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KIWANIS CLUB OF POINT PLEASANT

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***WE ARE OFFICIALLY
CHARTER STRENGTH!***

Congratulations to all of our charter members!

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ABOUT KIWANIS

The Kiwanis Club of Point Pleasant is a family-friendly community service club based at the Jersey Shore. We serve Point Pleasant Boro and Point Pleasant Beach as well as the surrounding areas. Our impacts are felt around the world
A Flexible, Family-Friendly Way to Volunteer at the Shore.

We realize that most people want to make a difference in our world. That's why we've created a club that lets you fit volunteering, networking, socializing, and leadership development into your busy schedule. You'll notice that we have two monthly meetings on weekends and weekdays—mornings and nights. Our meetings are casual and drop-in friendly, with light refreshments. This makes Kiwanis more accessible so more people can volunteer and, in turn, help more people.

This club is open to people of all ages, from anywhere in the area.

We hold some all-ages projects so parents can perform community service alongside their children. This gives you the chance to teach your children about the value in helping others. Children are welcome to attend our morning meetings, and we have an activity for them to participate in while we discuss club business.

KIWANIS KID'S VIRTUAL CAMP

Camp from the comfort at home!

FREE TWICE-WEEKLY ZOOM SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN IN PT. BEACH AND BORO. EACH PROGRAM WILL BE UP TO AN HOUR. PROGRAMS FOR VARIOUS AGE GROUPS-TODDLER THRU TEENS. SESSIONS WILL BE LED BY KIWANIS MEMBERS AND LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS, COVERING TOPICS SUCH AS WATER SAFETY, ART MUSIC, DANCE, SPORTS, COOKING, AND MORE. JUNE 30-AUG 20.

Class Schedule:

June 30 @ 10AM - Chubby Penguin
July 2 @ 11AM- Blueclaws
July 7 @1PM-2PM - Vintage Van Gogh's
July 9 @TBD - Little Dreamers Play Cafe
July 14 @TBD - Top That Donut
July 16 @10AM-10:45 - Riverside At Studio
July 21 @3PM-3:45PM - Sea Blossoms
July 23 @11AM-12PM -Kiwanis Club of Pt. Pleasant
July 28 @TBD - Seashore Physical Therapy
July 30 @11:30AM-12:15PM -Allaire Community Farm
Aug 4 @10:30AM-11AM - Kiwanis Club of Pt. Pleasant
Aug 6 @TBD - Coco Beans Play Cafe
Aug 11 @11AM-11:45AM - East Coast Dance Co.
Aug 13 @11AM-11:45AM - Grace Sigwanz
Aug 18 @10AM-10:45AM - Macaroni Kids Monmouth Beach
Aug 20 @TBD - Sunny Bee Music



**ARE YOUR BORED KIDS
LOOKING FOR FUN
ACTIVITIES THIS SUMMER?!**

THEY CAN VOLUNTEER AND
JOIN US FOR
KIWANIS KID'S VIRTUAL CAMP!



Frontline workers need your help!

Donate \$ to support the Kiwanis Club of Point Pleasant in our ongoing project to provide clear face shields to local health workers and first responders.

We are also distributing kits so you can make 10 shields at home and drop at our bins in the area. Kit dropoff in Point Boro and Beach only. Suggested donation: \$10.

To donate or register for kit, visit:

