



THE CLUB CRIER

KIWANIS CLUB OF THE CHATHAMS

Meets Tuesdays-Charlie Brown's; Feb 6,20,27- 8AM Breakfasts; Feb 13 - Lunch

FEBRUARY, 2007

"VOLUNTEER SPIRIT MAKES CHATHAM ONE OF THE BEST PLACES TO LIVE"

.... Kiwanian Richard Plambeck, Mayor of Chatham



The Hon. Richard Plambeck
Mayor of Chatham

The evening of January 2, Mayor Richard Plambeck presented his State of the Borough Message to the Borough Council. That morning, Dick previewed it for us during our club meeting. He outlined some recent achievements by the town, including its high bond rating, its low interest rate, and the best increase in housing values of the surrounding area. As a result of the town's reputation, NJ Monthly last year called Chatham "one of the best places to live in New Jersey". Dick told of revamping the Council for greater efficiency, and said there is increased emphasis on shared services and working together with other towns in order to keep expenses and taxes low. He has served three terms on the Borough Council and has found great satisfaction there and in his current position as Mayor. When he presented his year-end message to the Council, he also announced that he would retire as Mayor at the end of his current term in December. He has been well liked by the community.

On their own time - Ron Whalin's Western Tour



View of Grand Tetons from Coulter Village Marina



Yellowstone Park Tourists Yielding Road to Buffalo

At our January 9 meeting, Ron invited us to join him on his August '05 tour from Salt Lake City to Rapid City South Dakota. Highlights were the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone National Parks. The photos shown here depict the beauty and wild life that he captured with his camera, and brought to share with us.

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CLUB CALENDAR FOR FEBRUARY – MEETINGS & EVENTS

Doug Bryant chairs the Speakers Committee for February

Birthdays this month: Feb 4, Rich Behling; Feb 5, Dave Pike; Feb 9, Lloyd Snyder; Feb 11, Mal Kitson; Feb 13, Diane O'Brien

Newspaper Recycling: Meet Mondays at 7:15 AM at the collection area near the Chatham P.O.

Feb. 6, Tuesday Breakfast: Invocation - Gary Arnesen. Drew Professor Doug Simon will join us again to present a new edition of his famous Update on Foreign and Domestic Affairs. Introduction, Doug Bryant.

Feb. 13, Tuesday Lunch: Invocation - Perry Philp. Bring a guest as we celebrate Valentine's Day with a sit-down lunch at noon. Please contact Valerie Olpp or Margaret Nicolais, See announcement on page 5 for details.

Feb. 20, Tuesday Breakfast; Board Meeting after Breakfast: Invocation - Nancy Boucher. Bill Cater, past Governor of NJ District, will speak on the Kiwanis project, Children's Specialized Hospital. Introduction, Nancy Boucher.

Feb. 27, Tuesday Breakfast: Invocation - Jerry Fedeler. Perry Philp and David Martin will speak on the Rise Project. Adult and youth volunteers help to rebuild housing (and hope) in rural upstate New York. Introductions, Perry.

PREVIEW OF COMING EVENTS

March 6, Tuesday; (First Meeting in March) William S. Ford, Jr., former Marine officer, will tell us about "Project Mercury Recovery", the last NASA mission before the historic orbital flight of John Glenn.

March 28, Wednesday Fish n Chips dinner at Chatham High School. See information on P 3.

April 14, Saturday Adopt-a-Highway clean-up. 9AM at Post.Office parking lot.

April 27 to May 4 Fri-Fri Mississippi tour on American Queen cruise ship. Information on P 3.

May 15, Tuesday Picnic at Stanley Park.

June 12, Tuesday Borough Fire House. Cookout with Rotary.

July 3-7, Tues.-Sat Kiwanis International Convention, San Antonio, Texas.

August 24-26, Fri.-Sun New Jersey District State Convention, Wildwood.

Kiwanis Club of the Chathams –Officers for '06-'07

Gary Arnesen, President	Douglas Bryant, Vice President
Cory Fuller, President-Elect	Tom Mullin, Secretary
David Lloyd, Past President	Ron Whalin, Treasurer
	Richard Behling, Asst. Treasurer

The CRIER Newsletter

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Kiwanis International: <http://www.kiwanis.org/> Phone: 317-875-8755; Fax: 317-879-0204

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CHATHAM KIWANIS FUNDRAISING (Continued from P.2)



Tom Mullin

DAVE PIKE AND TOM MULLIN WITH A MARCH REMINDER

“Our Fish n Chips Dinner will be Wednesday, March 28, at the Chatham High School. Tell your friends that this year the menu will also include chicken. And, we’ll be entertained by a great duo: a husband and wife team, who perform professionally with the group, “Starlight”. They will play and sing songs from the 40’s and 50’s to the present. Ask if they know your favorites!”



