



## October 2021

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## Listening Post - What's it All About

The below original Article written in 2019 was submitted to Kiwanis Magazine and was published in the September edition of that magazine. In case you missed it, Elaine O'Donnell, its author, has graciously agreed to share it with us this month for the COASTLINER. Previous to publication in the Kiwanis Magazine, the magazine held solo rights to the article.

### Someone's Still Listening

by Elaine O'Donnell



Everyone wants to be heard. We humans are social creatures, and we all want to be appreciated and understood by others. So, how do you and I help make the children we serve feel appreciated and understood? We can start by listening actively to them.

“Active listening is about being fully present to someone else,” explains retired counselor Marie O'Rourke, Ph.D., M.S. “We must concentrate on what the speaker is saying and let that person know we are fully present.”

This type of listening, along with a question/response dialogue, results in the ultimate goal of *authentic communication*. Dr. Mable Barth coined that concept way back in 1979 when she realized there was no place for college students to go on campus in Denver, Colorado, to “sound off” to someone else without the conversation becoming a matter of school record.

What Dr. Barth started at a portable table on one campus in Denver, she soon



### Membership Meetings

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**Joe Crostic's Vision for Carolinas**

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**October 21st @ 8 AM**

**Youth Protection Guidelines Training**

**October 14th Board Meeting @ 8:00 AM**

instituted at the high school level, as well, dubbing it The Listening Post. Then, after a rash of student suicides across the U.S. in the 1980s, Listening Posts began to appear in Kindergarten-through-12th-grade schools, as well. In 1989, The Listening Post was incorporated as a nonprofit organization, and even though it is no longer organized as such, its legacy is still in action through Kiwanis Clubs, and specifically in Southport-Oak Island, North Carolina.



### A PROGRAM IS BORN

It was in February of 2006 that Kiwanian John Kelso put his FBI effective-listening training as a hostage negotiator into action for the children Kiwanis serves. That year he was president of his local club, and he read a Kiwanis Magazine article entitled *Students find place to express feelings* that really hit home. He read about how Dr. Barth was spreading effective listening all over the country. He saw her Listening Post idea as consistent with the local Kiwanis Club mission, so he ran it by his club's directors, who agreed.

He then called Mable Barth directly and set up a training session by speaker phone, with her on one end and six local volunteers on his end. During that organizational meeting, Kelso remembers Dr. Barth speaking about The Listening Post's ultimate purpose. One statement particularly stuck with him. "When kids talk to us adults, whether parents, teachers, or rabbis, we can get accusatory and judgmental," she said. "When teens are looking for help, they need listeners, not advisors."

Kelso and crew immediately implemented The Listening Post program, after gaining permission from South Brunswick Middle School administrators, to apply the concept of active listening there. "Since the beginning, we have always tried to help teens work through issues on their own," says Kelso. "The concept of allowing students to talk with an adult about anything on their minds, without fear of judgment, really took off." Now in its 12th year at SBMS, The Listening Post still uses Mable Barth's basic set up during lunch periods with a cloth-covered table, a sign explaining the program, and some treats to draw students in.

### A NEED IS MET

"These days, kids don't get much time to just talk with their parents," says Charlie Joyce, a 40-year-teacher who enjoys giving time to The Listening Post at SBMS in his retirement. "So we supplement that face-to-face time here in the lunch room." He's right. *The New York Post* affirms that American families get just 37 minutes of quality time together per average weekday, according to a 2018 study of 2,000 parents with school-aged children.



Circling back to our counselor's comments on communication, O'Rourke says that in a chaotic, hectic environment, children may feel that they are not important and that nobody cares about how they feel or what they think. "As a result," she says, "they may keep their worries and fears to themselves. This often results in depression and anxiety that can affect their ability to learn and develop good relationships."

Herein lies the beauty of The Listening Post. Simply listening actively to a child gives that child a feeling of importance, of safety and of being understood. This is why Kelso felt that "Ah ha!" moment when

reading about The Listening Post originally. “In my estimation,” he explains “the program helps kids grow emotionally.”

Some minor tweaking was done to the local program under Kelso’s leadership. “We added women listeners, so that students would have another gender to share with, if they wanted to,” he says. “We also added a third listener to the table so that we could serve the dozens of students we saw in a lunchtime.”