www.pointpleasantkiwanis.org/faceshields



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PPE PROJECT

*Help Support Frontline
Workers!*

MEET THE BOARD

PRESIDENT - KRISTIN FISCHER

MY NAME IS KRISTEN FISCHER AND I AM SO PROUD TO BE THE PRESIDENT OF THIS CLUB. IN JUST A SHORT AMOUNT OF TIME, WE HAVE ASSEMBLED A GROUP OF DYNAMIC, CARING INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE STEPPED UP TO MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE. LET ME TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MY JOURNEY IN THIS ORGANIZATION. I FELL IN LOVE WITH KIWANIS WHEN I BECAME A MEMBER OF THE BRICK MEMORIAL KEY CLUB. I SERVED AS CLUB SECRETARY AND THEN AS LT. GOVERNOR ON THE STATE/DISTRICT BOARD. AFTER GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL, I JOINED CIRCLE K AT STOCKTON UNIVERSITY, WHICH IS KIWANIS' COLLEGIATE LEVEL. I SERVED AS CLUB EDITOR, CLUB PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP CHAIR, AND THEN GOVERNOR OF THE STATE/DISTRICT. I WAS IN KIWANIS FOR SIX YEARS, AND HAD THE HONOR OF BEING A ZONE ADMINISTRATOR TO THE STATE/DISTRICT BOARD, WHERE I WAS AN ADVISOR. AFTER THEN, I LEFT KIWANIS SO I COULD FOCUS ON MY CAREER AND MARRIAGE. I ALWAYS KNEW I'D RETURN TO KIWANIS, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT I'D START MY OWN CLUB. AFTER HAVING MY SON IN 2017, I KNEW THE ONLY WAY TO GO BACK TO KIWANIS WAS TO CREATE A FLEXIBLE, FAMILY-FRIENDLY CLUB. I DIDN'T WANT MY SON TO LEARN ABOUT COMMUNITY SERVICE WHEN HE WAS IN HIGH SCHOOL AND FORCED TO DO IT FOR COLLEGE APPLICATIONS. SO MANY OTHER PARENTS LOVED THE IDEA OF BEING ABLE TO DO SERVICE WITH THEIR KIDS, SO I FORMED THIS CLUB. OUR CLUB IS DIFFERENT THAN ANY OTHER BECAUSE WE'VE MODELED IT TO BE FAMILY-FRIENDLY AND FLEXIBLE. WE WANT TO MAKE IT EASY FOR PARENTS AND THEIR KIDS TO ENJOY DOING COMMUNITY SERVICE TOGETHER. THIS SUMMER, THE CLUB WILL OFFICIALLY RECEIVE ITS CHARTER. THERE ARE SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO MAKE YOUR MARK ON THIS COMMUNITY THROUGH KIWANIS. I INVITE YOU ALL TO GET INVOLVED AND USE YOUR TALENTS AND INTERESTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR CLUB. WHETHER YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER OR CAN PITCH IN TO HELP THE ORGANIZATION FUNCTION--OR BOTH--I WELCOME YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS. I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE TO ALL OF YOU THUS FAR WHO CHOSE TO CREATE THIS CLUB. THIS IS OUR CLUB AND WE CAN DO ANYTHING WE WANT WITH IT--I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHERE WE TAKE IT!



PRESIDENT ELECT - ANNMARIE DEROSA, LSW



ANNMARIE DEROSA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THE KIWANIS BEGAN IN 1994 AS A KEY CLUBBER AT BRICK MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL. ANNMARIE CONTINUED HER COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK IN HER ADULTHOOD BY BECOMING A SOCIAL WORKER. ANNMARIE HOLDS A MASTER'S DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK FROM MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY AND IS A LICENSED SOCIAL WORKER. ANNMARIE HAS BEEN WORKING IN RESIDENTIAL HOUSING FOR AT RISK YOUTH FOR ALMOST 20 YEARS. ANNMARIE HAS SEVERAL PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDING IN 2012 SHE WAS AWARDED THE BERTHA CAPEL REYNOLDS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE AND DEDICATION IN SOCIAL WORK FIELD EDUCATION FROM MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY. ANNMARIE CURRENTLY IS THE SOCIAL WORKER AT COLLIER GROUP HOME LOCATED IN RED BANK, NJ. SHE ALSO IS A CERTIFIED TUNING INTO TEENS® AND TUNING INTO KIDS® FACILITATOR. ANNMARIE ALSO SITS CURRENTLY AS THE CLINICAL CHAIR FOR THE NEW JERSEY ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES CLINICAL DIRECTORS COMMITTEE. ANNMARIE'S PASSION FOR HELPING YOUTH AND FAMILIES IS DEEP ROOTED. ANNMARIE'S TALENTS AND PASSION PROVIDES THE KIWANIS WITH EMPOWERMENT AND LEADERSHIP TO PROVIDE LOVE, NURTURANCE AND COMPASSION TO OUR COMMUNITY.

