

# KIWANIS e-KLIPS

## News from the Kiwanis Club of Poughkeepsie, NY

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### From the President's Desk

The origin of the word "blizzard" is obscure. Meteorologically speaking, the first use of the word to describe heavy snow and wind occurred in Iowa in the 1870's by a local reporter who described the fast moving storm as "blitzing" the cornfields. Being of German descent, he used the term for "lightning" to describe what he saw.

Blizzard is a term not bandied around by the experts. This storm fit the category with heavy blowing snow.

It really was awesome and gave us a chance to hit the pause button on our lives. The storm served as a mandatory hiatus from work and shopping and forced us to stop...and read that book we had on our minds for weeks. Or open that new bottle of wine that you were saving for a "special time". It gave us the opportunity to clean out our closets and put some clothes aside for our Lent project. And, most importantly, time to be with family, unencumbered by the daily grind, and catch up. Kiwanis also has a blizzard of activities planned for later this month. With Ship Lantern, Chamber of Commerce decision, guest speakers, and other projects on the table, we're busy. Spring is near. The snow that is falling now will be a distant memory. But the good work we do as a club will make a difference in our community and will be remembered. The Prez

### From Co-Editor Jo-Ann Brown

February was chock full of plans and activities coming together, and a welcome assortment of visitors and speakers: Representatives from the Hudson Valley Community Center, S Grand Avenue in Poughkeepsie, delighted the Club by attending both the February 16th and February 23rd meetings!

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For members who were not able to attend either of these meetings, the HVCC is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and promoting all that is good about the children of Poughkeepsie. Within the after-school program, open Monday through Friday each week, 80+ children are fed, tutored, coached in several sports, and developed as creative thinkers and doers. Our Club is welcome to take a tour of the HVCC facility, and is encouraged to get involved. Such a relationship between HVCC and the Kiwanis Club of Poughkeepsie may be a match made in heaven with opportunities for joint fundraising and further service to the community.

On short notice, our very own Staci Cussick agreed to take the floor as Speaker one week to educate the Club and take some of the mystery out of auto and home insurance. Staci is passionate about her profession, and is involved with the youth of our community far beyond what we already knew about her. Staci is a witty (funny) Facebook friend, and is an important part of the Poughkeepsie Kiwanis Club.

After a bit of a "Save-the Date" shuffle, Cliff Scholl has locked in Friday, March 24, 2017 as the date of the Club's annual winter outing at the Ship Lantern Inn. Mark your calendars, and be there or miss out on what is promised to be a really big, really important event. Early sign-ups indicate that there will be record attendance, and our event is likely to take over the bigger room at the "Ship"!

Be sure to stay tuned for news next month about a very fun and productive National Pancake Day benefiting the Children's Miracle Network. You'll want to read the next newsletter every day for at least a week! (Got that Jenny?)

*Jo-Ann Brown*

## KIWANIS KALENDAR

### March

- 2 Regular Meeting & VIP: VD/CS
- 9 Reg Mtg: N. Dewitt/DCRCOC
- 13 Brain Awareness Week
- 16 Board Meeting
- 20 First Day of Spring
- 23 Reg Meeting: Colleen Ashe/DCRCOC
- 24 Dinner at Ship Lantern Inn
- 24 MOWS:??/??
- 30 Reg Mtg: Tina Lee/NAMI

## Membership Appreciation

### Membership Anniversaries

Geoff Bass – 20 years

Vicky Deichler – 5 years

### Birthdays

3/15 Mike Liguori

3/23 Mike Forbes

3/19 Vicky Deichler

### From the Lighter Side

A woman brought a very limp parrot into a veterinary surgeon. As she lay her pet on the table, the vet pulled out his stethoscope and listened to the bird's chest. After a moment or two, the vet shook his head sadly and said, "I'm so sorry. Polly has passed away." The distressed owner wailed, "Are you sure? I mean, you haven't done any testing on him or anything. He might be in a coma or something." The vet rolled his eyes, shrugged, turned and left the room, returning a few moments later with a beautiful black Labrador. As the bird's owner looked on in amazement, the dog stood on his hind legs, put his front paws on the examination table and sniffed the dead parrot from top to bottom. He then looked at the vet with sad eyes and shook his head. The vet took the dog out, but returned a few moments later with a cat. The cat jumped up and also sniffed delicately at the bird. The cat sat back, shook its head, meowed and ran out of the room. The vet looked at the woman and said, "I'm sorry, but like I said, your parrot is most definitely 100% certifiably dead." He then turned to his computer terminal, hit a few keys and produced a bill which he handed to the woman. The parrot's owner, still in shock, took the bill. "\$150! She cried, \$150 just to tell me my bird is dead!!" The vet shrugged. "If you had taken my word for it the bill would only be \$20, but...wait for it...with the Lab report and the Cat scan..."

### Who Started Daylight Savings Time?

Many cite the reason that farmers needed more daylight in the field. Actually, the farmers lobbied against DST as it reduced the time they had in the morning to milk cows and get their produce to the market. After WWI, Congress had to repeal DST to quell the farmer's revolt. Later, industrialists and politicians including President W. Wilson rolled out a new version of DST, thinking it would reduce demand for electricity and free up coal for the war effort. That data remains mixed but it achieved other goals of getting more people to shop. Moving the fall-back from Oct to Nov boosted golf and BBQ industries.

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