



# THE CLUB CRIER

## KIWANIS CLUB OF THE CHATHAMS

Tuesdays– May 6,13, Lunch at Brooklake CC, Brooklake Rd. Florham Park  
Tues.-May 20, Noon Picnic Stanley Pk;Tues.-May 27,Breakfast at Charlie Brown's

### MAY, 2008

#### A LOOK BACK AT MARCH 26, AND A LOOK AHEAD TO ELECTIONS

##### “Moderate Success for Fish’n’Chips”, Chairman Dave Pike, evaluating this year’s fundraiser.

As a fundraiser, the number of tickets sold and meals served were below the levels of previous dinners. However, as a community service, with happy customers and enthusiastic student helpers, we were successful. The 19 students, from Builders, Key, and Circle K Clubs, joined with 38 Kiwanis volunteers and the catering firm of Argyles, of Kearney, to provide a choice of fish or chicken, prepared with heart-healthy canola oil. Musical entertainment was mostly recorded, except for the songs sung by our own “Mr. Z”, Clyde Zukswert



Monty Montague serves up some heart-healthy chicken-or-fish n' chips



Allison Srygley and Brian LaCorte dig into the delicious fish filets and chicken strips during the 32nd annual Fish 'n' Chips dinner.

Photos by Zeigler

##### President Cory Appoints Committee

During our April 29 meeting, Cory Fuller announced the appointment of a nominating committee composed of Doug Bryant, Rich Behling, Alan Robertson, Tom Mullin, and Gary Arnesen. Past President Nancy Boucher will chair the committee, which will meet May 6 to select nominees for the office of Vice President and for three new Directors.



Nancy Boucher  
Photo, Ron Whalin

The slate of nominees will be announced by Nancy during our May 13 meeting, when nominations from the floor will be accepted. Voting for the candidates will take place two weeks later, at our May 27 meeting, Those elected will be installed in their new positions during ceremonies at our Installation Dinner in September. See P.2 for list of current officers.

##### Cunningham Announces Our Flag Day



Last year's volunteers gathered around the veterans memorial flag.  
Photo, Corkie Zeigler

Volunteers are invited to meet with Jerry at 9AM Thursday, May 22, at the Hillside entrance to Fairmount Cemetery. As in past years, we will distribute new flags to decorate veterans' grave sites in preparation for Memorial Day.



##### From the Editor– Past Pres. Fedeler sends his greetings.

Early last month, Hilary and I traveled to the Wilmington, Delaware, home of Jerry and Barbara Fedeler to visit with them, her parents, and their daughter, Amy. We also toured the Winterthur Museum with its collection of American antiques.

Jerry, famous in our club for his *Nutmobile* and his *Nut of the Month* awards, as well as for his long tenure as Circle K advisor, sends greetings to our club, and a warm “Hello” to the members of our sponsored Circle K Club at Drew.. **Bob Stannard**

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## CLUB CALENDER FOR MAY – MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**Board Meeting, Wed, May 21** Meeting at 8PM, Chatham United Methodist Church.

**Sponsored Youth:** Key Club, Wed, May 14, at 7:30.PM, CHS Cafeteria.

**Birthdays this month:** May 2, John Stockly; May 4, Dick Plambeck; May 6, Sally Deatly; May 7, Gordon Kenney; May 10, Bert Johnson; May 20, Erv Martin.

**Invocations this month:** TBA

**Special events:** Wednesday, May 7 at 3-8:30PM, [Chatham Emergency Squad Blood Bank](#), at Boro Squad building, 31 N. Passaic Av. ID required. Call 1-800-688-0900 for info.

Thursday, May 22, Distribution of Flags to Veterans' Grave Sites. See P.1 .



**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: Jerry Cunningham is program chair for May**

**May 6, Tues. lunch** The Raptor Trust will present a program concerning the care and protection, as well as the rehabilitation, of birds in the raptor category. Live bird demo will be included in the program.

**May 13, Tues.lunch** U.S. Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen will bring us up to date on his involvement in projects related to his work as a representative of this Congressional District.

