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CLUB OF POINT PLEASANT

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"Many Hands" are Making the Club Even Better

There's a saying "many hands make light work." Having many hands--more members, that is--is the goal of many Kiwanis clubs. When we have more members, we can do more...help more people. And, more members means that the same people don't have to do everything, as the tasks are spread out among the group.

But there's another perk to more members in our club--more talents. We've always tried to foster a culture where every person can utilize their own skillsets and interests to benefit the club. More people means more ideas, more possibilities. (And in our case, more positive energy, more laughs, and more crazy ideas!)

The dynamic of our existing members coupled with the addition of those who joined us this year has been nothing short of amazing. New members are stepping up by contributing ideas and leading projects, while older members are lending their support and sharing knowledge. The positive vibes are off the charts. It's nothing we could have created with any organizational formula or training session.

No matter how many "hands" are in this club (the smallest ones are my personal fave), it will always do wonderful things in our communities. But having the growth--not just the number of members, but the quality of engaged members--is positioning our club for long-term success. This ensures that, no matter who is in office or what comes our way, the club stays strong. So thank you to every member...for your great ideas, for donating your time, for your smiles, and for your huge hearts. You're helping our organization thrive and making the ride SO much fun!

-Kristen Fischer, President

New Jersey District Mid-Year Conference is April 2

On Saturday, April 2 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., the NJ District of Kiwanis will hold its education conference at Mercer County College. It's \$45 to attend, and ideal for any member. Ask Kristen if you're interested. We haven't had many district events lately, so this is a great chance to meet other clubs and have fun with our members.

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Meetings: 2nd Saturday each month @ 10 a.m.
SheShed, Pt. Beach



Kiwanis Moves Meetings to the SheShed

Kiwanis Meetings Now at SheShed in Point Beach! A huge thanks to our new member Patty. While we may go back to the Shore House in the future, the Shed is the perfect place for planning amazing service projects, gathering and great coffee. (And seriously delicious CHARCUTERIE, of course.)

The SheShed is located at 606 Arnold Avenue in Pt. Pleasant Beach. You'll find us there the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 a.m.—and probably a lot more often than that. The board meets at 9 a.m. Saturdays before the general meeting. All welcome at our meetings!
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PROJECT REFLECTIONS

PUMPKIN PALOOZA

Bravo to all who helped us put on Pumpkin Palooza. This year's event was a hit, featuring foam pumpkin decorating, an obstacle course, photo fundraiser, crafts, costume contest, and more. Huge thanks to Sonya for creating prizes, the team that prepped their head's off before the event, and Madelyn and Kait for planning such a wonderful event.

POINT PLEASANT BEACH WINTER WONDERLAND

On Dec. 12, Kait, Carol and Kristen volunteered manning the craft table at this event in Point Beach. It was great to represent Kiwanis and meet families in the area. More people know who we are and what we do. A good time was had by all!

VALENTINE'S FOR VETERANS

Our club welcomed the community to show our love and appreciation to our veterans by holding a toiletry and sock drive throughout the month of February. Bins were put out at Bam Bam Burger, SheShed, Divi Tree, Investors Bank, Point Cutz, and Healthwave Chiropractic. Pt. Boro Key Club had a bin at the school too. On Saturday March 5th, Kiwanis members and people from throughout the community joined at Nellie Bennett School in Point Pleasant to sort and bag the items. Representatives from Blessing Bag Brigade, Soldier On and New Jersey Veterans Network picked up supplies. A huge shout-out to Madelyn for organizing this project, and all who helped make it possible.

KIWANIS IN THE KITCHEN

Huge thanks to Patty for spearheading our first "Kiwanis in the Kitchen." The virtual baking event featured Teah Evans, who was on the show Chopped and is a chef at The Poached Pear and The Blend. We raised money for Mary's Table in Pt. Beach and had several people on the livestream!



That's our new member Megan Hillman and her daughter Molly leading pumpkin decorating at Pumpkin Palooza!



Treasurer Crystal Barton and her daughter Lori (and Jackie not pictured) represented our club at Pt. Boro's Trunk or Treat event in October.

