

-----Greater Woodbury Kiwanis-----

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Meeting: Thurs. at Noon

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March Birthdays: Carl Peterson-3/1, Jack Detrick-3/10
HAVE A GREAT BIRTHDAY!!!!!!!!!!

Terrific Kids schedule for March is as follows:

Tuesday March 15th 9:00AM – Evergreen School
Thursday March 17th 8:45AM – West End School
Thursday March 24th 8:25AM – Woodbury Heights School
Thursday March 24th 10:15AM – Walnut Street School
Any member who wants to attend on these dates is welcome.



Programs for March

March 3rd - Gloucester County Dept of Health: children's program
March 10th – Linda Coppinger: Ex. Director Alzheimer's Association in Delaware Valley
March 17th – Mark Parker: YMCA
March 14th – Karen McQuaide-Bell Au.D, Director of Audiology Advantage Therapy Centers
March 31st – Connie Wagoner: Part II of her sister's travels

The Mission of the New Jersey District of Kiwanis International shall be to actively engage its membership in meaningful community, regional, and world service activities aimed at strengthening the Kiwanis Family, and increasing the size and diversity of its membership while protecting the integrity of the local club.

Dates to remember:

Thursday, March 29th – Governor Marc Litwack's visit to Div 1 & 2 Atlantic City City Club \$38.

Saturday, April 2nd –Kiwanis One Day' Project

Thursday, April 7th – Inter club Shad Dinner: Division 2 Lt Governor's Election will be held.

Tuesday, May 10th – Candidates Night at L's Restaurant (Corbin House) in Corbin City

July 7th – 10th – International Convention in Geneva, Switzerland

August 21st - NJ District Convention at Hanover Marriott Hotel in Whippany



“Just Be Yourself,” says Rhonda Vrell, KI Area Director

You don't need to completely change your personality to ensure the long-term success of your club's relationship with its members. But as new members come in, the dynamic of your membership evolves. But be sure to check in periodically to ensure your comfortable rhythm and personality are still relevant to your members.

“What's your personality?” Kiwanis International Area Director Rhonda Vrell says. “Is your club a businessperson's networking club with a formal meeting and a meal? Or is it more of a family-focused club that does activities with the whole family?”(Circle K, Aktion Club, Builders Club, Key Club and KKids)

Knowing what type of club you are and building on that personality is the key to your success. You want to be seen as fun and intriguing so people will want to come back to find out more. But you also want to be authentic, with a strong sense of purpose and personality. “People chose a club not just because of the meeting time or location, but because of its personality.”

Knowing who you are and being authentic allows you to choose activities that resonate with your core group. And those choices will influence the persona you present to potential member, hopefully intriguing them in a way that makes them want to know you better.

“When we were building a young professionals club, we had three or four info nights,’ says John Barnett, the immediate past president of the Kiwanis Club of Normal, Illinois. “We had drinks and appetizers and time to mingle with each other before our presentation.” That was the key, he says, to engaging the type of member they were hoping to recruit-business-and technology-savvy single and young adults who were more interested in networking and plugging into their community through service than sitting through a traditional meeting. So embrace what makes your club unique and what makes each member unique as well.

On February 3rd Nancy Huebsham from the West Deptford Historical Society spoke to us on the history of West Deptford. The city was founded in 1871 when it broke away from Deptford. Nancy's committee is working on a book with many topics that she is looking for pictures and people to fill in the missing pieces of the history. Washington Park, Soupy Island, and the Woodbury Loading Bag Company are several places she needs information on.

On February 18th as Division 2 Lt Governor, Joan, and Greater Woodbury President, Amelia, attended the Haddons Kiwanis Club meeting at Tavistock Country Club. At our NJ District Board meeting on February 12th the board voted to redivision the NJ District from 11 divisions to 10 divisions. . We welcomed them into Division 2. The Haddons will be a positive force in our division. They have two Key Clubs: Eastern High School and Cherry Hill East High School. Starting a BUG program is their current endeavor. The Haddons will be sponsoring a golf tournament at Bramblewood Country Club to be held on September 19th.



Please don't forget to email Betty any Community Service hours that you have accumulated this month. If you have articles for the Kronicle, please turn them into Joan by the 3rd week of the month. We thank you for your cooperation!

Service Leadership Programs: Key Club Activities



CLEARVIEW – Held Key Club Annual Talent Show and raised over \$1,400.00 for Children’s Specialized Hospital & Jean Young Memorial Scholarship Fund Jan18th

GATEWAY – Trip to St. Peter’s United Methodist Church to help feed the homeless; in March worked at the Ronald McDonald House and volunteering at American Girl Fashion Show event at Tavistock Country Club; April-Easter Egg hunt; May-Ronald McDonald House

G.C.I.T. – Sold candy cane grams to raise money for future projects: Holiday Day of service at Shady Lane (12-17-10) where Key Club members presented a show and then interacted with residents following the show.

