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KIWANIS CLUB OF THE CHATHAMS SERVING THE CHATHAMS AND MADISON

NEWSLETTER FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY, 2010

MADISON KIWANIS JOINS CHATHAM CLUB, TO BETTER SERVE BOTH COMMUNITIES

Madison Club Officers Welcomed into Club of The Chathams: President, Past President, Vice-President, and Secretary Bring Experience, Enthusiasm and Traditions.

According to Chathams President Rich Behling and Madison Past President Joan May, the clubs have agreed to collaborate by continuing the great service traditions to both communities. Among those that will be new to Chatham club members will be a May Day cleanup at Cole Park (their adopted park, at Greenwood and Fairview) and a summer flea market at the same park

Madison's Bottle Hill Day is a downtown festival in October, where organizations mount displays and the Kiwanis club has a free craft giveaway for kids. Scholarships include the Nancy Boucher and Marc Litwack Community Service awards.

Nancy Boucher, former Lt. Gov., started the Madison Club in 2002. Cindy O'Connell, of the Y Foundation, was the first President, and her associate, Joan May, followed her later as



Judy Slade

Kiwanis President, and remains an active club member Founding member, Judy Slade (Kiwanis Secretary), has a business on Waverly Place. Andrea (A.D.) Dutterer, Vice President, a 4-year member, is now happy to join our "big and busy club".



"A.D."

Madison resident and Kiwanis President, Evangeline Lee, whose children were impressed by the Kiwanis sponsorship of the Jerry Veza music award, accepted an invitation, and became a club member. Because of the connection with her home country, The Philippines, Madison has provided educational support for two children each year, plus dental hygiene materials and advice on oral health..



Evangeline Lee
Rich Behling

December Fifth, Breakfast With Santa. Chatham & Madison Key Clubbers Collaborate on Madison Kiwanis Project to Extend YMCA Services to Needy Families.

The Key Club volunteers help to serve breakfast and also play the part of Elves by giving out goodie bags from Santa. Kids get a chance to visit with Santa, and even show him their wish lists.

A newspaper article on our clubs joining to host the Breakfast With Santa caught the attention of Newark school teacher Holly Head. Her visit with Santa as a young girl so impressed her that she brought a group of her students to the Madison Y that morning. They had a great time visiting with Santa and meeting other kids.

The Chatham and Madison Key Club volunteers also enjoyed their participation, and the opportunities to meet each other. Pictured are five



from MHS: Jason Bon Der linde, Jack Rugland, Ban Powell, Bobby Hicks, and Henry Smith; Below them are the CHS volunteers,



Katie Foot, Charlotte Kwon, Lindsey Holzinger, and Ananya Sitaram.

Also pictured are Santa going over a wish list with his young admirer, and Newark



teacher Holly Head,

with some of her students, and MHS Elves, Ali Stevens and Alexis Ribaiya.



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CLUB CALENDER FOR JANUARY '10- MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Board Meeting, Wed. Jan. 20, at 8:PM, Chatham United Methodist Church.

CHS-KeyClub Meetings & Events: Wed, Jan 13, 7:30 in the cafeteria.

Events this month: NJ Dist. Mid-Winter Conf., Sat. Jan.30, Crown Plaza, Somerset NJ.

Birthdays this month: Jan.1, Jim Baker; Jan. 3, Stephanie Cooperman; Jan. 15, Gary Arnesen; Jan. 20, Bailey Brower, Monty Montague; Jan. 27, Charlie Foster; Jan. 31, N. Boucher.

Invocations Jan. 5, Marty Secheyay; Jan.12, 19, 26—TBA

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

Note for January and February: All Meetings at Charlie Browns, So.Blvd, Chatham Twp.

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 Chat. campus, will speak on autism.

Jan.19, Tues Breakfast Craig Barker, Investors Savings Bank, "Reverse Mortgages".

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

FEBRUARY MEETINGS, Dick Plambeck, Chair

Feb.2, Tues Breakfast Dave Mutchler, intro. "Jersey Cares", organization that prepares packages for servicemen and women overseas

Feb.9, Tues. Lunch at Charlie Browns Marge Ahrens and Mary Anne Maloney will host our Valentine's Day Luncheon.

Feb.16, Tues Breakfast Dick will introduce Christy Hodde, Exec. Director American Red Cross colonial Crossroads Chapter.

Feb.23, Tues Breakfast Dick will introduce Ron Ross, Dean of Continuing Education at Drew University

Future Events:

March 23, Fish & Chips Dinner

April 16-18, Key Club District Convention, King of Prussia, PA

April 27, Nominations for new officers announced

May 11, Club annual Meeting (election of officers and directors)

May 18, Club Picnic, Stanley Park- Noon

June 4, CHS Music Awards

June 15, Kiwanis-Rotary Cook-Out

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

Special Directors, Fmr. Mad. Club:**Directors, Rotating 3-yr 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
Joan May, Special Dir. 2010
Evangeline Lee, Alt. Dir 2010

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December 22, Our Traditional Pre-Christmas Breakfast

A festive crowd of members, family and guests gathered to share greetings of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We started with Christmas songs, enjoyed the attractive food line, then shared poems, games and stories, presented by our members. Jim Baker asked Rich Behling read a poem, and Karen Swartz told a story at the request of David Lloyd.



