

## Kee-Notes

### Newsletter of the Kiwanis Club of Bethesda, Maryland Serving the Community Since 1945 Meeting Date: May 9, 2013

A wonderful evening of food, fellowship and fun took place at The Hunter's Inn in Potomac, Maryland. The occasion was a retirement party for our beloved Kiwanian and pastor of Christ Episcopal Church of Kensington, The **Rev. Dr. Bill Hague**, his wife, Jane, and their two sons, J. D. and Chris. Next month they will be relocating to their home in Maine.

Thirty-six Kiwanians and guests enjoyed a delicious array of hors d'oeuvres and wine prior to dinner served at 7:30 pm.

President **Jeanne Smith** called us together. **Dr. James Leder** led the Pledge of Allegiance. **Roger Heymann** led a robust singing of "God Bless America." The Prayer was offered by **Shira Oler**. **Tracy Miller** gave the Quote of the Day:

*"Too many people overvalue what they are not and undervalue what they are.*

*No matter who you are, how you are, what you do, you deserve to own your brilliance and light the world with the gift that is YOU. If you've forgotten how amazing and incredible you really are, it's time to remember."*

#### Election of Officers:

President:	Jeanne Smith	
President-Elect	Patsy Jackson	
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Tracy Miller	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Richard Ruprecht	
Secretary-Treasurer	Pat Tiede	
Past President	Jim Leder	
Directors:	Gary Boswell	(2013-2014)
	Rebecca Bull	(2013-2015)
	Pat Norry	(2013-2014)
	Marlayna Proctor	(2013-2014)
	Sean Ryan	(2013-2015)





**RON SPRATT** was Master of Ceremonies for a humorous and heartwarming tribute to Rev. Bill. Ron prepared a slide presentation, together with several Kiwanians who told funny stories, remembrances, and personal appreciations to Bill.

### FIRST PHASE

Baby Bill was born in 1952 in Honolulu, Hawaii and was wearing a grass skirt before age 3 (shhhhhh). Since Hawaii didn't become a statehood until 1958, our master of ceremonies (Ron) wondered if Bill was a U.S. citizen. Bill's reply: "According to the POTUS, yes."

He attended a boarding school in Boston. The family moved to California where he attended a private school (Robert Lewis Stevenson) in Pebble Beach. The school creed was: "Great in manner, strong in deed", which describes Rev Bill.

Bill then entered the NROTC on an earned scholarship at the University of Virginia. He wanted to join the Navy and was trained as a Navigation's Officer.

Later when he was back in the U.S., he changed careers and entered the Virginia Theological Seminary. The first night at school, he met Jane (who later became his bride). The current Rector was fired -- Jane was teaching, Bill became the Associate Rector as he finished his doctorate.

They came to Washington, D.C. and Bill became the Assistant Rector for Christ Church in Kensington (for the next 25 years).



## **CONTRIBUTING SPEAKERS**

**Rev. John Walker** – He has known Bill for a long time, had neighboring churches and attended community events. Always envious of Bill's quiet way, with everything always under control. However, recalls that was not always the way. He had a little sister and it was Christmas time and both had expressed their wish for gifts. Bill did not get what he wanted, but Bill's sister got a little toy piano. Bill was jealous of her gift, so he got a hammer and smashed the piano. She forgave him – saying she didn't like it anyway. My advice to Bill: "If it gets too quiet, and there's too much reading, find an old piano that might be smashed up . . ."

**Bob Quinn - Bill Hague and Bill Powers** introduced Bob to Kiwanis, which was the beginning of a long friendship to the Hague family. He remembers that after Kiwanis, Bill would write his sermon on Thursday afternoon, review it on Saturday, and then dispose of his notes. He had great sermons, which were mostly stories. Annually we would go to the car shows with our sons and dream about those "fast cars." Thank you for your friendship, your spirituality, and all that you have done. Bill won't be here, but faith will be.

