



“Building our community one child at a time”

The Downtowner

Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Allentown

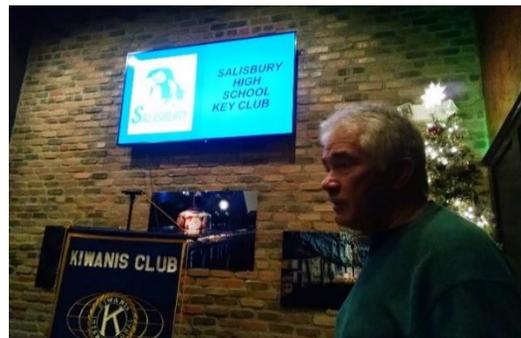
February 1, 2020

Key Club Dinner

At the January 9 meeting, we treated our local Key Club officers and their faculty advisors to dinner at the Shanty. Nine of our members welcomed the President of the William Allen HS Key Club and another of its members, along with faculty advisors **Steve Patterson** and **Mary DiFebo**; and three members of the Salisbury HS Key Club including its President and Treasurer. Unfortunately, Salisbury’s faculty advisor **Katie Hutchinson** could not attend due to family obligations. And, also regrettably, the Allentown Central Catholic Key Club did not participate due to difficulties communicating with their new faculty advisor, **Jeremiah Motley**. Following dinner, **Enos Martin** provided a brief PowerPoint history of the Key Clubs that we sponsor, including the Southern Lehigh HS Key Club, which our Board of Directors just approved for sponsorship. We plan to invite that school’s Key Club to next year’s dinner, and expect them to help out at our annual LVCC Picnic, as well as other events.



Key Club Representatives



Enos Gives a Presentation

The Presidents of the Allen and Salisbury Key Clubs shared their club’s service projects and fundraisers this academic year. We imagined several areas of collaboration, including

the possibility this year of marching with all of our Service Leadership Programs in the Allentown St. Patrick's Day parade! We thanked the students and their advisors for their dedication and service to the community.

At the meeting, **Terry Kennedy** introduced his guest, **Stacie Boose**, a Special Education Teacher at South Mountain Middle School who has volunteered to serve as advisor to the Builders Club there. We welcomed Stacie and thanked her for her service. We hope that she can help generate interest in the club with the student population there.

Martin Luther King Day Luncheon



The Muhlenberg Dynamics

On January 20, Martin Luther King Day, **Todd Siegfried**, **Deb Lamb** and **Tom Harp** volunteered to serve food at the 11th Annual Ecumenical Meal at the St. James UCC Church in Allentown. The second lunch seating was preceded by a program in the church chapel that included speakers **Shannon Mayfield**, Principal of Allen High School and **Marisa Price**, Top Athlete and Mentor of the Allentown Police Athletic League (PAL). The **Muhlenberg Dynamics** acapella group provided musical entertainment. By the time food was served in the church auditorium, tables were packed with hungry guests. We served a hot meal that included roast turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, and green beans. On the tables were salads and rolls. A long line of happy, grateful diners were served by our three volunteers. We were then able to sit down and enjoy a lunch ourselves, while mingling with our guests. A dish of ice cream topped off the meal. It was a truly satisfying day of service for our volunteers and a tribute to the memory of Dr. King.

February Service Projects

We have two community service projects in this month! One is the donation of clothes and other supplies for needy children at the Raub Middle School. **Enos Martin** has been coordinating this effort with the Raub Community School Coordinator, **Jacyln Hudak**. We ask that our members donate at least a couple of items from the following list:

- *Belts (all sizes)*
- *Binders (all sizes)*
- *Socks (all sizes)*
- *Chapstick*
- *Deodorant (Male/Female)*
- *Umbrellas*
- *School Uniforms / Sweaters*

- *Small Tissue Packets*
- *Body Lotion*
- *Body Wash / Soap*
- *Shampoo & Conditioner*
- *Alarm Clocks / Watches*
- *Bike Locks*
- *FUN Middle School PRIZES / Gift Cards (\$5 or \$10)*
- *Water/Gatorade/Snacks for sports teams*

You may bring your donated items to our February 13 lunch meeting, or to our Board of Directors meeting on February 26, 5 PM at the Shanty. Or, you can make other arrangements with Enos Martin by calling him at 610-509-5918.



