

New Jersey KIWANIAN

Cleaning and Building for Good

In **Haddon Heights** on an overcast May 20th Saturday morning, the Little Timber Creek Nature Trail and future Little Free Libraries received 45 hours of continued support by the **Kiwanis Club of the Haddons**.

With 10 members from the Key Club of Eastern Regional High School along with four Kiwanis Club members, short order was made of clearing two acres of the Little Timber Creek Nature Trail adjacent the Devon Avenue sports complex in Haddon Heights of litter and overgrowth.

In addition, one of the benches at the campfire circle was rebuilt. The Key Club and Kiwanis Club make three visits a year to the trail to help fulfill a Camden County Clean Communities Mini-Grant. A new Signature Project, several future Little Free Libraries have been constructed, and the Key Club provided design expertise. **(continued on page 6)**



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Hackettstown Club and K-Kids Celebrate Memorial Day



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Randolph Club Hosts 'Pins for Pets'

Raising money is sometimes difficult. But the **Randolph Club** has found a way to make it fun. Their club hosted the “Pins for Pets” event at a local bowling alley that raised money to rescue pets by supporting the Eleventh Hour Rescue project. (Wearing Kiwanis shirts—a great way to publicize your club at any event.)



'Take it Outside' Project Continues



The **Randolph Club** members, above, were on the ball when it comes to the state wide project that participated with the NJ Department of Environmental Protection to collect valuable data.

The NJ Kiwanis District partnered with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to inventory parks throughout the state. Recently:

- The **Toms River Club** inventoried five state parks.
- The **Clark Club** also participated in what their **President Jennifer Gallo** said “was an easy project that we hope will be helpful for the state records.”

Cleaning Up with K-Family



Top: Eastern Regional High School Key Club members ready to embark on trail clean-up at the Little Timber Creek Nature Trail in Haddon Heights with Kiwanis members **Milton Smith** (above left) and **Harvey Lermack** (2nd from right).

Submitted by Milton Smith



Two acres of the Little Timber Creek Nature Trail are cleared of litter and debris by Key Club of Eastern Regional High School.



Pictured from left : Club CO-Secretary Rose Kuprianov, Club Treasurer John Siciliano, Club CO-Secretary Cheryl Pivola, Club President Kathy Breuss, Members Fran and Deb McAlarnen (missing from photo Donna Troiano, Linda Davenport and Joe Schiff).

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The **Greater Wildwood Kiwanis Club** held their Semi—Annual Pasta Dinner on Wednesday May 17, 2017 at Alfe’s Italian Seafood Restaurant. It reportedly was a great success. “With only 9 members on the Roster, our club has struggled but manages to stay committed! We raised over \$1600.00 and even recruited a new former member to our club,” Cheryl Pivola shared.

Also in attendance were **Ed Hutchinson**, Key Club Administrator for Divisions 1, 3 and 4 and **Jean Davis** the Cape May Club.

Proms Aren't Just for Teens

Send in your information of your club's activities!

Send pictures and the 5 w's (who, what, when, where and why) of the event and send to newsletter editor:

Susan Dougherty at crusadersue@hotmail.com
732-382-5367

Clark Senior Citizen Prom Brings Smiles



The Key Club of Arthur L. Johnson High School held their second annual Senior Citizen Prom at the end of May with chaperones from the **Kiwanis Club of Clark**. With food donated by Applebee's of Clark Commons, and ShopRite of Clark, and a local DJ, the senior citizens of the

area enjoyed a special night of dancing.

Teens, under the direction of **Ellen Zamboni**, adviser, served the hot dinner and danced with their grandparents as well as total strangers.

One of the fun elements of the night was the crowning of the prom king and queen.



Special guest... Krystle Tomlinson, a Miss New Jersey contestant for the Miss America Pageant, was on hand to entertain as well as help crown the king and queen who were selected randomly.



"Wake Up Little Suzie"... Lt. Governor **Brooke Gallo**, top left, acts as official photographer of the night that featured 1950's music.



Bringing Cheer to Under Privileged

Children and the homeless were remembered at Easter, thanks to Councilman **Frank Mazza**, above right, President of the **Kiwanis Club of Elizabeth**, John C. Gibardi President/CEO of the Entertainment Industries Federal Credit Union.

They presented Easter Baskets for the children and survival bags for the homeless to Sister Jacinta from Saint Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth. This is a great example of Kiwanis Clubs working together on a service project with another organization, this time the local Credit Union.

Survival bags were filled with hygiene products for at-risk men and women in Elizabeth. Collaborative efforts paid off for the **Elizabeth Club**.



Annual Steak Bust

The **Sparta Club's** annual event will take place on Thursday, August 3 at 6:00 p.m. Open to the public, it's at Station Park in Sparta. \$30 per person may be paid at the door. RSVP to Past NJ District Governor **John Kirkowski** at 973-729-6210.



