

**KIWANIS CLUB OF
GREATER OCEAN PINES/OCEAN CITY
FEBRUARY/MARCH 2017 NEWSLETTER**

SPECIAL MENTION:

- Members who are recovering from illness and those who need our prayers: Carol Kastner; Gloria Bassich; Roger Makowski; Teresa, daughter of Dick Jacobs; Carol Caldwell; Sid Warner; Rita Landis; Lisa, daughter of Jackie Todd.

We regret to announce the passing of Alfred (Al) Levine, one of our long-time members. He had moved to Florida in recent times and died there on February 28th. His funeral was held in Fairview, NJ

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS and EVENTS:

The Club meets every Wednesday (unless otherwise noted) - Breakfast from 7 – 8 am; Meeting 8 – 9 am; (Board meetings: immediately following the 1st meeting of each month to be held at the OP Library, 9:15a.m.)

Nursing Home Bingo	1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday each month at Berlin Nursing Home & Rehabilitation Center - Contact BJ Baker to volunteer
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FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017	
General Meeting	Wednesday, February 1 st , followed by Board Meeting at Library
General Meeting	Wednesday, February 8 th . MOW Valentine Treats
General Meeting	Wednesday, February 15 th . Collection of over-the-counter medications LAST DAY TO BRING IN ITEMS FOR K-KIDS (see below)
Pancake Breakfast	Saturday, February 18 th 8 – 11 am. Set-up Friday, 17 th 4 – 6
General Meeting	Wednesday, February 22 nd . LAST DAY TO COLLECT MEDS FOR DIAKONIA (See below. A list was sent by email)
Key Club Blood Drive	Friday, February 24 th at the school, 8 am – 1:
District Meeting at Delmar	Monday, February 27 th Episcopal Church 6 pm \$12 Dinner
General Meeting	Wednesday, March 1 st ; followed by Board Meeting @ Library
Blood Drive	Friday, March 3 rd at the Library 1 – 6 pm.
General Meeting	Wednesday, March 15 th Catered Breakfast Mtg. \$10 Tom Southwell, Chair
Capital District Convention	March 17 – 19 Baltimore, MD
Key Club Breakfast	Wednesday, March 22 nd at 8 am. at Stephen Decatur High School. Money must be in to Roy Foreman by March 15 th . Get there early!
Lunch for members	Monday, March 20 th
The Club's Wine Tasting	Friday, April 21 st in the Assateague Room

FEBRUARY FINANCIALS

The Administration Account ended February with a balance of \$8,534.52. Other than breakfast net income, one payment of \$100 was made to Kiwanis International for two new Members.

The Service account balance was \$8,070.06. There were two expenditures: \$50 to the Capital District Convention and \$408 for Pancake Breakfast expenses. The gross income for the breakfast was \$1402.00

The Foundation account checking balance was \$27,287.57.

There were no income or expense items in February.

SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM UPDATES

KEY CLUB/STEPHEN DECATUR HIGH SCHOOL – Roy Foreman

At our February 22nd meeting Key Club President Dana Kim visited and reported on the Key Club's projects. On Friday, February 24th the Key Club held a blood drive with the Blood Bank of Delmarva. On March 22nd they will hold their annual breakfast meeting for our Club at the high school.

Later this year, they plan to hold a "Color Run" to raise funds for UNICEF. It's a race where sponsored runners visit "Paint Stations" along the run and get their white T-shirts covered in different colors. It will be fun for a great cause.

The Key Club is very active and often volunteers at the 3 annual Pancake Breakfasts and the Italian Dinner as well as other events.



Pictured (L-R) Kiwanis President Elect Ralph Chinn and Dana Kim

BUILDERS CLUB/BERLIN INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL - Lynne McAllorum

The Builders Club at Berlin Intermediate School continues to make toys from donated T-shirts for the dogs at the Humane Society.

They are also making blankets to be given to men and women at Diakonia. The blankets can be taken with them when they are able to leave the facility. I will bring samples of both to a future meeting.

BUILDERS CLUB/STEPHEN DECATUR MIDDLE SCHOOL – Jackie Todd

“The latest meeting began at 2:57 pm. with a treasury report. We have \$572.25 left in our budget. After this, we had our Fundraiser Coordinator discuss new fundraising ideas such as a Chipotle night and/or a TCBY night. Next, we talked about our progress on March Madness, which is a fundraiser that one of our members, along with an officer, planned completely by themselves. As of right now, it is planned for Friday, March 17th.

