



The Sunriser



The Kiwanis Club of Delray Beach - Sunrise

"Where Ordinary People Provide Extraordinary Service" - Celebrating 38 Years of Service

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POMC: Grief Needs To Be Shared

Our program on May 22nd was presented by Dawn Terrizzi, representing Parents of Murdered Children (POMC). Grief does not just "go away" with time; you have to work through it. One of the most important things you can do is connect with a person or group with whom you can talk freely. The Mission of POMC is to make the difference through on-going emotional support, education, prevention, advocacy, and awareness. POMC's Vision is to provide support and assistance to all survivors of homicide victims while working to create a world free of murder.

I would say that probably the most important element that can help us in our grieving is that we treat ourselves with great kindness and that we do not set up unfair expectations of ourselves.

Length of time, intensity of sorrow, may be different for each of us. The different stages of grief follow no rigid order and we need to give ourselves permission to experience our anguish in our own time, without deadlines or

hurtful judgments. As we live through unimaginable heartbreak and sadness, it is a time for gentleness; it is a time to forgive ourselves, our anger and self-centeredness; it is a time to allow ourselves to weep, as long and as often as we wish. POMC provides the on-going emotional support needed to help parents and other survivors facilitate the reconstruction of a "new life" and to promote a healthy resolution. Not only does POMC help survivors deal with their acute grief but also helps with the criminal justice system. Membership is open to those who have been cruelly bereaved by the murder of a loved one. Professionals who are in frequent contact with grieving families are also welcome to join. For more information or to help, contact Dawn at 561-703-7181 or email at dawnt607@yahoo.com.



Dawn Terrizzi



IT'S TIME TO GET EVERYONE INVOLVED.

Raise funds. Spread the word. Join other Kiwanians—and the SLP clubs you sponsor—for service projects and fun events in your community. After all, it's an exciting time to be part of the Kiwanis family. Share the excitement. Join the team. Help protect the connection.



Get inspired and engaged at www.TheEliminateProject.org.

Visit our Website:

www.delraybeachkiwanis-sunrise.org

We Have "BUGS" in Delray Beach!

On May 15th, our club presented awards to 47 kids at Banyan Creek Elementary School. This is always the high light of our BUGS program because the school provides all the winners with "Ice Cream" at 8:30 in the morning. Can you spell "Wired?"



On May 30th, our club presented awards to 100+ children at Orchard View Elementary School.

Why we miss Rodney Dangerfield. Because he said

One year they wanted to make me poster boy... for birth control.

I remember the time I was kidnapped and they sent back a piece of my finger to my father. He said he wanted more proof.

My uncle's dying wish was to have me sitting on his lap. He was in the electric chair.

One time I went to a hotel. I asked the bellhop to handle my bag. He felt up my wife!

This morning when I put on my underwear I could hear the Fruit of the Loom guys laughing at me.

I'm a bad lover. Once I caught a peeping tom booing me.

My wife only has sex with me for a purpose. Last night she used me to time an egg.

\$\$\$ Happy Dollars \$\$\$



Birthdays:

June 6 - Scott Youngberg	June 18 - Priscilla Sabates
June 9 - Bob Hage	June 19 - Tony Marazita
June 10 - Dale Morrison Bob Laseter	June 21 - Marsha Krieg
June 11 - Jose Herrera Susan Ruby	June 26 - Barbara Schooler

Wedding Anniversaries:

June 3 - Brian & Thuy Shutt

Membership Anniversaries:

None

May 1st Meeting: It was a lively crowd today, lot's of Happy people! **Jim Van Patten** is happy the Tampa Bay Rays are back with a new coach. **Jeff Goldman** says it's like being a Rock Star wherever he goes. **Jay Alperin** got a penalty dollar for talking while **Carlene Laseter** was talking about her upcoming trip. **Kim Hale** is happy business is great. **Susan Ruby** recently had a good time with **Dale Morrison's** mother. **Barbara Schooler** is going to New York to see her grandchild. **Scott Youngberg** reported that his son Gregory will not have to go to Afghanistan in February as originally planned...Yahooooo! Instead he will be stationed in lovely Yuma, Az. **Ernie Galinis** had a 43rd (Hah!) birthday dollar and **Steve Rubin** had his 29th membership anniversary dollars. Everyone else was extremely happy.

