



THE CLUB CRIER

KIWANIS CLUB OF THE CHATHAMS

Tuesdays– April 1, 8, Lunch at Brooklake CC, Brooklake Rd. Florham Park
Tuesdays– April 15,22,29, Breakfast at Charlie Brown’s, So. Blvd., Chatham Twp.

APRIL, 2008

NJ WINTER CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS- WE LEARNED SO MUCH

Membership and Growth Workshop

Cory Fuller’s workshop slogan, “Dream, Plan, Implement”. She learned that, “If you don’t grow you lose the ability to serve youth”. She said that they were advised to use tools such as pamphlets for parents, mailing lists and personal visits. Creativity is important. For example, our support of Children’s Specialized Hospital can be made real by arranging a tour for our sponsored youth *and their parents*. Their positive attitude toward our club will help create a more vibrant, growing, club. **See P 4**



Workshop on Sponsored Youth

Betty Anne Keat: “My experience as a teacher has been helpful.” The workshop presenters covered K-Kids, Builders, Key and Circle K Clubs. They suggested that we recognize the value of faculty advisors. Other suggestions: Circle K welcomes Kiwanis involvement; K’Kids (k thru 5) may be approached by working closely with any student organizations that may be available, including student councils..



.Project Lifesaver; Whale Program

Rich Behling describes Lifesaver as an electronic (GPS) wristband that can locate missing persons, including autistics and Alzheimer’s patients. Supported by police organizations, includ. Morris Co. Sheriff’s office, . See:www.projectlifesaver.org.
WHALE: We Have A Little Emergency. Program involves stickers to put on the rear side car windows and on the child’s car seat, along with a label on the bottom of the seat, that indicate the medications your child needs. Clubs purchase brochures with their name and logo.



Key-Leader and Other Youth Training

Tom Mullin: “Key-Leader program develops a student’s potential skills.” The training weekend in N.J. occurs in early October, making spring signups very important. It is well organized, appeals to teens, and encourages them to think about the future. The Friday evening through Sunday evening format is attractive to students who might not be available for the week-long Youth Institute (middle school) training we currently sponsor. Visitors are welcome at the October camp.



Our Fellow Kiwanians Remembered: Bob Thompson, Walter Francis



Bob Thompson

On Saturday April 12, 11:30AM at Shepard Kollock Park, the Chatham Environmental Commission will recognize Bob’s many contributions to the Park. Among other things, he designed a *berm* near the Passaic River, where a plaque will be placed in his memory. All are welcome to the ceremony.



Walter Francis, Mar.12
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CLUB CALENDER FOR APRIL – MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Board Meeting, Wed, April 16 Meeting at 8PM, Chatham United Methodist Church.

Sponsored Youth: Key Club, Wed, April 9, at 7:30.PM, CHS Cafeteria. Circle K of Drew

Birthdays this month: Apr 23, Dud Healy; Apr.25, George Redgate; Apr.28, Doug Bryant; Apr. 30, Carlton Bruen,

Invocations this month: TBA

Special events: Sat, April12, Shepard Kollock Park, 11:30AM. Environmental Commission ceremony in honor of our late Kiwanis member, Bob Thompson. Plaque to be dedicated in his memory, Sun, April 20, Church & Brunch. Worship 11AM at Chat Twp Presbyterian Church; eat at J.B.Winberie restaurant, 2 Kent Place Blvd In Summit. Contact Marge Ahrens or Doug Bryant by April 17. .

Newspaper Recycling: Mondays, 7:30 AM– Volunteers welcome at collection area near Chatham P.O.

Reminder for friends and neighbors:: Leave newspapers on the collection platform near the large trailer with the Kiwanis logo.

Programs: Jill Gregg is program chair for April

Apr.1, Tues. lunch Joint speakers Toby Kennedy from the Parrott Mill Inn & Maria Parlapiano from Postpartum Resource Center Inc.

