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Kiwanis Club of Allentown

"Building our community, one child at a time"

THE DOWNTOWNER

NEWSLETTER OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF ALLENTOWN

July 9th Meeting Recap

Our July 9 dinner meeting featured a variety of celebrations. It was our annual Key Club Scholarship Award Dinner. Tom Harp, President of the Kiwanis Foundation of Allentown presented $1,000 college scholarship awards to three outstanding members of Key Clubs that we sponsor: Anie Dade, William Allen HS; Autumn Evans, Salisbury HS; and Krupa Dihora, Southern Lehigh HS. Since Anie couldn't attend, her father Marius accepted the award on her behalf.

Anie will attend Belmont University and study chemistry prior to entering a pre-med track. Autumn, accompanied by her parents, is enrolled at Cedar Crest College, where she will major in chemistry and forensic science. Krupa was unable to attend the meeting since she and her parents were attending her freshman orientation at the University of Pittsburgh where she will study microbiology.






Krupa, this past year, also served as Lt. Governor of Pennsylvania Key Club Division 16!

President Enos Martin presented Immediate Past Club President Karen Baker with a Distinguished Member Award and pin awarded to her by Immediate Past KI President Lee Kuan Yong. Karen was very flattered by this gesture.

Enos then presented Tom Harp with a Legion of Honor certificate and pin to celebrate his 30th Anniversary as a member of Kiwanis. Tom reflected on his first impressions of the Kiwanis Club of Allentown when he was recruited as a new member in July, 1996, by former member John Stoffa, who has since passed on. Tom was honored to be recognized for this milestone anniversary.

After dinner, Enos provided some little-known facts about the Declaration of Independence. To celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, the meeting attendees, including our guests, read aloud the entire Declaration of Independence! We passed a printed version around the room and each guest read 10 lines of the extensive document.

It was a moving experience. Especially reciting the following:
"When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another..." and at the end "...for the support of this Declaration, and with a firm reliance on the protection of the divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

It was a sobering reminder of the sacrifices made by those who signed the declaration. And the perfect way for us to appreciate the significance of July 4, 1776 in the history of our great country.

Leadership Opportunities

Our Club's current and future success depends on full involvement of our membership

We have several opportunities for each member to become involved in the club's activities and leadership roles. Please contact President Enos with your interest in any of the following opportunities to serve:

Rose Sale Coordinator

The annual rose sale fundraiser will begin in August and run through the end of September. We need a coordinator to send out period reminders to club members and to track the sales by the members.

Division 17/18 Picnic Committee

On October 6, Division 17/18 will hold a picnic at Lone Lane Park. We need a club contact to work with our Lieutenant Governor Diane Farliegh on the arrangements for the picnic.

Foundation Leadership

Our Foundation needs two individuals to fill the roles of vice president and secretary. Foundation President Tom Harp recently issued an email to our membership requesting individuals to express interest in serving in one of these roles.

Club Committee Chairs

We have been somewhat lax in the utilization of committees in our organization. We need club members to fill the chair positions of membership, fundraising, service, and public relations. The individuals would work with other members to develop plans in each of these areas. We would not expect the chair to be the sole individual to make activity in each of these areas work. The membership and fundraising activities are significantly important to ensure our club continues to exist.

Each of us joined Kiwanis because of our interest in serving the children of our community. As a member, please consider becoming more involved in one of the above roles to ensure the continued success of our Kiwanis Club. We are at 108 years and counting and have served many thousands of children over the years as well as distributing over $1.5 million in grants during the seventy plus years of our Foundations existence. Please consider being a major contributor to these efforts and keep making our club a worthwhile contributor to our community›

Volunteer Opportunities



Allentown Back to School Bash - August 12th

August 12: This event occurs at Cedar Beach Park in Allentown from 1-6 PM. We will participate to recruit students for both the Allen Key Club and Raub Builders Club. We will need several volunteers to cover our both at the event.

United Way Day of Caring – September 15 and 17:

We will be contacting United Way in the near future to select an opportunity for our club members to volunteer to help out. Last year's opportunity to assist visually-impaired residents, through Sights for Hope, to shop at the Lehigh Valley Mall was a very rewarding experience. More details will follow.

Raub Middle School Back to School – September 16:

We will again participate in this event in an effort to recruit members for the Builders Club at the school. The event runs from 6-8 PM. We will be looking for several volunteers to support our efforts.

LCVIL Fishing and Fun in the Park – September 26

This event will be held from 10 AM – 4 PM at the Iron Bridge in the Lehigh Parkway. The event, co-sponsored by the City of Allentown and LVCIL (club member Seth Hedorski serves as the Executive Director of LVCIL). More details will follow in the future on the opportunities for our members to serve.

West End Block Party - September 26

We are considering participation in this event again this year. We are pursuing arrangements with the West End Alliance. Details to follow.

Six Street Shelter Readers - Every Thursday

Sixth Street Shelter Readers: The Sixth Street Shelter hosts a reading club for children from August through May on Thursdays at 5 pm. They are currently set for the month of August, we will continue to stay in touch with Tjwana Reed, Director of the Sixth Street Shelter, for future months to determine if they need assistance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLUB NEWS

Upcoming Membership Meeting

August 6th

This month we will meet a week earlier on the first Monday of the month. The District Convention begins on August 13th and we want to avoid a conflict with it since five of our members will be attending the convention.

Our guest speaker will be a representative from the Visiting Nurses Association to provide a presentation on the success of their program funded by our Foundation to support nurturing parent-child interactions and early literacy development.