**May 20, Tues. Picnic Lunch** Meet at Stanley Park for this popular event.

**May 27, Tues. breakfast** One of our Scholarship Winners will report back to us. .

## COMING KIWANIS RELATED EVENTS

**Dick Mann is program chair for June**

**June 3, Tues. lunch.** Industry news and tips by Jim Huttenmoser of Stashluk Plumbing

**June 14, Fishawack Celebration.** Volunteers needed at our booth, to sell hot pulled pork sandwiches and drinks, and the night before for food prep, directed by John Hademuscin, Tom Mullin, Chairman..

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

**July 4, Chatham Parade** Volunteers needed for Kiwanis parade float.

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

**July 20-26 Leadership Institute** Our club sponsors students from CMS and from St. Pats Middle School

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

**Aug.14 Picnic for young readers, Chatham Library**

**Sept. Installation Dinner.** Time and place TBA

**Oct. 3-5 2008 Key Leader Leadership Ed. Program. Lebanon NJ. (Regist. Deadline Sept.4)**



**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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## **PROGRAMS FOR APRIL (AND MARCH 25)**

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### **March 25, GSWA**

**“I want to clean up the Passaic River”**, Sally Rubin, Executive Director, discussing her passion for the mission of the Great Swamp Watershed Association.

The Watershed is a 55 square mile area that includes portions of 10 towns, and contains 5 streams that flow into the Great Swamp, and in turn, into the Passaic River. The GSWA is a nonprofit, member supported group whose mission is to improve and protect the quality of its water and other natural resources. It has developed various forms of educational outreach, and it's work is supported by volunteers from the surrounding towns. Upcoming breakfast meetings at its headquarters in Harding Township, include “Where Does Your Water Come From”, on Tuesday, May 13, and “What's in Your Water”, on Tuesday, June, 10, from 8:00 to 9:30. For reservations call 973-35888-3500, ex.22. Check the GSWA website at



Sally R Rubin

www.greatswamp.org to learn about the observation areas, education centers, and hiking trails, (some with boardwalks for handicapped visitors). Also look for the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge and the Environmental Education Center in Basking Ridge, as well as the Great Swamp Outdoor Education Center in Chatham Township, and The Raptor Trust in Millington..

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### **April 1, Postpartum Place**

**“Our business is about mothers and babies”**, Maria Parlapiano, director of Postpartum Place at 55 Main St., Chatham.

The eleven year old business was started in response to the practice of early hospital discharge of new mothers and babies in the '90's. The counseling and support that had been customary during an extended hospital stay was no longer available, so Maria's services evolved to fill the need. These services now include education workshops for new parents, new mother support



groups, and help and training in breast-feeding. The newest service, an overnight accommodation with support for new moms (and dads), is located in a special suite in next-door Parrot Mill Inn. A stay at the “Nest” includes a breastfeeding specialist who sleeps in an adjacent room, help with baby care, and breakfast in the room or in the Inn's attractive dining room.

The New Moms Boutique at Postpartum Place offers nursing pillows, nursing bras and related clothing, baby slings and other supplies, and a variety of gifts for expectant and new mothers. It also helps moms in special circumstances such as with premature babies, babies with slow development, food intolerance,

allergies, neurological or physical impairments. Maria and Toby Kennedy, of Parrot Mill Inn, are now business partners. To reach her, call 973-701-0606. For more information, see the Postpartum web site at [www.postpartumplace.com](http://www.postpartumplace.com). Photo, courtesy Maria Parlapiano

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### **April 8, Visiting Nurse Association**

**“The VNA is more than just nursing”**, Dick Plambeck, reporting on the visit by Deborah Castro and Shekeya Watkins of the VNA of Northern NJ.