May 8th Meeting: **Jay Alperin** proudly announced that his daughter April recently gave the program at her Kiwanis Club in North Carolina. **Doug Martin** is happy his wife Jody is starting a new job - only 8 miles from their house. **Carlene Laseter** is still talking about her upcoming trip. "I don't think she's excited enough, do you?" Everyone else was "Just Happy".

May 15th Meeting: **Ernie Galinis** is happy to finally have his boat back from getting a new engine installed. **Jean Antin** had a wonderful trip to New York. **Scott Youngberg** announced that Ernie Galinis is going to be putting down mulch at **Jay Alperin's** house, since he got the mulch for only \$1 a bag (Inside joke). **Dale Morrison** said he will watch. Jay is happy that Ernie will be mulching. **Ezra Krieg** announced that his nephew is graduating and **Tony Marazita** is counting the days until the end of the school year - 16 days to go. Everyone else is "Just Happy".

May 22nd Meeting: **Scott Youngberg** said "Go Heat" against Indiana tonight in the NBA playoffs. **Kim Hale** prepared a children's basket for the kids at AVDA and was happy that **Jean Antin** would be delivering it. It was great to see **Terrill Pyburn** and she put a dollar in for Kim's basket. **Ezra Krieg** is leaving for Maine to attend his son's graduation from High School - next on deck is UCF. Everyone else.....you guessed it....."Just Happy".

May 29th Meeting: Can you say "Small turnout?" Well, we had 6 brave souls that braved the rain storms to uphold the Kiwanis tradition. Those six were President **Doug Martin**, **Ernie Galinis**, **Ezra Krieg**, **Jay Alperin**, **Bob Barcinski** and **Scott Youngberg**. Of course we were all happy to be there. Ezra added he is now the father of a High School graduate. Ernie had family from all over come for a visit. And Doug liked the "liquid Sunshine".



Young Children
Priority One



Sugar

Sugar causes energy ups and downs and can add to health and weight problems.

Unfortunately, reducing the amount of candy, cakes, and desserts we eat is only part of the solution. Often you may not even be aware of the amount of sugar you're consuming each day. Large amounts of added sugar can be hidden in foods such as bread, canned soups and vegetables, pasta sauce, margarine, instant mashed potatoes, frozen dinners, fast food, soy sauce, and ketchup. Here are some tips:

- Avoid sugary drinks. One 12-oz soda has about 10 teaspoons of sugar in it, more than the daily recommended limit! Try sparkling water with lemon or a splash of fruit juice.
- Eat naturally sweet food such as fruit, peppers, or natural peanut butter to satisfy your sweet tooth.

Calendar Of Events

June 27-30.....Kiwanis International Convention - Vancouver

August 1-4Florida District Kiwanis Convention - Jacksonville, Fl.

TBA.....Interclubs



Other Doings.....



Ezra Krieg needs our help in providing speakers, programs for our weekly meetings. If you have any ideas, or perhaps have an interesting topic to present, please contact Ezra at 954-260-8838. Please don't be bashful! Step up and help us have a fun and informative meeting.



On May 17th, American Heritage School had their Senior Dinner, where **Tony Marazita** presented 3 Delray-Sunrise Kiwanis scholarships of \$800 each to deserving students going to college next year.



President Doug announced on May 15th that our club made \$100 donations each to The Florida Kiwanis Foundation, The International Kiwanis Foundation and the Division 21 Council.

What Was Your First Car?

The subject came up at our May 15th meeting. The responses were very interesting:

Ernie Galinis - 1941 Chevy



Doug Martin - 1966 Pontiac LeMans



Dale Morrison - Opel Station Wagon



Tony Marazita - 1968 Chevy Nova



Ezra Krieg - 1965 Corvair. Paid \$300 for it and the engine caught fire.



Jean Antin - Can't remember. Arthur always bought the cars.

Jay Alperin - Pontiac Bonneville.



Scott Youngberg - 1955 Chevy.



