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Meetings: Kiwanis-Tuesday 7:15a.m.at The Wilderness Restaurant, 181 Main Street, Colebrook, NH 03576
Board Meetings - Last Monday of the month at 7:00PM - Monadnock Village Community Room
Key Club: Canaan-Wed. at 7:30AM, Colebrook - Wed. at 7:00PM, Pittsburg - every other Wed. at 1:50PM. Builders Club: Canaan Wed. at 7:30AM, Errol - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays at 12:30PM

Guests: Potential Members: Chuck Baldwin and Alma Neary. CMHS Key Club Co-Advisor Melissa Gray.
Key Club Members - Rebecca, Jasmine and Casey.
Colebrook -. Secretary Lexi, Treasurer Natalie, Clorese, Eric and Jesse.

Just What is KPTI?

For the past couple of weeks we have heard our Key Club members talking about going to the KPTI Open House. New members, including myself, have no ideal what KPTI might.

Approximately 29 years ago Henry Gerrish, Hap Gerrish and Dave Lockwood were discussing what might be a good major project for the New England District. Their brainstorming has become a model for pediatric trauma research and prevention.

KPTI (Kiwaniis Pediatric Trauma Institute) does not pay for the treatment of pediatric trauma patients. KPTI, the first institute of its kind worldwide, focuses specifically on research for the treatment and prevention of pediatric trauma. The Institute also works with companies manufacturing children's safety equipment or pediatric trauma equipment for hospitals and ambulances.

KPTI's programs include the Bike Rodeos and B.E.L.T.S. B.E.L.T.S. is sponsored and taught by New England Circle K members to second graders learning about car safety. "Keyclubby", a teddy bear, is sponsored by New England Key Clubs. The bears are given to pediatric trauma patients in New England hospitals and trauma centers. Another important program offered by Institute is the Pediatric Emergency Management Pocket Card. The card provides age specific information about drug dosages, treatment and special equipment needed to treat pediatric trauma patients. This information is given to hospitals and EMT's throughout New England.

Also available are educational series for EMT's and parents alike. Monthly lectures on topics ranging from Orthopedic Injuries to Nutritional Support for Trauma Patients are offered. Anyone wishing to attend lectures may do so by simply registering with KPTI. Special courses for EMT's on pediatric trauma treatment are regularly taught as well.

The Hap Gerrish Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Registry was established 3 years ago. The worldwide internet-based registry is accessible to hospitals, researchers, doctors, pediatricians or anyone needing information on pediatric trauma.

KPTI holds a yearly Open House. For more information about KPTI, the Open House, lectures can click on the following links:

General information or to register for lectures: www.kpti.org

Hap Gerrish Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma registry: www.hapkids.org

Correction

A correction to last weeks article about *Santa comes to Town*. Linda and Judy are Co-Chairmen of the *Santa Comes to Town Committee*. Linda is the person responsible for contacting and keeping in touch with the Christmas Tree Shop headquarters. Thanks for the terrific job you ladies have done this year.

Interclubs

An interclub is planned to the Berlin Kiwanis weekly meeting on December 8th. The meeting will be held at Sinibaldi's Restaurant in Gorham at 6:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Sonja at 482-3442. Plan to leave Colebrook Carpet Center by 5:00 p.m.

Santa Comes to Town

Co-Chairman Judy says that everything is in place for *Santa Comes to Town*. The Key Clubs from Colebrook and Canaan will be helping out with various activities. Mr. and Mrs. Claus have let everyone know that they will be on the scene! People volunteering for set-up should plan on arriving by 11:00 a.m. Please bring in cookies in at this time. Anyone who has volunteered for clean up should arrive before 3:00 p.m.

Tree of Love

Bob Moore started the Tree of Love, located in from the Colebrook Library, in the 1980's. People making a donation to Kiwanis could change a bulb in memory of a loved one. Sin the Tree of Love first began, other towns have followed suit with trees of their own. There are now trees I Pittsburg, Canaan and North Stratford.

Ads will be placed in the News & Sentinel. Donations can be made to Marie Smith and Rosemary Mulliken at First Colebrook Bank. There will be a tree lighting service on Saturday, December 19th. Let's have a strong showing at the service.

Nov. 30th Board Meeting Minutes

Attending the meeting were guests Lt. Governor Judy, Fundraising Committee Chairman Mike G., Clayton H. and Bruce K.

>The Board accepted Linda R. request for a 6-8 week leave of absence.

>A 6-month leave of absence for Laraine Day. Was approved.

