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Midyear 2021 Virtual Conference

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Welcome to 2021 Pennsylvania Kiwanis
District Midyear Conference

Opening Session

Governor Don Smith



The **2021 Pennsylvania Midyear Conference** was held virtually out of concern for our members' health and wellbeing. Educational sessions focused on leadership, club strategy, service, fundraising and much more to help Kiwanis clubs remain relevant in our communities now and through the post pandemic world.

All sessions were recorded, and can be accessed at: pakiwanis.org/midyear

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Governor SPOTLIGHT

BY DON SMITH, 2020-21 PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Midyear Conference and District Convention

Time seems to fly by. It was like the holidays were just here and now the Groundhog tells us we have six more weeks of winter! He or she was right. Last year I did not need my snow blower, but this year has made up for the lack of use last year.

Pennsylvania Kiwanis is going strong. By the end of December we added 113 plus new members. In January we added another 60 plus new members. All this with the pandemic remaining far to active.

We were also planning the Midyear conference on February 20. It was all virtual using Zoom. We had a range of Forums with a cast of excellent presenters. I thought it was a fantastic event. You can go on-line at pakiwanis.org/forums and follow the path to see all the Forums presented in their entirety.

- Get your Club Mojo Back
- Make Virtual Meetings Fun and Engaging
- 529 College Savings Program
- Serving your Community during the Pandemic
- Parliamentary Procedure Basics in a Virtual World

- Virtual Fundraising
- There is no strength without Struggle
- Covid-19 Updates

Plus updates on Circle K, Key Club, a Message From International President Art Riley, International Trustee Dave Hurrelbrink, the Reading Convention, Signature Projects update and a closing message from International Trustee Cathy Szymanski. It was a great day!!

Looking forward, we are still awaiting word on the International Convention in Salt Lake City. We are hoping the convention will go on in person. But we are not sure. Our District Convention in Reading is planned for August 19 to the 22. Planning is in process and it looks to be a great time in person.

I hope you are all staying safe and that you can get your Covid-19 shot within the next several months. Spring is coming!!!

Thanks for all you do!

~Governor Don

2021 PA District KIWANIS Virtual Midyear Conference

BY EUGENE "THE GREAT" LAW, Pennsylvania E Kiwanis 2.0

This year's 2021 Pennsylvania Kiwanis Midyear Conference was different compared to previous conferences. It was held virtually on Zoom because of COVID-19 Pandemic. However, it was still a great moment for myself and many Kiwanians to be able come together virtually from the comfort of our home on a Saturday Morning.

Midyear kicked off with 2020-2021 Pennsylvania Kiwanis Governor Don delivering his opening remarks. His opening speech also addressed challenges that clubs and members across the district are facing because of the COVID-19 and how the day's program will help clubs be successful and serving their communities.

Other leaders provided remarks, including 2020-2021 Pennsylvania District Elect Sarah Zulueta, Kiwanis International Trustee Dave Hurrelbrink, 2020-2021 Kiwanis Art Riley, 2020-2021 Pennsylvania Key Club District Governor Ashley Wheeland, and 2020-2021 Pennsylvania District Circle K Governor Derek Nhieu.

Following the opening ceremony, the main session of the conference featured various workshops. There were four rounds of forums. In Round 1-3, the workshops offered to participants were designed to help motivate members with topics including making virtual meeting fun, service ideas, virtual fundraising, and more. They were hosted by Kiwanians from Pennsylvania and other Districts. In Round 4 Group Forum, the presentation featured Kiwanis International General David Kress, who provided tips and advice for clubs and member to volunteer safely and to minimize risks whether clubs are hosting meetings and/or volunteering in communities.

After the workshop forums, attendees had a chance to participate in "Mix and Mingle" open discussion break-out rooms. Participants could go to various breakout rooms including one for general chat and socializing. They could also visit other rooms to continue chatting on topics including leadership, fundraising, etc. It was an awesome opportunity where Kiwanians and friends got to see each other.

At the closing ceremony of conference, a few announcements were made. The upcoming 2021 Pennsylvania



Kiwanis District Convention in Reading and future 2022 Pennsylvania Kiwanis District Convention to be held at Erie were revealed.

Signature Project Winners were also announced.

Tier 1 Winners: 1st Place Kiwanis Club of Jenkintown (Jenkintown Sunset 5K Run); 2nd Place Kiwanis Club of Nittany (Pre K Learning Kits); 3rd Place Kiwanis Club of Media Area (Annual PJ & Winter Accessory Drive).

