

## News from the Kiwanis Club of Poughkeepsie, NY

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### From the President's Desk

There comes a time when even the president of our club has nothing new or interesting to say each month. So I thought we would look to our own members, their lives and interests; their families and influences, to enliven our winter of discontent and cold.

My first choice was our most senior (not in age, but experience) member: Bob Dietz. His logical influence and cool analysis of events has always impressed me.

I asked Bob five questions that might help us to see what more than 40 years as a Kiwanian looks like.

I asked about changes. How has the club changed in 40+ years? Bob said the addition of women had been the biggest change. This "welcome" addition has made the club stronger and changed the atmosphere from a businessman club that met at lunchtime to our present day meetings.

Why the law? I asked him. Bob wanted to help others and liked what he saw his father doing growing up. Although, he admits, he did not fully appreciate all his dad did or the effort involved. Accomplishments? The greatest, he admits, is marrying his wife. Most proud, he says, is his 50-year marriage, four children and spouses and eight grandchildren. The second is "surviving this long." With a long career which included Assistant DA, being a law clerk, and Corporate Council for the City of Poughkeepsie, and then private practice, Bob said he has been very "fortune and grateful" to be involved with so many good organizations and people. We in return, are also fortunate and grateful to have Bob Dietz as a member of our club.

The Prez

### e-KLIPS BOOSTERS:

**COMPLETE SOUND IN MUSIC**  
Kiwanian Cliff Scholl  
845-454-7730

**RED CAP CLEANERS**  
Kiwanian Pierrette Ruhland  
845-471-1360

**HOULIHAN LAWRENCE**  
Kiwanian Suzanne Stevens  
914-438-1999

**WELLS FARGO HOME MORTGAGE**  
Kiwanian Vicky Deichler  
NMLSR ID: 532206  
845-440-2326

**ROBERT B. DIETZ, LLP**  
Kiwanian Bob Dietz  
845-452-4000

**ACE REAL ESTATE**  
Kiwanian Jo-Ann Brown  
677-6177

**BYRNES MESSAGE SERVICE**  
Kiwanian Dave Byrnes  
845-452-1330

**STAFF LINE, INC**  
Kiwanian Dean Domenico  
845-471-1200

**KINGSVIEW ASSET MANAGEMENT**  
Kiwanian Maximus DiSesa, CFP  
444-5340

### A Heartfelt Thank You

The Club received a thank-you letter from Manuel Concepcion thanking us for our adoption of his family for the holidays... *"It is welcome and refreshing to know and feel the respect and love given to Veterans and their families. It is also nice to know that we are being noticed, loved and respected by the youth of the United States. We serve to protect our present and their future."*

### MNT Elimination Update

As 2017 begins, Kiwanis is at a pivotal moment in our fight against maternal and neonatal tetanus- a disease on the brink of elimination. Globally, 41 of 59 priority countries have been validated for MNT elimination, most recently Equatorial Guinea, as well as Ethiopia and 16 out of 17 provinces in the Philippines. (Taken from Jan/Feb issue of *Kiwanis* magazine)

### KI Fdn: New Name, Same Mission

The Kiwanis International Foundation has changed its name to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. The new name better conveys its purpose: **We serve children. And it describes how: We raise funds to support grants for Kiwanis clubs and districts.**

### Future KI Conventions

2017: Paris, France  
2018: Las Vegas, Nevada  
2019: Walt Disney World, Florida  
2020: Indianapolis, Indiana

## KIWANIS KALENDAR

### January

5 Regular Meeting & VIP: GB/CS  
12 Board Meeting  
19 Regular Meeting  
27 MOWS: JAB/GB  
26 Regular Meeting

### February

2 Board Meeting & VIP: MO/PC  
9 Regular Meeting  
10 Dinner at Ship Lantern Inn  
16 Regular Meeting  
23 Regular Meeting  
24 MOWS: PC/??

Also see calendar at link below for other upcoming events:

<http://poughkiwanis.org/gcalendar.html>

## Membership Appreciation

### Membership Anniversaries

Dave Byrnes – 36 years  
Vicky Deichler – 5 years  
Susan Donovan – 3 years  
Ron Montesano – 10 years  
Mike O'Connor – 12 years

### Birthdays

1/21 Jo-Ann Brown

### The Objects of Kiwanis

**The Sixth Object: *To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism, which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.***

The ways you can illustrate the Sixth Object are to use traditional and social media to help promote Kiwanis. In addition, recommend projects that support children and families in times of distress. Your club can also stimulate membership growth via "persons of influence," including government officials and members of the media.

### Star Gazing

Check out Venus and its brightness. It's that brilliant star in the west after sunset. It may be the same size as Earth, but it is much more reflective than Earth, due to a different atmosphere. It also travels faster and in a smaller orbit than Earth, allowing it to catch up to Earth rapidly and come quite close to Earth. Venus is now unmistakable each evening in the direction of sunset.

Throughout January, Venus will double its brightness and climb even higher up at dusk. At January's end, Venus, Mars and the Moon will form a spectacular little triangle on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Venus will continue to brighten reaching its most dazzling on Valentine's Day. How appropriate is that for the Goddess of Love?

You read it here first, in the Kiwanis e-Klips, pun intended.