

Kee-Notes

Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Bethesda, Maryland
Serving the Community Since 1945
September 26, 2013

President **Jeanne Smith** opened the meeting today with eleven members present. **Pat Tiede** led the Pledge of Allegiance, the Prayer was given by **Scott Brewer** and all sang "God Bless America." The quote for the day was contributed by **Marlayna Proctor**:

"Don't say have a nice day. Instead, say, make it a nice day."

FUNDRAISER – CASINO NIGHT CANCELLED. Due to a lack of participation, the event was cancelled on September 19. We still ended up with some proceeds as several sponsors asked that their donations not be returned. Thanks go to **Marlayna Proctor** for her hard work and for those who participated by donations and sponsorship. **Terri Kerner** brought pastry samples that she made for the event and she shared them with us today. They were delicious. Discussion was held on a possible fundraiser for next year. We will be exploring the idea of sponsoring a Bike Ride in Montgomery County.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday, Oct. 1, KIWANIS BOARD MEETING @ Pat Tiede's, 6:30 pm CANCELLED
Friday, Oct. 4, POTOMAC KIWANIS CLUB Book Presentation, 7 pm @ Potomac Presbyterian Church. \$10
Thursday, Oct. 10, INDUCTION DINNER, LaPanetteria, 6:30 pm - \$25
Saturday, Oct. 19, WHEATON-SILVER SPRING PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 8-11 am, \$7
Thursday, Oct. 24, LUNCH MEETING, LaPanetteria, 12 Noon – SPEAKER Writer Arnold Harvey II.
Wednesday, Oct. 30, ROCKVILLE KIWANIS CLUB COMEDY NIGHT, 6-8 PM, The Golden Bull, \$42
Monday, Nov. 11, VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY, Woodmont Triangle, Lunch to follow.
Friday, Nov. 15, POTOMAC KIWANIS CLUB LOBSTER SALE, \$14.
Tuesday, Nov. 26, JOINT ROTARY-KIWANIS LUNCH, LaPanetteria, 12 Noon – SPEAKERS from Bethesda Magazine.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Our friend and fellow Kiwanian, **Parker Dorman**, passed away on Tuesday, September 24 in Gaithersburg, MD. Parker joined our club in February 1984, and was instrumental in bringing many into the club. Memorial services will be held at Bethesda United Church of Christ on Saturday, October 5 at 2:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Bethesda United Church of Christ, 10010 Fernwood Road, Bethesda, MD 20817.

HAPPY DOLLARS:

Marlayna Proctor HD for a good health report for **Pat Tiede** and **Jim Leder**. **Greg Miele HD** good to see everyone today. **Bob Cressy HD** for Pat Tiede's return, and he has been nominated and approved to be President of the Kiwanis Club of Potomac. **Sean Ryan HD** for the progress and good attendance of the Miracle League.

SPEAKER:



Suburban Hospital
Johns Hopkins Medicine

Terri Kerner, our member from Suburban Hospital introduced our speaker, **Dr. Matthew Leonard**, Director of Clinical Decisions Unit at Suburban Hospital Emergency Department. Dr. Leonard observes care for patients in the Emergency Department.

Some patients need to be held in observation care and are treated for 15-18 hours rather than to be admitted to the hospital or treated as an outpatient. This determines if they go to ICU, go home, or are admitted. Criteria says they cannot be admitted (Medicare), but they still need care. They don't qualify for in-patient, but are too ill to go home. An area is needed where patients are comfortable and treated. He has to create a way to make decisions on what to do with patients. Communication is key between patient, overseer and doctor.

Objective of Suburban is to provide care for population to grow, treat conditions (even serious ones), and put them in a special unit to treat them so they can go home quicker rather than putting them in the hospital. They call "bounce back" as going home too soon. Having a clinical observation unit provides the patient more attention to their medical condition. People who have insurance and need primary services are finding it hard to find a primary care physician because so many are retiring and there are not enough doctors. The emergency room is providing primary care as well as emergency services.

Goals of the Clinical Decisions Unit (CDU) are:

Not be too busy to have to close ER and send patient to the nearest hospital.

Never have to close the doors to the ER

Increase patient satisfaction (nurses have to talk to patient at least every 2 hours)

Decrease time in ER through the CDU (have decreased time by 2 hours in last 60 days)

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