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THE CLUB CRIER

KIWANIS CLUB OF THE CHATHAMS

Tuesdays, March 3,10, Lunch at Brooklake Country Club, in Florham Park.
Tuesday, March 17,24,31, Breakfasts at Charlie Brown's, in Chatham Township

MARCH, 2009

February 10

VALENTINE'S LUNCHEON PARTY A SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATION

Party Chair, Valerie Olpp: "We were happy with the festive atmosphere, the many connections between friends, and the large number of guests."

We were happy to welcome, for the first time, Erin Boehmer, President of the Chatham High School Key

Club. Our President, Doug Bryant, asked her to give us an update on its activities. She said that it now has over three hundred members. They do everything from mentoring and tutoring to helping with our fundraising activities, such as the upcoming Fish & Chips dinner on March 25. She told us about their community spirit and their enthusiasm for the Club..



Doug Bryant and Erin Boehmer



Valentine Menu



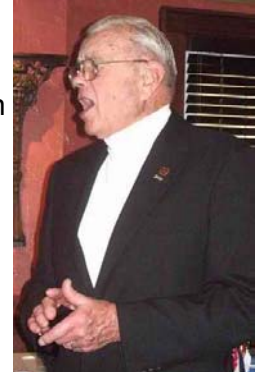
Dean Konner

This year's Valentine Lunch included former members, family members, and members of the NJ Kiwanis District Executive Committee. Our Marc Litwack, now Treasurer of the New Jersey District, invited the head of the District, Governor Dean Konner, to join our celebration. This was not his first visit to our club (see last month's newsletter). He was warmly greeted.



Valerie Olpp, sister RoseMary

After our opening ceremonies, including a selection of love songs led by Clyde Zukswert, also known as "Mr.Z", we enjoyed a sit-down dinner that was arranged by Valerie Olpp in collaboration with Charlie Brown's Manager, Alan Nekonkar. As the coffee and ice cream were being



Clyde Zukswert (Mr Z)

served, Clyde again entertained us with a series of songs appropriate for the occasion. He invited us to sing along, and our voices were joined, singing *Let Me Call You Sweetheart* and many other favorite songs.

We enjoyed the fine food, the visits with old and meetings with new friends, and discussions of the exciting directions our club is taking.

For the efforts of those who joined Valerie, Clyde, Marc, Doug, Rich and the management of Charlie Brown's, to make this party a success, we offer our thanks and appreciation for a job well done...



Former member Ken Smith and wife, Sally, greet old friends

Circle K at Drew, Feb.17th meeting: New President, Ashley Introne, announced their volunteer help with our F&C Dinner on March 25th. Two days later they will take part in their cancer fundraiser, Relay for Life, at Fairly Dickinson University. While they are volunteering at our fundraiser, they'll have a table with literature that invites our support of their efforts in the Relay For Life at FDU.



Ashley Introne

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CLUB CALENDER FOR MARCH, 09– MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Board Meeting, Tue. March 17, 9:AM, after breakfast, Charlie Brown's..

Sponsored Youth: Key Club, Wed. March 18, 7:30PM in High School Cafeteria.

Circle K Club: Meetings resume after Spring Break. They will volunteer with our F&C Dinner on March 25, and will invite our support for their cancer fundraiser, Relay for Life, March 27, at FDU..

March 18, Wednesday, 6:30 at The Skylands at Randolph. RSVP by March 6 to Lt.Gov Joyce Garrow, 973-428-0535. This will be the first official visit of Governor Dean Konner to our division. Price \$32.

March 19, Thursday, 6:30, at Bretton Woods, 361 Speedwell Av, Morris Plains, NJ. Greater Parsippany Kiwanis presents 7th Annual Fine Wine Tasting and Dinner. Price \$65.Advance, \$75.At Door. RSVP by March 17 to 800-342-2325, ext 4185. Full program with auctions.

