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KIWANIS CLUB OF THE CHATHAMS

Tuesdays– March 4,11, Lunch at Brooklake CC, Brooklake Rd. Florham Park

Tuesdays– March 18,25, Breakfast at Charlie Brown’s, So. BlvD., Chatham Twp.

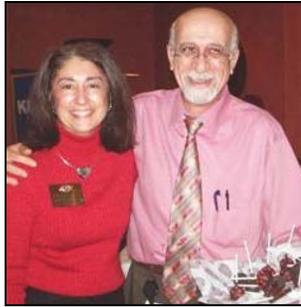
MARCH, 2008

Feb. 12, A Kiwanis-Family Valentine! **Many hands create a festive celebration.**



Mary Anne Maloney

New Club member, Mary Anne Maloney, chaired the program and arranged

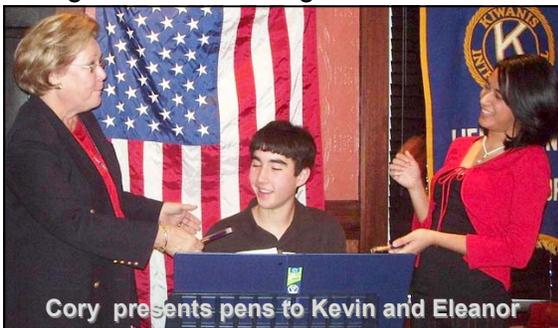


Valerie Olpp & Alan Nekoukar

for the NJ District Key Club officers’ duo of Eleanor Meegoda and Kevin Tobia. In the meantime, Valerie Olpp worked with

Alan Nekoukar, general manager of Charlie Brown’s, to develop a party menu, attractive decorations and friendly, efficient service for our 45 partygoers.

Marc Litwack introduced our entertainers, Eleanor, Lt. Governor and vocalist, who won early admission to Stanford, and Kevin, District Treasurer and pianist, and winner of early admission to Georgetown. Their songs were great, and we congratulate them both!



Cory presents pens to Kevin and Eleanor

NJ District Kiwanis Mid-Winter Conference **“We were impressed - it was so well run.”** **Cory Fuller**

The February 23rd conference in Princeton was ready for our four-member team, thanks to the conference chair, our own Lt. Governor, Marc Litwack. The information/training sessions were run by people with knowledge and experience. As a result, our dele-



Betty Anne Keat, Cory Fuller, Tom Mullin, and Rich Behling

gates returned with up-to-date information to share with us. Cory studied Membership Growth and Retention, and attended a session on the new Children’s Specialized Hospitable in New Brunswick. Betty Anne gained information on sponsored youth: Builders, Key, and Circle K Clubs. Rich attended a session on the Project Life Saver/Whale program, while Tom learned details of the Key Leader and Youth Leadership Training programs. Then, both shared a session on Technology and Club Reporting Procedures. Hear the stories at our March meetings. (Photo, Rich Behling)

Fish & Chips Dinner Supports

Bring your friends and neighbors to CHS Wednesday March 26 from 4:30 for take-outs and 5:30 for full table service. The popular chicken option will be back again, along with beverages, slaw, cookies, and music with your meal.

FISH 'N' CHIPS DINNER
 Wednesday, March 26, 2008
 4:30 to 7:15 P.M.
 Chatham High School
 Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of The Chathams



Tickets \$12.00 at the Door
 Take-outs 4:30 to 7:15 P.M.
 Dining Room 5:30 to 7:15 P.M.



Chicken 'N' Chips Also Available



Youth Leadership Training

Our successful leadership training and other youth oriented programs depend on this dinner and our other fundraisers for their support. A chart showing task assignments for our Kiwanis-family volunteers is shown on p. 5.

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CLUB CALENDER FOR MARCH – MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Board Meeting, Tues, March 18 Meeting to follow breakfast at Charlie Brown's.

Sponsored Youth: Key Club, Wed, March 12, at 7:30.PM, CHS Cafeteria. New officers, P.4
Circle K of Drew announces Relay for Life, for the American Cancer Society, See P.4
Circle K NJ Dist. Convention, March 7-9, Hyatt Regency, New Brunswick NJ.

Birthdays this month: Mar.18, Betty Anne Keat; Mar.19, Valerie Olpp; Mar.20, Tom Mullin.

Invocations this month: TBA

Special events: Fish & Chips dinner, Wed., March 26, Chatham HS Cafeteria See worksheet, P.5
Parsippany Kiwanis "Fine Wine Tasting"/Dinner Thurs., March 27. Call 800-223-7635 Ex.1628

Newspaper Recycling: Mondays, 7:30 AM– Volunteers welcome at collection area near Chatham P.O.

