

Kiwanis

Stamford Kiwanis Club

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Stamford Kiwanis
Bulletin – Monday November 7, 2011

President Gerry opened slightly late due to more bodies than chairs, a pleasant problem I would like to see every week.



GUESTS: PP Sandi brought a guest, Lindsay Thompson, a potential new member.

- 5 young ladies from St Paul Key Club
- The faculty advisor from AN MYER Key Club, Roberta, and with her, 4 young men from Afghanistan presently attending Myer
- Lt. Gov. Terry Gracie

Pres. Gerry gave a brief overview of the Key Leader Weekend, PP Sandi joined him along with 65 key club members, who arrived as strangers, and left 48 hours later as friends. Life lessons in trust, confidence, leadership, and integrity, leading to personal and interpersonal skills.

HAPPY \$; Sandi – next grandchild on the way, the great key leader weekend,

Don = upcoming Florida Trip, and to see the key club members out
Marj – thanks to Ed Holt for his generosity in buying a new memorial wreath to lay at the cenotaph on Remembrance Day

Brian – a sad story of a felon detained for speeding, giving blarney to the officer and being blessed by a greatly reduced fine – horseshoes in the nether regions

Craig – celebrating his wife leaping ahead of him in time as she reached an important maturity date 4 months before him, a celebration at Salvatore's with friends – beware the allure of an older woman!

Bill Walters – the B&G bonspiel in St Cath. Which his team won, we suspect it will lead to an invitation to the Silver Broom

Terry Gracie – Installed his wife as Pres of their club AND his daughter has joined the club as well

St Paul Key Club gave a talk and a video on OPERATION WAR CHILD, and their clubs plans to raise funds for that project. Their commitment and enthusiasm was evident, for the damaged children in those countries.



Katie from St Paul, a young lady we helped sponsor as a candidate for Key Club International, spoke on her amazing experiences at the convention in Phoenix. She spoke before a thousand delegates, met key clubbers from numerous countries, and was brought up to date on THE ELIMINATION PROJECT TO REMOVE NEONATAL TETANUS FOR THE GLOBE IN THE NEXT 5 YEARS. Although she lost her bid to be an international trustee, she brought back many positive thoughts from the convention.



Roberta, the faculty advisor from AN MYER, introduced the 4 young men from Afghanistan. These students came to the US on scholarships, attended school in four different states for a year, and then sought refugee status in Canada rather than go back to their country. They had similar backgrounds,

born in Afghanistan, moved when young with their families to either Pakistan or Iran to avoid the fighting and persecution at home, and then moving back as the situation improved. They said only some parts of Afghanistan were dangerous due to war and rebellion, but all the country was affected by it to some degree. They find the education and safety here much better, and hope to remain to get university degrees. Most impressive young men with very good English, and a great attitude of wanting to be involved.



Lt. Gov. Terry inducted the executive for this year

- PP Sandi, thanks for a great year
- President Gerry Sheahan
- Vice Pres. Jim Peacock
- Secretary Jenny Graham
- Treasurer Don Graham

Terry thanked the past board and listed this year's board.

He then challenged the club to embrace change so it can stay relevant to the community we serve and keep healthy numbers for service.

50/50 was won by two guests, Charlene Chan and Lindsey Thompson, but the Queen proceed to be elusive, and our winners were losers, Pot moving forward is \$69

Meeting ended with a moment of silence for our war heroes and for those in our Kiwanis club no longer with us.

Scribe Don.

Next Meeting: Monday November 21st