-Greater Woodbury Kiwanis--**KRONICLE**

Meeting: Thurs. at Noon Woodbury Mews 122 Green Ave., Woodbury, NJ 856-384-6600



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August Birthdays: 8/7-Betty Limanni, 8/8-Ken Graham, 8/8- Robert Ralph, 8/10-Jane Moffett, 8/24- Kashie Schreiber, and 8/30-Joe Schultes HAPPY BIRTHDAY ONE AND ALL!!!!!

Programs for August:

August 6th - Joan Tracey discusses Walt Whitman August 13th - member presentation August 20th - Key Club officers and HOBY representatives

August 27th – Jason Demarco updates us on Medicaid changes





Our Annual Greater Woodbury Kiwanis picnic is scheduled for Thursday, September 17th at 4:30pm at Red Bank Battlefield. Newt has arranged for Joe Giovanetti's Caterer's to serve us hot dogs, hamburgers, wings, & macaroni salad. Newt asks that you sign up at our meetings by September 10th.

Board of Directors approves dues (annual club fee) payment change

The Board of Directors has approved that our Greater Woodbury Club annual fee (dues) of \$100 for each year from October 1s to September 30th of the following year will be collected in one payment during the month of September. This change with our dues will align our clubs payment with Kiwanis International.

Betty will send out reminders during the month of August.

Anthony Salazar, magician extraordinaire, will appear on September 18th at Nicolosi's Catering from 6-9PM.

Tickets: \$30 for adults & \$20 for children.

Dinner includes roast beef sandwiches, meatball sandwiches, baked ziti, salad, fresh fruit salad and cake for dessert with unlimited coffee and tea. The magician will perform a stage show as well as perform strolling magic during the dinner hour. There will be door prizes and a fish bowl auction. Email George at gwwagoner@verizon.net or call 856-848-2910 to purchase your tickets today!

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Dates to Remember:

August 2nd - Lake Gillman church service at 9:30AM at the Pavilion

August 5th - Nancy Brzuska is guest reader at the Child Development Center

August 10th - Charter ceremony for Kiwanis Club of Central Hunterdon

August 21-23rd - NJ 'Ivy League' District Convention at the Westin Hotel in Princeton, NJ

September 17th - Annual Picnic at Red Bank Battlefield at 4:30pm @10.00 per person

September 18th - Dinner & Magic Show with Anthony Salazar; 6-9pm at Nicolosi's Catering

September 22nd - Farmers' Night Dinner in Clayton.

October 1st - Governor Mark Esposito's visit to Division 2 at Nicolosi's 6PM cocktails & 7PM dinner

November 18th –Bus trip to 'Millennium **Theatre'** in Lancaster PA (Cost \$120. due by 9/14/09)

Miracle of Christmas @ Millennium Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. Wednesday Nov. 18, 2009 ITINERY: 9:00AM: the bus leaves CVS parking lot on Red Bank Avenue in Woodbury.

11:00-12:45: Free time at Rockvale Outlets

1:30: Lunch at Shady Maple Restaurant 3:00-3:15: Bus departs for Millennium Theatre.

4:00: Show 'Miracle of Christmas'. Bus departs for home after show. There will be a rest stop on the way home. Contact person: Phyllis Folk 856-845-2243

Cost: \$120.00 (Full payment due by September 14, 2009 – no exceptions)





Staging your home to sell can be a daunting task but, not with the help of Heartwork Organizing. Darla DeMorrow joined us on July 9th to discuss the hands on assistance that she offers clients. She gave us 7 tips to be aware of as follows:

- (1) Buyers make an emotional connection with a home within the first few seconds of seeing it.
- (2) You need to make your home look bright, spacious and clean.
- (3) You need to arrange furniture to accentuate your home's assets
- (4) Buyers want to see open spaces. Put extra things in storage until you sell your home.
- (5) Use a neutral color scheme, open spaces, and current styles.
- (6) Don't let a buyer imagine a perfect home...create it for them.
- (7) Get help from a professional when you need it to avoid having your home on a lengthy time on the market. www.HeartWorkOrg.com 856-905-3202.

Thank you for allowing our members to ask you many questions, Darla.

Pat Davis's husband, Fred, has entered the "Dancing with the Gloucester County Stars" to raise money for Shadow Equestrian which provides riding instructions for children with physical, mental, and learning disabilities. Fred is learning the Tango, Salsa, Merengue & Quick Step from his instructor, Diane. Finals are September 24th at Auletto's. If you feel that you would like to make a contribution please make checks to "Shadow Equestrian Inc" and mail to Greater Woodbury Chamber of Commerce PO Box 363 Woodbury, NJ 08096.

What a special occasion!! Monday, August 10th will be the Charter ceremony for the new Kiwanis Club of Central Hunterdon. This is the 4th new club that will be chartered in the administrative year in our District. The event will be held at the OLIVER AND FIG RESTAURANT, 161 Main Street, Flemington, NJ at 6:30PM.