Tier 2 Winners: 1st Place Kiwanis Club of Wyoming Area (Invest in a Vest); 2nd Place Kiwanis Club of Sheraden, Pittsburgh (KCS Annual Golfing Outing); 3rd Place Kiwanis Club of Emmaus (Emmaus Kiwanis Special Needs Christmas Party).

Finally, Kiwanis International Trustee Cathy Szymanski delivered her powerful speech to close out the conference. Throughout her speech, she frequently told everyone to remain positive whenever anyone is accomplishing their goals or volunteering for their communities—now and into the future.

If anyone missed this Midyear conference, there are various video recordings and powerpoint presentation posted on the Pennsylvania District Kiwanis website.

Overall, this was the best Virtual Midwinter Conference that we enjoyed, and seeing each other on Zoom. The resources everyone learned from the conference will help their clubs and members to be successful.

Lastly on a personal note, everyone are heroes dedicated to volunteering and serving for their communities in making a difference and for the better.

Catching up with the PLGA

BY KELLY KINKAID, President Past Lt. Governors' Assn. & ANN H. MOFFITT, ACFRE, Past Lt. Governor 13 North

Did you know that Kiwanians that formerly served as division lieutenant governors (LTGs) can continue to serve the Pennsylvania District by joining the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Past Lt. Governors' Association (PLGA)? Yup, we have our own association, and the dues are only \$20/year! Our members use their experience (and dues funds) to help further the mission of Kiwanis here in Pennsylvania. Our members help to mentor current LTGs, identify future leaders, promote membership growth, and provide successful district conventions. Through our grant program, we also support the growth and leadership development of our service leadership programs.

Meetings are held annually each August at our PA Kiwanis District Convention. We elect officers (bi-annually) and work on committee projects together. Members also work on projects we develop throughout the year.

In recent years, we've helped with district conventions (credentials registration, Meet the Candidates, First Timers' Welcome and Scavenger Hunt to list a few) and also awarded several grants. These grants have provided financial assistance to clubs that chartered new Service Leadership Programs and to the Pennsylvania Key Leader event. Clubs interested in applying for a grant can download the application from the PLGA page on the [PA District website](#).

We would like to invite all former LTGs to join us and share your knowledge and experience. New members = fresh ideas, creative visions, and renewed enthusiasm! Our membership application can also be downloaded from the PLGA page on the PA District website.

Although the PLGA bi-annual elections could not held in 2020 due to the Covid-19 restrictions, our officers agreed to continue in their positions until elections can be held. The elections are now planned for August 2021 at our annual meeting to be held during the Pennsylvania District Convention. All 2020-21 PLGA members in good standing, are eligible to participate in this election and committee activities. Mark your calendar... the dates for our annual District Convention are August 19-22, 2021, and it will be held at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Reading (virtual options are also being planned).

Past LTGs...if you haven't already, please join us as a new member of the PLGA. You will have fun, make new friends, and keep up to date on statewide activities.

Existing PLGA members: please submit your 2020-21 dues by May 1 to help fund our final round of grants for this Kiwanis year.



PLGA President Kelly Kinkaid and Treasurer Sandy Brackin present a grant to Barb Byers to assist in leadership development for the West Hills AKtion Club



A grant from PLGA helped the Back Mountain Kiwanis Club expand their K-family by chartering K-Kids club to complement their Builders and Key Clubs (above 2 pictures)

Membership Matters!

BY TIFFANY CALLAIO
PA District Membership Chair

The first quarter of 2021 has seen exceptional growth in our Pennsylvania District bringing in a total of 183 new members topping 103 new members in December.

Many clubs took advantage of the Kiwanis International and Pennsylvania District's new member waived fees during the quarter.

In December, the membership team of Matt Wise, Sarah Zulueta and Tiffany Callaio conducted the first session of the Virtual Boost program. Part I saw over 60 new members registered for this session.

The first part of the Boost program allows members to learn how to strengthen their club, create a membership chair/committee, if not already established, and finally members start to prepare for the Boost program.

Even though most of the clubs in the Pennsylvania District have been meeting virtually, participants were still able to interact with one another with breakout rooms.

In January and February, the second and final session of the Virtual Boost program was conducted. Over 80 members register for this workshop. The second session is the heart of the Boost program.