Planning Starts for Camp Kiwanis 2022

We are planning to host a half-day summer program for The Village Foster Family Closet on Saturday July 23 in the morning at Riverfront Park in Pt. Boro. Last year, we hosted a day of fun for about 100 foster children and their families, and plan to do the same this year. Everyone can help, as we will need plenty of people to prepare and to show up on the big day. Stay tuned to your minutes for details. Help out! Email pointpleasantkiwanis@gmail.com.



Some kids at Camp Kiwanis 2021

What's a Service Hour?

When you complete an hour of service, it counts. Not only does our Secretary keep tabs on service hours; but we report them to the New Jersey District of Kiwanis International on our Monthly Report Form.

This gives them an idea of what we're doing, and also goes towards the district total. Our club can also be recognized with an award depending on how many hours we complete.

While you may not "need" service hours the way you did when you were in high school trying to get into college, it's a good idea to get involved in the service we do. That's the core of what joining Kiwanis is all about.



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8 Key Clubbers attended Pumpkin Palooza this fall!



Fun Fact:
"KEY" club stands for
Kiwanis Educates
Youth

Our club will award one \$500 scholarship to a Key Clubber this spring

Madelyn and Kristen attended a Key Club meeting in January and got to talk to the members. They collected supplies for Valentine's for Veterans at the school. We advertised the scholarship, and explained how we can support them in their projects. Overall, it was a great time with connecting with our Key Clubbers!

Josh the Otter Water Safety Event Happening March 20

Our club is teaming up with Brick Morning Rotary to host a kids breakfast and water safety event featuring the Josh the Otter kids book. We'll be hosting a craft, which Gina came up with, and we have a lifeguard to come speak to kids. The event is Sunday, March 20 from 9 am.-10 a.m. @ Dave's Culinary Events at 2520 Hooper Ave. in Brick. All children are welcome but must register (see website for link). Kait is organizing and Gina helped bigtime with crafts!

March 12 is SHAM-Rock Event in Pt. Beach

Point Beach is hosting this town event on March 12 from 12-4 p.m.. We'll have a craft at the Kiwanis table from 12-2 during the actual event. Kait is organizing.

Kiwanis Bunny Trail Coming April 9

Patty is organizing this year's Bunny Trail at the SheShed on Saturday, April 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will host pictures with the bunny and a spring craft. Anyone can come and no registration is required. Our morning meeting that day will be at 9:30 a.m. to give us time to set up. Stay tuned to our website for more details and sign up to volunteer (link is in the minutes, which come via email and they are on our website under "News.")

Pt. Boro Earth Day on April 23

This event is set for Saturday, April 23 from 12-4 p.m. at Riverfront Park. We're awaiting confirmation and already planning an activity. See your minutes to sign up for a shift to man the table. A great way to socialize, represent Kiwanis in the community and have fun!

Pt. Boro Summerfest Set for June 4

This annual event at Community Park is set for Saturday, June 4 (rain date June 5) 11 a.m.-7 p.m. See your minutes for a link to volunteer, as we'd like two volunteers at the table at all times and will split up shifts.

Honoring Our Patriots

The club is currently looking into hosting either a Healing Field© or Field of Honor© event through a partnership that Kiwanis International has with Colonial Flag Foundation. Stay tuned!

Shore Community Cares?

Our Shore Community Cares idea--the website we were going to build to connect the community with updated volunteering opportunities--is currently on hold until we get more people who definitely want to contribute. Let Kristen know if you want to help.

Kiwanis Calendar

Stacy is finalizing details for us to sell calendars as a fundraiser. Local community groups would do the judging. Stay tuned!

Fundraising Gets Fun This Year— Yes, Seriously

The Fundraising Committee meets via Zoom every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Here is where all members discuss ideas and charities in which they would like to fundraise for.

We have a great working group of members who utilize each other to bounce off ideas and create great events! Some things that are currently in the works are our calendar fundraiser and there are a few more that we are currently brainstorming. We would love for all members to join us! Follow the KOPP Members Planning and Ideas Facebook page for the Zoom Link! For more information, contact Fundraising Chairperson Annmarie DeRosa at ptkiwanisdirectorfundraising@gmail.com.

