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NEWSLETTER FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 2010

Excitement at Fund Raiser Pasta Dinner Successful In Spite of Smoke Alarm and Evacuation

Everything was in order the evening of October 28, at the Chatham HS cafeteria. Italian music was playing, Tony's crew from Arminio's brought the sauce and cooked the pasta; student volunteers from the Builders, Key, and Circle K Clubs served the food, delivered the take-out bags; they also helped our Kiwanis volunteers where needed. The honored guests were enjoying their meals, when the loud smoke alarms rang, followed by the arrival of the local fire company. At their direction we evacuated the building.



Sara and Yasmin (L&R), Circle K; Heather Alonge, Kiwanis (Center)



Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen and Isabelle Cunningham, wife of club-member, Jerry

After it was determined that a smoke-filled hall with Halloween decorations was responsible for the alarm, we were allowed to return for more pasta, Cole slaw, cookies, and conversation. Major news on the guest front was the presence of Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen. He has a good record of supporting us by attending our events. He was warmly welcomed, and greeted his many friends there. Reporters from the weekly, daily, and electronic press came, and interviewed dinner chairman Dave Pike (right), Tony Arminio and the student volunteers. Dave has announced that we earned more this year than we did last year.



Photos by Ron Whalin and Bob Stannard ..

We Remember and Honor

Roll Call of our departed members at District Convention, August 22: Perry Philp, Bob Franklyn, Palmer Sze. Subsequent departures included Bert Johnson, Aug. 14, George Baker, Oct. 8, George Dembo, Oct. 9, Cory Fuller, Oct. 30. Stories of Perry and Bob are in the March Crier. The others are in these pages:

Past President, Cory Fuller's service to our club was but one phase of her service and leadership in Chatham and the surrounding area. Following in her dad's footsteps, she served on the Borough Council, and later as Council President. She held leadership positions in the state, county and local area organizations, including school and church, where she sang in the choir. When Cory became club President, her remarks included a quote from Shakespeare's *Henry V*, "Into the breach, my friends!" It was one example of her leadership style. Another may be seen in the slogan of her campaign for new club members: Seven in '07 . The result was an increase in membership, and an example to follow. A visual image of her leadership style may be seen in her photo (left) as flag-bearer for our July 4th '08 parade



In his remarks at her funeral service, President Dick Plambeck described how she had led the way for him, as Council member, followed by Mayor, and then, Kiwanis President. We are left with fond memories of Cory, and we extend our condolences to her husband Bill and to their children and grandchildren.

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Photo, Corkie Ziegler

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CLUB CALENDER FOR NOVEMBER, 2010– MEETINGS AND EVENTS**Board Meeting**, Oct.19, 9:AM, after the 8:AM breakfast meeting. All welcome**Sponsored Youth Meetings & Events**: CHS Key Club, Mtg. Wed, Nov 17, 10:30AM, Auditorium.**Circle K Club**– Nov.2, 16, 30; 10:PM, McLendon Hall**CMS Builders Club**: The Club is selling Entertainment Books for 2011, available through Dec.11. Morris and Essex Counties are in stock; others, by order. See Betty Anne Keat. The Builders Club will meet on Wednesday the 20th at 2:40PM**Events this month**: Nov. 26, Madison Christmas Parade. Participants meet in east parking lot. Kiwanians and MHS Key Club members are invited to walk in the parade.**Birthdays this month**: Nov. 1 Arthur Harper; Nov. 19 Mary Lloyd**Newspaper Recycling**: Mondays 7:00 AM– Volunteers meet at collection area near Chatham Post Office. Reminder for neighbors: Leave newspapers near Kiwanis trailer.**NOVEMBER MEETINGS, Diane O'Brien Chair. All Meetings at Charlie Brown's.****Nov. 2, Lunch** Sue Hoag and Lenore Ford.**Nov 9, Lunch** - Dr. Toby Ippolito, MD, Internal Medicine: Health and Wellness.**Nov. 16, Breakfast**-Brian H. George, MS, MBA, Administrator, Surgery Programs, Saint Barnabas Health Care System: Health and Wellness**Nov. 23, Breakfast**- Interfaith Hospitality Network**Nov. 30, Breakfast** - John Gardner, previously addressed us on oil pricing; this time he will discuss oil, as well as gold and silver pricing.**DECEMBER MEETINGS: Valerie Olpp, Chair. Meetings at Charlie Brown's****Dec.7, Lunch**– Dot Libman of ECLC's PRIDE Program, along with two PRIDE clients who were ECLC graduates, will give us an update on their adult day activity program.**Dec.14, Lunch**– Tim Butler, Co-Director GreenVision Inc., along with one of his students, will update us on their electronics recycling program.**Dec.21, Breakfast**— Annual pre-Christmas celebration– stories, poems, and songs.**Dec.28—NO MEETING– HAPPY HOLIDAYS!****FUTURE EVENTS:****'11, Jan 6** 6:pm–9:PM, District Training, Arlington NJ 176 Howard Blvd:– *Growing Membership.***'11, Jan 29** 9:30AM– 3:PM. Dist Mid-Winter Conf, Crown Plaza, 110 Davidson Av, Somerset NJ**'11, Feb 24,** 6:30PM-9:20PM, Wine Tasting, Grace Church, Madison**'11, Mar 30,** 3: 30PM– 7:30PM, Fish'n'Chips Dinner, CHS Cafeteria**Chatham Kiwanis-Officers & Directors for 2010-2011****Officers, 1-year term, progressive**