Mar.25, Wednesday. Fish'n'Chips Dinner at Chatham HS, 4:30 to 7:15PM. Tickets \$13.00

Mar.27, Friday, Clean Communities Program, Part 2. Chair Gary Arnesen invites us to "Help with the cleanup and raise funds for our community service". Meet at 9:AM at the intersection of Ogden St and Summit Ave. Rain dates are April 1 and 3.

Birthdays this month: March 11, Betty Anne Keat, March 16, Valerie Olpp, March 31, Tom Mullin.

Invocations March 3, Alan Robertson; March 10, Mary Ann Maloney; March 17, Dick Plambeck; March 24, TBA,; March 31, TBA .

Newspaper Recycling: Mondays, 7:00 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.

WEEKLY MEETINGS:

Dick Plambeck is program chair for March

Mar. 3, Tues. Lunch Christine Ferdinand - Jewelry for Cancer Patients

Mar. 10, Tues. Lunch Jim O-Neill - School Budgets vs State Finances

Mar. 17, Tues. Breakfast Julia Somers will discuss the Highlands Master Plan

Mar. 24, Tues. Breakfast Mary Lonergan, wife of Councilman Jim Lonergan, will speak on "Back2Tap". She is a long-time social activist in Chatham (e.g.– Beans for Baghdad).

Mar. 31, Tues. Breakfast - Joe Molnar - Astronomy in NJ Skies

APRIL MEETINGS, Jerry Cunningham, Chair

Apr.7, Tues. Lunch, Kristin Biase, Superintendent of Recreation, M. C. Park Commission

Apr.14, Tues. Lunch, Dr. Jill Cermele, Drew Univ. Psychology Professpr and instructor in a special course for women: "How to handle situations where an assault is possible."

Apr.21, Tues. Breakfast, Baily Brower, Chatham Township Committeeman

Apr.28, Tues. Breakfast TBA

Apr. 17-19, Key Club NJ District Convention, Valley Forge Convention Center

Apr. 18, Stanley Park Clean-up

May 12, Picnic Lunch at Stanley Park

May 21, Place flags at Fairmount Cemetery

Chatham Kiwanis– Officers, Directors for 2008-2009

Doug Bryant, President	Betty Anne Keat, Director	2009
Rich Behling, President-Elect	Dave Pike, Director	2009
Cory Fuller, Past President	Nancy Boucher, Director	2010
Dick Plambeck, Vice President	Nancy Holt, Director	2010
Tom Mullin, Secretary	Herb Ramo, Director	2010
Ron Whalin, Treasurer	Jerry Cunningham, Dir.	2011
Valerie Olpp, Asst. Treasurer	Jill Gregg, Director	2011
Marge Ahrens, Director	Mary Anne Maloney, Dir.	2011

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**Elections For Our Sponsored Youth
Chatham HS Key Club, in a Word: Efficiency**

Meetings are well planned, and are completed quickly.

The February 18 meeting and election of officers took a little longer, but it was accomplished with the customary efficiency. A concise agenda was distributed, with its first items



Officers 2008-9 (L to R) Treasurer, Sarah Simonson, Recording Sec'y, Jenny Barrett, President, Erin Boehmer, Cor. Secretary, Meghan Murray, & Vice Pres, Liz Cherba. The Editor, Brittany Ford, is not shown.

the Pledge of Allegiance and the Key Club Pledge, led by Vice President Liz Cherba. Next items were messages by Advisor Richard Yar and President Erin Boehmer about opportunities for community service and the points to be earned for each service project.

Mr. Yar then outlined the election process for next year's officers. After a brief talk by each candidate, Club members mark their ballots and file across the stage of the Cyber Center to cast them. The only contested office was that of Treasurer, so the ballot counting was completed and announced in a short time.

Kiera Acri, the co-faculty advisor, then took photos of the group of current officers, followed by a picture of the newly elected officers for the '09-'10 school year. For the remainder of the current year, the new officers will have an opportunity to learn details of the positions they will assume in the Fall. Advisor Acri also photographed the new officers with the two Kiwanis advisors present, Rich Behling and Bob Stannard.



