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KIWANIS CLUB OF THE CHATHAMS

Tuesdays, May 5,14, Lunch at Brooklake CC, Brooklake Rd, Florham Park.
Tuesday, May 19,26, Breakfasts at Charlie Brown's, So. Blvd, Chatham Twp.

MAY, 2009

Bailey Brower Jr, Public Servant: Twp. Committeeman and Deputy Mayor

At our April 21 meeting, Bailey told us, "I've had 13 years with the Chatham Township government, and I've worked with good, responsible people. There is a wealth of character and history in this town." Among his suggestions for an improved system is a *jointure* of the township and borough, where he considers the *mayor and council* form of government, with is popularly elected mayor, to be superior to that of the Township Committee, the oldest form of government in NJ. In the meantime, he recommends the sharing of services, such as the police, public works and fire departments.

He perceives some threats to the stability and viability of the town, both local and regional. They include the education costs (61% of town budget), unfunded mandates such as the sewer system (a "town-breaker"), and the state-mandated pensions. "The biggest threats are mandates from the State Council on Affordable Housing (COAH)".



Pres. Doug Bryant, Dep. Mayor Bailey Brower

Bailey has a warm feeling for the history of Chatham. He can remember milk producers on Noe Avenue, and coal sidings near the railroad tracks. He was impressed by last year's *great reunion*. "I was amazed when people returned. It was truly a small town concept.". Doug thanked him for his long service to the town.

Photo, Ron Whalin

April 14 induction ceremony New Kiwanians Arrive With Old Traditions

When Melanie Sze and Nelson Vaughn became new members, they brought with them historic Kiwanis connections. Melanie's father, Palmer, had retired from our club just last year. Nelson, a 59 year resident, and now Mayor of Chatham, advised us that his grandfather started a Kiwanis Club in Ashland VA, in the 1930's.



Melanie Sze and Nelson Vaughn

Both intend to be actively involved in our programs, and have a long history of community service. Melanie is a former teacher, and has been a public and corporate librarian. As her position of corporate librarian gave way to internet information search, she became a paralegal assistant. She retired from that in February. Recently, she agreed to serve on the Kiwanis Youth Leadership Review Committee.

Nelson spent fifteen years as a Scout leader for Troop eight. He enjoyed working with the dedicated volunteers as well as the enthusiastic boys. Before he retired from business, he spent forty-two years with Citibank, five of them in Saudi Arabia.

Melanie's and Nelson's sponsors are Herb Ramo and David Lloyd. While neither could be present for the induction ceremony, we have a system of guidelines for new members and their sponsors that encourage integration into the club,, familiarity with its members and traditions, and many opportunities for performing community service.

NJ News: Marc Litwack for Governor

Our club member, Marc, former Lt. Governor, now District treasurer, and nominee for Governor, is speaking at a series of information meetings around the NJ District. The first one was held at the Hanover Manor on April 29, and was attended by Doug Bryant. The next one will be held Monday, May 18, at 6:30 PM



Marc Litwack

at the *Brick 46 Restaurant* on Rt. 46 in Rockaway. Doug urges us to support Marc by attending the event and meeting other Kiwanians, Interested? Please contact Doug, Dick Plambeck, Rich Behling, Nancy Boucher. Photo, Ron Whalin

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CLUB CALENDER FOR MAY 09– MEETINGS AND EVENTS**Board Meeting**, Wed, May 20, 8:PM at Chatham UM Church**Sponsored Youth**: Wed, May 13, CHS Key Club Meeting, 7:30PM in Cafeteria.**Circle K Club**: TBA**Special Events**: **Help Us Distribute Flags to Veterans' Grave Sites on Thursday, May 21, at 9:AM, in Preparation for Memorial Day on the 25th. We will meet at the Hillside entrance to Fairmount Cemetery. Jerry Cunningham and Bob Huntington have arranged for the flags to distribute.****A Memorial Day Ceremony will be held May 25 at 9:AM at the Chatham Library to honor the men and women in our military services.****J. Cunningham****Birthdays this month**: May 4, Dick Plambeck; May 10, Bert Johnson; May 16, Sally Deatley; May 20, Erv Martin; May 31, Dave Mutchler**Invocations**: Tue, May 5, Clyde Zukswert; May 12, Joan Theubel; May 19, Jerry Cunningham; May 26, Cory Fuller**Newspaper Recycling**: Mondays, 7:00 AM– Volunteers meet 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.**MAY MEETINGS, Ron Whalin, Chair****May 5, Tues. Lunch**, Penni Nafus, of the New Jersey Association of Woman Business Owners**May 12, Tues. Lunch**, **Annual Meeting of our Club: Elections for new VP and Directors.** Also, Alan Robertson will give an illustrated talk on his recent trip to Australia.**May 19, Tues. Lunch**: Picnic lunch at Stanley Park**May 26, Tues. Breakfast**, Linda Durney: A talk on the Social Services of Chatham and Madison.**JUNE MEETINGS, David and Mary Lloyd, Co-Chairs****June 2, Tues. Lunch** TBA**June 9, Tues. Lunch****June 16, Kiwanis-Rotary Picnic****June 23, Tues. Breakfast****June 30, Tues. Breakfast****Coming Events:****June 5**, CHS Music Awards; **June 16**, Kiwanis-Rotary Cook-out. **June 18** ECLC Graduation. **June 23**, CHS Graduation. **June 25-28**, Kiwanis International Convention in Nashville.**July 1-4**, Key Club Int. Convention. Dallas, TX. **July 4**, Parade, **July 19-25** Youth Leadership Institute at the College of New Jersey. **Aug.13**, Library Cook-out for young readers. **Aug.21**, NJ District Kiwanis Convention, Princeton.**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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April 26, Spiritual Aims Sunday: Church'n'Brunch **The St. Patrick Parish in the Borough**