Reminder for friends and neighbors:: Leave newspapers on the collection platform near the large trailer with the Kiwanis logo.

Programs: Dud Healy is program chair for March

Mar.4, Tues. lunch. (Dud Healy) Kiwanian Dr. Joseph Murphy will discuss ways to improve the health of our backs. Joe will also describe the great benefits of exercise to our backs, and to our general well-being.

Mar.11, Tues. lunch. (Diane O'Brien) John Gardner, of Chatham, a renowned expert in oil and other energy investments, will bring us vital information related to the energy crisis we all face.

Mar.18, Tues. breakfast (Charlie Foster) The speakers will be Pamela Paskowitz, Executive Director of the Summit Speech School, and one of its audiologists, Ellen Hansen

Mar.25, Tues. breakfast (Cory Fuller) Sally Rubin has recently been appointed as the new Executive Director of the Great Swamp Watershed Association. She will fill us in on their recent successes In improving the water quality of the Great Swamp, an important source for the Passaic River, and of the challenges faced by this unique national treasure.

COMING KIWANIS RELATED EVENTS

Jill Gregg is program chair for April

April 1, Tues. lunch Toby Kennedy (Parrott Mill Inn) and Maria Parlapiano (Postpartum Resource Ctr.)

April 5, Saturday 2nd annual Kiwanis One Day (Kiwanis-Family groups work together.)

April 11-13 Key Club NJ Dist. Convention, Velle Forge Conv. Ctr.

June 26-29 Kiwanis Int. Convention, Orlando, FL

July 9-13 Key Club Int. Convention, Denver, CO

Aug. 6-9 Circle K Int. Convention, Denver, CO

Oct. 3-5 2008 Key Leader Leadership Ed. Program. Lebanon NJ.



Kiwanis Vision Statement: Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Chatham Kiwanis- Officers, Directors for '07-'08

Cory Fuller, President	Nancy Boucher, Director 2008
Doug Bryant, President-Elect	Jerry Cunningham, Dir. 2008
Gary Arnesen, Past President	Marge Ahrens, Director 2009
Rich Behling, Vice President	Betty Anne Keat, Dir. 2009
Tom Mullin, Secretary	Dave Pike, Director 2009
Ron Whalin, Treasurer	Nancy Holt, Director 2010
Valerie Olpp, Asst. Treasurer	Herb Ramo, Director 2010

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MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY

Feb. 5, butterflies in Japan. Joan, the Butterfly Singer.



Joan & friends



Larve and Ant



Reverdin

Club member and *Earth Saver*, Joan Thuebel, reported on a search for the Reverdin, a 1-1/2" butterfly that is unique to an area in Japan near Mt. Fuji. It was her 22nd expedition with the Earthwatch Institute, and it was led this time by Nashiko Watanabe. The butterflies were elusive and difficult to find in the tall grass, their typical habitat. One technique was to look for the larvae, which are green and look like leaves. Another clue was to look for black ants that feed on the "honeydew" exhaled by the larvae. Once found, the wing is touched, carefully, with a marker, and, with the help of a GPS unit, the location is noted. Joan set the group record for finding the butterflies. She sang to them. **Photos, courtesy Earthwatch team**



Earthwatch team with Mt. Fuji

Feb.19, Morristown National Historical Park

General Washington said, "The generous response from New Jersey saved the Army from starvation and dissolution", following his appeal for help during the winter of 1779-80, the coldest winter of the century.

Tom Winslow, educational specialist, historian, author and Park Ranger, arrived in full soldier's uniform, with musket and stories. Tales of hardships and the effort to survive, and the part that our state played in keeping the struggling troops alive, so they could go on to win the Revolution, were of great interest to our members. He described heroic deeds of moving cannons across frozen rivers, getting off four shots a minute with the available muskets, of drinking fermented cider from a wooden canteen, and the promise of half-pay for life to those wounded in battle.

We are fortunate to live near this unique historical park, the main portion of which is the Jockey Hollow Encampment. The Encampment, the Ford Mansion, Museum, and Library that make up the Park, are open to the public. Special events are scheduled periodically, and are listed on the Park web site at www.nps.gov/morr, or call 973-539-2085



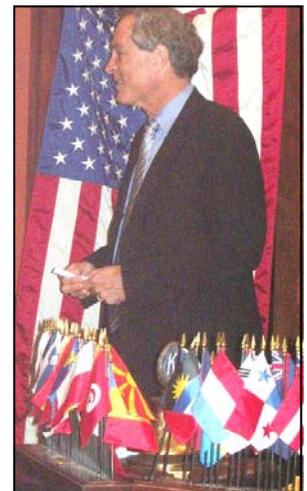
Ranger Tom Winslow

Feb. 25, Bruce Litinger, Executive Director of the ECLC school, began his message with, "The town is an extension of the classroom; Kiwanis has sponsored our Key Club, given graduation awards, and supported our SKIL program. This has brought benefits to our school and to the community. I salute you for your community spirit"

ECLC is 38 years old, and has two teaching facilities. The Chatham branch serves 235 students, while the one in Hohokus has 100 students. The Chatham school has begun to address the problem of students ageing out of the program when they graduate. As a result, they now offer night school classes, with courses including computers, cooking, Spanish, and creative writing.