Apr.8, Tues. lunch Deborah Castro & Suzette Wolber-Bonafe from the Visiting Nurse Association

Apr.15, Tues. breakfast Joyce Garrow from the Parsippany Kiwanis will speak about the Morris County Aktion Club, Kiwanis started these clubs seven years ago to extend service opportunities to adults with developmental disabilities

Apr.22, Tues. breakfast April 22nd Breakfast – Debbie Graulich from Touching Hearts

Apr.29, Tues. breakfast Mike Smith from Investors Savings Bank .

COMING KIWANIS RELATED EVENTS

Jerry Cunningham is program chair for May

May 5, Tues. breakfast The Raptor Trust will present a program concerning the care and protection, as well as the rehabilitation, of birds in the raptor category. Live bird demo will be included in the program.

June 14, Fishawack Celebration. Our club will have a booth, as in the past. However, a new menu of offerings is being planned. Watch for more information.

June 26-29 Kiwanis Int. Convention, Orlando, FL

July 9-13 Key Club Int. Convention, Denver, CO



Kiwanis Vision Statement: Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Chatham Kiwanis- Officers, Directors for '07-'08

Cory Fuller, President	Nancy Boucher, Director 2008
Doug Bryant, President-Elect	Jerry Cunningham, Dir. 2008
Gary Arnesen, Past President	Marge Ahrens, Director 2009
Rich Behling, Vice President	Betty Anne Keat, Dir. 2009
Tom Mullin, Secretary	Dave Pike, Director 2009
Ron Whalin, Treasurer	Nancy Holt, Director 2010
Valerie Olpp, Asst. Treasurer	Herb Ramo, Director 2010

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PROGRAMS FOR MARCH

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March 4, Dr. Joseph Murphy

“This is our 24th year in Chatham, and we love every minute!” Joe Murphy, Kiwanian, new Dad.

Dr. Joe was welcomed warmly by his many long time friends. His 24 years of service to the club and to Chatham were acknowledged and applauded. Joe then told us about his wife, Maria, and about their growing family, that now includes Mia Carmen, their 10 month old baby. She joins Joseph Raymond, 18, Alexandra Renee, 15, and Sean Alfred, 3. We congratulated Joe on being a new father – again.

He told us, with some satisfaction, about his appointment to the State Board of Examiners for the Chiropractic profession in New Jersey, and about his reappointments by successive state administrations. He then gave us some insights into the state of health care in New Jersey, a topic in which we all have an interest.



Mia Carmen, 10 Mo.

It was in the ‘30s and ‘40s, that health care was not as expensive as today. At that time, people were generally knowledgeable about the cost of their own health care. Then, with federal encouragement, companies began to offer health coverage to their employees. As a result, people became less involved, and therefore knew and understood less, about their health care expenses. Over time, as costs have risen dramatically, many medical practitioners are leaving a field that no longer offers rewards for their training and effort that it once did. Under these circumstances, he said, it is doubtful that the calls for health care for everyone could be realized. (Photo, courtesy Joe M.)

March 11, Energy and Oil.



John Gardner

“May you live in interesting times” John Gardner, quoting an ancient curse.

Diane O’Brien introduced John as a resident of Chatham, *friend of the Library* and equity portfolio manager, specializing in the oil industry. He discussed *Peak Oil*, a point where the world can’t increase production, *world wide demand*, which is growing at 2% a year, *old fields*, whose production is decreasing, and *alternative energy sources*, including solar, wind, biofuels, coal and gas to liquid, and nuclear power. He said that we are in trouble, and quoted analyst Charlie Maxwell, “We are all sleep-walking and don’t want to wake up”. See websites about *peak oil* for more info.

March 18, Summit Speech School, 705 Central Ave, New Providence, NJ

“Our Mission is to help hearing impaired children take their place in a hearing world.” Pamela Paskowitz, Ph.D., Executive Director.



Pamela Paskowitz, Ph.D.

Dr. Paskowitz and her associate, pediatric audiologist Ellen Hansen, were introduced by Charlie Foster. They explained that their school helps children develop the communication skills they need to thrive in a hearing and speaking environment. Of 52 such private schools in the country, Summit Speech School is the only private school in our state to offer a “completely auditory/oral option for babies, preschoolers and their families.” This program helps children from over 100 communities in NJ.

