

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

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Meeting: Thurs. at Noon

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**Birthdays for February: Amelia Kressler-2/2,
HAPPY BIRTHDAY !!!!!!!!!!!**

Programs for February:

- February 3rd – Nancy Huebsham discusses the West Deptford Historical Society
- February 10th – Tony Currier talks on the AARP tax program
- February 17th – Grace Romeo will speak on Trap Shooting
- February 24th – Duane Sarmiento, Director of Veterans Affairs talks to us



The Terrific Kids schedule for February is as follows:
Tuesday February 15th - 9:00AM – Evergreen School
Thursday February 17th -8:45AM – West End School
Thursday February 24th - 8:25AM – Woodbury Heights School
Thursday February 24th – 10”15AM – Walnut Street School

Amelia Kressler held her President’s Auction on Thursday, January 6th with George Wagoner as our auctioneer. Everyone had a good time bidding on wrapped regifted items.

Claire needs volunteers to help at the Friday, Feb. 4th pizza party at WHS 7:15pm for our basketball team. They play in the old gym and we will set up pizza in the teachers lounge.

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Woodbury presents our annual Spaghetti Dinner
on Saturday, February 26, 2010 from 3PM – 6:30PM. The place is Kemble United Methodist Church on 19 South Broad Street in Woodbury. Tickets are \$10.00 for children and adults. TAKE OUTS AVAILABLE. All proceeds go for our Terrific Kids program.



Please don’t forget to email Betty any Community Service hours that you have accumulated this month. If you have articles for the Kronicle, please turn them into Joan by the 3rd week of the month.



We thank you for your cooperation!

Our Division 2 was fortunate to have Teri Bard, Esq., Secretary of the Vineland Kiwanis Club, outline the evening's workshop on Achieving Club Excellence. We met at The Big Apple in Landisville (Buena). Ronda Vrell our past area director from International, and Roy Hedeem, International Area Director of Growth and Education Team were our presenters.

Kiwanis Training Workshop (Achieving Club Excellence)

- Before inviting members make sure the club is stable & there are good things happening to offer them
 - Difference between an excellent & a good club - Excellent clubs are willing to do what good clubs are not
 - o Commitment required
 - How should members contribute?
 - o Attendance at meetings
 - o Involvement in events/projects
 - o Enthusiasm
 - o Creativity
 - o Continued interest
 - o Reliability
 - o Commitment
 - o Dues
 - o Recruitment
 - o Care about children
 - o Leadership
 - What should a club do for its members?
 - o Personal growth
 - o Community involvement
 - o Leadership opportunities
 - o Friendship
 - o Satisfaction
 - o Networking
 - o Teamwork
 - o Connection on International level
 - o Service programs for children/young adults
 - o Learning/new experiences
 - o Open communication
 - Club Vitality
 - o Club Evaluations
 - § Club Excellence Tool - on Kiwanis website
 - § Survey Monkey (go to surveymonkey.com - you can set up online surveys)
 - Community Analysis
 - o What is going on in the community that we can help with or improve?
 - o Determine what projects to start, keep & stop depending on:
 - § Impact
 - § Cost
 - § Time
 - o Want to be known not for the fundraising project but for what the fundraising is sponsoring
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Kiwanis Training Workshop (Achieving Club Excellence) Continued:

- Plan your club's success

- 2-3 goals are recommended for 1 year
- Invite potential members to service projects rather than meetings to show them what we do
- Membership committee
 - § Budget line
 - § Determine who would be good Kiwanians thru Chamber of Commerce/Yellow Pages, members' rolodex
 - § Have people with money but no time sponsor those with time but no money

- Inform & welcome members

- Membership orientation - power point/brochure/conversation
- Buddy system
- Webinars

- Enhance Member Experience

- New member involvement
- Member Satisfaction
- Member recognition

I hope that our club members have gotten some good ideas to use in strengthening our Greater Woodbury Kiwanis's membership.

How do you promote our Club??? When we are out in the community why not let friends and people we meet know what Greater Woodbury Kiwanis does throughout the year??

