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Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Bethesda, Maryland Serving the Community Since 1945 Meetings - March 2014

We had two meetings in March, the first was on Thursday, March 13, with President **Jeanne Smith** presiding. We had 13 attendees. We were honored to have a guest **John Sampsele** who was visiting this area from Ann Arbor, Michigan. It was interesting to hear that the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor owns their own building and has an ongoing thrift shop. Coming from a club with over 100 members, I'm sure it was different to see our club function. With the snowed out meetings in February, we did not have a speaker but had our monthly board meeting following lunch at LaPanetteria. We were sorry to hear that board member **Pat Norry** will be relocating to Durham, NC. Pat has been a valued member and we will miss both Pat and her husband Len.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES:

Tuesday, April 1, KIWANIS BOARD MEETING, PAT TIEDE'S, 6:30 pm

Saturday, April 5, MIRACLE LEAGUE OPENING DAY, 10:30 am

Thursday, April 10, KIWANIS LUNCH MEETING, LaPanetteria, 12 Noon, Sue Kirk from Bethesd Cares

Thursday, April 24, KIWANIS LUNCH MEETING, LaPanetteria, 12 Noon, SPEAKER TBD

Tuesday, May 6, KIWANIS BOARD MEETING, PAT TIEDE'S, 6:30 pm

Saturday, May 10, CARNIVAL OF CHOCOLATES, Visarts at Rockville, 7:30-10:30 pm

Friday, May 16, POTOMAC CLUB'S ARMED FORCES DAY DINNER, Kenwood Club, 6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 22, KIWANIS LUNCH MEETING, LaPanetteria, 12 Noon, SPEAKER TBD

Thursday, May 29, YMCA/KIWANIS GOLF TOURNAMENT, Blue Mash 12-7 pm

Saturday, May 10, CARNIVAL OF CHOCOLATES, Visarts at Rockville

Monday, June 9, RICA-Wheaton SS Golf Tournament, Mont. Village CC, 12 noon, Dinner 5 pm, \$45.00

Fri.-Sun., August 21-24, CAPITAL DISTRICT CONVENTION, Hyatt, Reston Town Center

First Grant Given for 2014 to John L. Gildner Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents (RICA)



Richard Ruprecht, President of the Kiwanis Club of Bethesda Foundation presents check to **Marlayna Proctor**, Director of Community Resources and Development of RICA

Kiwanis board member, **Marlayna Proctor**, Director of Community Resources and Development spoke to us on what JLG-RICA does. But first about Marlayna, she is busy as a wife of 19 years, mother of two boys, 15 and 12, and when she's not attending their school or baseball functions and enjoying outdoor activities with her family, she is also a realtor with Weichert Realtors.

The John L. Gildner Regional Institute for students is a special education school for students with emotional disabilities, autism, and specific learning disabilities. RICA provides an academic, behavioral, day and residential treatment program. Students are expected to meet the graduation requirements for a Maryland high school diploma or Maryland certificate. Many go to college with the help of our grant. Help is also given to assist students in getting driver's license. Visitors are welcome and tours are given.

Besides our \$5,000 contribution to help RICA achieve their goals, Marlayna is instrumental in planning the **RICA-Kiwanis Club of Wheaton-Silver Spring 20th Annual Golf Tournament**. This year it will be held on Monday, June 9 at 12 p.m. and the Montgomery Village Golf Course. In 2013, \$15,000 was raised. For more information in the event, contact for this event is marlayna.proctor@maryland.gov. Our club plans to have an inter-club at the dinner.

On March 27, Vice President **Tracy Miller** opened the meeting with 9 attendees present.

Patsy Jackson started the group in singing God Bless America and **Rev. John Walker** offered the prayer. Tracy gave the quote of the day:

Quote of the Day

“When life gives you a hundred reasons to cry, show life that you have a thousand reasons to smile.”

Tracy Miller gave us information on the joint effort of the Kiwanis Club of Bethesda and YMCA's Golf Tournament scheduled for Thursday, May 29 at the Blue Mash Golf Course. Here is some information about the site of the tournament:



Blue Mash Golf Course in Laytonsville MD is THE premier public golf course in the Rockville area. Designed by Arthur Hills and only 15 minutes from downtown Rockville, Blue Mash features a mix of links style, parkland, wooded, and water holes. There are no forced carries so it is manageable for beginners and high handicap golfers, and low handicap golfers will find its length from the back tees, strategic bunker placement, and devilish, well protected greens plenty of challenge.

Blue Mash Golf Course gets its name from the property's original name "Blue Marsh," referring to the blue clay of the marshy, thickly wooded land. Pronounced colloquially "Blue Mash," the land was inhabited by freed slaves who also made it a stop on the Underground Railroad, hiding runaway slaves on their way north.

Blue Mash Golf Course
5821 Olney-Laytonsville Road Laytonsville, MD
20882

Sponsors are needed for the golf tournament, You can take out a full page advertisement for your company, sponsor a table or contact your friends, doctors, beauticians, favorite restaurant and ask them to sponsor this event which will be the club's only fundraiser for 2014. The YMCA has committed to provide 94 golfers. Our club must do our part. The full Registration form will be available in a few days and will be sent to our membership as well as be posted on our website.

Remember the date- Thursday, May 29, 2014

HAPPY DOLLARS:

Robby Brewer, John Walker, Sean Ryan, Terri Kerner, Patsy Jackson, Richard Ruprecht, and Pat Tiede all gave happy dollars for **Tracy Miller**, who gave a thorough update on the Golf Tournament and all of her work on it, also for **Marlayna Proctor** who gave an interesting presentation on RICA. An additional HD was given by **Richard Ruprecht** for meeting our newest member, **Terri Kerner**, for the first time.