

GET TO THE POINT

The Official Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Point Pleasant



Kiwanis
CLUB OF POINT PLEASANT

First-Ever Pointsgiving Set for Nov. 4

Get ready for an event that exemplifies all our club has to offer!

On Nov. 4 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Community Park in Pt. Boro, we're hosting our 1st Annual Pointsgiving. Numerous local nonprofits are signed up to be a part of this day of hands-on volunteering. Some of them will have promotional tables, others will have stations where they offer hands-on service projects. Kiwanis will host a few service projects as well, including stuffing 150 lunches for the homeless, making ornaments for a local nursing home and collecting donations for Ocean's Harbor House. Anyone can come to volunteer--we hope a lot of families come out! (We do love to watch kiddos find the joy in giving back!)

We're accepting nonprofits to sign up until Sept. 29. In October, we'll release the master schedule for the day so the public can plan on what they want to bring to donate and/or what they want to do at the park. Blessing Bag Brigade will run a packing event with their trailer on site, and BookSmiles will have its truck to collect books donations.

If you haven't signed up to help out, please do so. You're not going to want to miss this opportunity to serve--and how we're going to give our community the chance to serve together as well.



Pointsgiving
A day of hands-on service
for the whole community



A Message from Our President

My name is Colleen Lawrence and as of October 1st, I am the President for the Kiwanis Club of Point Pleasant.



I am so excited about the upcoming year and I have some great ideas! I am a mother of two beautiful children and when I joined Kiwanis four years ago, it was so that I could give back to my community with my children.

And that is my vision for this year. The theme, or goal for 2023-2024 is Back to Service. Let's get back to our roots in Kiwanis and serve our community. I look forward to working with everyone this year!

-Colleen Lawrence
2023-24 President

Club theme for 2023-24 is "BACK TO SERVICE"

Kiwanis is a global organization dedicated to serving the children of the world.



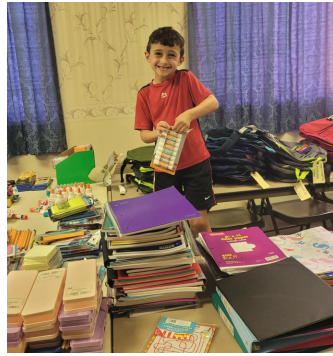
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Membership Director + Key Club Advisor Madelyn Richiuso

Back-to-School Supply Drive Delivers

For the fourth year in a row, our club held its annual Back-to-School Supply Drive. Cristina was the Point Person, organizing the entire event. We collected supplies for Panthers Let's Eat.



Members stuffed bags at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Aug. 27. Colleen, Kristen, Crystal, and Cristina attended. A few of our Kiwanis kiddos helped as well (great job, Emma, Abigail and Ben!)

Club Shines at NJ District Convention

Colleen, Cristina and Kristen attended the NJ District Convention (also called D-Con) in Princeton in August. They got a lot of new ideas for our club. For the first time since our club was chartered, we filled all three delegate spots and voted on the new state board.

Cristina presented a workshop on our student leadership programs (SLPs), as she is the District Administrator of NJ Key Club.

Our club was recognized at the luncheon as a Distinguished Club for our 2021-22 year. We earned a banner patch and pins.

Next year's D-Con is in PA!



Our Focus on Youth Homelessness This Year

To support this year's New Jersey District Project, which focuses on helping homeless youth, our club will be partnering with different local organizations to collect supplies throughout the year. Stay tuned for more opportunities!

4th Annual Camp Kiwanis Goes Big (and Little)

MOST VALUABLE PEOPLE



On July 15, we hosted Camp Kiwanis. This year, the event supported Big Brothers Big Sisters, as well as other local children in need. The day featured games and activities. We debuted our new PINK club shirts.



Special thanks to Wish Upon a Jar, Art Therapist Jennifer Lawrence and Bee Centered for coming out to lead activities. Farro's Tees donates shirts to us every year, and they're always the highlight of the day. Thanks to all the members who volunteered!

Key Club Scholarship Awarded to Boro Student



In May, Colleen and Madelyn attended the Pt. Boro High School scholarship ceremony.

We gave our first \$500 scholarship to Emma, a senior who graduated in 2023 from the high school.

"This is why fundraising is so important," said Madelyn, who is the Kiwanis Advisor to the Key Club. "We need to support these young people in fulfilling their dreams."

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