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Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Bethesda, Maryland Serving the Community Since 1945 August 22, 2013

Past Lt-Governor **GARY BOSWELL** conducted the meeting today in the absence of President **Jeanne Smith**. Gary led the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer, and **Scott Brewer** led "God Bless America." Twelve members were present.

It was delightful to welcome our Regional Trustee, **John Tyner**, and a long-time-no-see fellow Kiwanian, **John Beck**. It was announced that **Jim Leder** is scheduled for spine surgery at Suburban Hospital on August 28. We wish him a speedy recovery.

REPORT ON THE CAPITAL DISTRICT CONVENTION: Held in Williamsburg, VA., delegates were **Patsy Jackson, Gary Boswell, and Bob Cressy**. There were 532 attendees; 60 of the 163 clubs did not send delegates. Thirty workshops were offered of which each delegate could choose five to attend. Kiwanis International staff conducted several of the workshops. Ducky Derby results: each of the seven pediatric trauma hospitals receives approximately \$4,000 from tickets sales each year. **Pat Tiede** won a \$50 gift card. **Kelly Boswell** won a diamond Zeller Award in a drawing of the Miniature Golf, which raised over \$7500 for project ELIMINATE. The new Governor for 2014 for the Capital District is **Scott Zimmerman** from the Williamsburg Club. The 2014 Capital District Convention will be held in Reston, VA. Why was Japan chosen for the International Convention next year? That is the largest growing group of new Kiwanians in the Pacific area. Of the Project Eliminate checks that were presented at the Convention, the Rockville Club was highest with over \$42,000 in contributions. Congratulations!!

REMEMBER – CASINO NIGHT, Friday, September 20 from 7-10 pm at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad, 5020 Battery Lane, Bethesda, MD. Have you done your part? **Marlayna Proctor**, chairperson, has indicated that she has received some table sponsorships and is still looking for additional contributions for food, beverages, and ticket sales. Please let her know what you will be contributing so she can assess all our needs. Call **Marlayna** at 240-671-7276.

ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!! If you have not sent in your check, please do so immediately to **Pat Tiede**, 5225 Pooks Hill Road, #1520, Bethesda, MD 20814. Make checks payable to: "Kiwanis Club of Bethesda."

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES:

- Tuesday, Sept. 3, BOARD MEETING, PAT'S APARTMENT, 6:30 pm
- Thursday, Sept. 12, LUNCH MEETING, LaPanetteria, 12 Noon – SPEAKER??????
- Tuesday, Sept. 17, MIRACLE LEAGUE MEETING, Jim's Conference Room, 6:30 pm
- Friday, Sept. 20, CASINO NIGHT FUNDRAISER, Bethesda CC Rescue Squad, 6:30 pm
- Monday, Sept. 23, FOUNDATION MEETING, Hunter's Inn, 6:30 pm
- Thursday, Sept. 26, LUNCH MEETING, LaPanetteria, 12 Noon – SPEAKER??????
- Thursday, Oct. 10, INDUCTION DINNER, LaPanetteria, 6:30 pm - \$25

HAPPY DOLLARS:

Pat Tiede HD for an end to a summer of pain. On September 4, she is having her right knee replacement, which is 15 years old, replaced with a newer model. She will be at Georgetown Hospital and will be unable to drive for at least six weeks. **John Tyner 2 HD** for **Patsy Jackson** who survived eating lunch with the "Rockville Mafia" every day at DCON and for **Scott Brewer's** attendance at the Past Governor's dinner in Williamsburg. **Terry Kerner HD** for Pat's speedy recovery for upcoming knee surgery. **Shira Oler HD** for Pat's recovery. **John Beck HD** for Pat's replacement knee surgery to be a success. His wife recently had hip replacement surgery. **Scott Brewer HD** for **Jim Leder's** and Pat's recovery. **Robby Brewer 2 HDs** for **Gary Boswell** conducting the meeting today and for Jim and Pat's recovery. **Pat Norry HD** to remember Pat and Jim during their surgeries. **Tracy Miller HD** to remind Pat and Jim to do well during their surgeries.

PROGRAM FOR THE DAY;



Miriam has worked in the non-profit field for the past 30 years. From the Foothill Family Shelter in California to Habitat for Humanity of Montgomery County, she has been Executive Director since March 2007 as the Executive Director of The Dwelling Place.

Today, we welcomed the Executive Director of The Dwelling Place, **Miriam Gandell** – one of our grant recipients. They sponsor the "Carnival of Chocolates" each year, which is a great event, consisting of silent auctions, lotteries and, of course, delicious chocolate desserts. This year they made approximately \$30,000 -- mostly from sponsorships. **Gary Boswell** presents check to **Miriam Gandell** who accepted on behalf of The Dwelling Place.

The Dwelling Place helps to provide shelter for homeless families. They currently lease 24 apartments in Gaithersburg – a stepping-stone to become self-sufficient. Sometimes people get on welfare, which is supposed to have a time limit, however, they keep obtaining extensions and they remain on welfare for a very long time. The Dwelling Place has strict requirements for their help and providing housing: Montgomery County recommends the family for the housing; they must enter a program and get their GED and/or take courses to qualify for a job; they must be a resident of Montgomery County and be homeless for at least 1 year and have custody of at least 1 child before entering the program. A case manager helps them learn how to deal with their expenses. Education is stressed to the recipients. There is a 2 year limit stay at the furnished apartment (they take the furniture with them when they leave).

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