Rich Behling

Karen's story brought us back to Christmas in Jockey Hollow, at the time of the severe winters, when our soldiers were cold, hungry, ill trained and ill-equipped. While they and their families may have read Thomas Paine's *Common Sense*, ("These are the times that try men's souls") the troops were very discouraged and some were going home.

She described General Washington's concern about his rag-tag troops, and his attempts to rally and encourage them to fight on. He compared those who had deserted to a "Summer Soldier" who leaves when the



Karen Swartz

cold weather comes. He also urged them to continue the fight, because "Tyranny is not easily conquered". His great leadership skills were key to our defeat of Britain..

Mary Lloyd told of Christmas in Iowa. Following our singing of "Away in The Manger", she said it reminded her of the farm of her childhood, where the barn was often a refuge for farm cats, including some who had been homeless. She remembered with fondness some long haired ones, who returned the gift of a home with the an affectionate purr..



Mary Lloyd

Nancy Boucher passed out papers with scenes representing Christmas songs. We had fun trying to identify the carols indicated by the scenes on the hand-outs. Your editor told of the recent *Breakfast with Santa*, the Key Club volunteers from Madison and Chatham high schools, and Holly Head, the Newark teacher who brought her students to meet Santa at the Madison YMCA .(see page one).

CHS Key Club News

RICHARD YAR ANNOUNCES EXPANDED ROLES FOR OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

A December 14 email from advisor Yar included the following information:

"In an effort to push for more involvement from our officers and to encourage a larger leadership role for our members, we are going to try to take the opportunity at the next meeting to begin a conversation about our commitment to these goals." He continued with advice that the next meeting (Dec.16) would include break-out sessions for potential officers candidates, as well as a session for members who were seeking outlets for their leadership potential and creative ideas. He also predicted

that Vice Principal Lori Gironda would attend and take an active part in the sessions. A delegation from our club attended the meeting on the 16th, were greeted by Rich Yar and Kiera Aciri, and Lori Gironda .



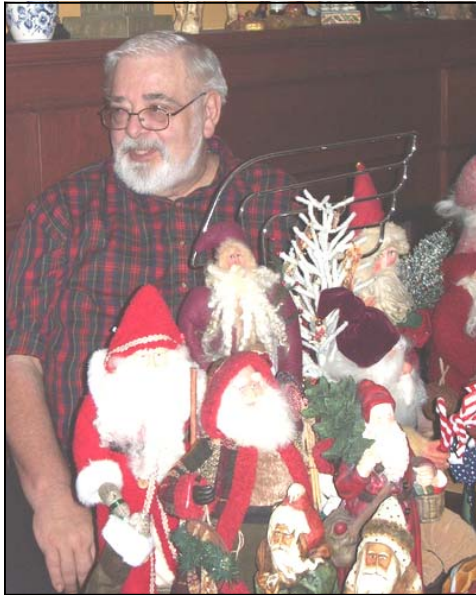
Officers 2009-10 (L to R) Treasurer, Nathalie Ivers, Editor, Caley Taylor, Rec. Sec. Annie Monson, Cor. Sec, Christina Kim, Vice Pres. Meeghan Murray, & President, Jenny Barrett

An attachment contained descriptions of officer's duties as well as advice that they were expected to attend all club meetings, the Great adventure Fall Rally, the District Convention (April 16-18, Valley Forge Plaza, King of Prussia, PA), and at least one Kiwanis Club meeting. The next Key Club meeting is scheduled for Jan. 13. **Photo, Kiera Aciri.**

Our June 30 "Breakfast With Santas"

Noted Author of Books on Food and Decoration Shares *Santa Road Show With Us*

Last June, club member John Hadamuscin invited us to a show of his Santa collection



and a *telling* about the well-known friends who had given them.

John, whose two years as a Kiwanian will be celebrated January 22, has been a generous contributor of his talents since

the beginning. His creation of a delicious pulled pork sandwich for our booth at the last Fishawack Day was a big hit, and it will be featured again this year. His career as an interior designer and author of food and entertainment



books has brought him many friends in those fields. His sharing them with us that morning was very much appreciated..

Following a delicious breakfast, we gathered around a display of part of John's Santa collection. His first Santa came from Mom and Dad, but the others were from friends who enjoyed his

friendship, admired his talents, and wished to contribute to his collection.

John mentioned Laura Ashley and Martha Stuart ("sharp in business, but with a warm



heart"), Truman Capote and Boy George, and even a writer, Jean Auel (*The Clan of the Cave Bear*). Another was from Rock Hudson who he know from a resort in New England. Two small Santas were bought from an artist in Oregon, and given by Liza Minelli, and another Santa was a gift from Dolly Parton ("She was always laughing"). Santa in a sleigh came from Chuck Berry, while the Santa with flamingos was from Bette Mittler. Paul Anka donated one with a fishing pail, and Julia child gave him a Santa she thought looked like him.

Kenny Rogers contributed a fourth-of-July Santa, and a *Swan Santa* came from Rosemary Clooney. Ella Fitzgerald also gave one, as did singer Audrey Meadows ("A lovely Lady."). The last friend mentioned was a TV star who was born in Oregon, became famous for American cuisine, lived in Paris, and has a home in NJ, James Beard was a *nice man*, according to John. Finally, he said that the large individual Santa came from Costco.