Even though he passed the leadership torch years ago to Ken Bastedenbeck, Kelso remains very proud of the continuous lineup of listeners on the adult side of the table. “This is why God gave us two ears but only one mouth,” he reasons, “so that we can listen more.”



## THE NEXT ERA

Ken Bastedenbeck describes his era of leading The Listening Post in this southeastern North Carolina club as educational for himself. “I remember that it was heartwarming to see students writing notes of affirmation and their signatures on the placards we provided,” he says. “But the most surprising thing for me was the amount of one-parent families. We’d get the kids to talk about that. We had a rule that the adults would only listen and let the students say whatever they needed to talk about,” he recalls. “That was our purpose.”

Dick Hart concurs. He inherited the helm of The Listening Post program in the Southport-Oak Island area from Bastedenbeck and has led it for the last six years. He lets us in on the real secret of a successful LP program: “Just listen and show an interest in our youth. That’s it!”

Being part of such a successful model at SBMS, Hart decided to present the LP idea at another area school last year: Cedar Grove Middle School. The only hurdle he experienced after getting that approval was getting enough volunteers to meet the increased needs of the students in both schools. With two programs now up and running, Hart has a unique perspective to share with other would-be directors. “At various schools,” he says, “The Listening Post may look very different, and that’s okay.” For instance, at some schools, the table may need to be set up within the cafeteria, while at others the stage area might be available. Any way you create it, a table with a sign and a few chairs is all you need to get set up. Add tablecloths, candy dishes and stickers to make the Post your own. As far as personnel, Hart’s loyal volunteers sign up for three-hour shifts once a week, to cover all of the lunch periods.

## MAKE YOUR POST YOUR OWN

The principal of South Brunswick Middle School in Boiling Spring Lakes, NC, David Ruth says that the Listening Post is just one of many ways in which his students have benefited from Kiwanis over the years. He adds that, thanks to Dick Hart’s diligence and contacts, The Listening Post at SBMS is where students have talked with not only Kiwanis volunteers, but other community members, including government officials, the school district superintendent, a school board member, a TV anchor, and even a judge.



At that second middle school to which Hart took the program, Cedar Grove, a former firefighter visited as a guest listener this year. The school principal, Justin Hayes, pops by, too, and says, “The Listening Post has



been a huge benefit for our students. They want people to hear them, to hear their concerns. Mainly, they want not to feel judged when they share their opinions.” (As he says this, two special-needs seventh-graders greet their principal with a “fist bump.”)

### CONFIDENTIALITY IS KEY



Listening Post enables a student to speak voluntarily, in confidence, and one-on-one with a Kiwanis volunteer about any issue or concern he or she may have. Often students don’t have another adult to confide in. The main objective is to provide an opportunity for middle school students to speak to someone who will listen to them without consequence or prejudice. The discussion can allow for the sharing of concerns, sorrows, joys, or accomplishments, but usually is simply just a positive conversation.

Often times a student will approach the table having nothing pressing to say. When this happens, the Kiwanian can provide the discussion topic for the day. Topics range from current events in the world, to school issues, to “What bugs you?” Dick Hart often brings some levity to the table by presenting students with riddles to break the ice. Having pretzels and Hershey’s Kisses on the table helps attract kids, too.

Occasionally, though, a student may give obvious signs that he or she needs help or is in crisis. While it is a good thing that children feel safe enough to verbalize their worries and concerns at The Listening Post, volunteers are cautioned not to offer their own opinions or advice. Sometimes, just listening can help them sort out and make sense of a difficult situation. Importantly, if a student directly reveals to a volunteer that he or she needs help, volunteers are advised to make the proper staff in the school aware, such as a teacher, school resource officer, or principal.

Listening Post programs are varied, valuable, and all-volunteer. But no matter what middle school it is in, volunteers agree that it’s a good idea to require students to finish their lunch before coming up for a chat, or it may never get eaten!