After completing the Boost program, members will now be able to execute a membership drive/open house where, not only bring in new members, but retain members already in

the club.

Members that participated in the boost sessions completed surveys allowing the membership team to make adjustments for future Boost workshops.

If you missed either of the workshops, follow the provided link where you can find the slides and the videos to both sessions at pakiwanis.org/workshops.

Pennsylvania District's objective is to offer more learning opportunities via zoom throughout the rest of the year. Look for additional workshops when posted.

If any member has ideas or suggestions, please email to membership@pakiwanis.org.



KIWANIS CLUB OF State College

BY ERIN ELLINGER



Jerry Wettstone, President of the State College Kiwanis Club and club Secretary Erin Seamans recently presented the club's \$5,000 check to Centre Volunteers in Medicine Director Cheryl White for CV IM's "Give Kids A Smile" dental program. This check brings the club's total aide to \$45,000 in the past nine years.



State College Kiwanis Club partnered with Park Forest Middle School TSA Club students who collected 1,200 cans with carts provided by Weis Markets for State College Food Bank . State College Kiwanis Club & PFMS connected with a local business, Sweet Frog who provided students with a coupon for a free frozen yogurt thanking them for the support to State College Food Bank. Photo above shows Jeff Seamans, Vice President of SC Kiwanis Club & three PFMS students.

KIWANIS CLUB OF Phil-Mont

BY KATHY MCDONOUGH

Phil-Mont Kiwanis is a relatively small but deeply dedicated group of men and women doing their best to keep up with Service. When COVID took a devastating hold on our in-house participatory fundraising events such as Pancake Breakfasts, Spaghetti Dinners, Community Car Show, and even our bi-monthly meeting meet and greet to name but a few, it caused the question to arise...could we continue to make a significant difference. In true Phil-Mont fashion we agreed with a resounding YES...we could and more importantly WOULD continue to make a difference.

Though it may seem on the surface as all that was involved was the distribution of money, it has impacted the lives of many in our neighboring community. Here are but a few of the stories of those whose life has been impacted:

There was a young seriously ill 22 year old man whose name was passed on to us. He was hospitalized for several weeks with COVID. Due to complications he was hospitalized a second time. There was financial hardship in the family and this young man was in need of money for medicines, medical supplies and exercise equipment to bolster his strength. In addition to our donation the community stepped up.

A young 4 year old girl with a brain tumor had an unexpected smile brought to her face when a small donation of toys and clothes were dropped off at her door.

A local police officer was in a severe accident several months ago on his way home from work. He comes home every night to take care of his 2 very young children. His young wife has a debilitating disease. With the help of supportive family and friends they maintain a semblance of normalcy. When we asked his Mom what was needed, she humbly replied with one word...Prayers! Again, sending a small monetary donation might not seem like a lot but as the saying goes, every little bit helps.

Our annual Christmas Basket assembly was unable to take place but that did not prohibit us from partnering with the nearby family owned supermarket to purchase eight gift cards to allow several in need purchase meal essentials for their family.

One Phil-Mont member recognized the need to go beyond the immediate neighboring backyard community and encouraged we make a donation to PHILABUNDANCE, which meets the needs of a day care.

While our on-the-street Peanut Day solicitation was not possible it did not prohibit the endeavors of several diligent members to continue with a successful letter writing campaign that netted in generous donations.

Last but not least...two college students still reap the benefits of the Walter Gimbel Book Scholarship, which allocates them money for their text books the four years they are an undergraduate. A dinner is hosted for these deserving students each year at which not only do they explain their academic success but equally as important, their Service achievements.



Walter Gimbel Book Scholarship recipients Kiara DeVore and Matthew Guy

So...are we currently actively "doing" SERVICE...NO!! Are we still reaching out and serving the needs of others... DEFINITELY YES!! At the end of the day, Acts of Giving come from the heart...we have touched and will continue to touch a multitude of Religions, Nationalities, and Ethnicities. We continue to make a difference one small step at a time. We are proud and humbled to be identified as Phil-Mont Kiwanians. As Saint Mother Theresa said, "We can do no great things...only small things with GREAT LOVE"!

KIWANIS CLUB OF Carlisle

SUBMITTED BY BARRIE ANN MCBRIDE GEORGE

Each year the Carlisle Kiwanis Club facilitates a “Warm the Children” program to serve local children in need. The club relies solely on donations from the community to purchase clothing and the club covers all administrative expenses. The local newspaper, *The Sentinel*, provides free advertising for the program which describes the need and how to contribute. The Carlisle Kiwanis Club does no other outreach or fundraising for donations other than the ads in the newspaper and word of mouth.

