



Colebrook Kiwanian



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Officers: President - Brad Brooks, Pres. Elect - Vito Rella, Vice-Pres. - Jim Lee, Treasurer - Gaetane Boire, Secretary - Tom Gwinn. Board Members: Stephen Brooks, Sarah Cummings, Angele Hall, and Louise McCleery. Editor - Mary-Ann Gilbert, Photographer - Sarah Cummings

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.
Key Club Members: Canaan - Rebecca and Jasmine.
Colebrook -. President Amy, Vice President Katelyn, Clorese and Eric.

The Mitten Tree

The Mitten Tree has been a Colebrook highlight since the early 1980's. Kiwanian Frank Owen started the Mitten Tree as a project to help area children keep warm throughout the winter months. Early in the project Earl B. started working with Frank. For the past 10 years Earl has chaired the project as well as going to the local schools to deliver the mittens.

The Mitten Tree serves schools in Errol, Colebrook, Canaan, Pittsburg, and West Stewartstown. Earl goes to each school and meets with the school nurse for an estimate of the number of pairs needed.

Mittens are donated by: local knitters, a knitting group called the Old Crows, and Earl's past co-workers. Earl chuckled as he said, "Some of these knitters can knit up to 1½ pairs of mittens a day!" Earl collects 3-4 large boxes of mittens for the tree each year.

The knitters from the Old Crows are males, females, and are of all ages. *The Old Crows* send mittens to Concord/Manchester area charities, baby blankets for *Colebrook Helping Hands* as well as hats, mittens, and lap blankets for servicemen stationed overseas.

A tree, donated by Kiwanian Ed Lewis for the past 2 years, is set-up at the Colebrook Post Office and decorated by Earl and his son. Mittens are placed on the tree for anyone who needs them. Earl states, "When we first started out, it seemed like we had more mittens put on the tree than were taken off."

Earl hopes that some of the new members will start working with him on *The Mitten Tree*. Anyone wishing to become involved with this great project should contact Earl at 802-277-5706. This is an important community project. Let's get Earl the help he needs to keep *The Mitten Tree* going!

St. Johnsbury Thanksgiving Party

Seven members of Colebrook Kiwanis and guest Edie Gwinn went to the Thanksgiving Party given by the St. Johnsbury Kiwanis. An excellent meal was served and door prizes were given out. The folks from Colebrook won four of the 12 door prizes.



Boy they grow them big in St. J!

More From the Thanksgiving Party



Parade of Lights

Berlin will hold its Annual Parade of Lights on November 27th at 6:00p.m. Berlin Kiwanians will have a float entered in the parade. Any Colebrook Kiwanians wishing to attend, making this an interclub, should contact Sonja at 482-3443.

Dues

Dues for 2009-2010 are due. Please contact Gaetane or Tom to pay your dues.

Community Christmas Dinner

The Community Christmas Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 24th at the Colebrook Country Club. A traditional Christmas dinner with all of the fixings will be served starting at 1:00 p.m. Anyone wishing to help should call Clayton at 237-5556. The Colebrook Country Club sponsors this event.

Colebrook Kiwanis Receives Award

As a representative of Northern Human Services, Kiwanian Tonya Labreque presented us with an award for being a sponsor of the 38th Annual Vershire Golf Tournament. This award consisted of a certificate and a candy dispenser made by local artisans.

This tournament is held at the Colebrook Country Club each year. Proceeds from the tournament help fund activities at the Vershire Center.

Fall Training Conference

Four members from Colebrook attended the Fall Training Conference in Conway this past weekend. Lt. Governor Judy attended trainings on KPTI and Technology. Knowing Judy's computer skills, or lack of computer skills, this probably wasn't her best choice. But then again she needs all the help she can get.

President Brad attended CLE training. While at the luncheon, Brad struck up a conversation with New England District *The Yankee* Editor Becky. Brad had no clue that Becky is a member of Canaan Key Club and has been the editor of *The Yankee* for two years!

Santa Comes To Town

Chairman Judy reports that everything is in place for *Santa Comes to Town*. *Santa Comes to Town* will be held on Sunday, December 6th at the Colebrook Gymnasium. All of our local Key Clubs help us with this event.

Community Christmas Tree

Members Joe, Donald, and Brad met this past weekend to check the lights for the Community Tree. Joe says that he hopes to have the lights on the bottom half of the tree by this weekend. Woody Crawford of NH Electric Co-op will hang the lights on the upper part of the tree.

A Thank You

Energy Expo co-coordinator Judy Moran sent a thank you to the club for the Food Booth.

Thanks to Colebrook Key Club Members

We would like to thank the Colebrook Key Club for taking care of the meeting duties for the month of November. These great kids came in early every week to make sure that all duties were covered. Thanks again for the great job!

Upcoming Events

November 30, 2009	Board Meeting - 7:00p.m. at the Monadnock Village Community Room.
December 1, 2009	Weekly meeting - 7:15 a.m. at the Wilderness Restaurant.
December 2, 2009	Fund Raising Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m. at the Colebrook Country Club
December 6, 2009	Santa Comes To Town - Colebrook Gymnasium
December 8, 2009	Weekly meeting - 7:15 a.m. at the Wilderness Restaurant.
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 p.m.
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 Birthdays

Mike Godzyk	November 12
Vito Rella	November 17
Jim Smith	November 21

Induction Anniversaries

Brad Brooks (Charter)	32 years
Neil Couture (Charter)	32 years
Johns Forbes (Charter)	32 Years
Mike Godzyk (Charter)	32 years
Laraine Day	3 years
Louise McCleary	3 years

Kiwanis Links

Colebrook Kiwanis: www.colebrook-kiwanis.org
Kiwanis International: www.kiwnais.org
Kiwanis New England District: www.homestead.com/newenglandkiwanis

For copies of pictures in the newsletter please contact Sarah at 237-4108 or sarahcummings@gaw.com

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!