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KIWANIS CLUB OF THE CHATHAMS SERVING THE CHATHAMS AND MADISON

NEWSLETTER FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH, 2010

FEB 9, VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY Good Time and Turnout For Our Big Celebration

The large number of attendees included our members, with their friends and spouses, former members coming from their western NJ retirement homes, and New Jersey District officials: former governor, Dean Konnor, our own Governor-Elect Marc Litwack, and our past Lt. Governor, Nancy Boucher. We also hosted Chatham High School Senior, and Key Club member, Lauren, daughter of our new member, Barbara Maturri, who joined November 3..

A successful party requires careful planning,



Valerie, guest Ginny Mullin, and Mary Anne

and our team had the experience. Valerie Olpp once again joined with Charlie Brown's manager, Alan Nekouker, to plan a festive menu. Then, vice president Mary Anne Maloney, former chair of the event, worked with Valerie and Marge Ahrens to supply the "heart menus" and colorful candy bag favors. Our own widely acclaimed troubadour, Clyde, "Mr. Z", Zukswert consulted with President Rich Behling to



Our Famous "Mr. Z"

plan a musical program. As a result, all our members and guests were able to enjoy the fellowship, and join in the singing as well.



As the meal orders were taken, and the food prepared, Lauren Maturri told us about the project she had developed as a Key Clubber. By organizing a series of bake sales, she raised funds to supply special calendars to mothers of premature babies; she wanted to help

mothers who were now facing the same problems her mother had when she was born. She then told of her Key Club assignment to assist builders Club advisor Stephanie Cooperman. As a former BC member, and long time friend and admirer of Stephanie, she brought an understanding of the club and its traditions, along with a rapport with the Club members.



Lauren Maturri, CHS

Lauren also described a "bowl-a-thon" fund raiser to provide funds to a dialysis center, and a service project to create holiday cards for King James residents. After Rich Behling thanked her for the update, Governor Dean spoke warmly of her as a "fine young lady", a good example of our Key Club members, and a reason for the "excellent" rating the NJ Kiwanis District has earned from Kiwanis International for its success with sponsored youth clubs.



Diana, Herb Ramo, Balloons

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CLUB CALENDER FOR MARCH '10- MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Board Meeting, Tue, March 16, at 9:AM after breakfast at Charlie Brown's.

CHS-KeyClub Meetings & Events: Wed, March 10, 7:30 in the cafeteria.

Events this month: March 23, Fish (or Chicken) & Chips at High School Cafeteria.

March 26-28, Circle K District Convention, Somerset, NJ

Birthdays this month: Mar 3, John Hadamuscin; Mar 11, Betty Anne Keat; Mar 12, Andrea Dudderar; Mar 16, Valerie Olpp; Mar 31, Tom Mullin.

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

All CLUB MEETINGS: Breakfasts at Charlie Brown's; Lunches at Brooklake Country Club.

MARCH MEETINGS, Jerry Cunningham, Chair.

March 2, Lunch, Bill Stypke of Chatham on Lincoln's assassination and other events.

March 9, Lunch, Dick Plambeck with pictures and stories of their trip to Alaska

March 16, Breakfast, "Why do 400,000,000 people have "facebook" accounts? Why are 100,000,000 people "a-Twitter"? Ron Whalin will give us an inside look at social networking.

March 23, Breakfast: Carole Linhart on the Mayor's Fitness Program.

March 23, Dinner, Fish-or-Chicken'n'Chips, at CHS cafeteria. Volunteers needed for first shift (4:15- 5:45) or second shift (5:45-7:15). Takeouts start 4:30; table seating starts 5:30.

Alan Robertson, chair: 862-222-2719

March 30. Breakfast, Assemblyman Jay Webber on state matters

APRIL MEETINGS, Ron Whalin, Chair

April 6 Lunch - (See *ECLC, below). Bernadette Jusinski & Jackie Wiegand will present a new information collection for Chatham Library. It will be a resource for people planning for, or already in, their retirement years.