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Krieg's Korner

As a regular feature of our weekly meetings, **Ezra Krieg** brings us up to date with what happened on "This Date in History"

Here are a few interesting items from the past few weeks:

May 1:

1707 The Kingdom of Great Britain was created as a treaty merging England and Scotland took effect.

1941 The Orson Welles film "Citizen Kane" premiered in New York.

1948 The People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) was proclaimed.

1960 The Soviet Union shot down an American U-2 reconnaissance plane near Sverdlovsk and captured its pilot, Francis Gary Powers.

1962 The first Target discount store opened in Roseville, Minn.

1971 Amtrak went into service, combining and streamlining the operations of 18 intercity passenger railroads.

1992 On the third day of the Los Angeles riots, Rodney King appeared in public to appeal for calm, asking "Can we all get along?"

2003 President George W. Bush landed in a jet on the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln off the California coast and, in a speech to the nation, declared major combat in Iraq over.

Birthdays:

1925 Scott Carpenter, Former astronaut, turns 88

1939 Judy Collins, Folk singer, turns 74

1945 Rita Coolidge, Singer, turns 68

1951 Dann Florek, Actor ("Law and Order: SVU"), turns 62

1967 Tim McGraw, Country singer, turns 46

May 8:

1541 Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River.

1794 Antoine Lavoisier, the father of modern chemistry, was executed on the guillotine during France's Reign of Terror.

1846 The first major battle of the Mexican War was fought at Palo Alto, Texas, resulting in victory for Gen. Zachary Taylor's forces.

1886 Atlanta pharmacist John Styth Pemberton invented the flavor syrup for Coca-Cola.

1944 The first "eye bank" was established, in New York City.

1945 President Harry S. Truman announced in a radio address that World War II had ended in Europe.

1968 Jim "Catfish" Hunter of the Oakland Athletics pitched a perfect game against the Minnesota Twins in Oakland.

1970 The album "Let It Be" by the Beatles was released.

1973 Militant American Indians who had held the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for 10 weeks surrendered.

1978 David Berkowitz pleaded guilty in Brooklyn to the "Son of Sam" killings.

1999 The Citadel, South Carolina's formerly all-male military school, graduated its first female cadet.

Birthdays:

1926 Don Rickles, Comedian, turns 87

1940 Toni Tennille, Singer (The Captain and Tennille), turns 73

1951 Philip Bailey, R&B singer (Earth, Wind and Fire), turns 62

1953 Alex Van Halen, Rock musician (Van Halen), turns 60

1964 Melissa Gilbert, Actress ("Little House on the Prairie"), turns 49

1975 Enrique Iglesias, Singer, turns 38

May 15:

1930 Ellen Church, the first airline stewardess, went on duty aboard a United Airlines flight from San Francisco and Cheyenne, Wyo.

1948 Hours after declaring its independence, the new state of Israel was attacked by Transjordan, Egypt, Syria, Iraq and Lebanon.

1972 Alabama Gov. George Wallace was shot while campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination in Laurel, Md., and left permanently paralyzed below the waist.

1988 The Soviet Union began withdrawing its troops from Afghanistan.

2001 A runaway freight train rolled about 70 miles through Ohio with no one aboard before a railroad employee jumped onto the locomotive and brought it to a stop.



2006 A defiant Saddam Hussein refused to enter a plea at his trial in Iraq for crimes against humanity, insisting he was still the country's president.

2008 California's Supreme Court declared gay couples in the state could marry – a victory for the gay rights movement that was overturned by the passage of Proposition 8 the following November.

Birthdays:

1936 Anna Maria Alberghetti, Actress, turns 77

1936 Wavy Gravy, Counterculture icon, turns 77

1937 Trini Lopez, Singer, turns 76

1953 George Brett, Baseball Hall of Famer, turns 60

1969 Emmitt Smith, Football Hall of Famer, turns 44

1981 Jamie-Lynn Sigler, Actress ("Meadow Soprano"), turns 32

May 22:

1813 Composer Richard Wagner was born in Leipzig, Germany.

1859 Sherlock Holmes author Sir Arthur Canon Doyle was born in Edinburgh, Scotland.

1861 In what is generally regarded as the first Union combat fatality of the Civil War, Pvt. Thornsby Bailey Brown was shot and killed by a Confederate soldier at Fetterman Bridge in present-day West Virginia.