Amelia Kressler arranged a panel of local community leaders to speak to us on Thursday, July 16th. Tom Bowe, Woodbury City Clerk/Administer spoke first. The city of Woodbury is working in several redevelopment zones. We face a difficult task because we are competing with stores at Deptford Mall. Joseph Jones, Superintendent of Woodbury Public Schools, gave an overview of the district's five year strategic plan. He feels there is a positive outlook for

education in Woodbury and he looks forward to continuing our partnership of service hours to the children in Woodbury. Captain Tim Sheehan of the Woodbury Police explained how they are working with our youth. Tom Ryan, his assistant was also part of the panel. The police have a school resource officer who works directly with the schools and two officers assigned to a sub station on Hopkins Street to work with troubled youth. They provide a movie and pizza at 17 Hopkins Street on Friday evenings. Jackie Cuban, from the Prosecutor's office explained the many programs they have to help troubled youth. She says it is important that teenagers realize that the choices they make will have positive or negative consequences and these young people have to learn to deal with both. After each one spoke our Kiwanis members had an opportunity to discuss and ask questions of that panelist. We thank Tom, Joseph, Tim and Jackie for taking time out of their busy schedule to share their concerns of our youth with us. We look forward to a continued partnership with our community leaders.

Governor Mark Esposito has asked to have his official Governor's visit for Division 2 on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at Nicolosi's Catering. This is 'the place to be' on Oct 1st. A Division Council meeting will be held at 6:15pm for all Presidents and Secretaries in our Division before our 7PM dinner.



Following dinner, we will have a special installation of officers by Lt Governor Joan Van Note and Governor Mark Esposito. Clubs participating will be Greater Woodbury, Bridgeton, Pitman/Glassboro and Woodstown. The price of dinner will be \$30.00

Amanda Parks, Key Club Lt Governor of Division 2 was our guest at our July 23rd meeting. She talked about her new responsibilities. Once again this year the Key Clubs of NJ District are sponsoring the Children's Specialized Hospital. We thank Amanda for sharing for activities with



Connie, George, and Tony worked many hours to weed and to spruce up the Triangle on Monday, July 27th. Joan stopped by with Preen & cut off dead flowers.



This weekend our Gloucester County 4-H fair was held and Tony, George, Connie, Jeff, and 2 of Jeff's friends Ron and Chris helped out in serving the chicken barbecue dinners.

Don't forget our visit to Lake Gilman on Sunday, Aug 2nd at 9:30AM. The church service will be held at the Pavilion. Lunch will follow at Tony's house. Please sign up to bring a covered dish or call Tony at 881-0540.

During July, as acting Lt Governor, Joan Van Note traveled to the Bridgeton, Clayton, Gloucester/Blackwood and Woodstown Kiwanis Clubs. She was greeted in each club with enthusiasm and a great repertoire among their members. Joan could tell they enjoy each others company. Each club is very proud of their service activities and fund raisers. Joan feels privileged to being working with these Kiwanians in Division 2.

Our *Kiwanis Magazine* is an **EXCELLENT** read so why not take a look at the June 2009 issue in your easy chair at home? I am going to highlight a couple of articles and quotes by our International Kiwanians who give us tips on 'How to Keep Members' and how to continue Growth in our club. Read on and get enthused and excited about service and leadership.

"Each member is an integral part of your club. You must invest the time to help them re-engage," says Rhonda Vrell, area director, Kiwanis International.

A legacy of Service starts with service to our families, our friends, our colleagues, our communities says Rob Parker, CEO Kiwanis International. "One thing I love about K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, and Circle K International is that they introduce the concepts of service and leadership at such a young age. Imagine if we could start more people on the path to significance long before their 30th birthdays. As Kiwanis members and leaders, each of us has an opportunity to create a legacy of leadership and service to others. It is never too late – or too early – to become a person of passion and caring. But don't wait too long...the world needs you."

Ask yourself: Your life story (and mine) is being written whether we like it or not. The only question is whether we want to be intentional about shaping how the story is told. Here are some important questions to ponder. (1) Am I making a difference? (2) What will others remember about me? (3) Am I more focused on people or things? (4) Is serving others part of my DNA?

Staying Power in your Kiwanis Club is important. Around the world, keeping members happy is key to a Kiwanis clubs' growth and success. Kiwanis International European Federation suggests we try these retention ideas:

- (1) Appoint a committee to oversea your retention efforts and resolve issues that may influence members' decisions to leave.
- (2) Establish good habits by welcoming new members in style. An induction ceremony should be important and memorable. Get members involved in service, leadership and social activities by encouraging members to suggest new ideas.
- (3) Be friendly and get to know members' families. Remember birthdays and anniversaries, and call or visit missing members.
- (4) Lead by attending leadership-training sessions. Keep communication channels open and show tolerance and respect for others.
- (5) Have great meetings by always emphasizing fellowship.

I thank you for taking time to read these thoughts. Don't you now feel part of this exciting process of service and leadership in our club? Volunteer today by giving service hours, working on projects and selling tickets for our fund raisers. This will help make our club go from Good to Great!! President, Joan Van Note
