FOURTH OF JULY EDITION

Kiwanis Club of Allentown

"Building our community, one child at a time"

THE DOWNTOWNER

NEWSLETTER OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF ALLENTOWN

June 11th Meeting Recap

Lynn Schoof, CACLV and the Sixth Street Shelter, provided an overview of the various services offered by the Sixth Street Shelter. The Sixth Street Shelter is a long-standing program of Community Action Lehigh Valley. Since 1984, the Shelter has provided temporary housing for Lehigh Valley families with children experiencing homelessness.

Today, the Sixth Street Shelter offers 25 individual family apartments. It is the only shelter in the Lehigh Valley to offer families the privacy and security of a furnished apartment with a complete kitchen. The Sixth Street Shelter assists families experiencing homelessness with secure, safe housing through family-centered services, in-house programming, and referrals to community resources while advocating that affordable housing is a human right.



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The organization attempts to increase independence through self-sufficiency and support the navigation through many stages of positive change that take place during our programming. They help guests share their voices, grow as an individual and family unit, increase academic progress, and find work and affordable housing so they can be as successful as we know they can be.

The Sixth Street Shelter is the largest family shelter in the region, accepting any configuration of families, including those with adult children and single fathers. Whatever the family grouping looks like, all are welcome as long as they have custody of at least one child under the age of 18 years who will be residing with them. Referrals for temporary housing must be made through 211, which is a free 24/7 helpline connecting people to essential health, social, and community services.

New Member Installation

At the June 11, we welcomed and inducted a new member to our club. Andrea Wilson, Education Director at CASA, became our 4th new member of the current administrative year as the representative for CASA. CASA, known as Casa Guadalupe, joined our club as a corporate member with Andrea serving as their representative. She was joined at the meeting by the Executive Director of CASA. Luz DeLabar. We welcome Andrea and CASA to our club! Their membership reestablishes a long past relationship between Casa Guadalupe and the Kiwanis Club of Allentown.



Volunteer Opportunities

Sixth Street Shelter Reading Club | Fridays at 5PM

During the summer months, the Sixth Street Shelter hosts a reading club for children on Fridays at 5 pm. They are always looking for individuals to participate are readers for the children. This is an opportunity for our members to provide volunteer support to the Sixth Street Shelter.

If you are able to participate, please reach out to any of the contacts with the date you are available to assist:

Tjwana Reed, Director of the Sixth Street Shelter - **treed@caclv.org | 484-821-2805**

Enos Martin
us4martins@yahoo.com-

More Opportunities

August:
ASD Back to School Bash

September 15 and 17:
United Way Day of Caring

September 26:
LVCIL Fishing and Fun in the Park

Stay tuned for more information on each of these opportunities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLUB NEWS

Upcoming Membership Meeting

June 9

The July meeting will include the award of our annual Key Club scholarships to selected recipients from our sponsored Key Clubs at Allen, Salisbury, and Southern Lehigh High Schools.

We will also celebrate our nation's 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. We will have a special program recognizing the birth of our nation 250 years ago.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthday: Peg Harp – July 15;
Katelyn Quinn – July 18

Kiwanis Anniversary: Tom Harp – 30 years

District Convention at Gettysburg August 13-16

Registration is now open for Kiwanis members to register for the Pennsylvania District Convention to be held August 13-16 at the Wyndham Gettysburg Hotel & Conference Center.
Our Club will have five attendees at the convention. Peg Harp, Karen Baker, and Katelyn Quinn will serve as our delegates to the convention. Tom Harp and Enos Martin will serve as delegates at large for those clubs in the region who may not have representatives attending the convention.

They are eligible to serve in this role from their past district elected officials:
Tom, as past District Governor, and Enos as past Lieutenant Governor.

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Amazingly, there are 100 past members who attained membership status of more than 30 years. In August, Tom will move into a tie for the 100th spot in length of membership.

Note: Current member and past president Jim Fronheiser has accumulated over 58 years of membership and is second to Sam Saxton who was a member of the club for exactly 69 years when he passed away in June 2021.

Gold Partner Award

On June 10th at the "Moving Up" Ceremony for the Eight Grade students at Raub Middle School, our Kiwanis Club was recognized with the "Gold Star Partner" award by the Allentown School District for our continued support of the Builders Club.

Other recipients of the award included:
- Faith Church
- Second Harvest Food Bank
- Raub Mothers Organization

Member News

Vince Polakowski attended the Philmont Training Center from Thursday, June 11 through Monday, June 22.

Rudy Shadle's softball team played in the championship game for their league. Unfortunately, after four good innings, a grand slam put the other team in the lead and his team finished second. It was still a good year for the team.

Glance into our Past

100 Years Ago – July 1926

The Club celebrated the country's birthday at the Hotel Allen with a presentation about the Liberty Bell by club chaplain, the Rev. Simon Sipple, who also served as club secretary for the first ten years of the club's history. According to Rev. Sipple, the original Liberty Bell was cast in 1752 to celebrate the 50th year of Philadelphia's chartering as a city. It cracked during its first ringing.

The bell was recast, but the city leaders were dissatisfied by in resonance. It was recast and was rung for many years until it cracked again at the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshal on July 8, 1835. The Liberty Bell was hidden beneath floor boards of the former Zion Lutheran Church at 622 Hamilton Street in Allentown for nine months, from September 1777 until the British ultimately departed Philadelphia in June 1778.

75 Years Ago – July 1951

At the July board meeting, the club leadership approved the pursuit of having a pro football exhibition game between the Philadelphia Eagles and the New York Giants in Allentown in September. The club would have to guarantee each team $15,000 to hold the game in the city. Unfortunately, the club was unsuccessful in its bid to host the game.

50 Years Ago – July 1976

W Thatcher Longstreth, president of the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce and candidate for mayor of Philadelphia, was scheduled to address the Club, on Philadelphia and the Bicentennial, at its meeting at the Lehigh Valley Club on July 2. When Longstreth was unable to appear, the Club countered with a special ceremony honoring member John Henry Leh for his 50 years as a Kiwanis Club member. Leh and his family founded and operated the Leh Department Store in Allentown for many years.

25 Years Ago – June 2001

Unfortunately, our archives do not include any information on the Club's activities in July

Shanty Fundraiser

The Kiwanis Club of Allentown and the Shanty on 19th are collaborating on an on-going fundraiser for the benefit of the Club's Youth and Community Services (Y&CS) Fund. A similar effort had been attempted during the month of February, but it was severely impacted by the rough weather stretch during the month.

This fundraiser has not taken off as we had hoped. We ask the membership to please pass on the Shanty on 19th fundraiser coupon to friends and family. The Shanty will designate 10% of the food purchase to our club to help raise funds for our Youth and Community Services account. Also, consider going to the Shanty for dinner other than our club meeting nights. The funds will help cover costs for our various children's programs,

Please present the attached coupon to your waitress or waiter when you order. The coupon can be used multiple times. We greatly appreciate your willingness to support this fundraiser!

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DINE AT THE SHANTY ON 19TH RESTAURANT

613 N. 19TH STREET, ALLENTOWN

AND 10% OF YOUR FOOD BILL WILL BE DONATED TO OUR

COMMUNITY AND YOUTH SERVICES ACCOUNT

CAN BE USED ANY TIME AND MULTIPLE TIMES

SHOW THIS FLYER TO YOUR SERVER BEFORE ORDERING

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TUESDAY-SATURDAY – 4 PM -12 AM

SUNDAY – 12 PM – 8 PM

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