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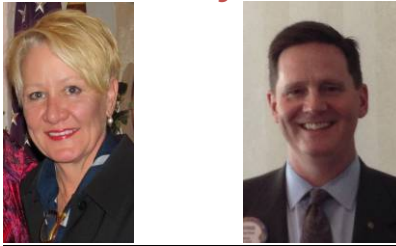
Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Bethesda, Maryland
Serving the Community Since 1945

Annual Joint Bethesda Kiwanis and BCC-Rotary Pre-Thanksgiving Luncheon
November 26, 2013

President **Jeanne Smith** opened our special meeting today at LaPanetteria in Bethesda. She welcomed seventy-three attendees —10 from Bethesda Metro Rotary, 18 from Kiwanis Club of Bethesda, and 45 from the Rotary Club of Bethesda-Chevy Chase. **Robby Brewer** gave the pledge, **Rev. John Walker** gave the invocation, **Ben Schlesinger** led in singing of God Bless America and **Terri Kerner** gave the quote of the day:

"I believe that everything happens for a reason. People change so that you can learn to let go, things go wrong so that you appreciate them when they're right, you believe lies so you eventually learn to trust no one but yourself, and sometimes good things fall apart so better things can fall together."

. Marilyn Monroe



Kiwanis President Jeanne Smith and BCC Rotary President George Nash

INTRODUCTIONS:

President of BCC Rotary **George Nash** introduced **Carla Larrick** and **Tracy Miller** from the YMCA who were all hyped up about the upcoming annual Turkey Chase. We even had some turkeys weaving in and out of our audience. Of note was the attendance of long-time member **Bill Pennington** with his wife Marcia along with their son and two daughters.



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES:

Thursday, Dec. 12, Bethesda and Rockville HOLIDAY PARTY, Alfio's, 6:30 PM \$25 per person

Wednesday, Dec. 18, Wheaton-Silver Spring HOLIDAY LUNCHEON, Argyle CC, 12 Noon, \$20 per person

Tuesday, Jan. 7, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, Pat Tiede's, 6:30 PM

Thursday, Jan. 9, KIWANIS LUNCHEON, LaPanetteria, 12 Noon, Speaker TBD

Thursday, Jan. 23, KIWANIS LUNCHEON, , LaPanetteria, 12 Noon, Speaker TBD

Thursday, Jan. 23, BINGO @ RICA, 7:00 PM

Monday, Jan. 27, KIWANIS FOUNDATION MEETING, Ron Spratt's home, 6:30 PM



Patsy Jackson, President-Elect and **Pat Tiede**, Secretary-Treasurer enjoy pancakes and sausage at Rockville Kiwanis Annual Pancake Breakfast held on Saturday, December 7.



Thanks to Harry and his fine staff for hosting our meetings throughout the year. Please patronize them.
MONDAYS ALL DAY SPECIAL - ALL WINES HALF A PRICE WITH PURCHASE OF AN ENTRÉE.
 Call 301-951-6433 for reservations.

SPEAKER:



Our speaker for the day was **Steve Hull**, Editor of *Bethesda Magazine*, a bimonthly magazine distributed celebrating its tenth year. The latest issue's cover story focused on "Healthy, wealthy, and wise so why are we unhappy?" Some points:

- Montgomery County has the highest life expectancy, we have access to the best health care and hospitals.
- CNN quoted Bethesda as the wealthiest town with Chevy Chase and Potomac also close.
- 98% of residents have undergraduate degrees with about 55% having graduate degrees.
- Jobs are high paying and there is a great interest in the arts.
- There is a correlation between happiness and money. A survey was taken and it was determined that about \$75K is the median for happiness.
- In spite of our wealthy county, approximately 20,000 children live at the poverty level.

So why are we unhappy?

- People work so hard with stress on their jobs.
- Too many people focus on what they don't have instead of what we do have.
- Opportunities in Montgomery County are greater than ever.
- Seven percent of residents are below the poverty level.

Steve remarked that the true meaning of happiness is what we do in our own community to "give back" and feel connected. Though the successful magazine has very high class advertisements for goods and services, restaurants and real estate, the magazine tries to focus on the good works done by organizations such as Kiwanis, Rotary, YMCA and many other organizations.

Five trends in Bethesda happening in the next 10 to 20 years.

- Bethesda has become urban and growing into vertical living- "manhattanizing".
- Bethesda's population is getting older.
- Bethesda wants more "nightlife" in the town or the young will move to across the river.
- Redevelopment of White Flint/North Bethesda will give downtown Bethesda development competition.
- The county school budget is devouring the Montgomery County budget.

HAPPY DOLLARS:

Tracy Miller won the Happy Dollars.

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