1868 The Great Train Robbery took place near Marshfield, Ind., as seven members of the Reno gang made off with \$96,000 in cash, gold and bonds.

1947 The Truman Doctrine was enacted as Congress appropriated military and economic aid for Greece and Turkey.

1960 A magnitude 9.5 earthquake, the strongest on record, struck southern Chile. Approximately 1,655 people were killed and 3,000 injured.

1972 The island nation of Ceylon became the republic of Sri Lanka with the adoption of a new constitution.

1990 North Yemen and South Yemen merged to form the Republic of Yemen.

1992 Johnny Carson hosted NBC's "Tonight Show" for the last time after nearly 30 years in the job.

Birthdays:

1928 T. Boone Pickens, Oil tycoon, turns 85

1938 Richard Benjamin, Actor, director, turns 75

1940 Bernard Shaw, Broadcast journalist, turns 73

1970 Naomi Campbell, Model, turns 43

1972 Anna Belknap, Actress ("CSI: NY"), turns 41

1979 Maggie Q, Actress, turns 34

1982 Apolo Anton Ohno, Speed skater, turns 31

1987 Novak Djokovic, Tennis player, turns 26

May 29:

1765 Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses, saying, "If this be treason, make the most of it!"

1790 Rhode Island became the last of the original 13 colonies to ratify the United States Constitution.

1848 Wisconsin became the 30th state of the union.

1942 Bing Crosby recorded Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" in Los Angeles for Decca Records.

1953 Mount Everest was conquered as Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Sherpa Tenzing Norgay of Nepal became the first climbers to reach the summit.

1999 Space shuttle Discovery completed the first docking with the International Space Station.

2009 Jay Leno ended his first stint as host of "The Tonight Show." (Following a short-lived prime-time show, Leno was back on NBC's late night mainstay in February 2010.)

2010 Philadelphia Phillies pitcher Roy Halladay threw the 20th perfect game in major league history, beating the Florida Marlins 1-0.

Birthdays:

1938 Fay Vincent, Former baseball commissioner, turns 75

1939 Al Unser Sr., Race car driver, turns 74

1941 Bob Simon, Broadcast journalist, turns 72

1958 Annette Bening, Actress, turns 55

1961 Melissa Etheridge, Rock musician, turns 52

1967 Noel Gallagher, Rock musician (Oasis), turns 46

1975 Melanie Brown, Singer (Spice Girls), turns 38

AND..... "If you're sitting in a bar this afternoon, like Jay and his friends will be doing....." and LaToya Jackson, Singer, comes in, we hope that you will buy her a drink, as she is 57 years old today.

Top Ten Signs You Know You've Joined A Redneck HMO...

10. Your Viagra prescription includes a Popsicle stick and some duct tape.
9. The only 100% covered expense is embalming.
8. Your Prozac comes in colors and has little "m"s on each pill.
7. Preventive Care Coverage includes "an apple a day".
6. Your primary care physician is wearing the pants you gave to Goodwill last month.

5. The Lone Star Bar and Grill is an approved pharmacy.
4. The only proctologist lists his address as Rotorooter.
3. The tongue depressors taste faintly of Fudgesicles.
2. Directions to the Dr.'s office include "Take a left when you enter the trailer park".
1. The annual breast exam is conducted at Hooter's

From the File

**"Stuff you didn't know.....
you didn't know!"**

Weatherman Willard Scott was the first Ronald McDonald.

If one places a tiny amount of liquor on a scorpion, it will instantly go mad and sting itself to death. (Who was the sadist who discovered this??)

Bruce Lee was so fast that they actually had to s-l-o-w film down so you could see his moves. That's the opposite of the norm.

The first CD pressed in the US was Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the USA."

The original name for butterfly was flutterby.

The phrase "rule of thumb" is derived from an old English law which stated that you couldn't beat your wife with anything wider than your thumb.

Disorder In The Court

These are from a book called *Disorder in the American Courts*, and are things people actually said in in court , word for word , taken down and now published by court reporters that had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.



ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?
WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?
WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for breathing?
WITNESS: No..

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?
WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?
WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

ATTORNEY: I see, but could the patient have still been alive, nevertheless?
WITNESS: Yes, it is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law.