The club works closely with local social service agencies and schools to receive referrals of children in need of new winter clothing, and this year those agencies stepped up due to COVID-19! Normally, each family would be assigned to a volunteer to shop together for clothing at the local Wal-Mart, allotting each child in the family \$80, but this year proved to be a challenge thanks to the pandemic. The volunteer shoppers have certainly missed interacting with the families and children but the health and safety of everyone came first.

The program switched gears and went 100% virtual, moving to shopping on-line at Target. Each family created a wish registry and then the referral agencies were provided the funds, using gift cards, to shop for the families and fulfill those wishes.



WARM THE CHILDREN

Providing New Winter Clothing for Local Children in Need

The Club was concerned at the beginning of the season that donations would not come in, but the community quickly proved everyone wrong! Over \$35,000 was contributed thanks to generous donors which enabled the *Warm the Children* program to help 361 children.

The reason that not all the funds were spent in the 2020 season is that the Club holds a modest amount to start the program next year as shopping begins in late October, and often contributions do not begin to roll in until the giving season begins in late November. Annually the number of children referred to the program has increased year to year.

The Carlisle Kiwanis Club is so fortunate to have the support of the community and the hardworking co-coordinators, Club members Brooke Butler, Jessica Poe, and Barrie Ann George. The hours spent tracking donations, sending out acknowledgments, working with the social service agencies, and coordinating with families is a very labor-intensive project, but the members of the Carlisle Kiwanis Club feel so blessed to be a part of an amazing program that extends its reach far and wide to make such a positive impact.

KIWANIS CLUB OF Fort LeBoeuf

BY VALERIE ROSE

Like most clubs, Fort LeBoeuf has had to make big changes in our activities and service to the community. In January, we held our first Snowman Day for families in our community. Although we had to postpone the event one week because of the weather conditions, we were able to have a successful day in a local park on the main street in Waterford. Approximately 50 participants spent the afternoon constructing their snowmen, sipping hot chocolate, and making pine cone bird feeders. Kiwanians awarded prizes to the "Best Artistic Design" "Best Classic Design", and "Most Original Design" categories. All other participants received local restaurant gift cards. All agreed that this was a successful event that will be repeated next year.





Aktion Club Corner

BY BARB BYERS, Aktion Club Co-Administrator

- CONGRATS to the State College Aktion Club for being awarded Honor Club for 2019-2020!! PA is VERY proud of you and all you do!
- SOME IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:
 - March 1-5: Aktion Club Week
 - April 10, 2021 (10a- Noon) Quarterly Aktion Club Virtual meeting on Zoom
 - July 10, 2021 (10a- Noon) Quarterly Aktion Club Virtual meeting on Zoom
 - August 7, 2021 – 25th Aktion Club DCON

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS *Now Available*

- KIWANIAN DEPENDENT CHILD SCHOLARSHIP
- KEY CLUB SCHOLARSHIPS
- CIRCLE K SCHOLARSHIP
- NEIMAN ENDOWED GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

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KIWANIS CLUB OF ALLENTOWN

SUBMITTED BY ENOS AND SUSAN MARTIN

In August 2020, the Kiwanis International Children’s Fund awarded a \$2,000 grant to the Kiwanis Club of Allentown from an application submitted in May 2020 to request support during the COVID-19 crisis for the students at the Raub Middle School (Allentown, PA, School District) and their families.

The Kiwanis Club of Allentown has partnered with the Raub Middle School administration over the past four years to support various programs within the school. This partnership initially was established when the Club chartered the Raub Middle School Builder’s Club.

The school population has been severely impacted during the COVID-19 crisis since the school has been closed to the students. Since most of the students would receive at least two meals per day at the school (breakfast and lunch) during the school year, the closing of the school has created challenges to providing meals to these students. The school district established a food pantry and food distribution program named “Grab & Go Meals” for the students and their families.

The club used the Children’s Fund grant program to assist the school in obtaining significant quantities of food by partnering with Weis Markets who offered to help leverage the grant funds by providing special discounts on various items.

