

**“Building our community one child at a time”
For the past Century!**

The Downtowner

Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Allentown

October 1, 2018

September 13 Meeting



Nice Turnout!



Ed White

We were pleased to host 14 members and guests at our September 13 dinner meeting. A few of us enjoyed a “Social Hour” prior to the meeting. We welcomed guests **Ed White**, **Fred Montgomery**, and **Susan Martin**. President Tom reported on a lot of club news and upcoming events. After a really delicious meal (I would highly recommend the homemade spaghetti and meatballs) Ed White of the Allentown Citywide Initiative for Youth began his presentation. Ed described his own background as a lawyer, journalist, youth sports coach, mentor and advisor with the DeMolay. He spoke of the disconnect between various resources that serve youth in our community. The overall goal of ACIY is to better coordinate and promote services that benefit our youth. Ed lamented that when you Google “Allentown Youth”, you are directed to police blotters and crime stories. There are

not enough positive stories about young people. Ed is Chairman of ACIY's Board of Directors. They also have a wider group of community leaders who serve as advisors to the organization. They hope to "cross pollinate" organizations that work with youth so that they are all aware of what each program does. Their big initiative for the upcoming year is to host a Youth Expo at the PPL Center next spring. At the expo, all organizations that work with children and youth in the areas of sports, the arts, education, community service, etc. will be invited to participate. They are seeking sponsors for the event. They are not currently a 501 c 3 organization. They are in the process of developing a website. But their current presence on the internet is on Facebook. Fred Montgomery described his background as a Florida state runner-up in wrestling who went on to Lock Haven State University in Pa. He said that we all need to understand what poverty is all about, and that we need to speak the language of today's youth. A target for programming has to be kids who are 9th grade repeaters. They are the most vulnerable to drop out of school and to join gangs. He describe ACIY as a "human movement." "We are talking about saving lives" he added. Our own **Tracy Davis** is on the Board of Directors of ACIY. They have a real challenge ahead of them to better coordinate and deploy youth services in our community.

September Service Project



Terry



Brian



Amanda

On Saturday, September 22, we volunteered to clean walls and cabinets in one of the rooms that will function as the new warming station for the homeless at the Allentown YMCA. **Deb Lamb**, **Terry Kennedy** and **Tom Harp** were joined by Tom's friend **Dave Mancke**, Allen HS Key Club member **Brian Badillo** and two others from his club and **Amanda** from the Salisbury HS Key Club. We spent nearly three hours on one of the rooms in the Y "sub-basement" which will serve as the front processing area and offices for the warming station. There were hundreds of staples, Scotch tape and other debris on the walls, as well as crayon marks that needed to be removed before the walls were washed. The Y staff were very helpful in getting us whatever we needed to do the job, and even providing a nice pizza lunch! The room will be freshly painted in the next couple of weeks, with the goal of opening the shelter no later than November 1. Our volunteer service was a small, but greatly appreciated part of preparing this space for occupancy this winter. We worked hard for a very good cause!

2018 Rose Sale!



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The 2018 Rose Sale is over! **Alison Norton** reports that our members have sold a total of **70 dozen roses**. Our club keeps \$7 for every dozen sold. That means **\$490** for our club treasury! We will be boxing the roses up at Denny's Restaurant on Catasauqua Road, Allentown, starting at 6:45 AM on October 25. You can pick your roses up there, or make other arrangements. **THANK YOU** Alison for helping to make this year's Rose Sale a real success. And thanks to all of you who bought and sold roses.

"Bundles for Babies"

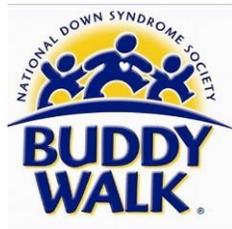


From Top: Tina Wida, Nicole Verret
Peg Harp and Atria Knitters

At the September 18 meeting of the "Bundles for Babies" knitting group at Atria Senior Living in Bethlehem, **Peg Harp** and her knitters donated 15 blankets and other baby items to **Tina Wida** of the Nurse Family Partnership. The knitting group, which has had as many as a dozen members from Atria, has been working diligently to complete the colorful blankets. Tina will be distributing them to the first-time moms in their program. Where permitted, she will take photos of the babies and their hand-made blankets and share them with the group. This is a year-round program started by Peg at Atria, where her mother-in-law is a resident. We hope to recruit a few more Kiwanians from other clubs to join this worthwhile service project. The group continues to meet from 3-4 PM Tuesdays in Atria's activities room.



October Service Project



Our community service project for this month will be the annual Down Syndrome Center “Buddy Walk” coming up this Saturday, October 6 at the Valley Preferred Cycling Center in Breinigsville. The event is from 2-6 PM, but there are volunteer opportunities all day long, including setup before the event, and cleanup afterwards. So far, **Eleana Belletieri**, **Young Chang**, **Tom Harp** and **Bob and Cindy Ashcraft** have registered for a volunteer assignment. Tom has already sent out information about the event and spreadsheet with other assignments. If you are interested in joining us, contact President Tom ASAP. Money raised from the “Buddy Walk” benefits individuals with Down Syndrome and their families in the Lehigh Valley.