**Jane Aylor** – Met Bill in 1994 when she and Jim were looking for a church to be married. They went to several churches in Virginia, but knew they were not the ones they were looking for. Jim mentioned Christ Church in Kensington and when they visited, they knew that was home and that's where they were married by Bill. Jim loved Kiwanis and Bill and Kiwanis meant so much to us. Jane also told a funny story about learning what a "dressing drink" was when they were visiting the Hagues in Maine.

**J. D. Hague** (oldest son) reiterated what Kiwanis meant to his Dad and how important it was in his life. J. D. told the story of how his little brother, Chris, go to go to a Kiwanis meeting first with his Dad and how envious he was. His Dad raved about Kiwanis and J. D. couldn't wait to go with his Dad to a meeting. He knew it would be so much fun! Finally, he got his turn. The program for the day was "How to Maximize Tax Returns." That was enough for him!!!! J. D. Hague also told a story regarding **Sean Quinn** which started out being a formal evening with coat and tie to a "grunge evening." And thanked his Dad: Never would have met a Hooters girl without him!

**Nancy Cressy** – She wished the Hague family all the best in all things. She also told a funny story about a Fleetwood Mac concert wherein she told someone sitting near her: "see what happens when old people go to rock concerts!"

**Pat Tiede** – Was raised a Catholic. Many of her friends were dying and she wanted to find a church to be affiliated with. She liked Bill and his church so she joined. Two weeks later Bill announced his retirement! That was a bummer!

## **MILESTONES and NOTEWORTHY EVENTS:**

- Rev. Bill has been a member of Bethesda Kiwanis for 23 years.
- Rev. Bill performed marriage ceremonies for Jane and Jim Aylor; also Nancy and Bob Cressy.
- The Hagues have two sons: J. D. born in 1985, Chris was born in 1989.
- Rev. Bill became the Rector of Christ Church in Kensington, MD in 1988.

## **HAPPY DOLLARS:**

Everyone was happy for the great evening and several said so: **Liz Quinn** started off with a big \$10, remembering a story about her and the Rev. Jane Hague, J. D.'s engagement party (hosted by Chris and Thomas), and Rev. Bill Hague for putting up -- working with her for 20 years. **Nancy Cressy** a big \$20 for welcoming her and Bob into Christ Church; also moving to Maine "which is north of Canada" – and of course, everyone knows that Nancy is from Canada. **John Walker** – So happy to have had Bill's friendship over the years and best wishes to the entire Hague family. **Ed Laskin** – Enjoyed Bill's friendship and wishes him and his family the very best. **Greg Miele** – Happy to know Bill and wish him well. **Pat Norry** - Understands Bill will be going on a cruise during the first winter in Maine, but what will he do for the succeeding winters? **Joe Healy** – went into Holy Redeemer and saw Rev. Jane in the back praying. So very proud of Jane going back to be ordained. **Jim Leder** - Said he had a job for Bill, not before he retired (conducting his funeral) ouch! **Pat Tiede** – added another \$20 for church on Sunday, for the Hagues, the Quinns, Elinor Stolar, and for the handsome Hague sons! **Elinor Stolar** - So happy for Bill's hospitality and congeniality – grateful for all that the Hagues have been to everyone. **Ben Schlesinger** - Thank you for your spirituality and wonderful closeness to God. **John Beck** and **George Patterson** – Appreciated your friendship. **Richard Ruprecht** – Thanks for your mild manner and how you who bonded with everyone. He remembers when Bill brought his son, Chris, to our club – the first child brought to Kenwood and the Kiwanis meeting. Bill taught me how to be a "Dad"; **Jeanne Smith** – We are all one family – and our thanks to everyone.

**50/50 DRAWING – two winners, Greg Miele and Joe Healy.** There was a big pot, so it was broken into two drawings: the winners were Greg Miele and Joe Healy. A big thanks to our fellow Kiwanian, ROGER HEYMANN, who arranged for the delicious food and wine for the evening and to Jeanne Smith who brought the dessert cakes.

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