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**The Kiwanis Club
of Lower
Cape Cod
meets every
Friday
at Hearth 'n Kettle
Orleans, MA
Buffet 7:15 AM
Meeting 7:30 AM**

**KIWANIS CLUB
OF LOWER
CAPE COD**

**Friday, July 9,
2010**

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Announcements

Ginette Dowman is participating this week in a **walk for the homeless**. Thanks to all who are supporting her in this effort!

Mary Jane and Sam proudly presented to the club a whole **“boatload” of can tabs** for the Ronald McDonald House collected by their daughter, Judy!

Special thanks to Mike Smith, who offered to take photos today for our newsletter.

Karen Stewart was invited to speak today about the **club-supported, 5 day leadership trip to Washington, DC**. She described a great experience, which included visits to the White House, Capitol Building, Harpers Ferry, and the Museum of Natural History. Among the leadership traits taught were teamwork and respect. Nice job, Karen!

Board Business

All who assist at the **Yard Sale on 9/11** are asked to wear red, or red, white and blue in honor of that date. Published hours will be 9:00am-4:00pm, with set-up at 8:00am and break-down from 4:00-5:00pm.

The Board approved the purchase of **10 Revolution Flex Tickets** to assist with KFNE. This Fall, 5 tickets each will be given to our two key clubs for their use as a raffle fundraiser.

A decision was made to donate \$200.00 this year to **Special Olympics**. An additional \$150.00 from their budgeted amount will be used toward our **Bike Rodeo** in August, to assist with the purchase of bikes, helmets, etc.

Thank you notes were received from the Junkins for their gift certificates – sent to them in acknowledgment of all they do to help our club; from **Camp Sunshine**; and our **DY Scholarship recipient**.



\$\$\$ Happy Dollars \$\$\$

Many happy \$\$ were given to thank Karen for a wonderful summary of her trip! Mary Jane was grateful for today’s “joyful noise” in honor of her belated Happy Birthday song. Susan gave a Happy Sweep \$ - and she wasn’t talking about the Sox☺ Many were glad for upcoming visitors to the Cape: Murray’s two sons, Rev Richard’s son #2, and Mike Sheehan’s granddaughter. Myron had a hopeful \$ for rain – Amen. Kristin was pleased that her daughter was here, and Betsy was glad to be visiting with us today. Muriel was thankful to be away from the AZ heat. Mike Smith was relieved to report that, 5 medical procedures later, he is finally back on his feet; and very grateful for all the cards and calls. Dick M’s daughter-in-law found her hat at the beach – yeah! Len was eagerly anticipating meeting his new puppy later this month, and acknowledged Mr. King James’ decision to go to FL. Jack D was very pleased that Ginette bought him breakfast this morning. Pablo was very thankful to Judy for all those tabs!!!; but had a sad dollar that his company all left at the same time, and now there’s *silence* . . .

Betsy Fontes from **Safe Harbor** joined us for breakfast today to thank our club, and especially Evelyn, Mike, Ursel, Larry, Len and Irene for painting one of their most damaged units in need of help last month (for photos, see the July 2nd Newsletter). She also wanted to express enormous gratitude to us and the entire Division for the play set that was donated and built at their site for all the children they serve (as shown in the April 23rd Newsletter). A dedication ceremony is being planned in the near future, and we are all invited to attend.

We were pleased when Betsy accepted Len's invitation to share with us information on Safe Harbor. Betsy has been their director for the last three years. Safe Harbor is a 20-unit secure shelter for women and children, who are homeless due to domestic violence. All families must be referred, and work through the Department of Transitional Assistance. It is very difficult and sad work, but often equally rewarding. Their main focus is to keep everyone safe, provide a comfortable and supportive environment for the children (who have often been severely traumatized), and ultimately find the family housing.

When families first arrive, they are provided with a place to stay, along with sheets, towels, food and cosmetic baskets, an age appropriate toy for each child, and food cards at local supermarkets. The average stay is 3-4 months. While there, information is provided on job training, parenting and housing; and a child care center is available while the mothers participate in these groups. Safe Harbor receives a lot of donations of women's and children's clothing, as well as food; and five dinners per week as well as daily breakfast are provided to families.

If you want to help, their #1 need for donations is for supermarket food cards in the amount of \$25 per card. They will also be looking for labor assistance soon from our club and Mashpee to repaint 6 additional units.



Thank you, Betsy, for your good work!



Susan presents a bag of cosmetics from the KI Convention

Upcoming Dates – Mark your Calendar!

- Jul 20** – Division Meeting at O’Shea’s – 6:30 pm
- Jul 25** – Parking at Brewster Historical Society
- Aug 5** – Camp Dream Day Cookout
- Aug 6** – Gift Cards on Sale to help The Family Pantry *
- Aug 7** – Club Tag Sale at Brooks Park
- Aug 7,8** – Cranberry Valley Golf Fundraiser for Admin Fund
- Aug 15** – Pasco’s Summer Social
- Aug 17** – Division Meeting at O’Shea’s – 6:30 pm
- Aug 19-22** – NE District Convention in Mansfield
- Aug 21** – Bike Rodeo at the Ezra Baker School
- Aug 28** – Kiwanis Peanuts at Mashpee S&S with Aktion Club
- Sep 3** – Gift Cards on Sale to help The Family Pantry *
- Sep 4** – The “Official” Kiwanis Peanut (and Pretzel) Day
- Sep 11** – Club Yard Sale at Brewster Council on Aging
- Sep 11** – Division CLE Training at Mashpee Senior Center
- Sep 12** – Eastham Windmill Parade

Please Remember to Bring ~

- Toiletries for Safe Harbor
- Food items for The Family Pantry
- Monthly Volunteer Forms for Club Secretary’s Report
- Can “tabs” for the Ronald McDonald House

* Cash or check for gift cards to Stop & Shop, Shaw’s and Friends’ at no extra cost to you!
Percent of sale benefits The Family Pantry 1st Friday of each month

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