



# New Jersey KIWANIAN

## Trenton Club Celebrates its Centennial

Submitted by Milton Smith



“Kiwanis is everywhere,” said Key-note speaker Assemblyman **Daniel R. Benson**, a Hamilton Kiwanian.

A crowd of seventy past, present and future Kiwanis leaders filled the Leonardo’s II restaurant in May to celebrate 100 years to the day since the founding of the Kiwanis Club of Trenton.

Assemblyman (and Hamilton Kiwanian) **Daniel R. Benson** (District 4) provided a keynote address which highlighted a century of service to Trenton’s kids. He recalled following the Kiwanis Camp Fund as a paper boy, checking the newspapers he delivered each day to see how much money had been raised to send young Trentonians to summer camp.

“Kiwanis is everywhere,” Assemblyman Benson said, “and there’s no reason why we can’t keep going.” Kiwanis New Jersey District officers came from across the state to honor New Jersey’s oldest Kiwanis Club, established just three years after the founding of the first Kiwanis club in Detroit, Michigan in 1915.

Past club presidents travelled from as far away as Florida to attend. “I think we hit a home run,” club president Joe Teti said, himself a Kiwanian since 1970. He noted that “some of the finest people I’ve known” he met through Kiwanis.

Past NJ District Governor **Joe Teti**, front right, joins other dignitaries at the Trenton celebration. (More on page 4.)

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## Kiwanis Rose Project: Make Money for Your Clubs

Start to plan now to be a part of this unique money raising opportunity!

**Our Cost:** \$8.50 per dozen which includes the box imprinted with Kiwanis, the green paper for inside the box and the gold band outside the box. We are responsible for printing the card indicating how to care for the flowers which will also be placed in the box. We can also print our logo on that card.

**We will sell a dozen roses for \$20.00**

The NJ District Foundation will receive \$3.50. The Foundation will be responsible for printing the card to be inserted into the box and absorb the added cost for any orders paid via PayPal.

**Each club will retain \$8.00 per dozen sold.**

If some schools want to sell some roses individually, the company will provide us with the water tubes at no charge. We merely have to know how many we need per division.

All orders must be pre-paid. A final spreadsheet of all orders will be sent to Zieger by Tuesday, September 4, 2018.

All payments must be received by the **District Foundation by Tuesday, September 4, 2018.**

Zieger & Sons will deliver the roses to each of our 9 divisions at a location to be specified by each division's captain **between 5:00AM and 7:00AM on Thursday, September 27th** so that we can deliver them on a timely basis.

Upon delivery, we will have **four of five volunteers** at each location to sort the orders (flowers, boxes, green paper for inside the box, the Kiwanis thank you card with instructions as to how to care for the roses, assemble the boxes, and the gold band to be placed around the box. Each club within their respective division would then pick up their orders, assemble the boxes with the flowers, then distribute them.

Cash, Check, Paypal **\*Checks should be made payable to your club. When reporting and remitting payment, you should send a check in the amount of \$12 per dozen sold payable to the NJ Kiwanis District Foundation and your club would retain \$8 per dozen from each sale.**

# of sales should be sent to:

**Mr. Barrie Werfel**  
**3127 Franklin Lane, Rockaway NJ 07866.**

You can also email your sales to Barrie at [NJDAW-erfel@aol.com](mailto:NJDAW-erfel@aol.com) and/or

**Steve Gandley at [etiennegandley@gmail.com](mailto:etiennegandley@gmail.com)**

Each Kiwanis Club, Circle K and Key Club can use the funds they raise as they see fit. **HOWEVER**, this would be a great way for students to help subsidize their cost for DCON or ICON.



### **Trenton Thunder**

**Kiwanis Night**

**June 21, 7 pm**

**Sponsored by Bordentown  
and PA Kiwanis Region 7**

**\$15 per person**

**Mail checks to:**

**George Veitengruber**

**4 East Union Street**

**Bordentown, NJ 08505**

## Presentation on Skin Cancer



Submitted by Mike Dixon

Pictured are **Garrett Jones** and **Dr Debra Rabner**.

On May 10, 2018 at the Cloverleaf Restaurant, Dr. Deborah Rabner gave a presentation on the dangers of skin cancer to the **Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex**. She is a dermatologist in West Caldwell, NJ and is certified by the American Board of Dermatology.

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the US and each year. There are more new cases of skin cancer than the combined incidence of breast, prostate, lung and colon cancer. Skin cancer can affect anyone, regardless of skin color, gender or age. In fact, one in five Americans will develop skin cancer in the course of a lifetime. These facts may be alarming, but because skin cancer is mainly a behavioral disease, it is highly preventable.



## Stop Food Insecurity

At our April 19th meeting, we welcomed **Helene Meissner**, Director of NORWESCAP. Helene explained how NORWESCAP oversees the distribution of over 2,000,000 pounds of food annually to more than 120 pantries, shelters, soup kitchens, on-site feeding programs, child care centers, senior centers and programs for the disabled in Hunterdon, Sussex and Warren counties; through their 900+ volunteers who contribute more than 7,500 volunteer hours a year.