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



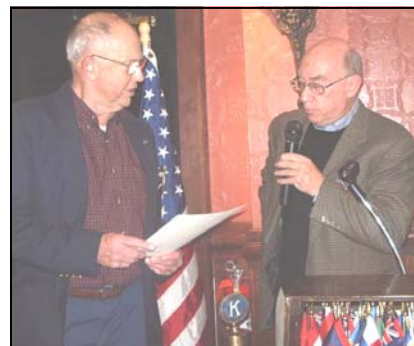
Recording Secretary
Annie Monson

In addition, she had taken a shot of one of the candidates making her presentation to the Club members, which she kindly gave to our club for this edition of The Crier. That candidate was Annie Monson, who talked about her position as Recording Secretary.

Annie described how she will be responsible for a very important part of the Key Club program: keeping track of the points earned by Club members as they do volunteer work in the school and the community. She also offered a new feature: she plans to create forms on which club members may record their own points, as a check on the accuracy of the official club records. A great example of Key Club efficiency!

Kiwanis Awards

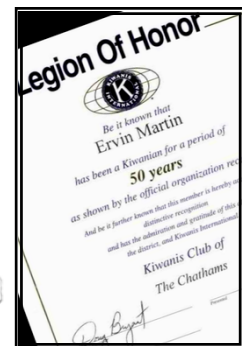
Ervin Martin Wins Legion of Honor Erv's comment on his award for fifty years of service as



Erv receiving award from Doug

a Kiwanian, "I enjoy it more than ever. We have a wonderful group of people!" He said that our club members contribute so much, are self-sacrificing, and best of all, "they have no agenda"..

Shown, the Legion Of Honor Certificate, signed by our President, Doug Bryant, and by Don Canady, President of Kiwanas International. The lapel pin indicates: *50 year member.*



50 Year Pin and LOH Certificate

Sponsored Youth: A Crier Story Follow-up

“We expect nothing less than great leadership from you in H.S. and beyond!”

Nancy Holt, Chatham selection committee chair for the Kiwanis Leadership Training Institute, at the celebration luncheon October 17, 2006. Among the six middle school students whose experiences at the week-long July Leadership “Camp” we celebrated, was Matthew Reader.

The story of Matt’s adventure was recounted by Editor Kate Breck in the January 29 edition of The Chatham Courier. Under the banners, *A witness to history* and *High school student has front row seat at Obama swearing in*, she said, “The Kiwanis Club of the Chathams was instrumental in getting Reader to his unlikely goal”. She quoted him about the Training Institute, “*They sent me to a Kiwanis leadership camp in seventh grade. And last year I was able to attend the National Youth Leadership Conference in Princeton..*” Because he attended the Conference, he was eligible to attend the inauguration. After a nationwide search, he was one of the lucky



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Matt Reader Oct., 2006

few chosen from a pool of outstanding students and young leaders. He was able to witness history first hand.”

Our club sponsors Builders Clubs at the Chatham Middle School and at the St. Patrick School, and for many years we have supported those selected for the leadership training camp at the College of NJ in Ewing. One of the students selected, along with Matt, for that 2006 camp, was Claire Teague, of Chatham Middle School. Her younger sister, Lauren, attended the 2008 Leadership Camp, and was among our *eight* sponsored students who were celebrated at last October’s meeting. As reported in The Crier for November ’08, Lauren told of meeting great people, and said, “My life has changed; I’m a better leader now.” Kathy Teague, mother of Claire and Lauren, submitted a story and photo that were also featured in the Chatham Courier. We are happy with all their achievements. For *Matt Reader’s Adventure*, we extend our congratulations to him, and to his family. Photo, R. Whalin



Matt and his fellow 2006 campers, including Claire Teague, sister of Lauren Teague, a 2008 camper.

