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## CLUB OF MERIDEN

### BULLETIN |

June 23, 2021

*We are a proud sponsor of the following Service Leadership Programs in the Meriden school system:*

 <p><b>CKI</b> Circle K International</p> <p>University of New Haven, Connecticut</p>	 <p>Maloney High School Platt High School Wilcox Tech High School</p>	 <p>Lincoln Middle School Washington Middle School Edison Middle School</p>	 <p>Israel Putnam Elementary Roger Sherman Elementary John Barry Elementary Ben Franklin Elementary Casimir Pulaski Elementary</p>	 <p>ARC of Meriden/Wallingford</p> <p><i>The 1<sup>st</sup> Aktion Club in Connecticut</i></p>
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The meeting was call to order by President Michelle Bourdeau. "My Country 'Tis of Thee" was sung and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The prayer was delivered by Florence Thibodeau. There were 14 Kiwanis members in attendance. In recognition of this being our first "in-person" meeting, our President Michelle Bourdeau, made a July 4<sup>th</sup> wreath which was raffled off to an attending Kiwanis member. Doreen Roddy won the prize. Thank you Michelle.

**Guests:** Billy Keene

#### **Birthdays:**

Cheryl O'Connor	June 3	
Rhudean Raye	June 3	
Kate Cofrancesco	June 3	
Marlene Chambers	June 4	Honorary Member
Julia Kane	June 5	
JoAnne Keene	June 5	
Richard Roccapriore	June 7	Honorary Member
Irene Masse	June 8	
Daniel Neville	June 9	
Robert Gollnick	June 16	
Elaine Murphy	June 19	
Bruce Burchsted	June 27	



Cheryl O'Connor



Rhudean Raye



Kate Cofrancesco



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JoAnne Keene



Richard Roccapriore



Dan Neville



Bob Gollnick



Elaine Murphy



Bruce Burchsted

**JULY BIRTHDAYS:**

Richard Carabetta	July 5	
Sandy Doucette	July 5	
Martha Colaresi	July 8	
Joe Giannetti	July 8	
Marv Beloff	July 11	Honorary Member
Tom Ferry	July 16	
E. Jack Shorr	July 19	
Doreen Roddy	July 29	



Sandy Doucette



Martha Colaresi



Joe Giannetti



Marv Beloff



E. Jack Shorr



Doreen Roddy

**Anniversaries:**

Marv & "Mike" Beloff	June 14	Honorary Member
Bob & Sandi Gollnick	June 16	
David & Dorothy Elkin	June 25	
Richard & Winnie Leary	June 28	Honorary Member



Marv & "Mike" Beloff



Bob & Sandi Gollnick



Dave & Dorothy Elkin

**July Anniversaries:**

Bruce & Sue Burchsted	July 1
Martha & John Colaresi	July 3
Billie & JoAnne Keene	July 22
Tom & Lauren Rizzuto	July 29





**Kiwanis Anniversaries:**

Dorothy Elkin	June 2, 1988
Robert Mule	June 13, 2002
Richard Carabetta	June 30, 1976

**July Kiwanis Anniversaries:**

Michael Rohde	July 1, 1980
Yvette Bunting-Watts	July 11, 2019
Doreen Carron	July 11, 2019
Pam Fields	July 11, 2019
Melissa Neville-Passarelli	July 16, 2012



Mike Rohde



Yvette Bunting-Watts



Doreen Carron



Pam Fields



Melissa Neville-Passarelli

**Quip: None****50/50 Raffle:** None**Happy Dollars:**

Michelle Bourdeau – I'm ecstatic to be here. I'm happy to have over 100 children here and that the pool is opening. I'm happy to see you all

Dave Wyskiel - to thank everybody for helping in the Bike Rodeo.

Cheryl O'Connor – just happy

Karen Roesler – happy to be here

Lauren Rizzuto - happy to be here altogether

Doreen Karass – happy to be here

Cindy D'Agostino – happy to be here

Doreen Roddy – happy to be here

Eileen – happy that we're all here; happy that we're in our new building; and three, my 94 year came down today to tour the building.

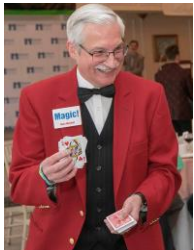
Joanne Keene – happy to be here

Brian Cofrancesco – Last night Kate and Martha presented at the virtual lessons District and did a wonderful job. Happy that we're all here; and Kate was chosen as Teacher of the Year for all of Lebanon Public Schools.

Kate Cofrancesco – happy to be here



Michelle Bourdeau



Dave Wyskiel



Cheryl O'Connor



Karen Roesler



Lauren Rizzuto



Cindy D'Agostino



Doreen Roddy



Eileen Bongiovanni



JoAnne Keene



Brian &amp; Kate Cofrancesco

**Service Leadership Programs:** Kiwanis Club of Meriden is sponsoring a hands-on project for our members and our SLP members – decorating placemats for the residents of local nursing homes. More to come on how you can participate!!



## What's Happening:

Kiwanis Club of Meriden is conducting a project to decorate placemats to be delivered to the Village of Kensington and Bradley Home. We are decorating 2,000 placemats by members of SLP clubs. We have kits which include stickets and colored pencils. More to come on that project.

**Beat the Street** will be hosting a youth talent show at the Meriden Green. They have asked us to partner with other organization to help run the event. If any members are interested, Beat the Street is looking for volunteers for the event.

The City of Meriden Health and Human Services provided pencils for kids throughout the city. The Kiwanis Club of Meriden sponsors a Little Free Library at the Meriden Linear Trail and these pencils will be there for the taking. So stop by and take a book and a pencil.