She further explained how financial donations actually go a lot further than the donated food because they can purchase food as a non-profit in bulk and insure more food at a lower cost for the families they feed. For more information on NORWESCAP, checkout <http://www.norwescap.org>.

## Congratulations to Frank Cahill

**Gordon Meth** recently attended the ceremony at a YMCA that honored **Frank Cahill** as the Parsippany Citizen of the Year.



# Trenton Club's 100 Years of Charity



*A Trivia game about Kiwanis run by Robert Bullington entertains all.*

Trenton's Kiwanians have spent a century in service, with far-reaching results. On its first anniversary, former U.S. President **William Howard Taft** was the luncheon speaker. During the 1930's Kiwanians helped "wayward and underprivileged children" with cases pending before the Juvenile Court.

Through the years, the charity work has been monumental. Included in their history, four Ki-

wanian physicians gave 940 hours of free clinics for children and performed free operations on 300 needy youngsters. Kiwanians sold \$46,500 in war bonds in 1943 and another \$348,000 in 1944, a feat which earned it the honorary sponsorship of a U.S. Air Force B-24 Heavy Bomber.

During the 1940's and '50s, the "Kiwanis Dental Clinic" served hundreds of Trenton children who couldn't afford dental care. The '50s and '60s Kiwanis sponsored baseball and basketball leagues, talent and hobby shows and an annual father-son-daughter dinner. In the 1980's, over \$50,000 was raised to replace lost federal funding cuts to critical health care services for the poor at area hospitals.

By any measure it has been a productive century, with the Club's charitable foundation contributing to between forty and fifty projects each year. On average, their annual gifts have totaled between \$30,000 and \$35,000.

This Kiwanis club will continue to build young lives, friendships and the City of Trenton.

*2017 recipients of Times-Kiwanis Summer Camp Fund Grants.*



Gathering backpacks for children in need.



Serving meals at Thanksgiving.

# Just Looking Back



*Do you recognize anyone here? It's a picture of the **Kiwanis Club of Caldwell-West Essex in 1999.** They are gathering photos now in preparation for their own 100 year anniversary in a short six years!*

*Do you have a historian for your club? Make sure you stock-pile and sort your photos, chronicling your charity events and K-Family memories.*

## Feeding Children Who Need Help



On April 22, a team of 25 members of the **Kiwanis of the Haddons** and the **Haddonfield Memorial High School Key Club** participated in the Feed My Starving Children Mobil-Pack event sponsored by the Haddonfield Council of Churches.

In only two hours, the team packed enough meal kits each serving six to fill 19 boxes!

## June Bike Rodeos

**Kiwanis of Long Beach Island** has announced dates of their upcoming rodeos. The first was held for the younger children enrolled at the Ethel Jacobsen Elementary School in Ship Bottom on Wednesday, June 6.



The following week the rodeo will be held at the Long Beach Island Elementary School in Ship Bottom on June 13 at 10 a.m. Teaching kids to be safe is one of LBI's goals through these rodeos.

## Puppy Love

Members of Mickey's Kids, a foundation which supports Canine Assistants. This chapter was the recipient of \$1,000 from the **Trinity Academy Builders Club.** The **Kiwanis Club of Caldwell** is the proud adult club that hosts the Builders Club. Pictured are **Linda Payonzeck, Tom Meli, Pat Collura** and **Jessica Almeida.**



# Graduating with Key Club Honors



**M**embers of the Arthur L. Johnson High School Key Club at their Super Stars Night in Clark beam with pride. They will wear their gold stolls given to them by the **Clark Kiwanis Club** at graduation atop their graduation gowns. Lt. Governor **Will Shaunessy** (front) was awarded the **Jim Dougherty** Memorial Scholarship of \$1,500. The Kiwanis Club of Clark awarded \$4,200 in scholarships to seniors who were members in good standing for all four years of their high school career and distinguished themselves in community service.



Gil from St. Peter's Circle K Club is an ace server at the pancake morning with the **Kiwanis Club of Jersey City** for a fundraiser.



# Listening to NJ District Candidates



**Ready to Serve...** Candidates for Governor Elect **Dean Konner**, treasurer **Howard Gordon**, and for Governor Elect **Gordon Meth**.



Division 6 members gather at Candidates Night.



## Special Speaker

Rick Reed from Cricket Hill Brewery spoke recently to the **Kiwanis Club of Caldwell.**

Rick was inspired to found Cricket Hill in 2000 after several business trips to London where he enjoyed a number of famous London pubs and trips to California where he first encountered an American style microbrewery. Along with his wife Patti, Rick decided to start a brewery in New Jersey, found a location in Fairfield and filed for the Federal Brewer's license on May 15, 2001.