*ECLC Key Club advisor Samantha Zelevansky will introduce Club members for a pre-luncheon report on their Club activities.

April 13 Lunch - (See *Circle K below) Jim O'Neill, Superintendent of the Chatham School District will speak on the proposed budget and other plans for Chatham schools.

*Circle K faculty advisor, Prof. Amy Koritz, and club president, Danielle Gregor, will present a pre-luncheon report on the Club's activities.

April 20 - Breakfast - Dick Plambeck will introduce Christine Hodde, Executive Director American Red Cross Colonial Crossroads Chapter.

April 27 - Breakfast - Bailey Brower will speak on early happenings/history/building eras of the Township from his family's prospective.

Future Events:

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

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

Rich Behling, President
Dick Plambeck, Pres-Elect
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Monty Montague, Treasurer
Valerie Olpp, Asst Treasurer
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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
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Marty Secheyay, Dir 2012
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Operation Jersey Cares: Support for our Troops and Veterans, by Dave Mutchler



Patriotic
Pillow Case

On February 2, Liz Hackett and Nancy Yuzuik presented the story of this non-profit, grass roots organization. It is composed of vets and other volunteers who ensure that our service people receive the support they need. Care packages are sent to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan, and also brought to the vets at Lyons Hospital and the Soldiers Home in Menlo Park.



Liz Hackett, Pres. Rich, Nancy Yuzuik

Volunteers from this Raritan-based organization are also active in local schools. They collect food and toiletries, and encourage students to write to individual service men or women. Sometimes they receive thank-you notes in return. Liz worked on a sewing project with students in Mine Hill. They made pillow cases decorated with American and patriotic scenes for the troops. Last year 40,000 lbs of donations were shipped overseas. Among the most requested items were Twizler sticks, beef jerky, Slim Jims, candy, and Trail Mix. More Info at www.operationjerseycares.org.

Drew University, "A great resource for our communities", Ronald A. Ross, Dean of Continuing Education and Career Services.

February 23: Ron Ross described some of the many opportunities for learning and entertainment at the college, home of our Circle K Club. The Community Education Audit program(CEA) allows those over 24 to sit in on undergraduate courses at a reduced fee. The large Simon Forum hosts many events, including talks by world famous leaders. The new Dorothy Young Center for the Arts hosts art exhibits, as well as concerts, for it has one of the best concert halls in the country. The Lincoln Center Chamber Music Society is now in residence there. Eight or ten times per semester student plays are presented, and they are open to the community. For more information, call 973-408-3000, or go online at www.drew.edu.



Dean Ross, Rich Behling

Our New Madison Connection – Three Events in May.

Four of our new club members, from the former Madison Kiwanis, have brought with them fund



2009 Cole Park Cleanup—Before and After (Photos, Joan May)

raisers and community service projects Three of these events are scheduled in May, starting on the 1st. We will be part of "May Day in Madison", a town-wide beautification day, where volunteers improve many of the community's public places. Our focus will be on a spring cleanup of Cole Park on Greenwood Avenue. This attractive park, with its shrubs, stone pavilion and decorative tile fountain was "adopted" by the Madison Kiwanis,

and also by their sponsored M.H.S. Key Club. Community volunteers will be welcomed.

The second event, a "Multi-Family Garage Sale, is scheduled on May 15, from 8AM to 1:PM, also at Cole Park. Area residents who have items to sell may set up a table for a \$25.00 fee. Or, they may donate their items to the *Kiwanis Club Table*. Proceeds from the fee and the sale of donated items will fund High School scholarships.

