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For the past Century!**

The Downtowner

Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Allentown

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June 13 Meeting

This editor was strolling along the fairways of Pebble Beach for the U.S. Open the week of June 10, and cannot report on this meeting. However, “cub reporter” **Enos Martin** was in attendance and filed the following story:

“**Tashina Kabbaz**, from Valley Against Sex Trafficking (VAST), provided an overview of sex trafficking, both locally and nationally. She provided some startling statistics related to the spread and increase in sex trafficking in recent years. She discussed how teenage and young adult women are lured and coerced into this commercial sex industry. She outlined a number of indicators which serve as red flags and indicators that someone is a victim of the industry. VAST provides education to the general public to help in the identification of potential victims. They also work with the victims to empower them to extract themselves from the situation. She provided a handout which serves as a tool to help identify whether an individual is a sex trafficking victim and provides guidelines on action to be taken when a potential victim is identified. Any potential situation must be reported to allow appropriate action to be taken to help the victim.”

Thanks for your contribution, Enos!

Sleepy Cat Mixer

On June 6, several of our members enjoyed a wine mixer at Sleepy Cat Urban Winery in Allentown. **Tracy Davis** did a fabulous job planning this event, and picking up a nice assortment of appetizers to enjoy. We engaged in wine tastings for \$5 each, and welcomed a new member prospect recruited by Tracy, **Barbara Miller**. Barb is a teacher at Building 21, a charter school in Allentown. She is interested in starting a Key Club at

the school. Barb will be attending our meeting on July 11, so please give her a big Allentown Kiwanis welcome!

Service Leadership Programs



Our Service Leadership Programs have winded down from a very active school year. **Terry Kennedy** shared some additional photos of the **South Mountain Middle School Builders Club** service project that benefitted the Lehigh County Humane Society animal shelter in south Allentown. As reported in the last edition of the newsletter, the Builders Club members assembled small baskets with dog and cat treats and toys that were donated to the shelter. They will be given out to people who adopt an animal at the shelter. Extra baskets were actually used by the shelter at a fundraising event. This was an awesome project by a group of highly-motivated students.



Our club submitted an application to Kiwanis International to charter a new **K-Kids Club** at the **Union Terrace Elementary School**. **Deb Lamb** has volunteered to serve as our advisor to the new club. Our Foundation provided funding for the charter fees and banner. We are looking forward to recruiting members for the new Union Terrace K-Kids Club in the fall.

July 11 Interclub Meeting



Our next monthly meeting on July 11 will be a very special one. First, we have invited members of the other Kiwanis clubs in Division 18 to join us for an Interclub event. Our speaker will be **Joe Garrera**, Executive Director of the Lehigh County Historical Society. Joe is a reknown Lincoln scholar, and will provide us with an inspiring talk titled “The Statesmanship of Abraham Lincoln.” At this meeting, our Foundation will be awarding \$1,000 college scholarship checks to three highly-deserving Key Club members. They include **Sage Toth** of the William Allen Key Club, **Jessica Davis** from the Allentown Central Catholic Key Club, and **Shane Donaldson** for the Salisbury HS Key Club. All three students will be attending the meeting with at least one of their parents. It is important that we have a good turnout in support of these fine young people.

Also at this meeting, the Boys and Girls Club of Allentown will be kicking off a “Back to School Supply Drive” to benefit the children in their clubhouse programs. **Alison Norton**, Director of Development for the B&GCA suggested that area Kiwanis clubs consider participation in this drive. Alison will be on a business trip on July 11, but has arranged for **Alan Burke**, the Assistant Development Director to launch the campaign on their behalf. We will welcome Alan, and certainly help support this initiative!

Box Tops for Education



At our July 11 meeting, as well as all of our club meetings prior to November 1, we will be collecting “Box Tops for Education” to benefit the Raub Middle School. These coupons can be found on a number of products that you probably already purchase! The Builders Club at Raub has been behind this initiative to raise critical private funds for the school, and **Enos Martin** has been coordinating our collection of box tops. For a list of products that offer these coupons, visit the BTFE website, www.boxtops4education.com.

A Glance Into Our Past

100 Years Ago – July 1919

At the July 3 meeting, Lawrence Rupp, who would serve as the club's 3rd president in 1920, spoke of America's ideals on the eve of our nation's 143rd birthday. He reviewed some of the historical events which had taken place during the 143 years showing the wisdom of our country's founders when they established our country.

This was also one of the first appearances of the Salvation Army staff at a Kiwanis meeting as Captain Hummer led his officers, comrades and musicians in a program of patriotic vocal and instrumental selections in celebration of our country's birthday.

75 Years Ago – July 1944

In 1944, the Boy Scouts successfully helped organize the collection of paper in support of the war. Earle White, a Kiwanis member, initially suggested the effort as a project for Troop 30 and it quickly materialized into a larger project supported by all of the local boy scouts and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, who provided and drove the trucks for the collection of the waste paper. On July 6, 1944, a fleet of 70 trucks scoured the streets of Allentown and collected over 100 tons of waste paper. Fifteen rail cars were filled with paper to be sent to a mill in Trenton, NJ. The waste paper would be converted into building board which could provide housing for over a thousand troops serving in such cold weather climates as Alaska. The boy scouts received over \$1,600 for the waste paper which was distributed to the various troops supporting the efforts. Troop 30 received approximately \$100 for its efforts.

50 Years Ago – July 1969

Captain Douglas MacDougal, a former helicopter pilot who served in Vietnam, addressed 120 Kiwanis members at its July 3rd meeting. He described the perils of flying during the war and that the enemy would pay \$3,000 to anyone who shot one down. MacDougal had received more than 30 medals for valor in action. He stated that one in every five pilots would eventually get shot down in action.

25 Years Ago – July 1994

Sue Kresge, Cathy Campbell, Carla Munsch, and Ken Graham attended the Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans. Two noteworthy actions occurred at this convention. Kiwanis International announced the launch its first world-wide project with a campaign to combat IDD (Iodine Deficiency Disorder). The Club would meet the challenge made at the convention to its member clubs by donating \$50,000 towards this effort. Also, Kiwanis International elected its first president from outside North America when the delegates elected Ian Perdriau from Australia.

- ***Enos Martin***



Upcoming Meetings and Activities

SERVICE PROJECT - Bundles for Babies” knitting project at Atria Senior Assisted Living in Bethlehem. Tuesdays at 3:00 PM in Atria’s activity room.

SOCIAL ACTIVITY – Thursday, July 11, 5-6 PM, Social Hour at the Shanty on 19th.

MONTHLY CLUB MEETING - Thursday, July 11, 6:00 PM at the Shanty on 19th. Speaker will be Joe Garrera, Executive Director of the Lehigh County Historical Society. His topic will be “The Statesmanship of Abraham Lincoln.”

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



July Birthdays



15 - Peg Harp

23 - Jeff Burnatowski



- Tom Harp, Editor