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## **The Downtowner**

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### **October Lunch Meeting**

At our October 12 meeting, Pa. Kiwanis Division 18 Lt. Governor **Young Chang** installed our club's officers and Board of Directors for 2017-18. They included **Tom Harp**, President; **Todd Siegfried**, Vice-President; **Enos Martin**, Treasurer; **Peg Harp**, Secretary; and **Vic Mazziotti**, Director. Young will also serve on our Board of Directors as will **Bob Ashcraft**. But we still have some openings on our Board. So anyone interested in serving should contact President Tom.



**Young Installs President Tom**

Instead of having a speaker and program, we just enjoyed each other's company for lunch as a "fellowship meeting." We discussed some club business and upcoming activities.

## October Service Project

We had hoped to schedule a service project on October 28, "Kiwanis One Day", but things did not work out. We have been busy with our Service Leadership Programs, which counts as service hours for members who are advisors to those clubs. In November, Personalized Books distributions will begin at Allentown's schools. That is another opportunity for us to serve the children in our community. Plus, we will be looking at a group service project in November. So, stay tuned!

## 2017 Rose Sale



On October 26, beginning at 6:30 AM several club volunteers helped box roses at the Denny's Restaurant on Catasauqua Road, Allentown. We prepared 70 dozen roses for delivery to those who bought or sold them. We would like to once again thank **Enos Martin** for chairing this year's Rose Sale. He did a great job promoting the sale and keeping everyone informed of developments. And on October 26, Enos worked tirelessly as our primary delivery man! We would also like to thank everyone in the club who bought or sold roses. They were beautiful and several are still blooming! We raised \$490 for our club treasury. Great job everyone!

## Service Leadership Programs Report



We continue to develop and improve Service Leadership Programs in the Allentown School District. The first meeting of the Ramos Elementary School K-Kids Club was held on October 23. Thirteen 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders attended the meeting, and all of them were very interested in joining the club. Ramos Guidance Counselors **Laura Zaharakis** and **Tracy Cummins** led the group in a discussion about K-Kids, and service to their school and community. The kids had several good ideas about what they could accomplish in the club. At their second meeting on October 30, I was joined by **Vic Mazziotti**, who has volunteered to serve as our advisor to the Ramos K-Kids Club. The children learned the K-Kids Pledge and selected a service project for the holidays that would benefit the homeless. The Washington Elementary K-Kids Club had its first meeting on October 24, and **29** potential members were in attendance! Principal **Bob Wheeler** and teacher **Jessica Connell** welcomed the kids. **Tom Harp** provided some background about Kiwanis and K-Kids and the children learned the K-Kids Pledge and began thinking about some future activities. At our next meeting on November 5, the members will be electing officers and start planning service projects and fundraisers.

**Enos Martin** reports that the Raub Builder's Club had a successful fundraiser by selling nearly 84 roses donated to them by several of our members to students and faculty at their school. Money raised will be used to buy materials for future service projects.

## Personalized Books Schedule



Distribution of Personalized Books Given to Children will begin This Thursday, November 2 at the Cleveland Elementary School. Here is the schedule for November:

- November 2 – Cleveland Elementary School – 60 students
- November 9 – Lehigh Parkway Elementary School – 55 students
- November 15 & 16 – Central Elementary School – 145 students

If you would like to help **Terry Kennedy** hand out and read books to these first-grade students, meet him in the school office by 9:15 AM. It is a very rewarding experience!

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala!

Our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Committee has been meeting monthly to plan the big event, to be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018. At our meeting on October 18 we met with Janell Butz, Catering Manager for Sodexo at Muhlenberg College to go over menu options for the event's reception and dinner. Our committee has been contacting potential sponsors, and so far have received sponsorships totaling **\$4,250** from the following businesses:

- PPL
- J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home
- Josh Early Candies
- Shane Patrick
- Reynolds Business Systems
- Brass Rail
- Campbell, Rapport & Yurasits
- HMK Insurance
- Keystone Memorial Company
- Schmoyer Funeral Home
- Sherwin Williams
- Trexler Funeral Home

There are many other businesses considering our sponsorship requests, Our goal is to raise \$10,000 for our Foundation through this event. If any of our members has a personal relationship with any business that may want to help sponsor our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala, please contact **Todd Siegfried** or **Bob Ashcraft**, co-chairs of our committee. We will continue to report new sponsors in upcoming newsletters. Thanks!

## 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Historic Moment

Our Club hosted the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Pennsylvania District Kiwanis Convention on September 27<sup>th</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 1931. On Sunday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, registration for the Convention was held at the Americus Hotel at 3 PM. The Hotel Allen and Americus Hotel served as joint headquarters for the Convention. The Convention opened with a religious service at the Zion Reformed Church and was followed with a concert of sacred music at the Colonial Theater. President Judge of Lehigh County Courts Claude T. Reno delivered an address of welcome prior to the concert.

On Monday, district tournaments for golf and tennis were held at the Lehigh Country Club. For those who did not play either sport, a tour of the Trexler Game Preserve was conducted. At night, a reception was held for the district governor in the Crystal Ballroom of the Americus Hotel. Tuesday began the business meeting for the delegates at St. John's Parish on South Fifth Street with morning and afternoon sessions. Lunch was served at the Americus Hotel. Meanwhile, the women toured the Trexler Game Preserve and Trexler Orchard and viewed a fashion show at H. Leh and Co. The Pennsylvania District Dinner was held at night at Mealey's Auditorium at 425 Hamilton Street owned by Professor William J. Mealey. In addition to the business session on Wednesday, the Convention closed with the District Governor's Ball held at the Lehigh Country Club,

A total of 800 delegates and guests attended the convention. Total Kiwanis membership in Pennsylvania was 6,232 among 114 state-wide clubs in 1931.

- *Enos Martin*

## Division 18 News

The **Kiwanis Club of Allentown Northeast** will host its semi-annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, **November 18** from **8 – 10:00 AM** at Applebee's on Catasauqua Road, Allentown. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and children under 12 years are \$5.00. Tickets may be secured from any member and/or will be available at the door. A money raffle & basket raffle will also be run.

**Pa. District Kiwanis Region 6 Fall Meeting** will be held on Saturday, November 4 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the University of Scranton – Brennan Hall, 320 Madison Ave, Scranton, Pa. This will be the Official Visit for Governor Judy Raub to Region 6. Our Lt. Governor Young Chang plans to attend the meeting.

## Upcoming Meetings and Activities

**Thursday, November 9, 12 Noon – Monthly Lunch Meeting. Miriam Rivera, Outreach Educator, Turning Point of Lehigh Valley. Invocation by Enos Martin.**

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE MEETING – Wednesday, November 29, 5:00 PM at the J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – Wednesday, November 29, 6:00 PM at the J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home.**



**November Birthdays (LOTS!)**



- 9 - Cindy Ashcraft
- 13 - Ricki Stringfellow
- 16 - Debra Lamb
- 18 - Eleana Belletieri
- 19 - Tom Harp
- 21 - Terry Kennedy
- 22 - Tracy Davis
- 26 - Rich Peterson
- 28 - Belinda Gray



- Tom Harp, Editor