Sponsored Youth – More on Chatham Middle School

Feb. 12: Highlights of Builder’s Club Meeting



S Cooperman

Successful school musical, Willie Wonka, also served as fundraiser for Overlook’s Valerie Fund and St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital. Both help children with catastrophic illnesses, and provide support for family members.

This month, Valentine cards, made by Club members, will be taken to King James nursing home. Residents love getting cards each month.

Help for Kiwanis: Builders Club members will put up *Fish & Chips posters* (designed by faculty advisor and Kiwanian Stephanie Cooperman). They will also help as volunteers during the March 25 Kiwanis Fish & Chips Dinner.

Bowlathon fundraiser to take place at Plaza Lanes in Madison. Proceeds will support the Wellness Center at Frost Valley YMCA in NY State. The Y is the site of spring environmental trips, camps and family weekends. The Wellness Center supplies dialysis treatments for young people so that they can participate in Frost Valley activities.



Fish & Chips Poster

FISH & CHIPS DINNER at CHATHAM HIGH SCHOOL

4:30- 7:15 pm, Wednesday, March 25, 2009

COORINATORS

Bryant 4:15-5:45
Robertson 5:45-7:15

TICKET SALES

Behling 4:15-5:45
Healy 5:45-7:15

TAKE-OUTS

Boucher 4:15-5:45
Secheyay 5:45-7:15

DINING ROOM CAPTAINS

Ahrens 5:30-6:30
Ramo 6:30-7:15

PROD. COORDINATORS

Whalin,R 4:15-5:45
Eyre 5:45-7:30

KITCHEN

Whalin,B 4:15-5:45
Students
Gregg 5:45-7:30
Students

TABLE SETUPS- 4:00-5:30

Mullin(C)
Ligertwood
Averett
Marcel)
Students

TABLE SETUPS 5:30-7:15

Plambeck(C)
Arnesen,G
Martin
Mutchler
Students

SERVERS 5:15-6:15

Fuller(C)
Cooperman
Olpp
Montague
Students

SERVERS 6:15-7:15

Maloney(C)
Arnesen, P
Foster
Kitson
Students

DESSERTS

Holt 5:15-6:15
Johnson 6:15-7:15
Students

COFFEE/TEA SERVICE

Cunningham 5:15-6:15
O'Brien 6:15-7:15
Students

RUNNERS

Keat
Students

COFFEE MAKER

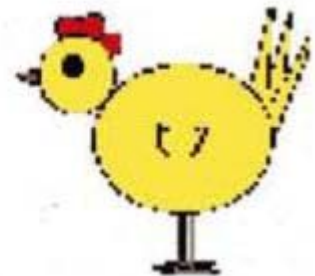
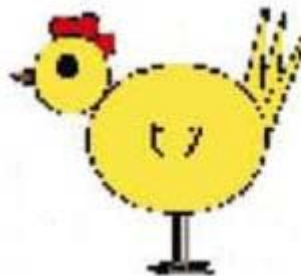
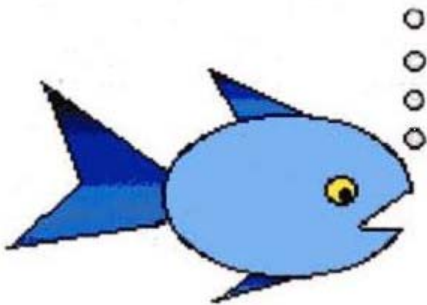
Zukswert

PICTURES/MUSIC

Stannard

CLEAN-UP

Eyre
Mutchler
Zukswert 6:30
Williams
+ other volunteers

**From the Chairman to our volunteer club members:**

- If you are listed here but cannot participate, or not listed but are willing to help, let me know.
- Treat our student volunteers with respect and play a supporting role. We appreciate their help. Call me at 635-6911, or call John Eyre at 635-6044. Thanks, Dave Pike (dapike@optonline.net)