Membership

Terrill Pyburn - Chairperson



Here's a Message from Kiwanis International President, Tom DeJulio:

May is Membership Month

(I know this is the June Newsletter, but it seems appropriate)

As we prepare for our annual Kiwanis International convention in Vancouver and as we conclude the process for multi-year strategic planning, we embrace the vision of Kiwanis as a dynamic family network with a positive influence in communities worldwide.

In this membership month of May, we once again focus our attention on inviting new members to join our clubs, To fulfill the fifth object of Kiwanis and to build better communities, I ask you to think about the impact additional members will have on your club and in your community.

If you believe as I do that one can make a difference, then let's strive to enroll many new members so that more children will receive the benefit of Kiwanis service.

Last month, Bellarmine University in Louisville Kentucky hosted the First Annual Kiwanis Conference on Early Childhood Development.

For more than 20 years, Kiwanis has and will continue to make the first 2000 days of a child's life an important priority.

This conference demonstrated how Kiwanis is on the forefront of one of the most important issues facing the United States and the world.

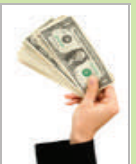
Kiwanis is making its impact on "our children, their future"
.....Tom DeJulio

Let's make "Every Month" a Membership month and help grow our club.



50/50 Winners:

Here are the holders of the "Winning Tickets" for last month:



May 1 - Scott (The Man) Youngberg

May 8 - Steve Rubin (Picked his own ticket and gave to AVDA)

May 15 - Jean Antin (Picked her own ticket and gave to AVDA). Wow! Two in a row.

May 22 - Ezra Krieg (Gave to AVDA).

May 29 - Jay Alperin (Big \$2 winner!)

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

6 surprising headache triggers (and cures)

What do these items have in common? They could be making your head hurt. Do you suffer from frequent headaches? Your day-to-day routine might be to blame. From the breakfast table to the office, our everyday lives are littered with objects and bad habits that can set our temples pounding. Fortunately, most of these hidden headache triggers can be easily fixed. Here, we break down six of the most common and offer expert advice for addressing them.

Your phone - Cradling it between your ear and your shoulder for calls lasting longer than a couple of minutes can strain your neck and lead to tension headaches. Use your hands-free headset, or the speaker option, whenever possible.

Your chair - Most are made for the average 5-foot-8 man; if your chair is too big, it might not support your back, causing strain and headaches, says New York City physical therapist Karen Litzy. Try a back support, like the Original McKenzie Lumbar Roll.

Your coffee - Down more than two 8-ounce cups a day and you risk getting a withdrawal headache if you skip the java one morning. The solution: Gradually cut back to one cup a day, subbing in decaf if that helps

Your computer - A flickering screen can create eye strain, which may lead to a headache. Buy an antiglare screen protector and every once in a while, look away from the computer to focus on an object about 20 feet from you.

Your lazy Sunday - Snooze even a couple of hours past your usual wake-up time and the changes in your circadian rhythms can throw off levels of brain chemicals, bringing on migraines. On weekends, get up at your normal weekday time.

Your bag - Plop it on the scale; if it's heavier than 10 pounds, it could be causing neck strain—and head pain. Lighten your load or divvy it up between a purse and a tote, carried on opposite shoulders.

An eagle was sitting on a tree resting, doing nothing. A small rabbit saw the eagle and asked him, "Can I also sit like you and do nothing?"

The eagle answered: "Sure, why not." So, the rabbit sat on the ground below the eagle and rested. All of a sudden, a fox appeared, jumped on the rabbit and ate it.

Moral of the story: To be sitting and doing nothing, you must be sitting very, very high up.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

June 5	Historical Society of PBC
June 12	Hurricane Preparations
June 19	Childnet
June 26	CROS Ministries
July 3	"Need Speaker"
July 10	Delray Fire Rescue

Please contact Ezra Krieg, 954-260-8838 if you have a program idea for our meetings.

Did You Know.....?

Show your
Kiwanis spirit.