Our other service project this month is the annual **IHOP National Pancake Day** fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This year, it will be held on **Tuesday, February 25** at the IHOP located at 1511 Lehigh Street in Allentown from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM. An email was sent out to members on January 30 seeking volunteers to serve as greeters at the restaurant during the event. Diners enjoy a free short stack of pancakes that day, and we ask for donations as they pay their bill. It is a fun event for a great cause!

Service Leadership Programs



We are pleased to welcome the **Southern Lehigh HS Key Club** to our Allentown Kiwanis Service Leadership Program (SLP) family! The club was “orphaned” years ago when the Southern Lehigh Kiwanis Club shut down. Our Board of Directors has approved that our club assume sponsorship of the Southern Lehigh Key Club. We thank **Enos Martin** for reaching out to that club and meeting with **Tom Beaupre**, who has served as faculty advisor for the club for the past 21 years! The club has 160-170 dues paying members and has been very active with a number of service projects.

We have finally been able to communicate with the new faculty advisor to the **Allentown Central Catholic Key Club, Jeremiah Motley**. He reports that the ACCHS Key Club currently has 59 members, and meets once a month. Jeremiah reports that the club completed a fundraiser supporting pediatric cancer and are sponsoring a fundraising team for cystic fibrosis. They are also checking to see if they can do a “Pennies for Patients” drive in the school cafeteria. Students will be volunteering at the Cay Galgon Life House for two Saturdays in the spring. And, the club sponsors a Book Corner at, and will be holding a book drive for. Sacred Heart Hospital. They are looking into starting a tutoring program with Sacred Heart Elementary School. At every meeting the students create cards for the holidays to send to the sick and elderly of the community.

As noted earlier in the newsletter, representatives from both the **Allen HS** and **Salisbury HS Key Clubs** attended our Key Club Dinner last month and were enthusiastic about their clubs and upcoming fundraisers and service projects.

We have also “adopted” the **Southern Lehigh Middle School Builders Club!** According to Enos, they have 40-50 members. Enos also works with the **Raub Builders Club.** Their activities slowed down in January, but they will be electing officers at their next meeting. They are also looking forward to their next major project, weaving plastic bags into mats for the homeless. Students from DeSales University will be visiting the club to help them work on this. The **South Mountain Middle School Builders Club** is in a “rebuilding” stage. They now have a solid faculty advisor, and just laminated several posters that were displayed throughout the school inviting students to attend meetings, which are held Tuesdays after school.

Our K-Kids Clubs at the elementary schools are doing very well. The **Washington K-Kids Club** have elected officers and are planning three school projects. The **Ramos K-Kids Club** has produced an anti-bullying video and are considering doing the “Pennies for Patients” fundraiser again this year. They are also exploring a project that provides aid to those affected by recent earthquakes in Puerto Rico. According to **Deb Lamb**, the newly-chartered **Union Terrace K-Kids Club** has 13 members, all who have been identified as leaders by their teachers and members of the Student Government there. They meet twice a month before school. They completed a “Find Your Passion” exercise and have identified several projects worth exploring. One is a cleanup around the Union Terrace Pond and Cedar Creek, which are both next to the school. They are also interested in writing “Thank You” notes on Post-It notes for their teachers and other staff at the school.

Our club is now sponsoring **10** Service Leadership Programs, something we can be very proud of. We could not do it without the efforts of our club advisors – **Enos Martin, Deb Lamb, Terry Kennedy, Vic Mazziotti** and **Tom Harp**. If any other members would like to serve as an SLP advisor in the future, please notify President Tom. Thanks!