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We Remember (cont'd from P.1)

Bertrand Johnson



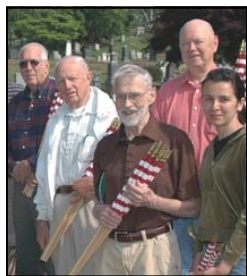
"A cheerful person, and always optimistic" friend and fellow club member, Jim Srygley, in recalling his friendship and respect for Bert, who passed away August 14, at his home in Chatham.. Jim also remembered him as a very successful promoter of

nuts and candies during the Holiday season.

Bert chaired the Ways and Means Committee, and for many years was head of the Library Picnic Committee. We sponsored the picnic as a reward for the young members of the Summer Reading Club who completed the number of books required for admission.



Bert ,George Baker, Heather Alonge and Margaret Nicholas
Photo Aug 1996



Flags at Fairmont: Joe Marcel (L), Herb Ramo, Bert Johnson, Dick Ligtterwood, Maria Ghlonti

Another project that attracted Bert was the distribution of American flags to the grave sites of Armed Service Vetrans. A few days before Memorial Day, members would meet at the big flag pole in Fairmount Cemetary. Each would receive a bundle of flags, after which they would fan out and place them at the Veterans' grave sites. **Photos, Ron Whalin**

George H. Baker

"A fine Southern Gentleman", from the Chatham Courier's report of his passing, October 8, at 91. Long time Club member and friend, Sam Averett, put it another way, "He was a good guy; I liked him". Many knew him as an avid golfer who had achieved three holes-in-one.



George's daughter, Melody Baker, of Basking Ridge, said of his 26 plus years as a Kiwanian, that her dad liked the fellowship, along with the many opportunities for community

service. She mentioned the eye testing that the club participated in, the Kiwanis Fishawack booth where we sold hot dogs and drinks, and the picnic that we sponsored for readers of the Library summer reading club. On page 1 of the Sept. '07 Crier, he is



pictured twice: once standing with others around the hot dog grill, and the other, leaning over to put ketchup on the hot dog of a young reader. **Photo-C Zeigler**

George N Dembo

"Above all, a good man" , Rebecca (Becky) Dembo, in remarks at the Memorial Service for George. This celebration of his "life journey" reminded us of the kindness, caring, and gentle sense of humor that we knew so well, and also the curiosity, sense of adventure, jokes and puns that those close to him remembered. Before joining Kiwanis he had been President of the Chamber of Commerce, and won their Community Service Award. When he joined our club, he was no stranger to community service, and he volunteered for our committees on spiritual aims, program selection, and newspaper recycling. After each newspaper stint he would join us for coffee afterward, and we'd enjoy his "humorous responses" (Jerry Cunningham). George, who departed Oct.9,2010 will be missed by all who knew him. .