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jim Fronheiser - August 9th
Andrew Keuscher August 10th

District Convention | Gettysburg August 13-16

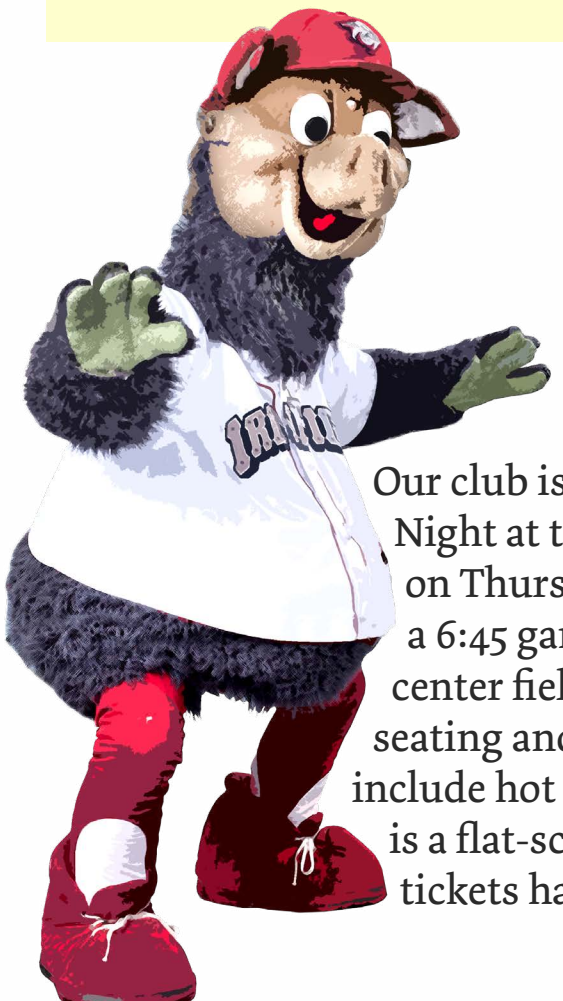
Our Club will have five attendees at the convention. Peg Harp, Karen Baker, and Katelyn Quinn will serve as our delegates to the convention. Tom Harp and Enos Martin will serve as delegates at large for those clubs in the region who may not have representatives attending the convention. They are eligible to serve in this role from their past district elected officials.

Member News

Susan and Enos Martin traveled to New Hampshire for their annual vacation. During a stop at a visitor center after entering Vermont, surprisingly they discovered a Kiwanis Club running a fundraiser at the center.



The State of Vermont allows non-profits to set up fundraisers on a Saturday at the center. The Kiwanis Club of Brattleboro was successful in their bid and were selling snacks and other items to the travelers who stopped at the site. One of the members of the club was from Kresgeville and another briefly attended Lehigh University.



Allentown Kiwanis Night

@ LEHIGH VALLEY IRONPIGS

Our club is hosting a slightly down-scaled"Allentown Kiwanis Night at the IronPigs" game, in one of the new Keystone Cabanas on Thursday, August 27 as the Pigs take on the Syracuse Mets for a 6:45 game. The Keystone Cabanas are behind the lawn area in center field. Each cabana accommodates 15 guests with outdoor seating and a lounge area under cover. Food and refreshments include hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, cookies and soft drinks. There is a flat-screen TV in each cabana, and a cute little fire pit. All 15 tickets have been sold for the outing.

Glance into our Past

100 Years Ago – August 1926

The Club continued the celebration of our country's 150th year of its founding with another program on the Liberty Bells at their August 5th meeting at the Hotel Allen. The rev, Dr, John Baer Stoudt, a Pennsylvania official with the State's Sesqui-Centennial Commission, addressed the club and provided a history of both the reading of the Declaration of Independence and the Liberty Bells.

According to Stoudt, facsimiles of the Declaration were ridden by horseback to numerous towns throughout the colonies. At the same time as when the document was read in Philadelphia, it was also read in Allentown, Reading, Easton, Chester, York, and Lancaster as well as many other towns throughout the colonies proclaiming the American Independence. Liberty Bells were also cast in Bethlehem for Allentown and Easton. The other cities also received Liberty Bells to ring during the occasion.

75 Years Ago – August 1951

On August 6th at the Allentown Fairgrounds, the Kiwanis Club sponsored a pro wrestling event as a club fundraiser.



A crowd of 2400 fans attended the event which raised $4200 for the club. In the major feature of the event, Antonino "Argentine" Rocco pinned Robert Weatherly, a 270-pound heavyweight labeled "The Golden Terror".

In a second feature event, Frederick Von Schacht, a giant German wrestler from Milwaukee pinned Tony Cosenza from New York. The card included two other matches including an Australian tag team match.

50 Years Ago – August1976

The Club participated in five inter-clubs during the month including visiting the Riegelsville, Quakertown, Hellertown, and Whitehall (twice) clubs to finish second in the Pennsylvania district competition. This was nothing compared to the Altoona Kiwanis Club which totaled 20 inter-clubs including eight in one single day and a total of fifteen for the week.

25 Years Ago – August 2001

The membership report showed an active membership of 40 with an average luncheon attendance of 20. There were also one privileged member and six senior members.

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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YEAR-ROUND FUNDRAISER



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

RESTAURANT HOURS:

MONDAY –CLOSED

TUESDAY-SATURDAY – 4 PM -12 AM

SUNDAY – 12 PM – 8 PM

FOR RESERVATIONS, CALL 610.841.9153

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