



# Colebrook Kiwanian



*Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.*

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**Officers:** President - Vito Rella, Pres. Elect - Jim Lee, Vice-President - Judy Houghton, Treasurer - Gaetane Boire, Secretary - Tom Gwinn. Board Members: Pat Beauregard, Stephen Brooks, Sarah Cummings, MaryAnn Gilbert and Tonya Labrecque. Editor - MaryAnn 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  
FOUNDATION BOARD MEETINGS - Directly following the monthly Board meeting.  
KEY CLUB: Canaan-Wed. at 7:30AM, Colebrook - Wed. at 7:00PM, Pittsburg - every other Wednesday At 1:30 P.M.  
BUILDERS CLUB: Canaan Wed. at 7:30AM, Errol - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 12:30PM

**Guests:** Guests: Potential Member Kat Placey

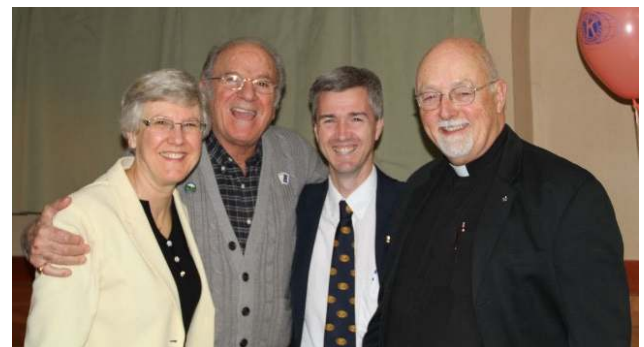
**Key Club:** Canaan: Lt. Governor Rebecca, Vice President Jasmine, Ally, and Jocelyn.  
Colebrook: President Sebastian, Secretary Clorese, Bulletin Editor Morgan, Co-Scrapbook Editor Chantal, Hours Keeper Bonnie, Sergeant-at-Arms Jesse, Interclub Chair Cody, Ethan, Arianna, and Christian,

**Builders Club:** Canaan: President Merrick and Vice President Noah.

## St. Johnsbury Kiwanis Celebrates 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday

Kiwanians from Division 8 enjoyed an afternoon of remembrance, commeraderie and a visit from NE District Governor Ron Sanville. Nine members of the Colebrook Kiwanis and two guests attended the festivities on Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Governor Ron talked about his emphasis for the upcoming year: Back to Basics - Rekindle the Flame.



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### **Santa Comes to Town**

Santa will be coming to the North Country on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Committee Chairman Judy reports that things are going well. The gifts have been purchased from the Christmas Tree Shoppe and should be in North Conway soon.

Judy has asked that any members attending the Fall Conference on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> or Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup> please stop at the store and bring some of the supplies for the stockings home. This will save her from having to make an extra trip to pick everything up. Please contact Judy if you are able to assist her in this.

### **CCNH Christmas Party**

Christmas Party Co-Chairs Beth H. and MaryAnn G. reported that a date has been set for the Coos County Nursing Home Christmas Party. The party will be held on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:00 PM. Members wishing to donate cookies, bars and other goodies may bring them in to the Tuesday meeting.

Roland C. offered to check with IPP Brad and Carolyn about music for the event.

## ***Thanksgiving***

At this time of year we think more of what we are thankful for. Friends, family, freedom, our Lord, food, home, heat, health, talents, jobs . . . . The list goes on and on. The things we tend to take for granted all through the year, for some reason come to the forefront at this time of year.

Since that first Thanksgiving in October 1621, when they celebrated the bounty of the harvest, lots of things have changed. Many of us don't harvest our own foods. But without the farmers who do we'd be very hungry. We are thankful for the farmers whose patience and stick-to-itiveness provide us with fresh foods.

With all the devastation all over the world - hurricanes, tsunamis, people fighting amongst themselves everywhere, earthquakes and more - all of us wish we could do more to help those in need.

Each week we hear more and more names being added to prayer lists because of cancer, injuries, illness, natural disaster, and so on.

Here friends, family and strangers too have come together to help when needed. People have organized fundraisers to help with astronomical medical costs that no one family could ever hope to be able to pay without some sort of assistance. Even with medical insurance, it's just an impossibility. Thanksgiving and Christmas meals are planned for those who do not wish to be alone at the holidays. This provides great time for fellowship.

Recently some friends used their weekend to build a wheelchair ramp for a neighbor. It was good the weather cooperated with them.

People often feel helpless. They want to help, but don't know what they can do. The difference a hot casserole or other dish delivered with a smile can make in a busy family's life is tremendous. A pan of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies, or an iced coffee or a bagel can be a spirit-lifter. A phone call to someone confined to their home can mean the world to that person. A simple card just letting them know you're thinking of them is always welcome. A quick visit is another way that you can help someone who's not feeling well, whether from illness or injury. Just seeing a smiling face makes anyone feel better.

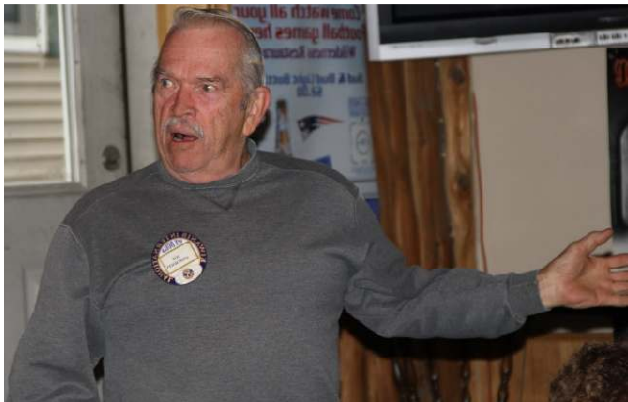
Too often people say they don't have much money, so they can't help anyone. But the fact is you have yourself. Just stop in say, "Hi." That, in itself, is a big gift that can go a long way in making someone feel loved and worthwhile. And, it'll make you feel good too.

No one should feel they have "nothing worth giving." In our tiny corner of the world, we all have each other. And that is truly something to be thankful for always.

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## ***Happy Thanksgiving***

## Colebrook Capers



### 2010-2011 Calendar of Events

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|----------------|---|
| November 19    | Pink Dance - Casting for Recovery. Pittsburg Key Club sponsoring. At the Pittsburg Cafeteria. |
| November 19-21 | New England District Fall Conference. Held at the North Conway Grand Hotel                    |
| November 23    | Awards Night at Sinibaldi's. IPP Janet's award night will be held during the weekly meeting.  |
| November 29    | Board of Directors Meeting. Monadnock Village Community Room-7:00 PM.                         |
| November 29    | Foundation Board of Directors Meeting. Immediately following the Board of Directors Meeting.  |
| December 4     | KPTI Open House at Tufts Medical Center   |
| December 5     | Santa Comes to Town. The jolly elf and spouse are arriving at 1:00 PM.                        |
| December 14    | Coos County Nursing Home Christmas Party. Begins at 1:30 PM in the Solarium                   |

### November Inductions

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| Brad B. (Charter)   | 33 years |
| Neil C. (Charter)   | 33 years |
| Donald D. (Charter) | 33 years |
| John For. (Charter) | 33 years |
| Mike G. (Charter)   | 33 years |
| Laraine D.          | 1 year   |

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Kiwanis New England District: [www.homestead.com/newenglandkiwanis](http://www.homestead.com/newenglandkiwanis)  
Kiwanis International: [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org)  
Many Kiwanians sharing ideas and projects: [www.twitter.com/kiwanis](http://www.twitter.com/kiwanis)

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