Sponsored a child in Africa with food and educational necessities; Souper Bowl of Caring (itmes to go to Emmanuel Cancer); Martin Luther King Day of service to volunteer at Shady Lane.

PAULSBORO – Completed food drive: Began planning a mentor program with the Boys and Girls Cclub of Paulsboro.

WEST DEPTFORD – Operation Blessing; Xmas stockings for Center for Family Services; Filled stockings for kids through the Salvation Army; Recognition from NBC 10 for Activities of community service; Care packages for alumni military personnel families; Served as ushers for the National Honor Society Induction ceremony; Assisted with the Riverwinds Christmas Party.

Continued with plans for their Annual Volleyball Marithon; Scheduled trip to Sterling House was snowed out.

WOODBURY – There is no monthly report until Sept 2011 when their Charter is Restored.

Greater Woodbury Kiwanis Meeting Places:

March 3rd - CHARLIE BROWN’S

March 10TH THE MEWS

March 17th CHARLIE BROWN’S

March 24th THE MEWS

March 31st CHARLIE BROWN’S

April 7th – NO Meeting because of shad dinner at the Ponderosa/Lt Gov Election

If you have not been to a meeting lately, why not try to attend? Lots of exciting things are happening at the Greater Woodbury Kiwanis Club. Rich Stahler is our faculty advisor for the Circle K Club that we are forming at Gloucester County College. Victor Pitts will be our Kiwanis liaison person. Rich, Victor, Amelia, and Joan met with Cory, the Student Council President, and Cheryl Budd, Administrator of Student Activities to plan get together meetings for interested students.

Jeff, George, and Amelia who are on the Board of the Boys and Girls Club, are working very hard in the formation of a Woodbury club. They can use ideas for fund raising events.

Amelia, Joan, and George met with Brenda Powell from the ARC. Our Greater Woodbury Club is in partnership with ARC and under their grant to Charter an Aktion Club. Would you like to be a part of these exciting things going on in our club?? You just need to speak up.

Tony Currier, our Greater Woodbury Treasurer, volunteers each tax season to the AARP Tax-Aide Program. Gloucester County has 10 sites where senior citizens may go to have their taxes done at no cost. Tony finds this very rewarding to be helping this part of the population. There are many volunteer opportunities, from tax volunteers to greeters as well as communications and technology coordinators. Each year Tony and his colleagues are trained on new forms and using tax preparation software.

Grace Romeo spoke to us on February 17, 2011 on trap shooting. The competitions are for all ages. She uses a 12 gauge gun and is a life member at Pine Valley Gun Club. Usually there are five people and five targets. The shooter is 16 yards from the trap house. It takes great hand, eye and brain coordination to hit the total of 25 targets. Most guns weigh around 9-10 pounds. Trap shooting started in England around 1750.

How do you promote our Club???

When we are out in the community why not let friends and people we meet know what Greater Woodbury Kiwanis does throughout the year??

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Woodbury

Greater Woodbury Kiwanis sincerely appreciates your participation in our support of the

Following community service projects including:

Woodbury Child Development Center: *purchase books, reading, Easter egg hunt, Santa's visit*

St John of God's School adopted class: *bowling, and ice cream social*

Woodbury Hts Elementary School * West End Elementary School * Evergreen Elementary School *

Walnut Street Elementary School: *Terrific Kids recognition program*

Woodbury Area Youth Leagues: *sponsorship with pizza parties for soccer, baseball &, basketball teams*

Woodbury HS & Jr HS, Clearview HS & Middle School, Gateway HS, West Deptford HS,

Gloucester Co Inst. of Technology, and Paulsboro HS: *sponsor Key Clubs & Builders Clubs, sponsor Leadership (HOBY) training for select sophomores, scholarships for graduating seniors*

Boy Scout Troop in Paulsboro

Boys & Girls Club of Gloucester Co. - Woodbury Unit: *volunteer efforts and planning for a new club in Woodbury*

Beautification of Evergreen Ave triangle for community service

Donations to various charities including: *Children's Miracle Network, Red Cross, Emmanuel Cancer Found., American Heart Association, United Way, 4-H, Habitat for Humanity, Robins Nest, Ronald McDonald House, and Volunteers of America*

Plans for coming year: *sponsor Aktion Club • sponsor Circle K Club*



The *luck of the Irish* is a peculiar phrase that may have multiple meanings. There is little agreement on origins of this [idiom](#). Some suggest it simply means that the Irish are inherently lucky, and seem to be able to land on their feet when bad circumstances occur. Something innate about being Irish makes such folks inherently lucky. Others trace origin of the phrase to the US where especially during the exploration for gold in the west, there were a high number of Irish people who got lucky, and found their "pot o' gold" in the gold fields of California, or were equally prosperous in silver mining.