The grant project was completed in two phases. Phase 1 provided a complete Thanksgiving meal for 10 extremely needy families in the school district. Phase 2 consisted of restocking the school’s food pantry in support of the “Grab & Go Meals” program. Weis Markets provided 80 cases of food. According to the school administration, these items ensured that the school’s pantry would be stocked to provide

Members of the Allentown Kiwanis Club are shown with supplies for the Raub Food Pantry.



Members are shown sorting supplies for the Thanksgiving meals.



food items through the winter months for approximately 35 families and 80 children. The Kiwanis Club of Allentown greatly appreciates the partnership with Weis Markets to enable the purchase of this food at a discounted value. The Club was able to provide a significant amount of additional food because of their generosity.

Through the grant provided by the Children’s Fund, the club has been able to make a significant impact on these families during this prolonged pandemic. During the Spanish Flu pandemic in 1918, the Kiwanis Club of Allentown led the effort to establish a Temporary Protective Home for convalescent children and children whose parents were ill with influenza. The Club takes great satisfaction in being able to have made and to make these significant contributions during both pandemics.

2020-21 Kiwanis District Calendar of Events (as of 02/26/2021 - subject to change)

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
April 10, 2021	Aktion Club Meeting	Virtual/Zoom (D)
April 17, 2021	District Board of Trustees Meeting	Virtual/Zoom
April 23-25, 2021	Key Leader Conference	CANCELED
June 23-June 26, 2021	Kiwanis International Convention	In-Person/Virtual
July 10, 2021	Aktion Club Meeting	Virtual/Zoom (D)
July 17, 2021	District Board of Trustees Meeting	To Be Determined
August 6-8, 2021	25th Aktion Club Convention	Laurel Lodge, Altoona, PA
August 19-22, 2021	104 th Kiwanis District Convention	Crowne Plaza Hotel, Reading, PA

KIWANIS CLUB OF Lock Haven

BY JEFF BAYLIFF, Vice President and
BOB ROLLEY, Past President

Lee Phillips was known as a modest community servant. He was a wonderfully friendly man of faith and loyalty to his community and his friends. Lee was a veteran who drove tank in U.S. Gen. George S. Patton Jr.'s Seventh Army in the France and Germany during World War II.

Lee Phillips died in April 2020 leaving the Clinton County Community Foundation Inc. \$3,233,717 and \$359,300 to the Shriner's Children's Hospital, said Robert Lugg, who also is a foundation steward, foundation board member and a Past President of the Lock Haven Kiwanis.

He was the club's longest standing member, about 63 years, at his death. He rarely missed a meeting in all of those years. The club has established an annual award in his honor.

The club formed a committee of members Div. 12N Lt. Gov. and Past President Conrad Schlesinger, Past President Lisa Bangson, Past President Beth Ricardo, Past Kiwanis Board member Wayne Allison and Past President Bob Rolley to establish the award.



Lee Phillips during WWII and in a more recent photo.



The award recipient must belong to, be affiliated with or be a member of a civic, charitable, business, volunteer, service, fraternal or any organization in Clinton County whose mission is the betterment and/or safety of the community. And/or the recipient is an individual who reflects Lee Phillips' character as a modest, unsung hero and positive role model who is generally not in the public eye and whose contributions mostly go unrecognized by the public.

Major Fundraiser Adapted due to the Pandemic

Our club has held two major fund-raising dinners for many years. Everything worked well for these dine-in fund-raising events until early 2020 when COVID hit, canceling the April 2020 spaghetti dinner.

The club's board decided to hold the October dinner,

however, it would be a drive-through or "grab & go" version. The club members were pleasantly surprised at the end of the day when it was determined that we sold approximately 625 "grab & go" dinners which is about the same number of dine-in and take-out dinners of previous years.

Keystone Kiwanian Submissions

When submitting emails with photographs and articles, please include your club name in both the email subject line as well as in the name of the attached photo and article. Placing your club name in the actual name of the attached image or article will prevent errors in attribution. Also, please **include the name and title for the person submitting the article** in case I have any questions. THANK YOU!

Be sure all images are sent as individual jpg photographs at the largest size possible. Please **do not** embed them in a Word document or send as a pdf.

I will try to include as many photographs as possible; however, I often limit this to two photos in order to be fair to all clubs. If space allows, I will use more photos.

The editor assumes that you have obtained all appropriate permission to use the photographs that you submit.

If an article is submitted that was originally published in your local newspaper, I will attribute it to that newspaper, but may need to edit it for space. I also assume that you have obtained permission from the publication to re-run that article.