Pamela and Ellen told us of the three programs that make up their school: *The Parent/Infant Program* features Early Intervention, and works with children from birth to age 3. *The Preschool Program* takes place at the School, and helps children between 3 and 6 years to prepare for kindergarten. *The Itinerant Teacher of the Deaf Program* provides support for mainstreamed children in kindergarten, and beyond, by working with them, and their school and faculty teams, to create an environment that would maximize their learning potential, wherever they are in school.

Our speakers then showed us a video that demonstrated the use of cutting edge electronic and educational science, and they also allowed us to examine models of equipment used to improve communication and understanding between teachers and students. The equipment included hearing aids, FM systems and cochlear implants.

As a result of the unique training they offer, over 70% of their preschool graduates are able to benefit from the advantages of *mainstreaming* in kindergarten and beyond. We learned that children whose hearing impairment is discovered before age two have a very good chance of receiving and accepting the training they will need to lead a *mainstreamed* life. To learn more of the school in New Providence, check their website at: www.summitspeech.org, or call 908-508-0011. (Photo courtesy Summit Speech School)

Walter 'Sunny' Francis, Kiwanian, March 12, 2008



Walter William Francis, Jr. passed away peacefully at the age of 74. A well known local businessman, he was president of Chatham Print and Design. He and his wife, Thelma, were honored by the Chatham Chamber of Commerce with the first Bedrock Award for service to the business community.

Walter had joined our club because he wanted to give back to the community. He became an active member and put in years of service. When his business demanded more of his time, Thelma took his place in the club, for she also believed in its mission.

When I called to express my condolences, she told me of the enthusiasm that she and Walter have shared for what she called the "best service organization" She liked the fact that when volunteering to help, "you were never alone", and that people shared their talents so generously. She praised us as a "doing organization" and said that she and Walter were much impressed by our steadfast support for the worldwide Iodine Deficiency program, as well as our awards to local High School graduates.

Thelma was also complimentary about our involvement with the ECLC school, and she loved seeing their annual Christmas Program, She praised Heather Alonge for sending an invitation to her at the printing company every year. **Bob Stannard, editor**

President's Corner Cory Fuller's comments on membership growth and our curb appeal to visitors.



While attending the Mid-winter Conference recently, several things came to mind that I would like to share with all members. The District informed us that Baby boomers are not joining Kiwanis like those of earlier generations. I know firsthand that volunteerism is difficult for all groups now, so that added attention should be given to increasing our numbers, especially with those who will carry on our traditions of "Serving the Children of the World".

Last January I wrote saying that we had a goal of new members (7 in '07) . While we did not exactly meet that particular goal we did welcome new members to our ranks. This year, Doug Bryant and Bob Stannard have very generously agreed to spearhead and continue our campaign. I am certain that they would welcome comments from everyone, but especially from the newest members with their ideas and recent experiences. New approaches can often regenerate an organization.

To steal a real estate term, we need "curb appeal" to attract the new generation of members. We also need to establish long term procedures to achieve our goal and make it consistent. We cannot successfully run our events with only a few of the members doing all the work. This becomes a challenge to us all. Invite friends and bring them to an event and/or a meeting. I always have pamphlets available with club information and a membership application form..

And this leads me to another thought. I would like to thank all of you who have actively participated in the Spaghetti Dinner, the Nut Sales (buy up the last ones !), and our annual Fish & Chips dinner. Also those of you who work with the children directly in Clubs are to be thanked for your consistent effort. We look forward to Fishawack this year and the usual Library Reading Picnic. Everything we do, from Street clean-up to Paper recycling, is



Visit by Joan May, President of Madison Kiwanis Club

Joan visited our March 25th breakfast meeting to bring greetings from the club we sponsored, to tell us of their March 29 Pasta Dinner, a joint endeavor with the Thursday Morning Club of Madison. She also told us of their 5th annual "Ahh...That Jazz" fundraiser, at Shanghai Jazz, 24 Main Street, Madison. April 15, at 6:30-9:00PM. 973-822-2899, or 973-301-9849.