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**Thursday, October 7th 8:00 AM**

**Induction of New Officers**

**Joe Crostic’s Vision for the Carolina District**

**Thursday, October 14th @ 8:00 AM**

**Board of Directors Meeting (all members are invited)**

**Thursday, October 21st @ 8:00 AM**

**Greg McDonald**

**Youth Protection Guidelines**



# President's Message

Fellow Kiwanians,

October is the beginning of our Club Year, and the beginning of my term as President of the Club. I am really looking forward to this year. I hope you are too. Covid may still be with us, but hopefully it is waning. Brunswick County Schools have opened and are allowing volunteers to re-enter. One of the major objectives for our Club this year will be to restore our relationships with the School Principals, Teachers and other school leaders of Brunswick County. We will also strive to re-invigorate our school based programs... Key Club, K-Kids, Terrific Kids, Royal Readers and so forth. Please consider volunteering for one of our school-based programs. I know you will find it rewarding.

This year we also have several new fundraising programs that will help us achieve another goal... increasing the amount of college scholarship funding we provide to each student. New fundraising efforts such as "Show Our Colors" and the 4 night Speaker Series will help us to support deserving students as they achieve their education goals.

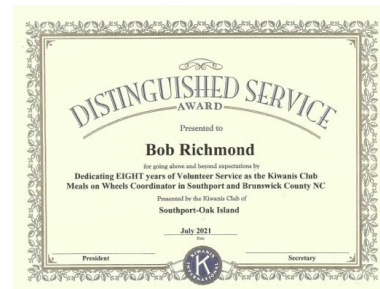
Thank you for making the Southport-Oak Island Kiwanis Club a great place to serve the children and families of Brunswick County.

George Bayless, President  
Kiwanis of Southport – Oak Island

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## Meals on Wheels Coordinator Recognized for Distinguished Service



Bob Richmond has been the Kiwanis Meals on Wheel coordinator for over 8 years. During that time Kiwanians, on average, have volunteered nearly 550 hours per year during the COVID period and nearly 1000 hours each year during pre-pandemic years. Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver 60-90 Meals on Wheels every day.

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At the 16 September 2021 Membership Meeting of the Southport-Oak Island Kiwanis Club five (5) new members were inducted into the club. Welcome to Jim and Cathy Blackburn, Mike Misiewicz, and John and Kim Cardillo.



Congratulations to **Earl Crotts** who received an award acknowledging his 20 years of service to Kiwanis during the 16 September 2021 Membership Meeting.





Congratulations to **Anne Hager** and **Frankie Beecham** who were recognized at the 16 September 2021 Membership Meeting by the Carolinas District Kiwanis Organization. **Anne Hager** received the Kiwanis 2020-2021 Carolinas District Distinguished Member Award and **Frankie Beecham** (was not present) will receive the Distinguished Past President Award.

### **Distinguished Kiwanian Criteria 2021-2022**

Candidates must complete the following five (5) criteria to be a Carolinas District Kiwanis Distinguished Member:

- 1) Sponsor a new member
- 2) Improve the club in at least one of the following ways:
  - 1) serve as a board member
  - 2) serve as a Kiwanis Advisor to a service leadership program
  - 3) serve on a club committee
- 3) Participate in your club's service project(s) and fundraiser(s)
- 4) Attend at least one of the following events:
  - 1) Club Coaching Day
  - 2) Division Council Meeting
  - 3) District MidYear Conference
  - 4) District Convention
  - 5) International Convention
- 5) Contribute to at least one of the following foundations:
  - 1) Your club's foundation
  - 2) The Carolinas District Kiwanis Foundation
  - 3) The Kiwanis Children's Fund







## SHOW OUR COLORS

**Join us in honoring our Country  
while helping Brunswick County  
Kids**

Subscribe today to enjoy two 12"x18" lawn flags set in a unique white base with the Kiwanis logo affixed. For each of 5 national holidays (July 4, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Presidents Day and Memorial Day) Kiwanis will place the Flag Unit in your front yard 3 days before each holiday and remove it 4 days afterwards. While you show your patriotism, take pride in knowing your donation helps support the children of Brunswick County through our Club's many service programs, such as our in-class reading programs, leadership training, Terrific Kids, Key Clubs and scholarships, to name a few.