Service Leadership Programs



We are very excited to sponsor a new Builders Club, at the South Mountain Middle School. **Terry Kennedy** will be our club advisor, and **Gina Nichols**, who is assigned to SMMS through the Communities in Schools program, will serve as faculty advisor. On September 18, Terry and Gina set up a Builders Club table at the “Back to School Night.” Many families stopped by at the table, and 23 students “signed up” for the new club. They scheduled an organizational meeting for September 26.



Gina Nichols and Terry

The first meeting of the Raub Middle School Builders Club was held on September 18. Although only 7 kids showed up, there are several more who were in the process of getting permission forms signed. **Enos Martin** attended an Open House at the school on September 27 to help promote the club, and an additional 9 students signed up. We are still in the process of scheduling the first meetings of the Ramos and Washington Elementary Schools K-Kids Clubs. Our HS Key Clubs are just starting out, although the Salisbury Key Club has already been involved in several community service projects.

Historical Moment

A Glance Into Our Kiwanis Past

Our Club activities for October in past years:

100 years ago – October 1918

- The Kiwanis members sold \$1,282,000 worth of Liberty Loan bonds in support of World War I.
- Our Club set up a temporary hospital and furnished the hospital and arranged for staffing at the Saeger Mansion to treat children afflicted by the Spanish Flu outbreak.

75 years ago – October 1943

- The Kiwanis Club assisted in the sales of war bonds in support of World War II. Over \$9.6 million was raised during the campaign in Lehigh County.

50 years ago – October 1968

- Stephen Barber, chief correspondent for the London Telegraph, spoke to the Kiwanis Club and predicted a huge victory for Richard Nixon in the upcoming presidential election.
- The Kiwanis Board approved the adoption of a change in the Kiwanis fiscal year to October-September which had been approved at the Kiwanis convention in the summer.

25 years ago – October 1993

- Ellen Kern was inducted as the first women president of the Kiwanis Club.
- Jack Pressman and Bill Heydt, candidates for Allentown mayor to replace Joe Daddona, presented their platforms to the Kiwanis Club.

- ***Enos Martin***

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Division 18 News

The **Kiwanis Club of Allentown Northeast** will host the Division 18 Inter-Club on **Wednesday, October 17** at Denny's Restaurant on Catasauqua Road. The program will feature a presentation on the Easton Kiwanis Club playground and raised gardens project, by Club President Bill Walters. They are ready to begin construction and you will also find out how they raised the roughly \$300,000.00 to pull this off. Start to arrive at 5:15 PM and as you arrive you will be ordering off the menu and food will be delivered as it is prepared. You will receive your own tab. The meeting will start at 6:00 PM. **NOTE:** So far, **Young Chang, Terry Kennedy** and **Tracy Davis** from our club all plan to attend.

Come join the **Kiwanis Club of ANE** at its semi-annual Flapjack Fundraiser on **October 13** from 8:00 until 10:00 AM at Applebee's off Catasauqua Road. Tickets are \$7.00 and for those under 10 they are \$5.00. See any club member for tickets and they also will be available at the door

The **Kiwanis Club of Allentown** (Downtown) will be hosting a Division 18 Inter-Club on **Thursday, December 6 from 12 noon to 1 PM** at the Shanty on 19th, 613 N. 19th St., Allentown. This will also be their annual Foundation Grant Awards event, where their foundation provides grants to local non-profit organizations that work with children and their families. In the past, they have hosted a breakfast that has included a performance by the Allen HS Chorale. They are moving the event to our new meeting place, the Shanty on 19th, and going with a luncheon instead. They will have a keynote speaker or entertainer, although there is not enough space for the Chorale. This will be a buffet luncheon at a cost of \$15, which can be paid at the door.

- **Chas Chase**

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

SERVICE PROJECT – Saturday, October 6 – Down Syndrome Center “Buddy Walk” at the Trexlertown Velodrome. Various volunteer assignments between 10 AM to 7 PM.

SERVICE PROJECT – “Bundles for Babies” knitting project at Atria Senior Assisted Living in Bethlehem. Tuesdays at 3:00 PM in the Atria Activity Room.

MONTHLY CLUB MEETING - Thursday, October 11, 12:00 PM (Noon) at the Shanty on 19th– INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2018-19. Speaker will be Gabriel Rendon of the Financial Literacy Center. Invocation by Tom Harp.

FOUNDATION SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING - Thursday, October 25, beginning at 5 PM at the J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – Wednesday, October 31, 5-6 PM at the J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home.



October Birthdays



**7 - Vic Mazziotti
10- Bob Krupka**



- **Tom Harp, Editor**