

Here is a summary of yesterday's Thursday 1/11/18 meeting:

- President John welcomed our members back from a long holiday break. He asked that we have a good amount of members available next week to finally fill out thank you cards for our auction. Vice President Warren Frank already put together certificates for all of the restaurants and delivered them. I understand that most of the certificates are proudly being presented at the restaurants! Hope to see many of you next week. Thank you.
- Immediate Past President Sean Brennan has been hard at work organizing an induction event for President John and Vice President Warren. Please mark your calendars. The event will take place on Friday January 26<sup>th</sup> at Waterford's in Dedham starting at 6:00pm. There will be no sit down dinner, but there will be heavy hors d'oeuvre's served and there will be a cash bar. There will be no cover charge for this event, but we will be asking members and guests to enter a 50/50 raffle as proceeds will be used to pay for the event. Because of this event, we will not be having our regular meeting the day before, Thursday January 25<sup>th</sup>.
- The club voted to donate our annual \$300 to the Catholic Memorial Forensics Team. Sean Brennan will be making arrangements for a representative from the team join us at an upcoming meeting so we can present the check.
- President John thanked all for the hard work over the holiday season for the canning benefiting the Roslindale Food Pantry. On Tuesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>, The Roslindale Business Group will be having an event at the Meeting House Bank starting at 6:00pm where the proceeds will be donated to the Food Pantry. Our Club will also be donating our check on that evening as well. Hopefully, we can have a few members available.
- President John also thanked all who have been volunteering for Roses's Bounty, West Roxbury Food Pantry. He asked that we continue to support the Pantry in the future as well. The next dates for the Food Pantry will be Saturday January 13<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm and Tuesday January 16<sup>th</sup> from 11am-1pm. The address, again, is 77 Stratford Street West Roxbury at the Stratford Street United Church.
- Alan MacKinnon was not at the meeting, but we would like to thank him for his Holiday Meet and Great at the Gardens Cemetery last Friday. There were several Kiwanians available throughout the day who were able to enjoy great food, drink and fellowship. Thanks for all you do for the community Alan!
- Jim Hennigan did not have a final tally for this year's Parkway Kettle Campaign, but all indications are that it was a success. The last week alone brought in over \$7,500 for the Salvation Army. Great job Jim and great job to all of the many volunteers!
- Jim also reminded us that the next meeting for the West Roxbury Business and Professional Association will be on Wednesday January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:45am. As usual, the meeting will be at Bertucci's Restaurant on the Parkway. Guest Speaker will be City Councilor Ayanna Pressley.
- There are many members who have mentioned that they would like to have another Trivia Night at Brannelly's in Roslindale. Because of this, President John will be looking to schedule an event for Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup>. He will confirm next week. In any case, Ken and Jan Cunningham will be donating the scratch ticket board to be raffled off at the event. Thank you Ken and Jan!
- For those of you interested in the District and International levels of Kiwanis, here are a couple of conventions to consider. The Mid-Winter Conference for the New England and Bermuda District is scheduled for March 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn, Mansfield. Since this is a local event, we hope to get a few members to register for the convention. Also, the Kiwanis International Convention for this year is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup>-July 1<sup>st</sup> in Las Vegas! Rumor has it that Vice President Warren Frank will be registering for this mega event.

I believe that is all for now.

**Bob McNeil**