Please consider subscribing to our Flag Program by returning this form with your annual \$50.00 tax deductible donation payable to **Kiwanis Club of Southport-Oak Island** to: Peggy McDonald at Kiwanis, PO Box 11487, Southport, NC 28461. Questions? Call Peggy at 910-368-7979 or email at [pegngreg48@gmail.com](mailto:pegngreg48@gmail.com).

**Thank you for supporting our Patriotic Flag Program. Initial subscriptions will be placed for Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>.**



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## Kathleen Bradcovich

Congratulations to Kathleen as she assumes her position as President-Elect for the upcoming Kiwanis year. Kathleen has been a member of Kiwanis since November of 2016. She was named the Kiwanian of the

Year in January 2020. She is currently the Chair of the Membership Committee and has devoted numerous hours to serving the community thru school mentorship programs, Royal Readers, Big Toy Day, etc. Her organizational and writing skills have benefitted in the Club in numerous ways. We are happy to shine the spotlight on Kathleen during this month's newsletter.

### **What do you enjoy most about Kiwanis?**

The Kiwanis motto of "Changing the world, one child and one community at a time" speaks to the reason I was drawn to Kiwanis. I believe that a child's success is ideally dependent on a partnership between school and home. The programs we support provide another avenue for a child to learn, grow and be successful. Our children in this community and around the world are truly our future. They need as much support as we can provide so they have every opportunity to succeed and be productive members of the community as each of us has had.

### **How did you come to live in Southport? Why?**

My husband, Mark, and I came to live in Southport via George and Mandy Bayless. We lived next door to George and Mandy in Ellicott City, Maryland for 28 (glorious) years and quickly became part of their family as they did to ours. Memorial Day 2012, George and Mandy invited us to spend time with them in their then vacation home in St. James. We quickly fell in love with the community and subsequently bought a lot. Both families permanently moved to St. James in 2016. Now instead of being next door to each other, we are 10 minutes away!



### **What do you enjoy doing for yourself, your community, young people?**

My first love is tennis although I quickly caught the golf bug when we moved to St. James. Ideally, I can be found on the golf course 3-4 days a week or the tennis courts 2-3 times a week. My plan is to resume this level of activity as my creaky shoulders permit.

### **What is your proudest accomplishment?**

My two children, Matthew and Chelsea, are my proudest accomplishments. They are both well-regarded professionals (son is a cyber analyst in the DC area; daughter is Middle School Teacher in Maryland) and are truly caring, responsible individuals. They are a blessing to Mark and me.

### **What was your Profession before retiring?**

After graduating with a BS Mathematics/Computer Science in 1982 from the State University of New York at Albany, I spent my career at the National Security Agency retiring with 33 years of service. I was hired as a computer scientist but worked in a wide variety of programs and assignments including 18 months at CIA. The last third of my career was a Defense Intelligence Senior Executive leading many of our nation's highest priority missions including counterterrorism.

# KIWANIANS OF THE MONTH:

## Beverly & Mandy

By Steve Corbett



**Beverly Ertlschweiger** (left) and **Mandy Bayless** have been selected as our *Kiwanians of the Month* for service to the club and community over the past year.

Beverly has been our ambassador to the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce for this past year, partly on ZOOM and more recently in person. The Chamber is a critical part of the community with hundreds of members from our service area engaged as a very active group. For years we have tried to find a member who could represent Kiwanis at these weekly meetings to let members know what Kiwanis is and for us to know the active members that support the nonprofits of the Southport, Oak Island, BSL and the other communities.

As a member of the Chamber, our club is well represented by Beverlea and we thank her for taking the lead as our representative. Beverly is also very engaged in our club with the membership committee, Royal Readers and always willing to help when the need is there. Thanks, Beverlea!

Mandy has had a significant presence in our club since joining in November of 2016. Mandy has assumed the tough assignment of chairing the scholarship committee which awards up to \$20,000 annually. Reviewing applications as a committee and then setting up interviews can be an involved process, but Mandy has led the team in selecting exceptional candidates to be the recipients of the annual \$1000 award for each of our high schools.

Mandy has also carried the duty as our spiritual leader for our meetings, presenting unique prayers at the opening of meetings that seem very appropriate for that specific meeting or the time of year. Mandy is an avid golfer and now will be serving as First Lady with husband George being inducted as president on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for all you do Mandy!