TREASURER - CRYSTAL BARTON

I HAVE BEEN A K-FAMILY MEMBER FOR THE BETTER PART OF 25 YEARS. I WAS A CIRCLE K MEMBER IN COLLEGE, HOLDING MANY LOCAL & STATE POSITIONS IN NJ. I HAVE BEEN IN KIWANIS FOR MANY YEARS, INCLUDING BEING THE CHARTER TREASURER OF WHAT IS NOW THE BORDENTOWN KIWANIS CLUB. I HAVE 10 YEAR OLD TRIPLET GIRLS & I AM LUCKY ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO STAY HOME WITH THEM RIGHT NOW. I AM ALSO AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF MY LOCAL MOTHERS OF MULTIPLES ORGANIZATION, SERVING AS THEIR CLUB TREASURER.



SECRETARY - DANIELLE SING

MY NAME IS DANIELLE SING AND I WILL BE YOUR CLUB SECRETARY THIS YEAR, AND SOME YEAR IT HAS BEEN FOR ALL OF US. THIS IS A TIME THAT IS LIKE NO OTHER IN HISTORY AND WILL BE A YEAR TO TRULY REMEMBER. I AM VERY PROUD TO BE A MEMBER OF THE KIWANIS CLUB OF POINT PLEASANT BECAUSE OF THE PERSEVERANCE TO CHARTER THIS CLUB DURING A PANDEMIC. THIS CLUB HAS RISEN AGAINST ALL ODDS AND CHARTERED.

ACCORDING TO KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL, THE CLUB SECRETARY "HAS DILIGENCE AND PASSION FOR KIWANIS AND INSPIRES FELLOW KIWANIANS." MY JOB IS TO MAINTAIN ACCURATE MEMBERSHIP RECORDS, RECORD MINUTES FOR THE GENERAL AND BOARD MEETINGS, AND HELP MANAGES CLUB OPERATIONS.

I WAS PART OF THE K-FAMILY IN COLLEGE, CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL (CKI) AS I SERVED MANY LEADERSHIP ROLES SUCH AS CLUB SECRETARY, CLUB PRESIDENT, AND LT. GOVERNOR. CKI POSITIVELY AFFECTED MY LIFE AND IT IS WHERE I MET MY HUSBAND, WILL. TODAY, WE HAVE TWO BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN, ALYSSA AND MATTHEW.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONFIDENCE AS I SERVE AS YOUR CLUB SECRETARY. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO GETTING TO KNOW ALL OF YOU THIS COMING YEAR.

MEET THE DIRECTORS

FUNDRAISING CHAIR - TRACY MUTCHIGA

TRACY MUTCHIGA HAS BEEN PLANNING FUNDRAISING AND SOCIAL EVENTS SINCE HIGH SCHOOL, BUT NEVER IMAGINED IT WOULD BECOME PART OF HER CAREER PATH. HAVING JUST COMPLETED HER 17TH YEAR AT RANNEY SCHOOL, TRACY SERVES AS THE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, MANAGING SOCIAL AND FUNDRAISING EVENTS, ACADEMIC CEREMONIES LIKE COMMENCEMENT, ALUMNI ACTIVITIES, AND THE ANNUAL PANTHER BALL GALA AND AUCTION.

SHE WORKS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SCHOOL'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION TO DEVELOP FAMILY ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS, SERVES AS CO-ADVISOR OF THE CLASS OF 2021, AND COORDINATES CAMPUS-WIDE SERVICE ACTIVITIES.

PRIOR TO JOINING RANNEY, TRACY SPENT SEVEN YEARS IN RUTGERS UNIVERSITY'S SPORTS INFORMATION/ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, WORKING WITH VARIOUS SCARLET KNIGHT TEAMS, DEVELOPING PUBLICATIONS, STATISTICAL RECORD KEEPING, AND PRESS INTERACTIONS. A GRADUATE OF COOK COLLEGE - RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, SHE HOLDS A B.A. IN JOURNALISM AND MASS MEDIA AND A MINOR IN HUMAN ECOLOGY.