Deadlines appear on page 2.

IN MEMORY

Robert "Bob" Bagans

BY KEVIN E. THOMAS, District Executive Director

With sadness and a heavy heart, I must inform you that Bob Bagans passed away last evening at about 8:00PM. He passed after complications from cancer treatment. The cancer had been diagnosed only a few weeks ago. Bob had turned 78 on February 1st.

Bob was a 51-year Kiwanian and served the Kiwanis Club of Sewickley as President many, many times. But his real passion in Kiwanis was Key Club. Bob served as Key Club District Administrator from June 20, 1986 until March 31, 2012. He was the longest serving Key Club Administrator in the history of the Pennsylvania District.

Bob influenced and guided so many young leaders during his tenure. His approach and wisdom brought out the best in so many of those that served in Key Club Board positions. The connection he made to these former Key Clubbers was seen recently when so many of them rallied for the "card party" that was organized on his behalf. Bob was revered and loved. His legacy is vast and will go on for many years. Bob made a difference.

Bob was, also, revered and loved in the community of Sewickley. Until age kept him from doing so, he was a driver for the Sewickley Fire Department and drove the fire truck to many, many emergencies and fires. The Sewickley fire department is planning and conducting his funeral.

Bob has no immediate family as they all preceded him in death. But Bob had so many friends. Everywhere. And perhaps that is the greatest thing I can say about him. He was loved and admired by so many Kiwanians and people in the Sewickley community.

Bob and I have been friends since 1986. He joined the Kiwanis Committee on Key Club when I was Key Club

District Administrator. He succeeded me as Administrator when I became District Secretary. He and I developed a great friendship and partnership over the 26+ years he was administrator. We shared many trips, meals and experiences. Some were bad and but most were good and it is the good that remains with you. He was at my wedding and watched my children grow up. My daughter, Megan, served as a Lt. Governor while he was Administrator.

The World has so many so-called heroes today but in my book and in the book of some many he served, Bob Bagans is a hero, a true servant leader. The World is a little darker today but Heaven is a little brighter. I am sure that at about 8:00PM last night, he heard "well done, well done my good and loyal servant."

As a final tribute to my Kiwanis friend, I offer the following:

Dirge Without Music by Edna St. Vincent

I am not resigned to the shutting away of loving hearts in the hard ground.

So it is, and so it will be, for so it has been, time out of mind:
Into the darkness they go, the wise and the lovely. Crowned
With lilies and with laurel they go; but I am not resigned.

Lovers and thinkers, into the earth with you.
Be one with the dull, the indiscriminate dust.
A fragment of what you felt, of what you knew,
A formula, a phrase remains,—but the best is lost.

The answers quick and keen, the honest look, the laughter, the love,—
They are gone. They are gone to feed the roses. Elegant and curled
Is the blossom. Fragrant is the blossom. I know. But I do not approve.
More precious was the light in your eyes than all the roses in the world.

Down, down, down into the darkness of the grave
Gently they go, the beautiful, the tender, the kind;
Quietly they go, the intelligent, the witty, the brave.
I know. But I do not approve. And I am not resigned.

Marvin Staiman

On January 17, 2021, the Kiwanis Club of Williamsport lost its longest active member, Marvin Staiman, 93. On February 6 the Club celebrated his Legion of Honor—60 years of membership. We will miss his place at our weekly meeting table always bringing us up to date on new grandchildren and great grandchildren. His generosity is well known within the Williamsport community.

From the Jan 23 issue of *Williamsport Sun-Gazette*:
Marv's chair was always surrounded by the six newspapers

he read daily. He was renowned for sending hundreds of people articles about themselves or items they might find of interest. It was hard to buy gifts for Marv because outside of his aquarium, his life was totally dedicated to service to his community, his faith, and to people in need. His guiding principle was "give back to the community," and he judged all business people by that standard. He was a kind, gentle compassionate, humble man who was philanthropic and generous.

KIWANIS CLUB OF Swoyersville

BY KATHLEEN BREZNAY, President

New Year but Old Program We are very happy to once again work with our Police Department and continue our Comfort Bear Program. Each police vehicle has a supply of bears to help the officer when on a call involving children. We found that through a difficult time these soft and cuddly bears help to calm the child which in turn helps to make the officers job a bit easier. This program has been going on for a number of years and has always proven to be a great success.