On May 30, there are plans (tentative as of this writing) for a repeat of last year's Alumni Concert, from 4: to 7:PM, at Bayley-Ellard Field. We will welcome bands from Madison, and *Chatham* high school students and alumni Facilities include a platform, available electricity, rest rooms, and an indoor location in case of rain. Area residents are invited to bring folding chairs or blankets, and picnic baskets, to this *free concert*. Bottled water and other refreshments may be available. Project Chair, Evangeline Lee, may be contacted at 973-377-



2009 Multi-family Garage Sale (Ph-JM)

6116, or by email at taxfreelee@aol.com. The concert is sponsored by MACA (Madison Arts & Cultural Alliance), our Kiwanis Club, and Madison Borough. Watch for additional announcements.

WE REMEMBER THESE KIWANIANs

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L. Perry Philp, “A Man of Compassion, Dedication, and Courage”, Funeral Service, Feb. 21



LP Philp, Jr, B.1935,
Died, Feb 17, 2010.

Perry's introduction to our club was as an invited speaker on finance, banking, and the travel it entailed. Within a short time, he was a club member, and served for many years, until his recent failing health forced him to slow down. Even then, his wit and optimism remained until the very end.

He had a number of major interests, and he gave to each his enthusiastic support: the Chatham United Methodist Church and choir; a condo in Cape May, and a cabin in rural NY State; the Madison Environmental Commission; flying, and running; *RISE*, a home repair program for the needy in Steuben County NY, and the Chatham Kiwanis Club.

Some of his service to our club was visible, such as his membership on our Board of Directors, and his job arranging for invocations, as a member of the Spiritual Aims Committee. Among the examples of his less visible service is his donation of tax preparation and advice for our Club.

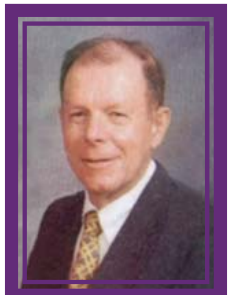
To all of this, he gave 110% of his support, along with his dry sense of humor, a genuine friendliness, and sometimes, an impatience with events or actions that he deemed not well considered. We extend our sympathy to Peggy, and to her extended family. Donations may be made to *RISE*, c/o CUMC, 460 Main St Main St., Chatham NJ 07928, or to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Donor Services, PO Box 4072, Pittsfield MA 01202.



October's Pasta Dinner: Perry accepts ticket from Ron Whalin's daughter, Sue. Smiling, Past President Doug Bryant

Portrait photo, Ron Whalin

Robert F Franklin, “Uncle Bob was a truly gentle man” Bob's nephew, at memorial serv.



RF Franklin B. 1931
Died Feb 17, 2010

Bob's memorial service, February 27, at Chatham UMC, included participation by many of his family members, and it demonstrated the strong and positive influence Bob and Donna had on their children, and even on their grandchildren. Bob earned degrees in English and Psychology, and worked as a lab tech, Development Engineer, and Underwriter.

Encouraged by a friend in Chatham Kiwanis, Bob joined the club in 1998, and served for six years. He was a member of the Division for Home Calls of the Human and Spiritual Values Committee, and on the Membership Committee, he was in the Transportation Division. Like most of our members, he helped with the selection of program speakers by the Meeting Committees.

While many of our newest members didn't know Bob, those who attended his memorial service learned to appreciate his influence on family and friends. His son, Tom, described it well: "Dad was a Renaissance man, with a wide field of interests; a student and teacher of human relationships" He expressed his love in many ways, to his wife, Donna, and to their children and extended families. Bob followed his own advice to "Always say 'I love you'", even as his Alzheimer's symptoms progressed in recent years.

He encouraged his children to share his wide interests, especially in music. His grandchildren responded by forming a musical group: violin, cello, French horn and oboe, plus vocal. They played and sang, and added immensely to the very moving memorial service. The service bulletin featured a children's drawing of a sun smiling on the flower pot named "Pop Pop", with birds, bugs, and musical notes, all hand colored. Our condolences are extended to Donna, and to her extended family. Donations may be made to the Chatham United Methodist Church, 460 Main St, or the Chatham Emergency Squad, attn Mike Connor, 45 Spring St in Chatham, 07928 (note "In Memory of Bob Franklin"). Portrait photo, Ron Whalin



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