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KIWANIS CLUB OF THE CHATHAMS SERVING THE CHATHAMS AND MADISON

NEWSLETTER FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER, 2010

Our Focus on Youth Has A Strong Impact On Communities, Here and World-Wide

Chatham Library Summer Reading Club— Books, Games, and MORE!

The August 19 Kiwanis Picnic was a Club finale and a reward for ambitious young readers (Pre-K to 6). Of the 594 Club members, 253 had read and reported on at least 40 books. They earned an invitation to the outdoor party. One young reader actually finished 112 books!



Picnic Chm Tom Mullin & some of the 20 volunteers

Older students (Middle and High School) volunteered to listen to the young reader's reports, and discuss the books with them. Among the 121 volunteers was Chris Maturri of Chatham, who listened to and encouraged the Book Clubbers, but also ran the Chess Club, and taught that game to many of the young readers. As the playing of chess has been credited with fostering improved scholarship, the impact of the Reading Club and Chris's contribution should extend well beyond the summer.



Diane O'Brien, Chris & Barbara Maturri



Laura Weinbrom (in white) and parade completed over 8000 books. Refreshments were provided by our Club, and entertainment, with a "beach" theme, was provided by the Chatham Women's Club. After eating their hot dogs, snacks, and ice cream, the Reading Club winners danced, laughed and played with their colorful beach ball balloons.

Children's Librarian Laura Weinbrom said that the Summer Reading Club members together

The Share A child Movement.



Evageline Lee

Kiwanian Evageline Lee spoke at our June 29 breakfast about our project to help children in the poorer rural areas of the Philippines, her home country. The Share A Child Movement, based in Cebu City, supervises our donations and the children they help. The goal is to "empower young people to be productive citizens of the world" through access to education and programs to encourage families to become self-reliant. We have learned from Executive Director Nina Valenzona that two young girls have been selected, ages 11 and 14. We can expect to receive information about them and their families, plus reports on their progress throughout the year.

Key Clubs Support Kiwanis in 5-Year ELIMINATE Program

Jiayun Fong, new Lt. Gov of our local Key Club Division 14, was welcomed to our meeting on Aug. 17. She told of her participation in the July Key Club International Convention in Memphis, and how impressed she was with the commitment to youth of this *Kiwanis-family organization*. She told us of the new World Service Project called ELIMINATE. Like its predecessor, the IDD Project, it is a collaboration between Kiwanis International and UNICEF,



Jiayun Fong

This time the targeted disease is MNT (Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus), a killer of 160 children and 80 mothers per day. It causes convulsions and extreme pain, but can be prevented by three injections of a 60 cent vaccine. Jiayun was happy to advise us of the support of Key Club International for the new Kiwanis-UNICEF partnership. The Kiwanis goal, with the support of its "family" of sponsored clubs, is to raise 110 million dollars by 2015, to supply the vaccines and other equipment needed by UNICEF to fight MNT in at least 40 countries around the world.

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CLUB CALENDER FOR SEPTEMBER '10- MEETINGS AND EVENTS**Board Meeting, Wed. Sept 14. 8:PM at CUMC****Sponsored Youth Meetings & Events: [Regional Training Conference, for Key Club officers, members and advisors.](#) Sept 25, 9:AM to 3:PM, Millburn HS. Breakfast and lunch included.****Club meetings for Builders Clubs, Key Clubs and Circle K Club to be announced.****Events this month: [Thurs, Sept 16- Clean-up at Shepard-Kollock Park, 9:AM.](#) Turn from Main St. to Parrott Mill Rd, and then to Henderson Rd and the parking area.****[Wed. Sept 22 at 6:PM- Annual Installation Dinner and 80th Anniversary Celebration, 6:PM at Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park. Cost: \\$40.00](#)****Birthdays this month: Sept 14, Cory Fuller, Karen Swartz; Sept 20, Hert Ramo; Sept 24, Jerry Cunningham; Sept 29, Charlie Murray.****Newspaper Recycling: Mondays 7:00 AM- Volunteers meet at collection area near Chatham Post Office. Reminder for neighbors: Leave newspapers near Kiwanis trailer.****SEPTEMBER MEETINGS, Betty Anne Keat, Chair. Sept 7, 14, & 28 at Charlie Brown's.****Sept 7, Lunch—Rebecca Shippey will talk on Healthy Aging and Community Care-giving. Becky is the Healthy Aging Coordinator at Morriston Memorial Hospital.****Sept 14, Lunch—Lesley Parness, Superintendent of Horticultural Education at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum will speak on, Gardens of Morris County****Sept 22 (Wednesday), Installation Dinner, 6:PM. Celebrate our Club's 80th birthday!****Sept 28, Breakfast—Dick Plambeck will speak on the "Chatham Community Gardens".****OCTOBER MEETINGS, John Eyre, Chair. All Meetings at Charlie Brown's.****Oct 5, Lunch—John Reardon, "Time, Watches, and Patek Philippe Watches"****Oct 12, Lunch- Al Papp, NJ Association of Railroad Passengers – The ARC Project.****Oct 19, Breakfast- Marilyn Wittlinger will speak on Sears mail-order homes.****Oct 26, Breakfast- Joan Thubel – Amazon River Trip.****Chatham Kiwanis-Officers & Directors for 2010-2011****Officers, 1-year term, progressive**