Photos, Ron Whalin



earned our appreciation by welcoming us and reserving three pews for our seating. As she sang to us, our Past President, Cory

Fuller, could see us (and pray for us?) from the choir loft, We were touched by the baptism during the service, for it could be understood well by those with the various faiths we represented. And, we were warmly greeted by the parishioners who stopped to talk with us. Marge Ahrens, chair of our Spiritual Aims Committee, made all the arrangements for this pleasant visit.



Good spirits and good fellowship; now, when do we eat?



Our spirits are also good; can we eat now?

Doug Bryant took care of our reservations at Winberie's in Summit. A number of tables were arranged in a T-shape to accommodate our 16-member party. The food, as expected, was very well prepared and attractively presented, putting everyone in a happy mood. When

Erv Martin collected a number of dishes in his quest for the perfect brunch, he handled with an easy grace the comments on his love of good food.



Erv Martin: many wonderful choices

April 21, The Happy Chorus

Photos, Ron Whalin

When President Doug Bryant announced the birthday of



former President Dud Healy (1986-87) at our breakfast meeting, he brought out a large cake, decorated with "Happy 95th, Dud Healy". Following our tradition, we serenaded him with a hearty chorus of *Happy Birthday Dear Dudley*". This rare occasion was a tribute to his active lifestyle and long tradition of running in marathon races.

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"Happy Birthday Dear Dudley, Happy Birthday to You!"

May 12: Our Annual Meeting: Election of New Officers and Directors

Leadership positions for the next Kiwanis Year (Oct.'09 to Sep.2010) will be open for floor nominations and voting on May 12. Doug Bryant recently announced the report of the Nominating Committee: Mary Anne Maloney has been nominated for Vice President, John Eyre, Marty Sheahehay and Bill Williams for Directors (class of '12) and Betty Anne Keat to fill the unexpired Director term of Mary Anne Maloney (class of '11). According to our by-laws, the Vice President, President-Elect and President will move up one step, with Doug becoming Past President. At the Annual Meeting, floor nominations will be called. after which the voting will proceed. All members present will be eligible to vote in this annual election..

April 14. Dr Jill Cermele, Drew Professor, “Violence has consequences for everyone, and the cost is high”, Dr. Cermele, an Associate Professor of Psychology, described the impact of violence on our communities and our country. The costs range from emergency care to nightmares, reliving an incident, depression, and the possibility of future violence. Every year over two and a half million incidents of violence occur. While women are often victims of sexual violence at the hands of someone they know, men are more subject to attacks by strangers, and fatalities are frequent.



Prof. Williams & Prof. Cermele

Jill told us that the common advice, *don't fight back*, can be wrong, and can result in greater injury. In her woman's self-defense courses, she teaches that resistance can work.

Faced with a dangerous situation, the potential victim should act assertively: yell, lash out with feet, hands, or elbows, and run away. “Resist *before* you get injured!”

The website, *Safety tips for women*, at

www.thenonprofits.com.atm, lists many bits of advice that Jill gives to her college students. Her program, *Impact self defense training*, was started by martial arts practitioners. Jill helps women to learn to fight when they are afraid, realize that fear will not paralyze them, and develop a high sense of self determination. The program was endorsed by Thomas Kean while he was president of Drew, and 150 members of the faculty and staff have attended her classes.



Professor Jill Cermele

She recently received a grant to bring her program to young women, and to young men. This summer she will conduct classes for teens at Neighborhood House in Morristown. In addition to using physical training in her courses, she emphasizes the use of verbal commands as well. Bystanders may want to help, but often don't know what to do. In a firm voice, tell them to, “***call the police!***” or “***call an ambulance!***”

Jill is also collecting stories of encounters with situations that involved real or potential danger. She welcomes personal stories for her research, for they may help future victims. She may be contacted at jcermiele@drew.edu.

April 28, Venturing, a new Scouting program.

“**Venturers are encouraged to think outside the box, to be creative**”, Jim Kowalak, Scout executive for Venturing in our area. This new program, for high school and beyond (ages 14 through 20), provides positive experiences to help young people mature and become responsible adults. Jim described how members learn by doing, and by teaching others. It differs from previous Scouting programs in that it has no ranks (first or second class, etc), and uses the term *Crew* instead of *Troop*. Members of a Crew make decisions on programming, whether to wear uniforms, and whether the Crew will be co-ed or single gender.

Leadership skills are encouraged, and everyone gets a chance to be a leader. Adults are *advisors* rather than *scout masters*. Programs for monthly outings range from *high adventure* to *sports, arts, and hobbies*, and they are planned by the members. They are usually full of fun and challenge.

The leadership experiences, technical skills and personal growth acquired in venturing are designed to develop mature judgment, self discipline and the ability to encourage others. Skills such as these will be useful throughout lives of these Venturers. For further information, log onto <http://www.scouting.org/venturing.aspx>



Doug thanking Jim for his presentation on Venturing