Helping a Little at a Time his time we are happy to assist our Police Department by purchasing two body armor vests. These vests offer added protection for our officers during a difficult or dangerous encounter. They work so hard to keep us safe we thought we would just return the favor.

Memorial Breakfast/Mass Treasurer Shirley Gavlick was asked to light a candle in memory of all our members who are no longer with us but are always in our hearts. Treasurer Ed Grebeck lite a candle for all the wonderful Kiwanians who give of themselves to help others. Lastly Secretary Sandi Williams Urzen was asked to light a candle for all those who are going through a difficult time due to Covid-19 and to thank all our essential workers who work so hard to help us though this pandemic.

Our speakers were Jenna and Jason Derr who represented the the VHL Alliance, which is dedicated to research, education, diagnosis, treatment and assisting patients with their quality of life when diagnosed with VHL. A Memorial Mass followed breakfast.

Ring Tab for Ronald McDonald House Our support for the Ronald McDonald House in Scranton is still going strong. Next year we are able to have a monetary donation in our budget and we will be adding a little more with our RING TAB collection. We will be presenting our donation (thanks to our community support) along with containers filled with ring tabs so they can also be turned in for funds to support their work.

Honoring Our Heroes Banners I

The Swoyersville club is in its final year of the Honoring Our Heroes Banner Program. The hero banner are displayed throughout Swoyersville each year from Memorial Day through Veteran's Day. For the past two years, a total of 120 banners were on display. The club is hoping to add to that number this year.

The two-sided banners are red and blue with American Flag details. They feature a black and white photo of a hero, living or deceased, along with information on their position and dates of serving our country.



Club President Kathy Breznay, Sgt. Josh Wolinsky, Club Treasurers Shirley Gavlick and Ed Grebeck.



KIWANIS CLUB OF Bald Eagle & Nittany Valleys

BY DAVID SHICKEL

The Kiwanis Club of Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys (BENV) recently delivered five birthday baskets to the Lock Haven Infant Development Program as part of the club's ongoing project to provide some birthday cheer to youngsters in the program who are having birthdays in coming months. Each basket contains a book, puzzle, coloring books and crayons, paper plate crafts, a couple of snacks, and an individual/mug cake with candles. All the items are gift wrapped for the children to open for their birthday. The baskets were prepared by club member Jodi Treas who said "I really enjoyed doing up the baskets, and I'm grateful to be able to continue this service project for the club!" The club plans to make 25 more baskets for the 2020-2021 school year. Club members are also looking forward to the time hopefully in the near future when they will be able to visit IDP in person to resume reading to the students.



Above: Birthday baskets for IDP students prepared by Kiwanis of BENV member Jodi Treas

Left: A youngster at Lock Haven IDP cheerfully displays his birthday basket from Kiwanis of BENV

KIWANIS CLUB OF THE Stroudsburgs

BY STEVE GANDLEY

Like everyone else, our fundraising efforts during 2020 were severely limited as we had to cancel Pancake Day, our signature fundraising event. Nonetheless, we were able to serve the children of the world and members of our community in the following manner:

- We donated \$1,500 to the Thirst Project for a project championed by one of our members to drill a fresh water well in the village of Maplotin/Lavumisa in Swaziland with a population of 567 people.
- We provided 250 meals at a cost of \$2,000 for essential medical workers at Lehigh Valley Hospital in East Stroudsburg.
- We donated \$1,000 to VALOR Clinic Foundation which supports approximately 300 local veteran families.
- While we operate a backpack program throughout the year providing food to 13 families including 42 children, we had a special drive during the week of Kiwanis Day to amass a variety of food for this program.
- In partnership with the Kiwanis Daybreak Club, we provided 40 Thanksgiving dinner baskets to needy families of our community.
- On December 5th, we rang the bell on behalf of our local Salvation Army outside of Walmart and collected \$27,363.15, - \$1,000 of which was a donation from by club. Additionally, a member of our community offered to match whatever we collected so the total was actually \$54,726.30!!!
- We provided 16 Christmas dinner baskets to needy families of our community.
- We helped "Angels For Aged" in providing holiday gifts for 50 residents of Monroe County and 45 members of Carbon County residing in nursing homes.
- We supported the Operation Christmas Child Project of Samaritan's Purse by donating several shoe boxes filled with gifts to be delivered to girls and boys all over the world. Although I don't know the exact # of boxes donated by our club, over 9,000 boxes were collected within our community.





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