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Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Bethesda, Maryland Serving the Community Since 1945 April 10, 2014

President-Elect **Patsy Jackson** opened our meeting today at LaPanetteria in Bethesda. She welcomed eleven attendees. Following the Pledge and singing of God Bless America, **Robby Brewer** gave the invocation reading from **Martin Buxbaum's** book, "The Bedside Book." Bux was a member of our club and he worked for Marriott for many years. Patsy welcomed **John Sampsele** from the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor, MI. Always great to have a guest visit us.

Guest **Harry Lugenbeel** invited us to the Montgomery Village 11th Charter Night on April 22. Their guest speaker will be **Mike Nardolilli**, President of the C&O Canal Trust. **Pat Tiede** urged attendees to participate in the upcoming events at other clubs that also support our events. We get credit for having an "inter-club."

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES:

Tues, April 22, MONTGOMERY VILLAGE KIWANIS CHARTER NIGHT, Bowl America , \$25,6 pm
Thurs., April 24, KIWANIS LUNCH MEETING, LaPanetteria, 12 Noon, Miriam Gandell, Dwelling Place
Fri., May 2, KIWANIS LEISURE WORLD CHARTER NIGHT, 6:00 PM, \$32 , Entertainment
Tues., May 6, KIWANIS BOARD MEETING, PAT TIEDE'S, 6:30 pm
Thurs., May 8, KIWANIS LUNCH MEETING, LaPanetteria, 12 Noon, SPEAKER Shira Oler, JSSA
Sat., May 10, CARNIVAL OF CHOCOLATES, Visarts at Rockville, 7:30-10:30 pm
Fri., May 16, POTOMAC CLUB'S ARMED FORCES DAY DINNER, Kenwood Club, 6:30 pm
Tues., May 22, KIWANIS LUNCH MEETING, LaPanetteria, 12 Noon, SPEAKER TBD
Tues., May 22, ROCKVILLE KIWANIS COMEDY NIGHT, Ted's 355 Diner, 6 pm, Dinner; 8 pm Show,\$30
ThurMon., June 9, RICA-Wheaton SS Golf Tournament, Mont. Village CC, 12 noon, Dinner 5 pm
Thurs., June 12, KIWANIS LUNCH MEETING, LaPanetteria, 12 Noon, SPEAKER Jaimie Borns, Suburban Hospital
Fri.-Sun., August 21-24, CAPITAL DISTRICT CONVENTION, Hyatt, Reston Town Centers., May 29, YMCA/KIWANIS GOLF TOURNAMENT, Blue Mash 12-7 pm. Come to dinner. \$45.

OPENING DAY FOR THE MIRACLE LEAGUE – SEASON 2014 -



Buddies from Montgomery County Rec. Department in front row with older players in the background.

Every child bats the ball, runs the bases, and scores!!! The smiles on their faces as they run across homeplate is worth a million dollars!

Games are played every Saturday starting at 10:30 a.m. For questions, please contact **Jim Leder** at 301-983-1774.



View of the action from left field

The Miracle League is our club's biggest hands-on project. The first game was very windy and cold but when the weather is nice, come out to the field and give these kids and their parents your support.



HAPPY DOLLARS:

Robby Brewer HD for supporting the Miracle League on its Opening 2014 season. **Jim Leder HD** for being a Kiwanian. **Marlayna Proctor HD** for Will her oldest son that is batting 500 as a sophomore in Varsity and her youngest son, Nathan, who struck out 7 batters with only 31 pitches. **Richard Ruprecht HD** for having **Susan Kirk** at our lunch today to receive the grant. **Pat Tiede HD** for the birth of her second great grandchild – a boy and her son's 52nd birthday today. **Sean Ryan HD** for a good opening day for Miracle League, great weather and a good group of kids to play. **John Sampelle HD** to visit us again from Michigan and he says "Detroit is coming back." **Patsy Jackson HD** delighted to see everyone who came today. **Sue Kirk HD** to be among friends again. Editors Note: Great to see **Bill Pennington** return to our lunches – he now has a driver!!!

HELP WANTED

Two positions open

Why start at the bottom when you can quickly be at the top?

Position #1 – Club President

Position 2 – Club Secretary

69 year old Kiwanis club looking for persons with leadership capabilities who can fill these two positions. Training is available, pay is commensurate with the duties. Some travel involved. If no one is available, the club will not be able to continue.

Please contact Jim Leder at drno813@aol.com or Richard Ruprecht at rruprechtjd@yahoo.com for further discussion and information.

SPEAKER:

Susan Kirk is the Executive Director of Bethesda Cares, Inc., a community outreach program for the homeless. Located in Bethesda, services are offered for people on the streets including counseling and referrals with the end goal of placing street homeless into housing, in addition to meeting basic needs such as food and clothing. Bethesda Cares also assists with eviction/utility shut-off prevention to keep people safe in their homes, a homeless prevention program for people of Montgomery County.

Ms. Kirk has extensive experience in both the profit and non-profit organizations. She has been executive director of Bethesda Cares for seventeen years. She has two grown children and lives in Chevy Chase. Bethesda Cares helps place people living unsheltered into permanent supportive housing; ease life for those sleep on the street and keep low-income tenants from eviction.

Bethesda Cares offers flexible, creative responses to problems related to homelessness and poverty. Located in the heart of downtown Bethesda, the space is donated and there is no overhead.

Our Housing Stabilization Program offers modest grants to low-income clients enduring temporary financial crises, who are facing utility shut-off or eviction. This safety net can keep our clients from possible homelessness, which is invaluable both to the clients and to our community.

Over 400 households are aided and no children are left to homelessness. Lunch is served daily.



Richard Ruprecht, President of the Foundation of the Kiwanis Club of Bethesda presents a \$4,000 grant to **Susan Kirk**, Executive Director of Bethesda Cares. A past member of our club it is always great to be with Susan and hear of the good works done by Bethesda Cares.

WINNER OF THE DOOR PRIZE TODAY: Guest **Sue Kirk** had the closest guess for the number of jelly beans in a jar. She took home the jar of jelly beans. Thanks Patsy for the great idea!!



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