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THE ENTHUSIASM OF OUR SPONSORED YOUTH – A NEW ERA

Key Club and Circle K Officers Attend District Conventions and Visit Our Club Meetings in a Revival of Earlier Traditions.

While our Sponsored Youth Clubs have been very helpful to our fish'n'chip and pasta dinners, in recent years their trips to conventions and visits to our club have been rare. As a result, their activities this spring have been gratifying to us. Starting March 26, Circle K officers from the Drew club took part in their District Convention (D-CON) in Somerset.



ECLC Key Club Secretary, Left, and Faculty Advisor Samantha Zelevansky

The two-day Key Club District Convention, starting April 16 in King of Prussia (PA), was attended by officers and advisors from the Chatham High School Key Club...

Earlier, the ECLC Key Club sent two club officers, along with their new advisor, Samantha Zelevansky and Assistant Principal Susan Tillis, to our April 6 meeting. They were animated in telling us about the fundraisers for Haiti relief, Mt. Pleasant Animal Shelter, and Special Olympics. The following



Circle K visitors– Advisor Amy Koritz and Officers Gabrielle Kostiuik, Daniel Gregor, Victoria Dayton, and Sarah Cronholm

week, Prof. Amy Koritz, new faculty advisor for Circle K of Drew, came with 4 club officers. Those who at-

tended the Somerset D-CON told how they gained new insight into the Kiwanis Family experience, and others told of their community service experiences with the Club.

April 20 brought to our club Kiera Akri, Chatham Key Club advisor, along with VP Kristina Kim, Treas. Natalie Ivers, and Pres. Annie Monson/ They told us of their recent Convention (see above), and their plans to build on the ideas and enthusiasm from "D-Con". Advisor

Akri later said that she was impressed by the enthusiastic response of those attending. Later also, Advisor Richard Yar said that he was happy with the various "breakout" and workshop sessions, and would recommend additional sessions for future Conventions.



CHS Officers & Advisor: (L-R) Vice-Pres, Treasurer, Advisor & President.

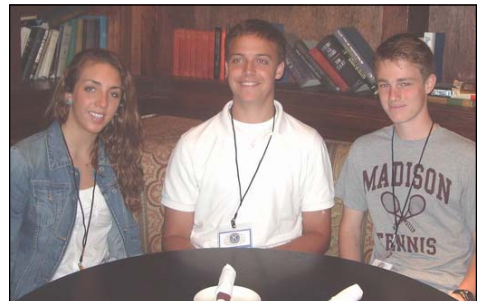


Madison High School Officers– Vice President, President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

At our May 25 breakfast meeting, we hosted a visit by

seven officers of the Madison HS Key Club: VP Shanon Sweeney, Pres. Brenna Anderson, Sec'y Emil O'Gorman, Treas, Leo Johanson-Lebron, PR, Caroline Brennan, Events Coord, Jason von der Linde, Points Sec'y Henry Smith. Their advisor, Peggy Cox, explained that the club meets twice each meeting day, and has co-

Presidents: one running the pre-school. and the other the after school meetings. While delegates from our Kiwanis Club have



Madison HS (Cont.) Publicity, Events Coordinator, and Points Secretary

attended their afternoon Key Club meeting, and our members worked with Madison Key Club members at the Cole Park Clean-up, this was the first time the officers and advisor had met at our club. They were warmly welcomed ECLC, Circle K, and CHS Photos, Ron Whalin.

SPONSORED YOUTH: AFTER THEY GRADUATE

Kiwanis Awards to MHS Graduates.



Nancy and Catherine At the June 17 MHS awards ceremony, Nancy Boucher, former President of the Chatham and Madison Kiwanis Clubs, presented the Nancy Boucher Service Award to Catherine

Turvey for doing an excellent job as Co-President of the Madison High School Key Club. Nancy also noted her dedicated work as a tutor to students of *English as a second language* (ESL).

At the same Awards Ceremony, musician Jerry Vezza presented the Jerry Vezza music award to Connor Leszczuk for his work as violinist in the MHS orchestra. He also praised Connor for his growing reputation as an outstanding musician with many north Jersey musical organizations, and for winning area competitions on the fiddle as well as the violin.