**JOIN US
for our
annual
event!
Bring
guests!**

MENU

Filet mignon

Sausage 'n peppers

Corn on the cob

Salad

Blue Claws Night in August



Toms River Club is planning to participate in the Blue Claws Kiwanis Night on August 4 that is part of the New Jersey District project. Will your club join them for a night of family fun? Call our NJ office if you want more information.



Parsippany Club Cooks Dinner for ‘Homeless Solutions’

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Parsippany prepares dinner at Morris County’s Homeless Solutions on the fourth Saturday of every month. **President-elect Frank Cahill**, above, started his Saturday morning by shopping for food, which is paid for by the club. At right, **Vice President Karen DeChristopher, Carol Tiesi and Joyce Garrow** helped cook along with **President-elect Frank Cahill**.

The group of volunteers meet at Homeless Solutions to start preparing dinner for the residents in the transitional housing program. The volunteers prepare a fresh fruit salad, tossed salad with numerous dressings, baked ziti with meatballs and rolls and serve vanilla cake for dessert. They also serve iced tea and coffee. Kiwanis Club of Greater Parsippany has been providing meals to Homeless Solutions for the past eleven years.



★ **Building for Good** ★ *(continued from page 1)*

“The students came up with some great decorating ideas to attract youthful readers that our older members would have never thought of,” said **President-Elect Harvey Lermack**. Once the boxes are painted and decorated and stocked, they will be installed in Barrington, Haddon Heights, Cherry Hill and Haddonfield.

In the last program year, the **Kiwanis Club of the Haddons** delivered over 1,500 hours of service to their community with over 140 projects and raised over \$8,000.



Are you going? Mais, oui! Make sure you share your pictures with Susan Dougherty, NJ District Editor, who will be there with you in July!

Top Trivia Winners at Greater Parsippany



Club's Event

Winners all around. Sporting tiaras and crowns, winners have bragging rights.

It's All Fun and Games

Kiwanis Club of Greater Parsippany recently held their 14th consecutive Ultimate Trivia Night at Parsippany PAL Youth Center. Friends, family, co-workers gathered for a night of fun.

First Place Winners in Kiwanis Club Trivia Contest (above) were Michele Reutty, Joanne Roukens, Arlene Sahraie, Kelsey Young, Tim Dartucci, Sara Weissman, Cristian Maiullo and Steve Vega. President Greg Elbin in the back row.

Second Place Winners: John Smith, Dave Reagan, Eric Hubner, Lou Duer, Lonnie Katz, Jeff Kirk and Joe Cistaro with **Kiwanis President Greg Elbin**.

Third Place Winners with President Greg Elbin: Suzanne Meth, Emily Russoniello, Kyle



Meth, Gordon Meth, Tim O'Sullivan, Chris Russoniello and Eileen O'Sullivan.

The event was a bring your own food and BYOB. Soda, coffee, water, plates, cups, napkins, and utensils were provided. Specialty cupcakes were available for purchase.

There were a few simple rules: The use of ANY electronic device whatsoever during competition will immediately disqualify the offending team. This includes but is not limited to I-Pad's, PDA's, ICBM's, drones, etc. The use of printed material such as encyclopedias, almanacs, National Geographic, and the like, was strictly prohibited and, of course, no tweeting.



Oh, Is it Raining ?

**We're
Still
Here**

Did the Allies cancel D-Day due to rain? No, and neither did the **Hackettstown Club** cancel their parade! Despite a torrential downpour at times, the **Kiwanis Club of Hackettstown** braved the elements to show their patriotism for Memorial Day.

Joined by the K-Kids of Willow Grove and Hatchery Hill and their respective faculty advisers **Robin Gibbon** and **Julie Borcharding**, the club marched the parade route displaying various patriotic banners, American Flags and a float loaded with students. The inclement weather did not deter them from showing their gratitude for all those who have served and continue to serve in our military.



Photos and copy submitted by Steve Gandley

From the Pen of the Secretary

The District currently has 76 active clubs counting the revitalized club in **Monroe Township**. Kiwanis International's records show the District started the 2016-2017 year with 1,590 members. As of the end of the last reporting period we have 1,645 members which is a plus of 55 (5/26/17).

This is showing a steady gain but not sufficient to make up the loss we experience through death, change of jobs

and other socio-economic conditions.

Some of our clubs have done very well bringing in new members such as **Cape May, Greater Woodbury and Somerset Hills** who have brought in at least 5 or more new members each. Several other clubs have brought in at least 4 members.

Congratulations and continue to grow.



**Keep Up the
Good Work**



Getting Hands Dirty to Create a Community Children's Garden

Bill Ebert, Vice President of the Kiwanis Club of Gloucester Twp-Blackwood, and Michele Selfridge, counselor for the Family Resource Center, prepare marigolds to be planted by the children. At right, **Jane Pascal** isn't afraid to get a little dirt under her fingernails as she plants some marigolds for the children's garden.

