

Here is a summary of Thursday 11/9/17 today's meeting:

- **Unusual for our recent history, but only 6 of us were at the meeting today. President John notified us of some important dates for the coming two months. But before I summarize these events, wanted to start off with the great news about last week's auction. President John started off by thanking all of us for a job well done. So many of us worked tirelessly over the past few months (especially the past few weeks) and it showed. With the exception of some constructive criticism received from some folks, all feedback has been positive. Everyone had a great time. The new format was well received. The food was great. The Tailgate Theme was a huge hit with most of us were wearing our favorite football gear. Some of us (not going to mention names, Alan) went above and beyond and had an actual tailgate party within our auction. The even better news is the results. Net revenue of \$17,426. This far surpassed any previous year in our 30 year run. Warren Frank has put together some certificates of appreciation for the food vendors. We have official Kiwanis Thank you's available, from Warren and Paul Murphy's efforts last year, to fill out and deliver or mail for other donors. Stay tuned for a time when we will meet to fill these out. Again, a huge thank you to all and I hope you were able to rest a bit over the past week.**
- **President John has asked that our members consider (and I know a couple have already done so) volunteering at Rose's Bounty Food Pantry at the Stratford Street United Church. Help will be needed this Friday, November 10th, Saturday, November 11th and next Tuesday, November 14th.**
- **There will be a memorial service in Judy Leon's memory this Sunday at 9:30am, followed by a breakfast, at Our Lady of Annunciation Church, 7 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury. Hard to believe Judy has been gone one year already.**
- **This Saturday, the Deutsches Altenheim will host their annual Veterans Day Event at the German Center starting at 9:30am.**
- **Next week, Alan Mackinnon will be sponsoring his now annual pre-Thanksgiving Luncheon. We are also scheduled to be visited by current Division 10 Lt. Governor Robert Hector, of the Roxbury Kiwanis Club. Let's have a good showing!**
- **It is that time again. President John and Dave Peterson, along with Mike Lincoln, have scheduled our annual Deutsches Altenheim Holiday Party for December 14th. Demetrios Tsaniklide has confirmed to DJ the event for us again. We will be arranging to donate Poinsettia Plants to the German Centre and will be joining some of the residents to sing holiday carols. I am sure we will be meeting the week before to fill out holiday cards for the residents of Edelweiss Village and the Deutsches Altenheim.**
- **Our annual Yankee Swap will be on Thursday December 21st. Bring a wrapped gift valued at about \$20 and prepare for a great time. Always a fabulous way to end the calendar year.**
- **Just a reminder, our club has volunteered to ring the bells for the Salvation Army at Roche Brothers, as part of Jim Hennigan's annual Parkway Kettle Campaign, on Thursday November 30th. Two time slots are still available, 5pm and 6pm. Let me know if you can help. Contact Jim Hennigan if you want to volunteer for other dates.**
- **President John is also in the final scheduling stage of his annual Canning Drive for the Roslindale Food Pantry. He will need volunteers. He will confirm time slots soon.**
- **This past Tuesday, Dave Peterson, Mark Fishbon and yours truly traveled to the Allston/Brighton Kiwanis Club Meeting at the Stockyard Restaurant in Brighton. The club was hosting a luncheon featuring Eddy Andelman, former radio sports talk show host. We were joined by members of the Roxbury Kiwanis Club. A great time was had by all.**

•Jim Hennigan updated us again on the West Roxbury Business and Professional Associations Families in Need program for this holiday season. Volunteers will be delivering Turkey Dinners to families on November 21st and December 21st. Jim will be forwarding specifics with information for volunteering or making cash donations to the effort. Once Jim sends out the e-mail, I will forward it to our membership.

I believe that is all for now.

•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.

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