

Here is a summary of last Thursday's August 31st, 2017 meeting:

- President Sean reminded us again that this year's Roslindale Day Parade is scheduled for Sunday October 1st. Our Club will be marching in the parade again this year. Ken Cunningham will have his Corvette shined up and ready to go. We could use some volunteers to represent our club. We plan on handing out candy to the kids along the parade route. Steve Morris and Doug McClure updated us on a related charity event for the Parade. Steve e-mailed the club the other day with a link to the "Rozzie For Mayor Event". Yes, Rozzie the Golden Retriever is running for Mayor of Roslindale. The charity event will take place on September 16th at The Emerald Society. The event will start at 8:00pm and tickets are \$20. Sounds like a great time and a great cause.
- It's right around the corner! Our club is co-sponsoring this year's 3 Day Pumpkin Festival along with the Parkway Rotary Club and the YMCA. It is scheduled for September 15th, 16th and 17th. We need volunteers to help out at the Kiwanis table on each day. Thank you to Alan MacKinnon and the Gardens Cemetery for making this event a success every year. The event takes place at The Cathedral Greek Festival 162 Goddard Ave, Brookline, MA. Hope you can help out! There will be a raffle for 2 round trip plane tickets and a Disney Get Away Trip!
- Yes folks, the Auction is quickly approaching. It is now time to get out there and solicit items for the auction and sell some ads. We all need to get involved to make this a success. Warren Frank and the Food Committee will start following up with some restaurants next week to confirm our menu for our event. The Auction Items Committee Meeting was cancelled last week due to illness. We will be meeting ASAP to help organize our efforts. As usual, please feel free to bring items to our meetings or drop them off at the McNeil Ins. Agency, 5341 Washington Street West Roxbury for safe keeping. If you have donated items/services in the past and you would like to do it again, please let me know so I can add your item to the Auction Items List.
- Time to get serious about selling tickets for our upcoming Jim Plunkett Event!!! The event is scheduled for Friday, September 22nd, 8 p.m. at the Victory Grill, 233 Elm Street Dedham, MA. At a minimum, each of us should be purchasing a ticket for ourselves as this will be a great opportunity to just hang out and have fun together. Beyond that, we still have plenty of available to sell. I will bring some tickets to our upcoming meetings with the hope that our members can take some to sell. Thanks to those members who have already taken some tickets to sell. Remember, if you don't sell them, please get the tickets back to us so we can try to sell them to someone else. Feel free to contact either Vice President Beth or myself to purchase tickets during the week. Thanks.
- John Sullivan is still looking for golfers for the 9/15/17 Sacred Heart Golf Tournament. Our club has already made a donation to the 100th Anniversary Events for the Sacred Heart School. John hopes to make the Golf Tournament a popular annual event as well.
- Warren Frank and his wife, Marianne, Dave Peterson, along with Moira and Katelyn, as well as Bob and Barbara McNeil had a great time at last week's Kiwanis District Convention in Hyannis. Other than many complaints about the facility, we were able to take advantage of some breakout sessions (including some membership ideas that Warren will be sharing with the club at some point) and we also voted in our upcoming Governor for the 2017-2018 year, Dan Bennett as well as the Governor Elect for the 2018-2019 year, Elyse Denorfia. I do believe Elyse will be the youngest Governor to ever be elected? It will be great to have some younger influences at the District level! Our Club also made the final \$650 installment towards our \$1,500 commitment to the Eliminate Project (round of applause for all of us). The next District Convention will be in November in North Conway NH!! Maybe we can get some more members to head north. Always a great time in North Conway.

- John Sullivan thanked our club again (and we also received a thank you letter from the Roslindale Board of Trade) for our donation to the Judie Leon event last May. The event raised \$4,500 and these monies will be delivered to Judy's favorite charities this month. The Charites include Casserly House, South Side ABCD, Annunciation Church, Roslindale Food Pantry and the Roslindale Day Parade Committee!
- Joe Murphy reminded us again about an upcoming Chefs Table Foundation event. The 3rd Annual Celebrity Fundraiser Dinner is scheduled for Friday September 29th 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 pledged a \$200 donation to the event. Hopefully, individual members can purchase tickets as well.
- 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