

# -----Greater Woodbury Kiwanis -----

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Meeting: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Thursdays at Noon

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 6:30 PM

Jim Meehan: President 2014-2015

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NJ District Division 2 Club

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September Birthdays: 9/20-John Goetsch, 9/28- Jim Kelleher  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE!!!!

### Programs for September

September 3<sup>rd</sup> - Discussion of the car show to be held on September 5; board meeting

September 10<sup>th</sup> – Speaker Johanna J. Smith, author of *Star Gazer: The Horse Who Loved History*

September 17<sup>th</sup> – Evening meeting at Charlie Brown's

September 24<sup>th</sup> - member presentation



### Dates to remember:

September 5<sup>th</sup> – car show

September 21<sup>st</sup> – Charter Night for Swedesboro Holiday Inn Ext 10 R295: at 6pm

Nov 5<sup>th</sup>- Greater Woodbury Charter Night

Betty has sent out notices for Kiwanis dues for the year of October 2015 to September 2016 in August. The payments will be needed by mid-September. As in the past, she appreciates your cooperation!

### Greater Woodbury Kiwanis Club News:

On Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> we had Key Club officers from West Deptford attend our luncheon meeting. Representing their Club was Tyler, the newspaper editor; Rasha, the Vice President; Katie, the Secretary; and Sydney, the Treasurer; enjoyed lunch and fellowship with our Greater Woodbury Kiwanis members.

On Thursday evening, August 20<sup>th</sup> at the Red Bank Battlefield we had our yearly picnic. Despite the rain a great time was had by all in attendance. The food which was prepared by *Bagelicious* was delicious. Thank you to Newt and Rich for arranging our picnic.

Rich and Carol Stahler, George and Connie Wagoner, and Joan attended the NJ District Convention at the Princeton Marriott Hotel where Anthony Affatati was elected our Governor elect, and Jerry Adelson was elected Treasurer. Congratulations to these deserving Kiwanians. Dora Brown was honored at the Memorial Service on Sunday morning.

## Aktion Club Celebrates 3rd Annual Charter Night

The Aktion Club of Gloucester County celebrated their 3rd Annual Charter Night on Thursday evening July 16th with a picnic at Camp Sun 'N Fun in Williamstown. Aktion Club members, and their guests, representatives from Kiwanis on the local and state level, and representatives from The Arc Gloucester enjoyed a beautiful evening along with good food and a time of sharing. Aktion Club President Dorian Davis opened the evening by welcoming all those in attendance and leading everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following dinner Brenda Powell, Aktion Club Advisor from The Arc Gloucester, introduced the Aktion Club members in attendance as well as guests from Kiwanis and The Arc Gloucester: Nancy Hart-Esposito, Kiwanis NJ District Governor; Mark Esposito, NJ District Aktion Club Advisor; Gordon Meth, Kiwanis NJ District Governor-Elect; George Wagoner, Aktion Club Advisor from Greater Woodbury Kiwanis (GWK); Jim Meehan, President GWK; Betty Limanni, Secretary GWK; Rich Stahler, Treasurer GWK; Pam Corrigan, Board Member-The Arc Gloucester; Ana Rivera, Executive Director, The Arc Gloucester; Brenda Scardefield, Asst. Executive Director, The Arc Gloucester; Tara Baresel-Dennen, Asst. Executive Director, The Arc Gloucester. Brenda also recognized Aktion Club Advisor Joan Van Note, GWK, who was unable to attend. Family members of Aktion Club members were recognized and thanked for their continued support of Aktion Club and the efforts of the members. And finally, Aktion Club members were congratulated on their successful efforts over the past year, which included the following service projects: collection of 150 coats for a winter coat drive which were distributed to needy residents in South Jersey; making of 60 Valentine's Day cards for the residents of Shady Lane Nursing Home; and collecting items for residents of Veterans Haven. The Club also collected \$20 in donations for the ELIMINATE Project at The Arc Gloucester's Walk/Run event in May. To date the Club has collected \$107 in donations for the ELIMINATE Project, which provided 59 vaccines for mothers and their babies to support Kiwanis International's campaign to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. Aktion Club held its' first fundraiser at Friendly's restaurant on June 3 which was a huge success, raising \$161.00. The evening was capped off with cake and enthusiasm for Aktion Club's next year of service to the community which will begin with their monthly meeting scheduled for Friday Sept. 18, 2015, 12:00 noon at RCGC.

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Johanna J. Smith, MA, LPC will be our guest speaker on September 10<sup>th</sup> at our luncheon meeting at Charlie Brown's 12 noon. She wrote the book *Star Gazer: The Horse who loved History*. Ms. Smith's love of horses dates back to her childhood experiences as an accomplished equestrian in Southern Pines, North Carolina. After graduating from college she moved to Sierra Leone, West Africa, where she taught tribal children in the town of Koribundo. Her time in Sierra Leone, West Africa, allowed Ms. Smith to observe firsthand how absolute poverty and lack of education fosters conflict between nations.

Ms. Smith will talk about her travels in Africa and how this led to writing this delightful children's book. The mission statement for *Star Gazer, the Horse Who Loved History*, is to introduce children to the idea of world peace through the experiences of a race horse who loves the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Ms. Smith has developed her book in three schools in the Philadelphia area: a white school in Blue Bell, an African American school in Philadelphia, and a Jewish School in Wynnewood. Both teachers and student were enthusiastic about *Star Gazer, the Horse Who Loved History*.

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The Formula Team in Division 2 under the leadership of Fritz Reynolds, President of the Greater Mantua KI Club has organized the Greater Swedesboro Kiwanis Club. Charter Night will be September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Holiday Inn Exit 10 on R295 South at 6pm. More details will be forthcoming from our NJ District office.

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