TRACY RETURNS TO KIWANIS, HAVING BEEN AN ACTIVE MEMBER IN THE BRICK MEMORIAL KEY CLUB THROUGH HER HIGH SCHOOL DAYS. IN ADDITION TO HER ROLE AS FUNDRAISING DIRECTOR ON THE BOARD, TRACY SERVES ON VARIOUS COMMITTEES WITH OTHER AREA NON-PROFITS, INCLUDING LUNCH BREAK AND FAMILY AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES OF MONMOUTH COUNTY, AND WAS NAMED A PHENOMENAL WOMAN UNDER 40 BY THE GIRL SCOUTS OF THE JERSEY SHORE IN 2017.

SHE ENJOYS SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS, SPOILING HER TWO NIECES, WRITING, AND RELAXING ON THE BEACH. SHE RESIDES IN BRICK WITH HER HUSBAND CHUCK AND THEIR WEST HIGHLAND TERRIER, WALLY.



DIRECTOR - MADELYN RICHIUSO
 BORN AND RAISED IN ALBERTSON , LONG ISLAND. WENT TO COLLEGE IN NJ, MARRIED A JERSEY BOY 36 YEARS AGO AND NEVER LOOKED BACK! I HAVE 3 SONS, DOMINICK, ANTHONY AND DANIEL, A DAUGHTER IN LAW, A FUTURE DAUGHTER IN LAW AND A PRECIOUS GRANDDAUGHTER VIOLET. I HAVE WORKED FOR THE POINT PLEASANT SCHOOL DISTRICT IN VARIOUS CAPACITIES SINCE 2000, SUBSTITUTE TEACHER, PARAPROFESSIONAL AND FOR THE LAST 13 YEARS, AFTERCARE TEACHER IN THE PANTHER PLACE CHILDCARE PROGRAM. I WAS A KEY CLUB MEMBER AT HERRICKS HIGH SCHOOL, WITH FOND MEMORIES OF VISITS TO NURSING HOMES AND SELLING PRETZELS AT FOOTBALL GAMES.. I AM A FORMER MEMBER OF UNICO, POINT PLEASANT BEACH, AND LED THEIR YOUTH PROGRAM FOR 5 YEARS, CONCLUDING IN 2011. I LOVE TO COOK AND AM THE HAPPIEST WHEN I AM WITH MY FAMILY AND EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS.



PR CHAIR- SONYA FISHER



SONYA IS NEW TO COME BY THE KIWANIS AND ALTHOUGH SHE WAY NOT A KEY CLUB OR CIRCLE K MEMBER, SHE HAS A HISTORY OF SERVICE WORK. SONYA IS THE OWNER OF VINTAGE VAN GOGH'S: A PAINT-AND-SIP ART STUDIO THAT SPECIALIZES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, GROUP AND INDIVIDUAL CLASSES FOR ADULTS, KIDS AND EVEN DOGS! SONYA IS GOING BACK TO COLLEGE AFTER A LONG HIATUS TO EARN A DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK FROM RUTGERS UNIVERSITY. THROUGH THIS DEGREE SONYA HOPES TO BE ABLE TO BETTER HELP THE COMMUNITY AND THOSE SUFFERING FROM MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTION DISORDERS. SONYA LOVES SPENDING TIME WITH HER FAMILY, FINACE AND TWO FURRY CHILDREN (AKA HER CATS). SHE LOVES TO CREATE AND BRING THE JOY OF VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS TO OTHERS. AS THE PR DIRECTOR, SONYA WANTS TO SPREAD THE WORD OF KIWANIS AND BETTER LET THE COMMUNITY KNOW ALL THE WONDERFUL SERVICE PROJECTS THE POINT PLEASANT CLUB HAS IN STORE. SHE IS EXCITED TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY THAT THE MEMBER'S OF THE CLUB HAVE GIVEN HER TO SERVE ON THIS COMMITTEE.

