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Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Bethesda, Maryland Serving the Community Since 1945 Meeting Date: March 14, 2013

President **Jeanne Smith** called the meeting to order for our club's 68th Charter Night at Hunter's Inn, Potomac. Thirty-three attendees were present. We had two inter-clubs, one from Rockville and the other from Leisure World. **Tracy Miller** led in the patriotic song, and **Jim Leder** led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. **Ron Spratt** delivered the prayer. **Patsy Jackson** gave the

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Three great essentials of happiness are to have:
Something to do
Something to love
Something to hope for

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Wednesday, March 20 – Mont. Village Basketball Exhibition Game, Mont. College, 7 p.m. \$10

Thursday, March 28 – KIWANIS LUNCH LaPanetteria, 12 noon

Saturday, April 13 – OPENING DAY OF MIRACLE LEAGUE 10:30 a.m.

Saturday, April 27 – Rebuilding Together Project – Bring work gloves and help put a house back together. Sign up for morning or afternoon shift.

Friday, May 9– No Lunch Meeting but Dinner Roasting departing member Bill Hague. TBD

Friday, May 17 – Potomac Club Armed Forces Day Dinner, Kenwood Club - \$50.

FOUR GRANTS DISTRIBUTED



Kiwanis Club Director **Tracy Miller**, Director of Community Development of Metropolitan YMCA; **Carla Larrick**, Vice President of Operations, Metropolitan YMCA, and Bethesda Kiwanis President, **Jeanne Smith**



President **Jeanne Smith**, holds the ever-popular 'big' check that is given to our various charities each year. This year we are donating a total of \$47,000.00 to various charities that serve the young people of Montgomery County.



Bethesda Kiwanis Foundation President, **Richard Ruprecht** with **Bonnie Fogel**, Founder and Executive Director of Imagination Stage, and **Jeanne Smith**, Kiwanis President.



Long-time member (joined in 1993) **Ron Spratt**, offered a little Irish spirit to the evening with stories from the Emerald Isle. Ron is also a member of the Bethesda Kiwanis Foundation.



Two March birthday gals (**Jeanne Smith**, President, **Robert Cressy**, member since 1973 and past Governor and Lt. Governor; and **Pat Tiede**, Secretary-Treasurer).



Marlayna Proctor, Vice President and **Jeanne Smith**, President participate in BINGO for RICA on a cold rainy night in late February. One of our many "hands-on" projects.

HAPPY DOLLARS:

From the Rockville Club, **Kate Logan HD's** told a story about learning from a friend in Buenos Aires that the priest she knew from Argentina had been selected as the new Pope. Kate is a singer and had indirect affiliation with the Pope before he became Pope. She also sang a lovely rendition of Ava Maria. **Greg Miele HD** for **Richard Ruprecht** who brought Greg into Kiwanis over 15 years ago. **Jim Leder HD** thanks for the big Check for Miracle League and for the Kiwanis Club of Bethesda being awarded a Distinguished Club Certificate and patch for 2012. **Richard Ruprecht HD** told a story about the difference between pigs and chickens and contributors vs. commitments. **Carla Larrick HD** for being a part of the Charter Night and for the contribution to the YMCA. **Ron Spratt HD** that we have a strong Bethesda Kiwanis and it is people like **Scott Brewer** (Membership Chair) who contribute to its strength.

Bob Cressy HD for the 68th anniversary of our club. While attending the Key Club Convention in Baltimore, over 1100 Key Clubbers contributed a check of over \$53,000 to the Project Eliminate. **Kelly Boswell HD** for her son who was so grateful for the Miracle League baseball. He was a buddy at a game. Kelly also met her husband Gary while working on a Rebuilding Together project where she smacked him with a wet paint brush. **Anne Spratt HD** followed up Kelly's story. **Pat Tiede HD** for President **Jeanne Smith** who has made a remarkable recovery from her recent health ailments. **Nancy Cressy HD** invited everyone to the Kiwanis International Convention to be held in Vancouver, BC on June 27-30, 2013. Each club should send two delegates. Register by April 1 to get the full discount. **John Tyner HD** for the first meeting of a new Key Club formed in Poolesville. We now have 20 in the Division. **Georgia Eaves**, President of Rockville Kiwanis Club **HD** for **Kate Logan** who sang Ava Maria. **Marty Weiss HD** for the seven guests from Leisure World Kiwanis who are happy to be anywhere!

Another grant given to Bethesda Cares was received by Bethesda Cares President of their Board of Directors, **Charlene "Chazz" Wilson**. In addition, **Jim Leder**, President of the Miracle League of Montgomery County accepted a check for the Miracle League. Miracle League Director, **Sean Ryan**, gave an overall summery about the Miracle League and invited everyone to attend opening day on Saturday, April 13 at 10:30 a.m. at the ballfield in Germantown, MD. Other checks will be distributed at our luncheon over the next few months.



Our program consisted of jokes and comedic tales from **Pat Tiede**, **Ron Spratt**, **Jim Leder** and **Bob Cressy**.

Ron Spratt gave a toast in remembrance of our good friends and fellow Kiwanians who passed away this year: **John Durfee** and **Jim Aylor**. In addition, **Richard Ruprecht** gave thanks for past member **Rod Mason** for his generous legacy left to the Club.

A special thank you to **Patsy Jackson** who took the notes for this newsletter. Our website should be up and running shortly after a few glitches are ironed out.

Mary Ann Weider, Secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Leisure World won the 50/50.

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