A new *Adult Day Activity Center* will start in September, in the Passaic Ave. office building. There will be cultural and physical activities (museums, art classes, hiking and health classes), food service (menu planning, budgeting), and a business component (work skill development, career exploration) and volunteer work (Meals on Wheels, visits to nursing homes, etc.).

When the new Aktion Club of Morris County was mentioned, Bruce expressed interest, for it also serves young adults with disabilities. Chatham Kiwanis is an Aktion Club sponsor, and we have agreed to bring information and introductions to Bruce so that he can consider the potential benefits for his graduates. It may be helpful for them to continue the social interactions and benefits they enjoyed before they graduated.



Bruce Litinger

CHATHAM KIWANIS SPONSORED YOUTH

Chatham High School: Key Club Elections Advisor, Mr. Yar; Kiwanis advisor, Miss Keat.

The Club meeting of Feb. 20 featured campaign speeches and voting by those present. The next day, the other students voted in their homerooms, or by email. Kevin Tobia, senior, and NJ District Key Club officer, forwarded the results for our newsletter.

Winners of the election, and officers for next year's CHS Key Club, are:

President, Erin Boehmer; Vice President, Liz Cherba; Recording Secretary, Jenny Barrett; Corresponding Secretary, Meghan Murray; Treasurer, Sarah Simonson, and Editor, Brittany Ford.

In other Key Club news: Members have many opportunities for community service: Create crafts with the elderly at Garden Terrace; SCEEP project: Work with inner city children at local churches; EPOCH project: Work with mentally challenged children at Madison YMCA; CNNC Easter event on Saturday, March 15, help to hide eggs and run races with children (Lum Field); Book Sale, Chatham Library; volunteers needed for morning shifts. March 6, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16

Chatham Middle School: Builders Club Adv., Mrs. Cooperman; Kiwanis adv, Miss Keat

Club meeting, Feb. 21. Service projects available for volunteers: *Bowl-a-Thon* in late March. Kiwanis sponsors welcome. Proceeds to benefit the Children's Specialized Hospital. Kiwanis Fish & Chips Dinner (March 26). Volunteers will help set up and serve the meals. *This is such a fun time.* We work with the Key and Kiwanis Club members. Spring Project: *Math-a-Thon* for St Jude's Children's Hospital. Proceeds help families of children with catastrophic illnesses. (Note to Kiwanis members: student participants will welcome supporting donations as they compete to complete math problems.) Project P.R.I.D.E., 5K run at Giralda Farms in Madison can use up to 25 student volunteers. Food provided.

Circle K Club (Drew University): Relay for Life, March 28-9; benefits ACS cancer research.

Laura Zolnoski, President, will meet with us March 18 to bring a brief description of this fundraiser. There is a new feature this year called the *Ceremony of Hope*. The lighting of candles in hand decorated paper bags will commemorate the lives of those who have been lost, as well as those who have survived to help others with this dread disease.

Circle K, NJ State Division: Governor Gina Durham, of Hammonton, died January 25th.

An energetic and popular Governor, Gina will be very much missed by those who knew and worked with her. Laura Zolnoski worked with her for a year and a half, and said she will miss "her super-enthusiasm about all the Circle K events." She continued, "The part that always gets me, when someone so young passes away, is that she had so much life ahead of her; it's just so tragic to see people my age pass away. It was a big shock to our entire club". Our Kiwanis Governor, Michael Mulhaul, wrote that "In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations to Circle K in Gina's name".



Laura Zolnoski on Argentina: "It was amazing. I can't say enough



Studying the Tango

good things about Buenos Aires" She wrote, "One of my favorite pastimes was getting to know the city locals, called *Portenos*." Laura spent 20 days there this January, studying immigration, exploring the city, practicing her Spanish, and gaining credit toward her minor in Latin American Studies. It was all part of the *Drew International Semester*.

This study/visit to Argentina in their *summer* was not all work. While exploring the city, she discovered a famous sculpture called *Floralis Genérica*. It closes at night. She also found time to become a *student* of Argentine dance.



Laura and *Floralis Genérica*