Board of Directors

In this edition of “The Downtowner” we take the opportunity to provide details about our club’s Board of Directors. The Board is the governing body of our club, making decisions on club activities, expenditures, budgets, and much more. The Board is comprised of the club President, Past-President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and up to six elected members on staggered terms of office. Currently, our Board members include:

- Tom Harp, President
- Todd Siegfried, Past-President
- Tracy Davis, Vice-President
- Enos Martin, Treasurer
- Peg Harp, Secretary
- Bob Ashcraft
- Terry Kennedy
- Deb Lamb
- Vic Mazziotti

Our Board meets once a month, usually on the last Wednesday of the month, beginning at 5:00 PM. For the past several years, we have met at the JS Burkholder Funeral Home. However, recently we had to make a change and starting last month began to meet at the Shanty on 19th. We are pleased that attendance at Board meeting has been nearly 100%. The meetings are lively and members freely share ideas. Any member of our club is welcomed to attend a Board meeting as an observer, and to add input to any agenda item. You are also encouraged to read Board minutes and financial reports on the “Members Only” area of our website, www.allentownkiwanis.org. And, if you are not already a Board member, please volunteer to serve as one when we have our club elections in April.

Allentown Kiwanis History Book

We have already sold 24 copies of our new book “The Kiwanis Club of Allentown – A Century of Fellowship and Service and Its Impact on Allentown”, authored by **Enos Martin**. We started out with 200 copies, so we have a long way to go! Recently, we announced the book sale to all clubs in the Pennsylvania District Kiwanis and have received a couple of orders. We also plan to sell the book at the state Midyear Conference to be held on March 21. If you buy the book directly from us at an upcoming meeting or event, the cost is \$20. We are also offering the book for purchase online, at our website, www.allentownkiwanis.org for \$25, which includes shipping and handling costs. Proceeds from the book’s sale will benefit our Foundation.

A Glance Into Our Past

100 Years Ago – February 1920

The Club held its first Ladies’ Night for the year on February 19th at the Hotel Traylor. E. C. Mace of New York City provided the main address to the large group of attendees. Mace, a human rights activist, discussed the plight of the Armenians in Eastern Europe due to the conditions created by World War I. Eight hundred and thirty thousand Russian Armenians were without sufficient food, clothing, and medical aid to keep them well. One hundred thousand Christian women were in the bonds of slavery to the Turks. The speech was intended to spearhead a drive to raise funds in the US to improve the conditions for these refugees. Dinner and dancing followed the address to the group.

75 Years Ago – February 1945

The Kiwanians held the February 23rd meeting at the Al-Beth Skating Rink, which became known later as the Ice Palace. The Penguin Figure Skating Club, which still exists today in Bethlehem, hosted the Club and presented its “Penguins on Ice” program.

50 Years Ago – February 1970

At its February 12th meeting at the Americus Hotel, Dr. I. M. Levitt, director of Philadelphia’s Franklin Institute Fels Planetarium addressed the members and predicted that colonization of the moon would occur within ten years. He stated that orbital workshops would be aloft by 1972 with three men being able to work in space for up to 30 days.

25 Years Ago – February 1995

The Kornerstone Club was established with seven charter members. This club was created to encourage donations to the Club's Foundation. The seven charter members included five "Founders" members with donations ranging from \$500-999 (Bruce Reimer, Ward Kraeg, Jim Chambers, Nevin Shaffer and Bill Sharkan), one "Presidents" donor ranging from \$1000-1999 (Wiley Post), and one "Governors" donor above \$2000 (Frank Reisner). Wiley Post noted that one of the founders of the Finance Committee for the Foundation was Tim Converse who initially recommended investments in Xerox which ended up yielding almost \$100,000 in dividends to the Foundation.

- **Enos Martin**

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

SERVICE PROJECT – All Month – Collection of items for students of the Raub Middle School. Bring items to our club meeting on February 13 or to our Board meeting on February 26.

SERVICE PROJECT – Tuesday, February 25 - IHOP National Pancake Day fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, IHOP, 1511 Lehigh Street, Allentown, 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

MONTHLY CLUB MEETING - Thursday, February 13, 12 PM Noon at the Shanty on 19th. Speaker will be Jean Raymond-Hoffman, Allentown YouthBuild.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – Wednesday, February 26, 5 PM at the Shanty on 19th.



February Birthdays



7 - Todd Siegfried

25 - Katie Hutchinson

28 - Keith Reynolds



-Tom Harp, Editor