Carol and Gina are organizing this year's Back-to-School Supply Drive later this summer. Stay tuned!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 10 - Annmarie DeRosa
 March 24 - Madelyn Richiuso
 March 31 - Jacquie Olson
 April 10 - Colleen Lawrence
 April 26 - Sandra Ellis
 May 14 - Carol Andujar
 May 21 - Vinny Hennessey
 May 26 - Kristen Fischer
 June 23 - Megan Hillman
 July 7 - Crystal Barton
 July 7 - Stacy Fallon
 July 8 - Tim Fischer
 July 26 - Kait Fortunato-Greenberg
 August 17 - Tracy Mutchiga
 August 18 - Sonya Fisher
 August 19 - Patty Camme

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS

Carol Andujar, Lori Bonello,
 Patty Camme, Stacy Fallon
 Vinny and Lindsey Hennessey,
 Megan Hillman, Gina Pepe

CONGRATULATIONS

Member of the Month
 August: Sonya Fisher
 September: Colleen Lawrence
 October: Megan Hillman
 November: Stacy Fallon
 January: Patty Camme

Kid of the Month
 August: Jackie, Lily & Lori Barton
 September: Sophia and Kayla Greenberg
 October: Emma Lawrence & Molly Hillman
 November: Jackie and Lori Barton & Layla Fallon
 January: Ben Fischer

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Saturday, March 12 at 10 a.m. @ SheShed: General Meeting
- Thursday, March 24 (DATE CHANGE) 6:30 p.m. on Zoom: Fundraising Committee Meeting
- Saturday, April 9 at 9:30 a.m. (TIME CHANGE) @ SheShed: General Meeting
- Thursday, April 21 6:30 p.m. on Zoom: Fundraising Committee Meeting
- Saturday, May 14 at 10 a.m. @ SheShed: General Meeting
- Thursday, May 19 6:30 p.m. on Zoom: Fundraising Committee Meeting
- Saturday, June 11 at 10 a.m. @ SheShed: General Meeting
- Thursday, June 16 6:30 p.m. on Zoom: Fundraising Committee Meeting

Get to Know Your Kiwanis Buddy

Membership Chairperson Madelyn set up a buddy system for our entire club. It's just a reminder to stay connected. How do you connect? Take a few minutes at each meeting to chat, text or email your partner to check in, and answer any questions either have about all things Kiwanis.

Buddies:

Annmarie DeRosa / Patty Camme
 Crystal Barton / Lori Bonello
 Madelyn Richiuso / Lindsey Hennessey
 Tracy Mutchiga / Meg Hillman
 Kait Fortunato Greenberg / Stacy Fallon
 Colleen Lawrence / Carol Andujar
 Kristen Fischer / Jacki Conklin
 Tim Fischer / Vinny Hennessey
 Sandy Ellis / Gina Pepe
 Sonya Fisher / Jacquie Olson

Anyone can get on our community email list, which goes out to members of the public who opt in. Just email pointpleasantkiwanis@gmail.com



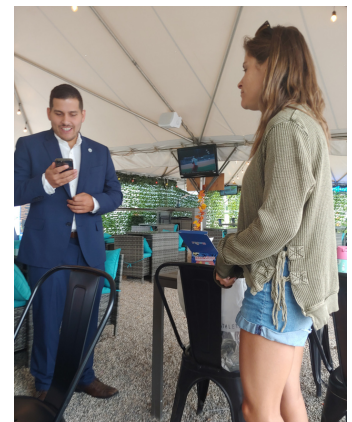
ABOVE: Madelyn made the club another Kiwanis pumpkin for Palooza



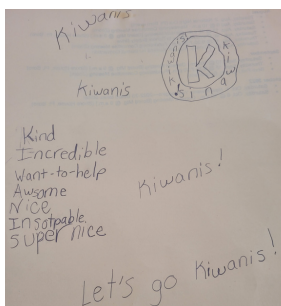
ABOVE: New members Lindsey and Vinny Hennessey (and daughter Cara) at Pumpkin Palooza



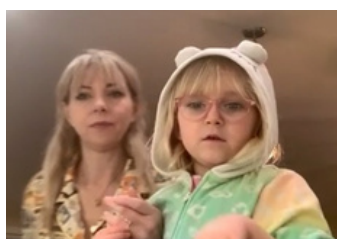
ABOVE: Artwork by Ben Fischer



ABOVE: Kait Fortunato-Greenberg is inducted as President-Elect by Lt. Governor Alex Mizenko



ABOVE: Artwork by Emma Lawrence



LEFT: Stacy and Layla Fallon at Kiwanis in the Kitchen cooking fundraiser



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