# The Great Sweet Potato DIG: Monday, October 11 @ 9 AM

By Steve Corbett



*Rich Holt, Master Gardener*

The fall planting has been completed with hundreds of broccolis, cabbage, cauliflower, Swiss chard, red and green romaine lettuce and collards planted in the replenished beds.

Thanks primarily to Rich Holt, Pat Boyce and Tom Pezanowski, the planting took multiple weeks with each bed requiring added compost to improve the quality and yield of each bed.

To date, the garden has donated close to 1000 pounds of fresh vegetables, including okra for the first time. The beneficiaries of our donations have been Shoreline Baptist (Oak Island), Brunswick Family Assistance, Hope Harbor Home and the Salvation and Delivery Church in Northwest (Leland).

While we expect to plant more cabbage in the next week, the bigger news is that it is time for the GREAT SWEET POTATO DIG. This fun event can get a little dirty, but the reward is in the digging out the biggest sweets then weighing the yield. Earlier year yields have

been about 200 pounds but last year, a record was set with a total of 257 pounds. How many pounds of sweets are growing deep in the soil? Come find out. Bring your gloves or we will give you a pair.

Later that week, we will put the covering over the greenhouse as the framing structure should be complete. We will need two additional stepladders on Friday, October 15, at 9 AM. The greenhouse will be used to start vegetables for our garden, St. Peter's Luther Church giving garden, South Brunswick Middle School and Cedar Grove Middle School for their beds. The Builders Club at Cedar Grove will also use the greenhouse to grow flowers and if the planting is successful, the students will sell them at the school for Mother's Day.

We need your help to complete these two projects and you do not need to be a master gardener to join us in our mission to provide fresh vegetables for those in need.



**Website:** [www. southport-oakisland-kiwanis.org](http://www.southport-oakisland-kiwanis.org)





# September Meeting Notes

By Evelyn Jeffries and Anne Hager

September 2, 2021

## Member/Community Recognition Awards

The Southport Oak Island Club was recognized at the recent District Convention. President Steve gave recognition to past President **Frankie Beacham** and the Board of Directors as our club was recognized as a *“Distinguished Club of the Carolinas.”*

In addition, Carolina’s District Recognition was given to **John Ertlschweiger**, who was recognized as a *Distinguished Secretary*. A new pin was presented to him at the meeting. Congratulations to John!

**Elaine O’Donnell** (attending via Zoom) was also mentioned for her recent article in Kiwanis Magazine, despite it having been written in 2019. Having an article published in the Kiwanis Magazine is a tremendous honor as now clubs globally will be able to read about Listening Post and consider it for their club. The article featured quotes from the past leaders that included **Jon Kelso**, who founded the program, **Ken Bastedenbeck** and **Dick Hart**. Steve requested that members share the magazine with friends, neighbors and potential members as much information can be gleaned from these about club activities and share the mission of Kiwanis. You can also drop them at professional offices that have magazines for clients to read.

## New Member Inductions (Kathy Bradcovich)-

**Kathleen Bradcovich** gave an update on the Membership Committee. Two new members will be inducted in September with four more applicants awaiting board approval.

## Program Review- Fundraising activities (Ray George- Past President)

**Ray George** kicked off the discussion showing a great photo from the Southport-Oak Island Kiwanis Facebook page of our smiling members happy faces with local school kids. His goal was to educate everyone on our fundraising activities with an emphasis on “fun”. Fundraising, he said, is nothing more than communication. The idea is to have fun while we communicate. There are currently nine members of the “fun”draising team, led by Ray George. Members include **Bruce Kupper, Peggy McDonald, Frankie Beacham, Pete Berg, John Dean, Dave Voigt, George Bayless, Ed Wolfe**, and all club members when we need “all-hands on deck”. Thanks especially to **Pete Berg** for his 9 years, or so, of fundraising support.

He then showed our Financial Report profit/loss balance sheet which unfortunately showcases a loss of revenue related largely to *Meals on Wheels*. This is due to recent changes requiring more reporting and other changes due to COVID. We have consequently lost a great deal of revenue there.

