

Here is a summary of yesterday's Thursday 10/19/17 (and last week's) meeting:

- President John Sullivan was back from a short leave of absence and was able to run his first meeting. John had good news and bad news in regards to his recent situation. During a routine procedure recently, cancer was discovered on one of John's lungs. The Good News is that they caught it so early that it was removed and no further cancer treatment was needed. The bad news is that he will no longer be able to be a model due to his scar. Good to see Susan Sullivan, John's wife, who will be his personal driver for a few weeks while he completes his recovery....In his welcome speech, John noted that the Theme to his Presidency would be "Everyone do a little and a lot gets done". Good advice for sure! During his Presidency, John would like to make sure that past influential community leaders like Marilyn LaRosa, Mary Mulvey and Judy Leon are properly recognized. Membership issues will be at the top of his to do list. He already sent Alan, Ken and Marion out to get some membership representation from The Home Depot and Faulkner Hospital. John would also like to see more events throughout the year like the Jim Plunket Event and Trivia Night. John would like us to get more involved in the Roslindale community, whether it be having a traveling meeting or some events in Rosy (this is not a new idea as many members in the past have tried to lead us in this direction). In an attempt to organize our club, John immediately Nominated 7 members to a Board of Directors. The following members were confirmed by Secretary Marion Kelly. Immediate Past President Sean Brennan, Vice President Beth Arienti, President John Sullivan, Secretary Marion Kelly, Treasurer Dave Peterson as well as Directors at Large, Bob McNeil and Alan MacKinnon.....Looking forward to an exciting year with President John!
- Joe Murphy reminded our members of a Raffle the Chef's Table Foundation is running. The Sun Wine & Food Festival Weekend at Mohegan Sun Raffle Tickets are \$20 each. Only 250 tickets will be sold. Winner will be treated to a Complimentary Standard Room on Friday January 26th 2018 and include 2 passes to several events during the Festival Weekend. A few members (last week and yesterday) have purchased tickets already. Contact Joe or Carol if you are interested. Log onto the Chef's Table web site for more information, <http://chefstablefoundation.org/news-and-events/>. Joe also mentioned that the Foundation would be having two new shows in the near future at their new home at the Elks Club in West Roxbury.
- Only Two short weeks until our largest Charity Event of the year. There is still time for members to get out there and solicit items for the auction and to sell ads for the program. Tickets for the event will be available early next week. The cost is \$25 per ticket. It is very important that all members invite some guests, whether it be family, friends or business associates, and either purchase tickets or sell tickets to/for the guests. We are getting the word out through social networks and media, but traditionally, it is our members who attract most of the attendees. The committees are hard at work organizing all of the items for the event, getting the food all set and preparing the decorations. Keep an eye on your e-mail for updates, etc.
- President John thanked our members that volunteered recently at Rose's Bounty Food Pantry. Many thanks to Alan, Kelly and Beth.
- John mentioned that his Canning Campaign, benefitting the Roslindale Food Pantry (and soon Rose's Bounty) will be starting up soon. More to come on this ongoing event.
- Immediate past President Sean Brennan will be glad to hear that our membership voted to donate \$200 to the Autism Geniuses Charity that Barry Weiner presented to us last week. Kelly Wheaton will be getting more information about this new charity to see if we can get more involved with it next year.

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.

Bob McNeil