Dave Pike

“Bring your friends and join us on the world’s largest river cruise ship” **...Nancy Boucher, on the American Queen Mississippi Tour , April 27 to May 4,**

This exciting tour is sponsored by the Chatham Kiwanis Club and Litwak Travel of Livingston. Stops include Natchez, Vicksburg, St. Francisville, Baton Rouge, and Oak Alley. Our Club receives the value of one fare as a fundraiser when we book 16 people.

The upcoming trip on the New Orleans-based American Queen features a heated pool, an athletic club, live music with dancing and professional entertainment every night. You will love the beautiful staterooms, the fine period furnishings, individual temperature controls, TV, DVD, and the Stereo center.

See photo of the bi-level Grand Salon, the entertainment center of the ship, as well as that of the ship underway, showing the 45 ton paddlewheel, driven by a modern steam and diesel-electric system.

Call Nancy at 973-377-9058 or Litwak Travel at 973-992-4141. Fares range from \$3321 for a suite to \$2323 per person for an outside cabin. A 25% savings is offered for early booking.



**The American Queen’s 45 ton Paddle-Wheel,
Run by a Steam-Diesel-Electric “Z” drive**



**The Grand Salon, Entertainment
Center of the Ship**

SPONSORED YOUTH

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“BUILDERS CLUB MEMBERS ENJOY WORKING TOGETHER ON SERVICE AND FUNDRAISING PROJECTS”...Stephanie Cooperman, Club Advisor.

Stephanie reports that her club members work hard and enjoy their times together. Among the service and fundraising projects planned for February are these: -

- Creating Valentines for King George Care Center residents
- Brochure mailings for the Municipal Alliance
- Math-a-Thon project to benefit the St Jude’s Hospital for Children
- Bowl-a-Thon project to raise money for the Valerie Fund.

DREW CLUB SENDS DELEGATION TO INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

“We brought back many ideas for Club development, thanks to support from Chatham Kiwanis”

by Amanda Holloway, editor of Drew Circle K newsletter, “The Duckling”.



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Amanda Holloway Stacey Griffin Cathy Griswold Anne Newselski Stephanie Backes

The August Convention of Circle K International in Boston was an eye-opener for our five delegates. The experience of meeting domestic and international students left us with a new global perspective. In our workshops we have developed skills that have already been put to good use.

We learned about the workings of the Circle K organization when our co-presidents, Stacey Griffin and Cathy Griswold, attended sessions of the Board. They represented us when they voted on changes in the constitution and the by-laws. As a result, we felt very much a part of this great organization.

In some of the workshops we met others who shared our jobs and skills. Our secretary, Stephanie Backes, worked with other secretaries, and I discussed newsletters with other Circle K editors. As a result, our Drew newsletter, *The Duckling” has been improved!.

The convention was not all work, for we met many other delegates at the social events. And, we had enough free time to walk part of the Freedom Trail. The delegates from New Jersey were helpful to us when we hosted a September state-wide event here at Drew

The Chatham Kiwanis support for our trip to ICON was very important, and much appreciated. Our September semester started with some events already planned, and with great enthusiasm for our club. As we return now to the start of another semester in February, we look forward to building our club, as well as our relationship with the K-family. We extend an invitation to Kiwanis members to join us at any of our club meetings. Contact Jerry Fedeler for meeting times.

ECLC NEWS -HEATHER ALONGE ANNOUNCES NEW SERVICE

For a number of months, the SKIL workshop at ECLC has provided a mailing service for our Crier newsletter. Starting this month, Heather has announced a new service, that of printing the copies that will be mailed. This news is very much appreciated. Bob Stannard, Editor.

We regret that this story of Bob's help to our club was completed before word of his untimely death was known. See "Bob Thompson, a Remembrance", P 6.

FORUM FOR CORY FULLER, OUR CLUB'S PRESIDENT-ELECT
Our Challenge For This Year is – "Seven for '07"



Cory Fuller

Past President Bob Thompson is now our Guru for Growth.. Ten years ago, during his term as club president, he led a very successful campaign for new members. Some of us were not in the club at that time, so he has agreed to give us the benefit of his experience. His information and advice have been very welcome, and very helpful. As a result, we have developed an action plan for club revitalization and growth. Our goal for the first year of the plan is "Seven in '07" – a net gain of seven members by the end of 2007.