The Kiwanis Club of Meriden hosted the annual **Bike Rodeo**, chaired by David Wyskiel on Saturday, June 13, 2021. Kiwanians participating were Karen Roesler, Sandy Doucette, bob Gollnick, Cheryl O'Connor, Don Parker, Lauren Rizzuto and Kate Cofrancesco. New helmets were given to those children attending as well as safety instructions and a course for the kids to go through. This was held at the John Barry Elementary School.



The Walter Deptula Essay contest was held on June 4. This was done virtually and was very successful. Thanks to Brian and Kate Cofrancesco, Dave Wyskiel and chaired by E. Jack Shorr and Doreen Roddy. Thank you to all who helped make this event successful.

A few Kiwanians helped in the distribution of vaccines at Maloney High School. Thank you to Martha Colaresi, Kathy Batista and Floresia for helping Lea Crown, Health and Human Services for the City of Meriden.



The **Scholarship Committee** met and chose three recipients for each of the city's high schools, Platt, Maloney and Wilcox Tech. They will receive \$2,000 each. There was also a recipient for the Ann Giannetti Business Scholarship chosen. They will receive their awards in the near future. The committee was chaired by Dave Wyskiel. Thanks everyone for participating.

**The wine tasting** fundraiser resulted in raising \$2,386.70 with 53 kits distributed. There may be additional funds for sales made on that day at the store. This event was run by Lauren Rizzuto. Thanks Lauren and all who helped her.

There will also be **bottle drive** in the near future.

#### **Kiwanis Kauses:**

**Ruff Patches** - \$500

**Meriden Elementary Schools** – close to 500 masks made by members of the Kiwanis Club of Meriden.

**Boys & Girls Club Basketball Team** - \$340

**City Halloween Event** – 700 bags were assembled each containing candy and goodies.

**Face Mask Project** – close to 500 masks made and delivered to local elementary schools

**Veterans Donation** - \$250 for veterans housing

**Salvation Army** - \$250

**Martin Luther King Scholarship** - \$500

**Relay for Life Event** - \$500

**Project Graduation** - \$250

**Farmer's Market** - \$500

**Beat the Street** - \$500

**Platt & Maloney Art and Music** - \$100

#### **Announcements:**



The Kiwanis Club of Meriden is collecting **"tabs" from cans for the Ronald McDonald House**. Cheryl O'Connor is chairing this project and will put a bin outside her house for this purpose. We are collecting them in schools and if members can save them or have friends save them that would be great. Tabs can usually be found on soda, fruit, cat food, etc. Cheryl's address is: 23 Parkside Terrace, Meriden.

During our annual meeting, the following Executive Officers and Board of Directors were elected for the 2021-2022 year:

**Officers:**

President: Karen Roesler  
President-elect: Brian Cofrancesco  
Vice President: Angela Colella  
Secretary: Melissa Neville-Passarelli  
Recording Secretary: Doreen Roddy  
Treasurer: JoAnne Keene  
Immediate Past President: Michelle Bourdeau

**Board of Directors:**

Director (Past President): Cindy D'Agostino  
Director (Past President): Eileen Bongiovanni  
Director (Past President): Lauren Rizzuto  
Director (Past President): David Wyskiel  
Director (Past President): Robert Gollnick  
Director: Sharon Karrass  
Director: Cheryl O'Connor  
Director: Martha Colaresi  
Director: Cathy Battista  
Director: Sandy Doucette

## Virtual Club Leadership Education

**Wednesday, July 7, 2021 -**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. EDT / 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. ADT**

**Club Treasurers and Directors**

*Facilitators: Maryann Belason, CKI District Administrator (Greater Boston Young Professionals) and Sue Willey, Club Treasurer (Hooksett, NH)*

**Wednesday, July 14, 2021 -**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. EDT / 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. ADT**

**Club Presidents, Presidents-Elect, and Vice Presidents**

*Facilitators: Brian Cofrancesco, Leadership Development Coordinator (Meriden, CT), Betty Parker, Lieutenant Governor (Bangor Breakfast, ME), and Sylvia Ramirez, Club President (Chelsea, MA)*

**Wednesday, July 21, 2021 -**

**6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. EDT / 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. ADT**

**Club Secretaries**

*Facilitators: Elyse Denorfia, Past Governor (eKiwanis), Bob Uzenoff, Club Secretary (Weston, CT), and Judy Barrett, District Secretary-Designate (Hooksett, NH)*

The annual **Strawberry Shortcake** fundraiser will be held September 9<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for more information for that upcoming event.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:** (Note: As I receive information during the year, I will add to the calendar. This is what I have thus far.)

July 1, 2021, 6-9:00 pm – Board Meeting via zoom

July 8, 2021, 6:30 pm – Night meeting via zoom

July 21, 2021 – 6:30 – Community Projects meeting via zoom

August 5, 2021 - 6-9:00 pm – Board meeting via zoom

August 12, 2021 - 6:30 pm – Luncheon via zoom

August 16, 6:30 pm - Community Projects Meeting via zoom

August 26, 6:30 pm – Night meeting via zoom

September 2, 2021 6-9:00 pm – Board meeting via zoom

September 9, 2021 6:30 pm – Strawberry Shortcake fundraiser

September 20, 2021 – 6:30 pm– Community Projects meeting via zoom

September 23, 2021 – 6:30 pm – Night meeting via zoom

As of now, all events scheduled will be via zoom until the pandemic alleviates the situation. As the year goes on, events will be added.

**PROGRAM/GUEST SPEAKER:**

We did not have a speaker at this meeting. We held a “Brown Bag” auction which was fun for everyone. As usual, Doreen Roddy did a wonderful job in describing each auction item. A total of \$59 was raised. Hope to have more fun in the future with fellow Kiwanians.

**Adjournment: 7:20 pm**



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