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Woodbury

Greater Woodbury Kiwanis sincerely appreciates your participation in our support of the

Following community service projects including:

Woodbury Child Development Center: *purchase books, reading, Easter egg hunt, Santa's visit*

St John of God's School adopted class: *bowling, and ice cream social*

Woodbury Hts Elementary School * West End Elementary School * Evergreen Elementary School *

Walnut Street Elementary School: *Terrific Kids recognition program*

Woodbury Area Youth Leagues: *sponsorship with pizza parties for soccer, baseball &, basketball teams*

Woodbury HS & Jr HS, Clearview HS & Middle School, Gateway HS, West Deptford HS,

Gloucester Co Inst. of Technology, and Paulsboro HS: *sponsor Key Clubs & Builders Clubs,*

sponsor Leadership (HOBY) training for select sophomores, scholarships for graduating seniors

Boy Scout Troop in Paulsboro

Boys & Girls Club of Gloucester Co. - Woodbury Unit: *volunteer efforts and planning for a new club in Woodbury*

Beautification of Evergreen Ave triangle for community service

Donations to various charities including: *Children's Miracle Network, Red Cross, Emmanuel Cancer*

Found., American Heart Association, United Way, 4-H, Habitat for Humanity, Robins Nest, Ronald

McDonald House, and Volunteers of America

Plans for coming year: sponsor Aktion Club • sponsor Circle K Club

Dates to Remember:

- February 4th – pizza party for our basketball team at WHS at 7:15pm.
- February 26th – Spaghetti Dinner at Kemble Church 3pm-6:30pm \$10 @ person
- April 2nd –Kiwanis One Day Service Project
- May 10th – 2011 Division 1 & 2 Candidates Night
- July 7th-9th - International Convention in Geneva, Switzerland



Dr. Walt Quint spoke to us on January 13th on Fort Billingsport. This area was settled in the 1690's. When the Revolutionary War began in 1775 the colonists established 13 alarm posts along the Delaware River. Fort Billingsport in Paulsboro, New Jersey was one of these early U.S. forts. The land for the fort was purchased by the Continental Congress on July 5, 1776, the first land purchase made by the United States. The 96 acre site was purchased for 600 pounds. Then an engineer named Thaddeus Kosciuszko designed the fort which was constructed by troops from NJ, PA, SC and VA and completed on August 1, 1777.

The fort had a fleet of small armed vessels and *chevaux- de- fries* to slow the progress of British ships between Fort Mifflin and Fort Mercer. The fort was eventually overrun by 1,500 British troops. The boxes that were part of the *chevaux - de - fries* were made from logs or wood planks and usually contained from one to three spiked poles that were positioned at an angle beneath the surface. Typically, the boxes were 13 to 30 feet high. The devices did not harm friendly ships because their exact locations were carefully recorded. They were placed in the water near Hog Island and Fort Mifflin in an area not far from today's Philadelphia International Airport. On the New Jersey side of the Delaware, the devices protected Fort Mercer, also known as Fort Red Bank, and Fort Billingsport. Colonial loyalists continued to harass the British on land and sea. This was a very exciting time in the history of our country and colonists on either side of the Delaware River played a huge role during the Revolutionary War. We thank Dr Quint for sharing this historical prospective of our local area.

The Gloucester County Boys and Girls Clubs was the topic for our January 20th speaker. Our County already has clubs in Paulsboro and Glassboro. A new club in Woodbury would fall under the umbrella of the Gloucester County Boys and Girls organization. Ka-Msiyara Corbell, said their mission is to enable all young people to reach their full potential as responsible, caring, and productive individuals in our communities. Their MOTTO is BE GREAT. An average program after school is started with a snack followed by a POWER hour where they do their homework. Adults are there to help if necessary. The term Triple play refers to: mind, body and spirit. Students are taught how to have relationships with peers and adults. This, of course, is a continuing project every day. Student participants are able to play video games and more active games like soccer. Everyone is always given a hot meal. Mentors from the community are always needed to work with these children. The Boys and Girls Clubs include children from age 6 years to 18 years. Programs such as 'Smart Girls' and 'Pathway to Manhood' are also available. Listening to Ka-Msiyara we were able to see what a Boys and Girls Club in Woodbury could be. Amelia, Jeff and George, as members of the Board of Directors, are helping to make this dream come true. Do you have any fund raising ideas? Do you want to volunteer? Please speak to Amelia, Jeff or George and help us make this worthwhile program a reality in our city.

Here is an amazing fact: This year we will experience 4 unusual dates: 1/1/11, 1/11/11/. 11/1/11, 11/11/11. Now here is the crazy part...Take the last two digits of the year you were born plus the age you will be this year, the total number WILL BE 111!