Other fundraising activities, include:

-Sponsorships- \$17500 last year dropped to \$9950, as events could not be held due to COVID. Ray mentioned the top 5 Donors/Money raisers, which included **Joe Crostic, Ed Wolfe, and Bruce Kupper** who have helped raise much of our new money.

-*Brunswick Wellness Coalition*- a supporter through events such as the *5k Run/Walk* and the Giving Garden.

-Plant sales- **Larry Trainor** drove this project, taking over from **Tom Pezanowski**, who still contributed greatly as our master gardener at the plant sales. The goal for the sale this year was \$15,000 and \$19,820 was raised. Kudos to the many club members who helped make this a very successful event.

-Virtual or real golf or combined- thanks to **Don Halbert** for leading this. The virtual tournament raised \$9175 (with a goal of \$2050). The 2021 in-person golf tourney, however, is being put off due to COVID.

**The Speaker Series** is a new fundraising program with a goal to raise \$40,000 for building an endowment fund. This will require all hands-on deck to sell tickets (and/or attend the speaker events). We are looking to sell 400 subscriptions at \$100 apiece. The speaker events are to be held at the **St. James Community Center**. This is a speaker series with speaker dates in Jan, Mar, May, Nov of 2022, led by community leaders. Subscription - \$100 or one event \$50. Only one other club in the area has an Endowment fund. The beneficiaries will be scholarship recipients to further our mission of helping kids after the fund hits a designated funding goal. **Bruce Kupper** is the lead of the speaker series and has set up four different and diverse speakers that have individual sponsors. Thanks for sharing and leading such a brilliant idea, Bruce!

**Jack Addicks** presented an update on the **Show Our Colors** program that Jack Addicks presented to the club in May. It is a subscription program wherein club members place flags in St. James subscriber yards during **President's Day, Memorial Day, July 4<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day and Veterans Day**. We currently have 152 subscribers (cost is \$50 per year per subscriber). There was a cost to build the flag holders but will be pure profit in years to come. Currently, this program generates about \$8000 per year. Veteran's Day will be the last event for the year. A new subscriber can join at any time and receive 5 consecutive holidays.

Other potential fundraising activities, capitalizing on ideas around the community, include:

- Fundraiser like the new car raffle at Ingram Planetarium
- Golf Ball drop- to fund a new signature project
- Virtual Bridge Tournament
- Bocci Tournament (5 bocci courts at St. James)
- Mini golf cocktail party
- March Madness Brackets
- Carve-a-pumpkin cocktail party
- partner with Southport Historical for Dinner with the Dead
- Kiwanis Newsboys
- Park of Honor
- Auction off a Media partner

George Bayless concluded the discussion by Ray that we do these activities to support kids. His primary goal will be to increase the amount given to kids and the number of kids. This will be a number one goal of George's as President. The Scholarship program is led by Mandy Bayless. The Show your Colors program has proven to be a very positive fundraiser and the Endowment program is expected to be as well. All this money will go towards scholarships and running our programs to be able to give back

## **September 16, 2021**

### Member Recognition Awards

- **Anne Hager** received the Kiwanis 2020-2021 Carolinas District Distinguished Member Award.
- **Frankie Beacham** (was not present) will receive the Distinguished Past President Award.
- **Earl Crotts** received an award acknowledging his 20 years of service to Kiwanis.

### New Member Inductions

**Joe Crostic** inducted **five** new members into the Club:

- **Jim and Cathy Blackburn**, sponsored by **Rich Holt**
- **Michael Misiewicz**, sponsored by **Pat Boyce**

- **John and Kim Cardillo**, sponsored by **Patty Voigt**

#### Program Review: Royal Readers

**Anne Hager** reviewed the Royal Readers program with our members. About eight years ago, the teachers at SES contacted our club. They were looking for a way to reward their first-grade students who were able to meet their goal of reading 100 books during the school year. So, the Royal Readers program was born. Students receive a gold crown at the beginning of the year. For every 25 books they read, they get a jewel for their crown. If they meet their goal, they are able to participate in the Ice Cream Social at the end of the year.