The Gloucester Township Family Resource Center and the Kiwanis Club Join Forces

It was a good day to get out and play in the dirt for the Gloucester Township Family Resource Center and the Kiwanis Club of Gloucester Township-Blackwood.

They joined with children in the community on Thursday, May 18 to create a children's garden full of vegetables and flowers at the Family Resource Center. **Bill Ebert, vice president of the Kiwanis Club,** worked with Michele Selfridge, licensed clinical social worker with the Gloucester Township Police, to bring their organizations together and give back to the community.

Ebert noticed that over the years, their Kiwanis Club had been doing small things here and there, but it hadn't culminated enough in the big picture. "So, we've taken on a signature project, hoping to



sponsor programs here at the Family Resource Center," Ebert said. "The first of our projects, this year's kickoff project, is the children's garden."

The Kiwanis Club's focus internationally is children, so it made sense to Ebert to join with the Family Resource Center. Growing up, Ebert had learned about farming and gardening, but he's noticed children aren't learning that today. "It's educational, it's also a way to get kids involved in the community, it's also a way that in a month or two or three, the community gets some tomatoes and squash," Ebert said. "We are hoping that some of these kids, maybe in August, they have a pizza party and they use the oregano and the tomatoes and the spices [...] that they've grown."

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Saying Good-bye to Alfred “Barney” Zarro



Barney Zarro passed away peacefully on May 28, 2017 at the age of ninety-six. A resident of Lakewood, NJ and a member of the **Kiwanis Club of Leisure Village**, Barney was a long time Kiwanian and a Past Lieutenant Governor.

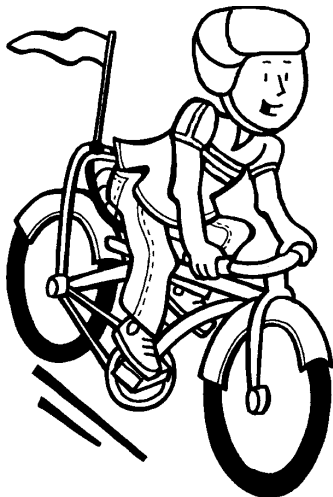
However, Barney’s legacy transcends Kiwanis as he was one of the nicest, sweetest, caring people to ever walk the earth. Barney always greeted you with a broad, bright, genuine smile and his ebullience always made you feel as if you were the most important person in the world! Anyone who knew Barney should be thankful that he was a part of their lives and mourn for those who never had the opportunity to meet this sweetheart of a man!

Congratulations to Sussex for New Addition

What a great way to get your Kiwanis name out there! The Kiwanis Club of Sussex was given a colorful trailer that will be a traveling billboard for their contact information. Sporting the Kiwanis International logo and their personal contact information, the trailer will be parked in various areas and at different community events to draw attention to their name.



Ride, ‘em, Cowboy: Bike Rodeo at LBI



The annual bike safety rodeo was held on May 24, at the Long Beach Island elementary school in Ship Bottom.

A large and enthusiastic group of children assembled to learn some safety lessons taught to them by Long Beach Township nurse, Ann Pepe, aided by Kiwanis member and Long Beach Township Community Police Officer, **Megan Keller**.

Police officers from local police jurisdictions were there to help guide the children riding their bikes through a planned course teaching them lessons in observing and obeying traffic rules and signs.

Mechanics from Walter’s Bikes also were there to fine tune all of the children’s bicycles making certain they are in tip-top safety condition.

Governor Anthony's on the Road Again



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Janine Caudo



Governor's Visit

Thanks for your service...NJ District Governor **Anthony Affatati**, above, expresses his appreciation to **Galloway Club President, Marge Guenther** who hosted Division 1's Governor's Visit.

Circle K and Key Club members, above, were on hand also that night to present Governor Anthony with T- shirts from their clubs. They thanked him for attending Key Club and Circle K DCONs.

Mark Your Calendars for Centennial DCON

Dear Kiwanians:

The NJ District of Kiwanis International is marking its centennial this year, and we plan to celebrate that milestone in a BIG WAY at DCON August 25, 26, 27. The centennial convention will be held at the beautiful, secluded Tuscany Hotel and Golf Resort at the Renault Winery in Egg Harbor City, New Jersey.

Kiwanis International President, **Jane M. Erickson**, has been invited to be the Saturday luncheon speaker, and we have planned a SPECIAL Friday night banquet focusing on honoring the past governors of the district.

I extend to you and your guest (s) this personal invitation to attend DCON for the entire fun-filled weekend. We have worked hard to make this Centennial DCON economical to attend--an event, which will be memorable, enjoyable, educational and just plain FUN. To that end, your attendance will make the weekend complete. Bring your swimsuit, tennis racket, golf clubs and dancing shoes. You will need them as we celebrate 100 years of Kiwanis in New Jersey.

I look forward to seeing you at DCON, where we will renew Kiwanis friendships and recommit to "Serving the Children of the World."

Sincerely, **Joseph P. Teti**

Past NJ District Governor and DCON 2017 Chairman