

Hi everyone- With Bob McNeil away last week, I am putting together a quick summary of this past week's Thursday, March 29, 2018 meeting!!

+We had a bit smaller than usual turnout with 11 members stopping into the Y on Thursday.

+We welcomed back new dad Stephen Russo from East Boston Savings Bank. After another visit or so, we can hopefully induct Stephen into our organization!

+Our own Mark Fishbon was our guest speaker! He gave the entire rendition of "Casey at the Bat" substituting Kiwanis members names as batters and runners. Of course, President John was "Casey". This was in honor of Red Sox Opening Day even though it was on the road. This Thursday, the Sox have their home opener!

+We reported on the NE/Bermuda Governor's Visit (Dan Bennett of the Danvers Club) to our Division 10. This took place at the Morse Tavern in Natick last Tuesday. Our club was represented by President John, Warren Frank, Sean Brennan, Joe Murphy and myself. Each club took a turn talking about the service projects and fundraisers they had been working on recently. All clubs seem to be busy. Lots of clubs working with the local Food Pantries. John spoke about some of the work we did. Sean presented Dan a check from our club for \$100 to the Eliminate Project. Our club was given special recognition by Governor Dan for the number of "likes" we had on our Facebook page! We had more "likes" than any club in our Division. Great job, Sean!!

+John announced the date for the Charity Softball Game to benefit the Jason Roberts Challenger League. If my memory is correct from last week, The 12th or 13th or 14th Annual Game will be played on Tuesday, May 22. (Rain/snow date the following day.) While our game starts at 7 PM, please arrive early to watch the Challenger League kids play or even volunteer as a buddy. We will be playing President John's networking group as we did last year! \$25 gets you a chance to play barbecue dinner and a T Shirt!

+Our kid's Safety Materials have arrived from the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute at Tufts Medical Center to be used by Marion Kelly and crew at the annual YMCA's Healthy Kids Day on Saturday, April 21. The donations made to the Kiwanis Foundation of New England assist in helping to fund this part of the program. There are brochures on Bicycle Safety, Concussions, Bullying and more.

+John and Sean reported that the Mary Mulvey Jacobsen Family in Need Fundraiser held in Jamaica Plain was a huge success!

+Joe Murphy thanked everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the Easter Basket Raffle held by Fred Zagami/Salem Food Market for the benefit of the Chef's Table Foundation.

+If you are looking for something to do this coming Saturday night, the Allston Brighton Kiwanis Club will be holding their 11th Annual Kiwanis Star competition at St. Joseph Preparatory High School. Food/silent auction from 7-7:30 with the competition starting at 7:30. A dozen singing acts will be competing for the \$1000 Grand Prize. Tickets are \$25 but only \$5 for students. The evening's emcee is the always entertaining, Dan Andelman of the "Phantom Gourmet".

That's all for now!! Hope to see you Thursday at 12:15 at the YMCA for this week's meeting.

David Peterson