

Here is a summary of yesterday's Thursday, January 18, 2018 meeting:

Vice President Warren Frank stood in for President John Sullivan at yesterday's meeting and did a fine job!

- Warren and Sean Brennan reminded us that next week, Thursday January 25th, we will not be having our regular meeting at the YMCA. Instead, we will be having an Installation Event for President John Sullivan and Vice President Warren Frank on Friday January 26th starting at 6:00pm at Waterford's in Dedham. If you have not done so already, please RSVP (positive or negative) to me ASAP as we will need to give a head count to the function hall. Lt. Governor Robert Hector will be joining us and we hope he will be bringing some members from the Roxbury Club. Invites have been sent out to the Allston/Brighton Club and to the Natick Club as well.

- We had guests from the ABCD Head Start Program join us at the meeting. Rania Rammah and Raquel Gozman stopped by to thank us for our recent donation to the school. The Kids from the School made a beautiful Thank You card that was passed around to our members. As well Rania and Raquel updated us on some of the services they provide for the community, including teaching English to parents of the children. We were invited to again stop by the school to read to the students. We will discuss a time that would be convenient for our members to do this at some point this year. Dave Peterson talked with Rania and Raquel about having the ABCD Head Start School join our club as a Corporate Member!

- Warren announced that John Sullivan has confirmed that our next Trivia night will be on Thursday March 1st at Brannelly's in Roslindale. The event starts at 7:30, but show up early for food and drink. Cost will be \$10 per person or \$60 for a team of six. Ken and Jan Cunningham will be donating a Lottery Scratch Ticket Board to be raffled off. They will also be trying to defend their championship from our last event. Start putting together your teams!

- Warren also confirmed that our Kiwanis/YMCA, co-sponsored "Comics for Kiwanis" Charity Event, will be on Friday, May 11th starting at 8pm at the Elks Club in West Roxbury. Tickets will be \$30 per person, which will include a BBQ dinner and desserts. Comics will include Tony V, Chance Langton and Hugo Maienza! Tickets will be limited to 250 and will be available to sell soon.

- Sean Brennan mentioned that Rob Croteau, from Catholic Memorial High School, will be joining us on Thursday February 1st so we can officially deliver our donation for the Forensics Club.

- 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 16th-18th 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 28th-July 1st in Las Vegas! Rumor has it that Vice President Warren Frank will be registering for this mega event.

- Thank you to members who stuck around to help put together the thank you cards for our Charity Auction. Special thanks to Marion Kelly and the YMCA staff, who will make sure the envelopes are completed for our donors (Marion, contact me with any questions).

- Need to confirm information in regards to an upcoming event? Don't forget, additional information is available on our website, www.kiwanisboston.org. You will need a password (westrox2001) to get into the members only sections.

I believe that is all for now.

Bob McNeil