We had guest speakers, Debbi Dean Colley and Velda Henry, from the Art League. They discussed the Empty Bowl Project and the Candy Drive. The Empty Bowl Project will be on March 31st and will be held to raise money to donate to Diakonia. For the Candy Drive, we have decided that every member of Builder's Club has to contribute at least one bag of individually wrapped candy, as well as using some of our budget to buy candy. Our goal is to raise 400 bowls of candy to sell at the Empty Bowl Project. We had suggestions from the members with ideas of how to get people to bring in candy, or money for candy. Some of their ideas were to have a raffle to get money to buy candy, having a trivia night to raise money (this could also be fundraising idea), a penny drive, guessing game, and then finally, expanding this project outside of just our school.

For the last portion of our meeting we all split up into committees for the different events (Random Acts of Kindness week, March Madness, and Candy Drive). Lastly, we took a group Builder's Club picture, the meeting ending at 4:00.

Our Builders Club at SDMS is participating in the "Empty Bowl Project" with the Art League of Ocean City. We are collecting bags of candy to sell to the attendees at the event. This will benefit Diakonia and the Art League. The Empty Bowl Project represents the many hungry children in the world. The event will take place on Friday, March 31st.

Mindy Bankert Ouellet, the Builder's Club Advisor, met with the Club members, and gave them the expectations for the Project. Each member is expected to bring in one large bag of candy, and the committee is going to work on raising donations of money or candy. The Club has responded very well, and 10 large bags have been turned in so far. We were very impressed with one member Ryan Boyle who brought in three bags. Our committee Chair, Erika Holdren, is going to send an e-mail to all the northern-end Principals to request donations. The committee's goal is to collect 175 bags of candy before the end of February!”

K-KIDS/SHOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

K-KIDS/BUCKINGHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - Reverend David Herr

“Dear Kiwanis Members:

Our K-Kids want to thank you so much for your contribution of \$300 to us. Our February project for the SUMC Spirit Kitchen was a huge success and we are grateful for all of your donations!

Our project for March is the Worcester County Humane Society and we are collecting doggy poo bags, cans of Friskies cat food, Clorox wipes and laundry detergent. As always, we appreciate your support with our endeavors.

We will have a fundraiser to benefit our Relay For Life team (ACS) at Chick-Fill-A in West Ocean City on Wednesday, March 22: 5:00-7:00. Eat in, carry out or drive through. You do not need to tell them; their registers are set at five and seven so we automatically get 10%. We would love to have you join us.

Thank you so much for all that your organization does for us!

Sincerely,
BES K-Kids
Julie and Deb”

The K-Kids at Buckingham Elementary have also recently collected and given food and toiletries to the members of our community who come to Christ' Kitchen. It is a lunch program at Stevenson United Methodist Church in Berlin.

AKTION CLUB OF WORCESTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER – Carolyn Dryzga

This is a newly formed Club in Worcester County School District. Carolyn Dryzga has been very instrumental in forming this Club and has put a lot of hard work into it. The Capital District has given its approval to its formation. As time goes on, we will all get to know this Club. Right now, I believe the members are extremely excited about it and have already elected their Officers. There will be officer inductions on March 20th at WCDC, 9:30 a.m., front conference room. **Would you check your calendar and let me know if you will be in attendance.**

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CHARITABLE GIVING

VALENTINES TREATS FOR MEALS ON WHEELS

On Wednesday, February 8th our Club and the Cedar Chapel Special School combined efforts to bring Valentine treats to seniors in Worcester County. The treats were delivered by the Meals on Wheels Program out of the Worcester County Northern Senior Center in Berlin.

The students at Cedar Chapel made 40 Valentines which were then included with the treats provided by our Club.

Jackie Todd and Carolyn Dryzga show off the treat bags. Included were Valentine chocolate hearts, Hostess Twinkies, M&M candies along with the cherished, handmade cards.