Palmer C. Sze, father of our Board member,

Melanie Sze, passed away April 23, in his 100th year. He was an active Kiwanian for many years, taking part in our Fruit Cake Sales, helping with the Newspaper recycling, working with the House Committee and the Citizenship Service Program.



He was born in China in 1910. Following in his grandfather's footsteps, he came to this country for education. After receiving an MBA from the Harvard , he earned a PHD from New York University.

Back in China, Palmer worked for the Central Bank, where he was (quietly) active in supporting the Allied forces during WWII. When the Chinese Navy needed funding in gold, he had an airplane engine made of gold, to avoid detection by the Japanese. He traveled to Burma to help the famous Flying Tigers, who were challenging the Japanese. Their commander, Gen. Claire Chennault, was a frequent guest at



P-40B, "Flying Tiger"

Palmer's home in China. He will be missed by the many members who knew him.

Most Members Help With Fund-Raising, But Who's Responsible for Fund-Giving?
Three Answers: The Benevolence Committee, The Chatham Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship Fund, and the Chatham High School Scholarship Selection Committee

Chatham Kiwanis Benevolence Committee.

Committee Chair Nancy Holt, works with Jerry Cunningham, Doug Bryant, Betty Anne Keat, Joan May, Monty Montague, Karen Swartz. The Benevolence Committee tracks the funds we raise and makes recommendations for their distribution. Our Board approved the recent recommendation, Criteria, Priorities and Practices, which



Nancy Holt

has guided the Committee in its development of the 2010-2011

Benevolence Budget. The result is a three-page plan, Chatham-Madison Kiwanis 2010-11 Benevolence Plan, that includes the new Community Aid Fund (P.1), the complete list of Criteria, Priorities and Practices (P.2), and the Benevolence Budget 2010-2011 (P.3). The Budget page lists recipients for Community Projects, our Sponsored Youth Programs, the Chatham Emergency Squad; Foundations for Kiwanis International, the 5-year ELIMINATE program, the NJ District Foundation and the Chatham Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship Fund. Money is also contributed for two Kiwanis scholarships at Madison High School, a Madison Kiwanis Share-a-Child program in the Philippines, and our Spiritual Aims and Assistance programs,

Typical question at a fundraiser, "My donation is tax free, isn't it?" Answer: Only if it's designated for the **Chatham Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship Fund**. The Foundation Board includes (President) Dick Plambeck and (Past Pres) Behling, (Pres-Elect) May, (Sec'y) Mullin, (Treas) Montague, and (Ass't Treas) Olpp.

The CHS Scholarship Foundation is funded by annual contributions from our Benevolence Committee, by tax free donations from club members and the public, and by tax free bequests from families of departed members. .

Through the years, money has been made available for the scholarships by careful purchases of low cost government instruments that mature in time for the June Awards. The Committee (see below) selects two CHS graduates each year to receive a \$2,000 Scholarship each for four years, (a total of \$16,000). In recent years we have not maintained the same schedule of investments as we did previously, so **Dick Plambeck** we would have to increase those investments now if we wish to continue the program that has brought so much recognition to our club, and much interest and enthusiasm to our sponsored Key Club.



Dick Plambeck

"It's a Jewel in our Kiwanis Club program", Selection Committee member Mary Lloyd, discussing the benefits to our club of the unique four-year scholarships we offer to outstanding CHS graduates.

Not only do we reap the benefits to our club of the intense competition for our coveted awards, we also engender a loyalty to Kiwanis that finds expression in unexpected places as the recipients travel. An additional beneficiary is our sponsored Key Club, for knowledge of our scholarships makes the club a very attractive choice.



Dick Haenschen

Members of the Committee, in addition to Mary Lloyd and Chairman Haenschen, are Marjorie Ahrens, Diane O'Brien, Alan Robertson, and Ron Whalin. The Committee's work is done prior to the Chatham HS graduation each June, and it often involves a review of twenty to thirty of the detailed, multi-page applications. In addition to academic

excellence and community involvement, membership and leadership in the Key Club are important factors in the selection process. Our club has also stepped up efforts to encourage recipients to visit, us and maintain good communication, as they discover new experiences in college life. Our Total Club Giving, combining the Benevolence Budget and the CHS Foundation Scholarship Fund comes to over \$30,000. annually....



Mary Lloyd

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