>The following projects and fundraiser were approved by the Board: Santa Comes to Town, CCHN Christmas Party, The Community Tree, The Mitten Tree, The Tree of Love and The Super Bowl Grid Fundraiser.

Fundraising Chairman Mike G. also brought up the 2010 July 4th celebration. While continuing the parade, Fishing Derby and BBQ, the Fundraising Committee has recommended the Kiwanis no longer fund the fireworks. Estimated costs for 2010 are over \$4,000. Board members voted to discontinue the fireworks. A motion was made and seconded to bring the motion before the membership at the Dec. 1st weekly meeting.

Fireworks!!

Since the 1980's, the Kiwanis has funded the July 4th celebration in Colebrook. Kiwanis began funding the celebration shortly before the Jaycees were disbanded. Selling tickets during the parade or just prior to the fireworks display previously funded the cost of the fireworks. During the past few years, ticket sales have been discontinued due to lack of volunteers to sell tickets.

After much consideration and debate, the Fundraising Committee has recommended that Kiwanis no longer fund the fireworks display. Colebrook Kiwanis has an annual fundraising budget of \$41,250 for the many projects it supports. Chairman Mike stated: "We have a \$5,250 deficit in our fundraising budget. Estimated costs for the fireworks in 2010 are approximately \$4,000. This would bring our total deficit to \$9,250. Local businesses are already strapped for donations by other charities and fundraising committees."

In past years, the Town of Colebrook has voted to donate \$3,000 toward the purchase of fireworks. At the 2009 Town Meeting, Colebrook voters opted to donate \$1,000, 1/3 of the usual donation. Although offset by a \$750 donation from the Town of Columbia, this left Kiwanis needing to raise \$2,250 to purchase fireworks. In today's economy, this is no small amount.

Those in favor of continuing to fund the fireworks state "the fireworks are an important part of July 4th." Nick J. stated; "July 4th and the fireworks are a recognition of the nation, our independence and of the serving in the armed services."

Member Pat B. spoke about the Kiwanis primary mission. "Our primary mission is children. The funds could be put to better use. Projects benefiting children are what Kiwanis is known for."

One project that might benefit from this decision is the Key Leader program. More Key Club members might be able to attend Key Leader functions. Stephen B. commented; "\$4,000 would send 15 more Key Club members to Key Leader. These kids are our future. It's why I joined Kiwanis."

Members wishing to voice their opinions for or against discontinuing funding the fireworks should plan to attend the Dec. 8th Kiwanis meeting. The motion to discontinue funding fireworks will be voted on during this meeting

Upcoming Events

December 5, 2009	Decorating the Tree of Love
December 6, 2009	Santa Comes To Town - Colebrook Gymnasium
December 8, 2009	Weekly meeting. 7:15 a.m. at the Wilderness Restaurant. Interclub to Berlin Kiwanis. Leaving from Colebrook Carpet Center at 5:00 p.m.
December 15, 2009	Weekly meeting. 7:15 a.m. at the Wilderness Restaurant.
December 17, 2009	Nursing Home Christmas Party - 1:30 p.m.
December 22, 2009	Weekly meeting. 7:15 a.m. at the Wilderness Restaurant.
December 28, 2009	Board Meeting. Monadnock Village Community Room at 7:00.
December 29, 2009	Weekly meeting. 7:15 a.m. at the Wilderness Restaurant.
February	Winter Carnival - to be announced! Snow-Bocce Tournament - to be announced!
February 20, 2010	Interclub to Kiwanis/Monarchs Night. More info to follow
March 5-7, 2010	Mid-Winter Training Conference - Crowne Plaza, Worcester MA
June 24-27, 2010	95 th Kiwanis International Convention - Las Vegas NE
July 4, 2010	July 4 th Parade. More information to follow.
July 7-10, 2011	96 th Kiwanis International Convention - Geneva, Switzerland
July 27-July 1, 2012	97 th Kiwanis International Convention - New Orleans
June 26-30, 2013	98 th Kiwanis International Convention - Vancouver, BC

November Anniversaries

Clayton & Michelle H Dec 24th

November Inductions

Donald Dickson (Charter) 32 years

December Inductions

Sonja Sheldon 16 years
Joe Anderson 10 years
Lindy Falconer 8 years
Wayne Urso 8 years
Sarah Cummings 4 years

Kiwanis Links

Colebrook Kiwanis: www.colebrook-kiwanis.org

Kiwanis International: www.kiwnais.org

Kiwanis New England District: www.homestead.com/newenglandkiwanis

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