KIWANIS DOES "ONE DAY OF SERVICE" PROJECT FOR DIAKONIA

While Kiwanis members do many community service projects all year long, Kiwanis "One Day" means that Kiwanians everywhere do a one-day project to serve specific needs of the community. Our members decided to once again give over-the-counter medications to Diakonia. This drive was spearheaded by Pat Winkelmayer and items were collected from members over the past several weeks.

After the weekly meeting on February 22nd, Pat Winkelmayer, Kitty Wrench and Stella Hartington took the medicines that had been collected from our members to Diakonia. The staff at the Shelter for people who are temporarily without a home were more than happy to receive our donation. The residents at the Shelter now have access to help with any kind of temporary ailment.

Pictured are (L-R) Pat Winkelmayer, Chair of the event; Kitty Wrench; Anna O'Neill, Diakonia Communications Director; and Stella Hartington, with the donated medications.



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GUEST SPEAKERS

KIWANIS HEARS ABOUT NEW TECHNOLOGY

The speaker for our February 22nd meeting was asked if he would be our guest speaker when Graham had problems with his cell phone and went to the Verizon Store in Pennington Commons (next to Subway) where Jay works and TCC is located. Impressed with the technology he saw, Graham wanted to share it with his fellow Kiwanians. Jay Wimbrow, a native of Berlin, explained that TCC is the largest Verizon Premium Wireless Retailer in the USA, and is also a community service-oriented company started in 1991 by Scott Moorehead. The local TCC required 16 hours of community service and does 4 projects a year. This year in the first quarter they did "Teacher Rocks" at Showell Elementary, providing school supplies. The second quarter will be community service, cleaning up a State Park as they did last year at Assateague. Third quarter they will provide back packs for local kids, and in the fourth quarter there will be a food drive.

Jay also spoke about some of the products like REDUX, a machine to save your cell phone when it gets wet. Firstly, do not plug in a wet phone or it will be destroyed. Find the nearest REDUX machine, which can save your phone, by calling 1-844-REVIVE. Chances are good that it could be saved, but using the remedy of putting it in rice at home will likely not get the job done.

Then Jay talked about HUM, by Verizon. It's a small unit that gets plugged into the car's OD (On-board Diagnostic System) and provides Emergency Service, Pinpoint Roadside Assistance, Vehicle Diagnostics and Service and Travel Discounts. It's amazing and costs less other older technology. Learning about new technology can benefit us all!



Pictured (L-R) Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City President-Elect Ralph Chinn presents the customary Kiwanis pen to guest speaker Jay Wimbrow of TCC as the Club's Speakers and Programs Chair, J. Graham Caldwell, looks on.

THERE'S AN AUTHOR AMONGST US

Who knew? There are so many diverse backgrounds and employment histories in Ocean Pines and our Club discovered that Ocean Pines resident Barbara Witherow is an aspiring author under the name of Julia Ash. She is retired from the Worcester County School system where she was a Public Relations Manager. She happens to be a neighbor of Graham Caldwell.

Barbara was our guest speaker at our March 1st meeting and explained the intricate process of writing her first book. It is very involved. Writing a novel does not just happen. There is a lot of preparation, research as well as long, hard work. Her book is titled "Twelve Days to Paradox", a romantic thriller. Go to her website www.authorjuliaash.com for many interesting details about her subject. She read many best-selling books and was able to understand how the writers managed to weave the different facets together. She read a few paragraphs of several novels to us to help us understand the theory of how to begin the scenario and learning ways of how best-selling authors do it.

(L-R) Our President-Elect Ralph Chinn, Barbara Witherow and J. Graham Caldwell.



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EVENT UPDATES

ANNUAL SPRING PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Our Club had a large crowd attending the Breakfast. Everyone enjoyed the event and the fact that we now serve scrambled eggs seems to really please everyone. We were getting very low on food by the time 11 am. rolled around, which is a sign that people seemed to enjoy it.

Many of our Members volunteered to help and everything went very smoothly despite the fact that, at the last minute, we found out that we would be unable to set up late Friday afternoon because the Assateague Room was booked that evening. Nothing fazed our Members and all arrived very early to do the setup that morning. With a profit of \$1,4012, it definitely was a success!

The Assateague Room tables were beautifully decorated by Carolyn Dryzga and her Team.



Breakfast Greeter: Dick Clagett



A view of the colorful decorated tables