

Here is a summary of Thursday 9/21/17 yesterday's meeting:

- Our last minute guest for yesterday's meeting was Judy Jose Roddy from Rose's Bounty, the West Roxbury Food Pantry that is run out of The Stratford Street United Church. Judy was invited to join us by John Sullivan. Judy shared how the Food Pantry started and how it was named after Rose (Palermo) Arntz, a beloved member of the Stratford Street United Church, who passed away in 2014. Her influence inspired the church to name their food pantry in her honor. The pantry is open on one Saturday (from 2-4 pm) and one Tuesday per month. Fresh produce, meats, fish, dairy, baked goods and non-perishable items are available for those in need. Visitors are allowed one visit per month. Judy mentioned that volunteers are needed and appreciated. Vice President Beth Arienti suggested that our club use this opportunity as a Service Project for the Club. The suggestion was well received. Volunteers are asked to show up an hour early and stay an hour after close. Alan MacKinnon suggested we volunteer in October. The dates are Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup> (1-5pm) and Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup> (10am-2pm). We will be sure to discuss this at our next meeting and try to get some volunteers scheduled. Of course, volunteers are welcome throughout the year. Perhaps Warren can list the schedule on our web site.
- Tonight is the Big Night. Our sponsored Jim Plunkett event is here. The event starts at 8 p.m. at the Victory Grill, 233 Elm Street Dedham, MA. Feel free to show up early to help set up (or just start enjoying the event early as set up is minimal for us). It will be a great opportunity to just hang out and have fun together. There are still tickets available so feel free to invite people to show up and pay at the door. Thanks.
- REMINDER, this year's Roslindale Day Parade is scheduled for Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup>. Our Club will be marching in the parade again this year. Ken Cunningham cannot be there due to a family commitment, but he has offered to let us use his Corvette, which will be shined up and ready to go. Joe Murphy, are you still available to drive? We could use some volunteers to represent our club. We plan on handing out candy to the kids along the parade route.
- Alan MacKinnon gave us an update on last weekend's Pumpkin day. He also returned our Kiwanis storage bin and banner (yes, Alan, we are still looking into getting a new banner). The event was a huge success with over 2,000 pumpkins being handed out and lots of fun had by all. Thanks to our members who helped out, Marian Kelly (along with countless volunteers from the YMCA), Alan MacKinnon, Khepra Mosciello, Beth Arienti, Kelly Wheaton, President Sean Brennan, Dave Peterson, Matt White and yours truly (I think I got everyone).
- In regards to the Auction (yes, that is rapidly approaching), the Food Committee let us know that we will be having a Tailgate Inspired Menu. Warren has a menu planned and is contacting local restaurants to request specific items so we have great food choices and not an over-supply of pizza. The Auction Items Committee summarized some changes that will be taking place this year that will make the event run smoother and make things more interesting. Look for a Chinese Raffle to take the place of the silent auction. Look for less live auction items and a Football/Tailgate themed "Giving Tree" which will be fun.
- It is not too late to purchase tickets for the upcoming Chef's Table Foundation event. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Celebrity Fundraiser Dinner is scheduled for Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> at the MIT Endicott

House. Jarvis Green, former N.E. Patriots defensive player, and owner of Oceans 97 Shrimp Company in Louisiana, will be the celebrity chef. Tickets are \$70 and tables can be purchased as well. Our Club has made a \$200 donation to the event. Hopefully, individual members can purchase tickets as well.

- Jim Hennigan gave us a quick update on what's happening with the West Roxbury Business and Professional Association. Meetings have been well attended and there is no shortage of volunteers for upcoming events. On October 18<sup>th</sup>, the association is sponsoring a Candidates Forum. As well, next month, the association will be organizing this year's Family in Need program. You can log onto our web site for links that will give you more detailed information.

I believe that is all for now. See you this evening!

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

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