Bob Thompson

To accomplish this goal we have developed seven Action Steps designed to welcome and encourage newcomers. Action Step one is a reminder for us to use the departure of a member who leaves our club as an incentive to look for prospective members and bring them as guests to a meeting. Step two is to use our club's list of prospective members, extend an invitation to one for the next meeting. See the list of great programs for this month, starting with Professor Douglas Simon on February 6, and followed by the Valentines Day party on the 13th. Step three is to "do it yourself". When you invite someone, call and take him to the meeting, and introduce him (or her) to the others. Step four is to follow up on proposed candidates by the use of the new "Candidates" form. At Bob's suggestion, we plan to do this weekly. Step five is to use our new "Service" form to help a guest/prospect understand our service projects and how we help youth and others. Step six is to use our "Member List" handout, which does not include addresses or phone numbers, to help a prospective member know if he has friends among the members. Step seven is for a current member who has sponsored a new member. The "New Member" booklet outlines ways to encourage the new member to become active in the Club, by attending meetings, volunteering for club and community services, and helping with sponsored youth programs.

By actively attracting new members, our Club can successfully accomplish this year's "Seven members in '07" campaign. A follow-up campaign of "Member a Month in '08" should be within our reach., Cory

VALENTINE LUNCHEON, FEB. 13; CHARLIE BROWN'S, AT 12.00 NOON

**"Our program will include a love song sing-along.
 Bring a guest and enjoy the music and the fellowship!"
 ...Co-chairs Margaret Nicolais and Valerie Olpp**

Seated luncheon menu will include:

Mixed green salad
 Entree choice of: Roast Prime Rib of Beef
 Marinated Breast of Chicken
 Penne Pasta with pink vodka sauce
 Ice Cream Dessert Coffee or Tea. All other beverages on a cash bar basis

**To ensure that we have accommodations for all, please let us know:
 if you plan to attend, and if you plan to bring a guest.**

Price \$18 per person. Tables will be set to seat 6.

Your response is optional and is not binding.

Please reply to:

Valerie Olpp email: olpp@pgbank.com , or
Margaret Nicolais phone: **973-992-1312**

BOB THOMPSON, A FOND REMEMBRANCE

Robert C Thompson took life seriously, but with a warm and affectionate sense of humor. His untimely passing brought great sadness to those in our club whose lives he touched, and also to those in the larger community. We extend our heartfelt sympathy, and our prayers, to Nancy, to their children and grandchildren.

The Kiwanis Club of the Chathams was one of a number of organizations for which he volunteered after he retired. As he did with his other endeavors, Bob's membership in the club brought with it his full attention and his enthusiasm for its goals of community service. Eric Stochholm, our club's long time secretary, was so impressed with Bob's grasp of detail and his easy relationships with club members that he asked him to be club secretary, and Bob agreed. He soon learned that the secretary, when doing his job properly, can be of invaluable support to the other officers, and especially to the president. Ken Smith, the last president during Bob's term as secretary, remembers giving him an affectionate nickname. He called him "The Nag" because of his skill at reminding Ken of what should be done, but with a smile and a humorous comment.

By the time Bob assumed the presidency himself, he knew as much about the club as anyone, and had earned the respect of all. His immediate successors as president, Jim Srygley and Jerry Fedeler, both commented on how much they counted on Bob's support and counsel, even though he was no longer in office.

Bob's various hobbies, and especially that of birding, were well known to club members. He often mentioned his relationship with the Audubon Society and his trips to observe and catalog birds. As a result of this, and his well-known sense of fun, Bob's instruction from the officers, upon completion of his term as president, was to start cataloging types of cows in defined areas. As usual, Bob took this seriously, and to the delight of the club members, would report from time to time on his successes in "cataloging cows".

Alan Robertson, holder of the secretary position in recent years, offered his views on the reasons for Bob's success with our club. He said that, "He took his activities seriously, but not himself". He was a great believer in order - in having things done the right way, and he had the courage to speak up when he saw that they were not being done. He took the time to see that they were done, and done correctly.

As we reflect on Bob's impact on our lives and on his legacy to our successors, we are reminded of the differences that can be made by one good person. I am sure that I am one of many who feel that Bob influenced our lives for the better, and my admiration for his firm yet humorous manner has only grown over the years. Our sadness at bidding him farewell is tempered by the realization that his spirit will remain as long as we are able to pass it on.

Bob Stannard, editor.