In addition to the familiar skilled nursing care other home health care services are provided, both for the patient, and the caregiver, and often for the whole family. Dick was impressed by the Telehealth Service, where a TV monitor is placed in the home and connected to the phone line, allowing a *virtual visit* by the distant Nurse, with the assistance of an on-site Home Health Aid. This has often reduced the time a patient must spend in the hospital. Other *in home* plans include medication management for patients who might be forgetful, house calls for groceries, where a volunteer shopper will bring food right to the home, and respite and time-out services, to relieve the full time caregiver for a few hours a day, a few days a week.

The hospice program provides a compassionate team approach, with physicians, nurses, aids, social workers, counselors and volunteers for patients deemed to be terminally ill. This provides physical, emotional and spiritual support for the patients and their families. See [www.hometeam.org](http://www.hometeam.org) for more information.



Shekeya Watkins



Deborah Castro

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**APRIL EVENTS (CONT.)**

**April 12, Plaque for the late Bob Thompson**

On a day set aside for a cleanup of the Passaic River, the Chatham Environmental Commission gathered in Shepard Kollock Park to honor Bob Thompson for his efforts in protecting



Members of the Commission gather to honor their former chairman. They include two of Bob's fellow Kiwanians, Joan Thuebel and Dick Ligertwood, on the right.

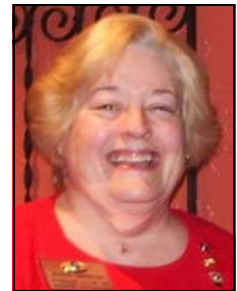
the environment in Chatham. He was a long-time volunteer for the Great Swamp Wildlife Refuge and the Scherman Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary (NJ Audubon Society). During the ten years he spent as a volunteer and chairman of the Environmental Commission, Bob made plans to create a *berm* near the river bank to protect against erosion. After his untimely death last year, the Commission followed his dream and completed it, with help from donated materials and work from local landscapers. Former Mayor Dick Plambeck and other town dignitaries gathered on the *berm* to present a plaque in Bob's memory to his widow, Nancy, and to their family. Story, Zeigler



Bob's widow, Nancy, and their daughter, Lisa Thompson Sommer, center, gather with family members at the plaque dedicated to his memory. Ph., Corkie Zeigler

**April 15, Joyce Garrow, Past President, Parsippany Kiwanis, and advisor to Aktion Club "They have a disability, but they don't see it", Joyce Garrow on Aktion Clubbers' attitude.**

Joyce started by thanking our club for being a sponsor of the Morris County Aktion Club, one of 7 in NJ. This club for young adults with special needs meets twice monthly in the Denville office of DAWN, their agency advisor, and advocate for independent living. In spite of any physical challenges the club members may have, they are active and enthusiastic, and quick to volunteer. Their projects have included collecting items for soldiers, selling decorated bags at the mall, and conducting a garage sale from which they raised \$500.



Joyce Garrow



Bruce Litinger

Morris County, their membership area, poses transportation challenges because of its size. As a result, Joyce is corresponding with the sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs to explore possible solutions for transporting club members to meetings and other activities. She discovered some answers during our meeting, for Bruce Litinger, executive director of ECLC, and speaker at our February 25 meeting, had expressed interest in the Aktion experience, so was present at our invitation. He suggested that, as both organizations served young adults, they might help each other, and he started by offering meeting space and support in the Chatham area. Since then, he has indicated that he is pleased at the contact our club offered, and will pursue the interests common to ECLC and the Aktion Club.

**April 20, Spiritual Aims Sunday: Worship and Winberie's.**



The Rev. Dr. Edward Hallderson was gracious in welcoming our delegation of 18 Kiwanians to the 11AM service at the Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township. We learned of volunteers traveling to New Orleans to help those still trying to recover, and of a planned May 11 welcome to the temporarily homeless in the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Rev. Hallderson spoke of the irony of observing 20th century poverty in the subway as he traveled to see *Les Misérables*, a story of 19th century poverty.

Marge Ahrens arranged for our worship, and Doug Bryant scheduled our brunch in Summit. There, we enjoyed an hour of spirited fellowship and excellent food. Doug described it best when he said simply, "Everybody had a good time."



Doug at the buffet table.