability and uses of this aid, an understanding of the Foundation's fundraising programs is also useful, for the Foundation counts on our support, as a club, and as individuals.

Currently, each club is asked to raise funds equal to five dollars for each active member. Also invited are corporate grants, other foundation grants, memorial bequests and individual donations.

Our club has a direct connection to the Foundation in the person of our former Lt. Governor, Nancy

Boucher, for she will be a Trustee until 2011. She was happy to see our members' interest as they commented and asked questions.

PROJECT COMMUNITY PRIDE: A GREAT ASSET TO OUR COMMUNITIES

“Project Pride helps troubled children and their parents”, **Brigitte Kelly, Director, and Lara Shaljian, Program Specialist.**
Story by Dave Mutchler.

This organization has been in the Madison, Florham Park and Chatham schools for over 30 years. Referrals of students and their families to its many services are normally made by the local police departments. A fee of one hundred dollars is typically requested, if the family can afford it. The towns involved also provide funding for the Project. However, Chatham Township does not participate, which reduces the possible participation of Chatham Borough students in the school programs.

Among the programs provided are individual and group therapy to school-age children and their families. Issues addressed include adolescent adjustment for family problems, anger, anxiety and depression. Group support includes divorce in the family (for elementary age children), adolescent girls' and boys'

groups, socialization for middle school students, parents' groups and a Spanish-speaking mothers' group.

Contact may be made by calling Director Kelly at 973-593-3034, by accessing the web site at: <http://www.rosenet.org/projpride>., or by calling the Madison, Chatham or Florham Park police departments.



Nov. 3 speakers, Brigitte Kelly and Lara Shaljian. Kiwanis pen by Rich Behling, L; Intro, Nancy Holt, R; photo, Ron Whalin.

NOVEMBER 24, THE CHATHAM EMERGENCY SQUAD

“We receive 1200 calls a year, with no charge for services”, Marty Secheyay.

Marty, our club member, and a line operation officer in the CES, told us that, “The best known service of the Squad is emergency life support and transportation. This service extends beyond Chatham, for we respond to requests from other squads. We also go to parades and events, and are prepared to respond to disasters, like that of 9/11.”



Rich Behling thanks Marty for his talk.

What training is available for emergency squad members? The Emergency Medical Technician certification requires 120 class hours plus ten more in a hospital and 25 additional calls. All 83 members of the CES have qualified for EMT certification, including Ca-

dets (11th and 12th graders). The Cadets may ride with the rig while being trained, but they may only deal with patients after they have been certified.

A call to 911 is answered by the police dispatcher, who will see your location on his screen (except for a cell phone call; for that, call the police department directly). First on the scene is usually a police officer, followed by squad members who drive directly to the scene (area responders). Last to arrive is the rig, with all its equipment.

Among the warning signs for an emergency are chest pains and altered mental states. However, should you call 911, there is no penalty for calling, and then discovering that the problem is not as serious as you feared. Also, there is no penalty for refusing to go to the hospital after the rig has arrived.

Non-emergency services include lift assists (someone can't get up), transportation to doctors and nursing homes, blood drives (December 9, from 2:30 to 8:PM), and blood pressure checks (at Farmers Markets). CES also distributes the *Vial of Life* capsule. This contains vital information, including numbers to call in case of emergency, health information and medications, and names of doctors. For non-emergencies, the CES may be reached by phone at 973-377-1131, or on the web at chathamemergencysquad.org.

December 1, GIL RAMBACH: A PASSION FOR THE THEATER

“At a young age, I learned life’s big lesson: *The show must go on!*”

Gil Rambach, producer, director and actor, tells of his long experiences in small theater. We learned of covering for an actor who forgot all his lines, of memorizing a play in 24 hours (“read it 90 times”), and of stage designing and building props, including a “wind machine” that he demonstrated.

He also mentioned the cycle of plays that he is directing at the Fellowship Theater in the Chatham United Methodist Church. Gil calls it a schedule of great dramas, comedies and new works. He explained that the intimacy of small theater, where the action may be very close to the audience, brings a sense of reality that is hard to find in larger venues.

Tom Kitson, son of our past Kiwanis president, Mal Kitson, is featured in *The Importance of Being Earnest* and in the *Second Shepherds’ Play*. Gil describes the *Second Shepherds’ Play* as the prototype of our modern day Christmas Pageant, and the first musical comedy extant in English. For more information, email ChatUMC@optonline.net.



Gil Rambach with Kiwanis Pen.