See what's new at
www.kiwanis.org/store

Kiwanis

If you have something for the newsletter, please send it to Scott Youngberg via E-mail:

esysy@att.net

Thank you

The Delray Beach-Sunrise Kiwanis Club was Chartered in 1973 and is operating in Division 21 of the Florida District

2012-13 Kiwanis International President:

Thomas DeJulio

2012-13 Florida Kiwanis Governor:

Allen Whetsell

2012-13 Division 21 Lt. Governor:

John Sullivan

Other Division 21 Clubs:

Boca Raton-Thursdays, 7:30 a.m.,
Boca Raton Train Depot
747 S. Dixie Hwy., Boca Raton

Boynton Beach-Tuesdays, 12 Noon,
Duffy's Sports Grill
4746 N. Congress Ave., Boynton Beach

Delray Beach- 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 12:15 p.m.,
Duffy's Sports Grill
1750 South Federal Highway
Delray Beach 33483

Gold Coast Knights-1st & 3rd Thurs., 7 p.m.,
Deerfield Country Club
50 Fairway Drive, Deerfield Beach

Green Acres - Wednesdays, 12 Noon,
Palm Beach National Golf & CC
Nassau Road
Lake Worth, 33467

Hypoluxo-Lantana - Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m.
Maddock Park
1200 West Drew Street
Lantana, Florida 33462

Lake Worth - Tuesdays, 8 a.m.,
TooJays Restaurant
419 Lake Avenue, Lake Worth

Palm Springs - Tuesdays, 7:15 a.m.
Newport Café
2677 Forest Hill Blvd., #123
West Palm Beach, FL

Florida Kiwanis Foundation:

President: Don Fineout

Div. 21 Trustee: James Banaeian



International President's Message

by Tom DeJulio, *President of Kiwanis International*

KIWANIS OBJECT 5

To provide through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.

When I meet Kiwanians, they often identify themselves by the name of their club. They will say, "Hi, I am a member of Coffee County ... Sweetwater ... or Corona." Or maybe they'll say they're from the club in Paris (Tennessee), Venice (Florida), Delhi (New York), Berlin (New Hampshire) or Milan (Michigan). Other Kiwanians say "I am a Day Breaker, a Dawn Buster or an Early Riser." Surely, there are Kiwanians who call themselves "late-nighters" who find their way home to Gas City (Indiana) or Medicine Hat (Alberta). I hope someday we conduct a contest to search for the most unusual Kiwanis club name in the world.

Seriously, I wish to make the following point. Kiwanis is a grass roots organization where the local club has been at the heart of our infrastructure. Clubs are members of Kiwanis International. Kiwanians are members of their clubs. The fifth Object of Kiwanis International comes alive "through clubs." Members generally love their clubs more than anything else in Kiwanis. They wonder how the larger structure called Kiwanis International fits in with their Kiwanis experience.

I am honored and humbled being addressed as your Kiwanis International President and most grateful for the generous kindness you give to me and to others. But let's be honest. The vast majority of these respectful Kiwanis members love their clubs more than the structure I represent.

According to the fifth Object, the club becomes the practical means to form enduring friendships to build better communities. Club members share their concerns about their community and render altruistic service to make them better. But the following questions must be raised. What is the "community" and who decides what community will be served? Is the club itself a community of affinities? When we talk about a "new Kiwanis," let's not confuse things by saying we no longer have a need to form clubs. Indeed, we do! However, I believe the fifth Object beckons us to place the community, however defined, over the club. The club is merely a structural means to help define community. In today's society, however, that may no longer be the only means.

Over 98 years, Kiwanis clubs became structures, laden with rules and likened to a clubhouse. A club had a specific meeting place outside of the home where good food was served and great friends were made. For some but not all of our youngest members, that club structure is no longer loved. Too few enter the clubhouse door, or the club itself has become painted so poorly that the "back door" becomes a convenient exit.

Kiwanis leaders are reconciling the definition of "club" and "community." They're identifying whatever structure is best suited to attract and retain the most volunteer occupants. For many, the club structure will remain just as it has because it is functioning properly and delivering high impact service to well-defined communities. Others, however, will come together to form new Kiwanis-branded "communities" (i.e., Internet clubs) with a structure appearing quite different from what Kiwanis has been accustomed to.

As long as fellowship and strict adherence to the six Objects prevail, newly defined service communities will fulfill the fifth Object well into our next 100 years.





From Ben Bassford's Camera.....

Trusty photographer Ben and a helper or two are giving us some great memories from recent meetings and events. ENJOY!



Ben Bassford