Established in 2001, Cricket Hill is one of the original craft breweries in New Jersey. They brew a wide variety of flavorful and balanced Year-Round, Seasonal, Small Batch, Barrel Aged Reserve, and brewery exclusive limited release beers that offer a clear alternative to the large commercial breweries. Their Tasting Room, located in Fairfield, always has 12 taps of fresh Cricket Hill beer.



**After Pizza...** Jersey City Kiwanis members meet students of St. Peter's University Circle K. Here's to our future Kiwanians!

Submitted by Mike Dixon

**Help Project Graduation with gift cards**



**Kiwanis Clubs of Morristown and Hamburg** are donating gift cards

for graduating youth in foster care. The high school graduates are in need of being shown some love!

If you would like more information on how to help them by donating, speak to Carolyn at [ccdorsey@gmail.com](mailto:ccdorsey@gmail.com). Send donations by June 22, 2018. This important effort is in partnership with CASA.

Submitted by Howard Gordon



**Kiwanis Club of Randolph** members gather for a brief time out in cleaning up the community. This was their 25th year participating in Randolph's Clean Communities Day.

**Share your news to:**

**NJ Kiwanian Editor**  
**Susan Dougherty**  
[crusadersue@hotmail.com](mailto:crusadersue@hotmail.com)  
or call at 732-382-5367.

## Remembering Our Kiwanians

### RON WEBER

On May 21, 2018, The New Jersey District of Kiwanis International lost a giant in more ways than one! **Ron Weber** was totally dedicated to community service, especially by setting a positive example for young people to emulate. Albeit as an Explorer Post Leader, Babe Ruth Baseball coach, or **New Jersey District's Circle K Administrator**, Ron was committed to making a difference in the lives of our youth.

Born in Staten Island, Ron attended the College of Staten Island and, upon graduation, embarked on a career in accounting. After marrying Donna, his wife of thirty-three years, they moved to New Jersey where Ron joined the **Jersey City Kiwanis Club** and became the rock of that club for decades serving in a plethora of leadership roles including **Lieutenant Governor**.

Ron was a kind, affable and giving man who had a big heart, a great smile and lover to laugh! He had no hidden agenda; his personal philosophy was to "do the right thing"

Ron's most prominent role was serving as Circle K District Administrator, a position he held for an unprecedented twelve years. During those years, he positively impacted the lives of a myriad of young men and women, imbuing them with the passion to go forth and become the instrument of positive change within their communities; and those whom they positively affect will, in turn, go forth in the years to come to further improve those communities. That's Ron's legacy which is an awesome testament of how one person can make such a positive difference.

During this time of dealing with our collective loss, Please keep Ron's wife **Donna**, his son **Shawn Lukac**, his daughter-in-law **Christina**, and the entire Weber family in your thoughts and prayers.



*Sporting his green Kiwanis jacket, **Ron Weber** will be remembered for his work in making a difference in the world.*

### More Sad News...

#### Warren Umholtz

We have heard that **Warren Umholtz** passed on recently. Warren had been a proud member of Kiwanis for forty years.

He had served as President of the **Bernardsville Kiwanis Club** for many years.

Please keep Warren's wife, **Joan**, and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



*Submitted by Peter Ebling*

In early Spring, the **Kiwanis Club of Glen Ridge** held its collection drive which was recently renamed to honor long-time **Kiwanian Judge Joseph T. Connolly who passed away in February**. Despite the brisk chill in the weather, club members and Key Clubbers were able to completely fill two truck loads with goods, which were donated to Big Brothers/Big Sisters.



## Cruise for a Cause with Commission for the Eliminate Project

**Royal Caribbean's  
 Anthem of the Seas**  
**Leaving Cape Liberty in Bayonne  
 October 4, 2018**  
**For more information, call  
 Susan Philpot, 732-995-8492  
 or contact her at:  
 spwp730@AOL.COM**



On behalf of the **Livingston Club**, **Celeste Werfel**, **Rudy Fernandez** and **Jerry Adelson**, right, accept the certificate from Kiwanis International Trustee **Lance Incitti** at the recent June Board meeting. The club will find out at the Children's Foundation luncheon at ICON if their signature project is the overall winner.



## In the Top Thirteen

### News from Lt. Governor Joey G

At the June Board meeting, Kiwanis International Trustee **Lance Incitti** announced that the Livingston Club's signature project is in the top thirteen of the global entries of projects.

Last night, the Kiwanis Club of Holmdel had a Fantastic meeting at Bay Avenue Bakery and today we put our hands and our money to great use in the community. A local family was in desperate need of a wheelchair ramp for their son, so our club donated the amount needed to purchase the ramp. This morning, a few of us met to assemble it. The ramp we were able to provide is truly going to help them and I am so proud of my Kiwanis Club for putting forth the effort to help those in need. Great Job Holmdel Kiwanis!!! :)

The **Livingston Club** has been running their annual carnival for years. The winning club will be announced at the International Convention in Las Vegas at the end of June. Congratulations to the **Kiwanis Club of Livingston**, which is an example for us all.