Connor and Jerry

Aug. 17 Mtg.-CHS Scholarship Winners



Megan and Sarah

Megan Murray and Sarah Simonson, recipients of our four-year scholarships at the June 22 graduation and award ceremony, came to hear our congratulations and express their gratitude for our support. Megan was Secretary and VP of the Key Club, a teacher and leader in her church, lettered all four

year in lacrosse, was a captain for two state championships, and won the CHS Scholar/Athlete award. She will study Biology and Business Management at Yale.

Sarah was Key Club Treasurer, Student Government Treasurer, President of the Spanish Club and Senior Editor of the Year Book Club. She won the Chatham Womans Club World Language Award, and was a mentor to inner-city school children in the SCEEP program. She'll study International Business and Political Economy at NYU.

July 20- Visit by Last Year's Scholarship Winner, Erin Boehmer.

Erin, former Key Club President and Editor of the CHS newspaper, found a welcome environment at the University of Virginia.

Since her graduation we have enjoyed the letters and photos describing her journey of personal discovery. It was challenging but friendly, she said, and she is now planning to



Erin Boehmer, Rich Behling

major in Civil Engineering. Earlier this year she advised us of her May trip to South Africa as part of a UVA project called *Water and Health in Limpopo* (WHLP).

Erin and her group traveled to two villages six hours north of Johannesburg, where she taught students about the science of clean water. The group also advised the village Chief about plans to add to the previously constructed water filtration system. Erin and her group learned about the challenges of managing an advanced engineering project in an environment with a low literacy rate and few resources. They also had an introduction to the challenges of local village politics.

News of 2001 Award Winner **Chatham High School graduate Lauren Kapsky, 2000-2001 Key Club International President and winner of our four-year scholarship award,**

was recently appointed by the Board of Kiwanis International to the select committee that advised the Board on their choice for the second World Service Project. This partnership with UNICEF called *ELIMINATE* was announced at this year's Convention of Kiwanis International in June. . See additional information on P1 of this issue.



Lauren Kapsky

Photos by Ron Whalen.

KEY CLUB FOLLOW-THROUGH: DIVISION 14 NEWS

August 14- We Sponsor First Divisional Meeting of 2010-2011

At the request of Lt. Gov. Jiayun Fong, we arranged for her introductory gathering, at the Chatham United Methodist Church, where we hold Board meetings. At the meeting were District officers, including Governor Rachel Orbach and other members of her Board, Lt. Governors, officers of clubs in Div 14, and their advisors from the schools, and from their sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs. Jiayun organized ice breakers, Gov. Orbach spoke on the importance of inter-group communication, and other Lt. Governors explained upcoming Divisional, District and International events. The meeting ended with a ribbon-making contest. Within four minutes, 144 were created, which the Key Clubbers will sell to raise funds for the Children's Specialized Hospital. She ended with special thanks the host club, Chatham High, its President, Annie Monson, Co-VP, Gianna Strand, and Editor/Corresponding Secretary Kallan Murray. She also thanked our Chatham/Madison Kiwanis Club, for sponsoring the event. Our local attendees include (back row, L-R) #1, Stephanie Cooperman, CMS Builders Club Advisor; #2, Annie Monson; #4, Jiayun Fong, #5, Gianna Strand, ; #9, Brenna Anderson, Madison HS President; #10, Emily O'Gorman, MHS Secretary; and #11, Gail Frey, ECLC Advisor. Middle row: #1, Neil Cooperman Millburn HS Advisor; #2, Kallan Murray; #5, Gov. Rachel Orbach. Front row: #1, Betty Anne Keat, our sponsored youth chair and CHS Kiwanis advisor.

Photo, Ron Whalin



NJ DISTRICT 93RD CONVENTION, HANOVER MARIOTT 8/20-2/2010

Memorial Program Sunday morning, to remember Kiwanians who have passed away. I was privileged to post flowers on the "K" memorial display for our three late members, Bob Franklin, Perry Philp and Palmer Sze, **Editor**
Our new Lt. Governor, Joseph O'Neil, of The



Joseph O'Neil, Karen Gajewski

Kiwanis Club of Greater Parsippany, looks forward to working with our club on projects and events concerning the well-being of the clubs in our division (#10), Pictured with him, from the same club, is Karen Gajewski. We will welcome Lt. Gov.

O'Neil to our Installation Dinner (Wednesday Sept.23, at Brooklake Country Club, beginning at 6PM). He will conduct the installation ceremony for new officers, as well as recognition of continuing and retiring officers.

Three Ribbons Awarded to our Club: We earned a blue ribbon *Service Award, 2009-10*, for our contributions to the Circle K Clubs, at the District and local level. The Silver award for our newsletter was awarded for the best newsletter among clubs of our size ("silver"). A green ribbon was awarded for the best newsletter of any size club in the NJ District. They will be mounted on a club banner, for display at our meetings. **Photos, Editor**