When it came to our attention that some children were not able to meet their goal, **Dennis O'Connor** and **Peg McDonald** asked how the club could help. Our members could volunteer to assist those students having more trouble reading and/or who may not have the support at home. Kiwanians now spend one morning a week in the first-grade classrooms listening to the students read to ensure everyone makes the goal. The teachers have also really seen an improvement in the student's reading performance as a result of the program.

The Royal Readers program will continue in three elementary schools this year.,  
 Wednesdays at Bolivia Elementary from 9:50-10:50  
 Thursdays at Southport Elementary from 11-12:00  
 Fridays at Virginia Williamson Elementary from 1:00-2:00

Please contact **Anne Hager** [abhager42@gmail.com](mailto:abhager42@gmail.com) to learn more or to volunteer.

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Reminder that Kiwanis e-mails all of its members an E-Card Birthday wish on the occasion of the member's birthday. The e-mail will come from Elaine O'Donnell. It is safe to open the link.



## **October Birthdays:**

**Sal Beacham, Victor Long, Sean Parrish, Lynn Reece**

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**October 7 Induction of new Leaders/Board Members**

**October 15/16 World Food Day**

**October 21 Youth Protection Guidelines for All Members**

**Big Toy Day - look for dates in Spring 2022**

**Golf Tournament - look for dates in Spring/June 2022**

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## **DO NOT UNSUBSCRIBE**

Our members receive a weekly email from Kiwanis International announcing deals negotiated with many different companies to provide discounts for members, called 'Perkspot for Kiwanis.' The program offers some interesting deals that may interest you but if not, just delete the email. Please do not unsubscribe from the emails as it was mentioned at the district convention that it would stop all Kiwanis.org emails going to your email account. If you have not received these emails, please contact our secretary, John Ertlschweiger, and let him know as you are not likely getting the club emails either.



**WEEKLYPERKS**

New Perks

Pawp      INTELLibed      Once Upon a Farm

The complex block contains a header with 'WEEKLYPERKS' in large grey letters and 'New Perks' in smaller white letters next to a paw print icon. Below this are three images: a woman working on a laptop with a dog (Pawp), a bed (INTELLibed), and three pouches of fruit and yogurt (Once Upon a Farm).



## **TUESDAYS ARE KIWANIS DAYS AT CEDAR GROVE**

After a year and a half of no visits to the school, our club will return to Cedar Grove Middle School beginning at the end of September and early October. A meeting was held with Taylor Watkins, the new Communities in Schools Success Coach, to discuss three programs. Jeff Johnston, the Peer Court coordinator, has set up the third Tuesday of the month beginning in October. Listening Post will be held on Tuesdays for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades at lunch times and the Builders Club will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 2:45 PM.



**Meeting Dates: Tuesday, Sept. 28, October 12 and 26 2:45 PM;**

**Builders Club Advisor: Steve Corbett**

**A second advisor is needed so please volunteer**



**Meeting Dates: Tuesday, October 5, 12, 19 and 26**

**11:15 AM until 12:30 PM**

**Listening Post Coordinator: Dave Smith**

Brunswick County



**Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 19 @ 2:45 PM**

**Coordinator: Jeff Johnston**

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# **#KidsNeedKiwanis**

## Kiwanis: Open Positions As of September 2021

### **Key Club**

The Key Club is a group of high school students working together as a club to perform service projects for their school and community.

Objectives: To develop leadership potential, foster strong moral character, and encourage loyalty to school, community, and nation.

Kiwanis Activity: To teach students the principles of working together on fund-raising and service projects for the benefit of the less fortunate and the community.

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- Key Club at Early College/High School – 2<sup>nd</sup> Advisor (2 times monthly)
  - Contact Dick Otte (Lead Advisor) at 508-630-4358; [dick.otte@gmail.com](mailto:dick.otte@gmail.com)

### **Builder's Club**

The Builder's Club is a group of middle school students working together as a club to perform service projects for their school and community.

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Kiwanis Activity: To teach students the principles of working together on fund-raising projects for the benefit of the less fortunate and the community.

Time Commitment: Morning or afternoon sessions generally lasting under one hour in duration, once or twice a month.

- Builders Club at Cedar Grove Middle School – 2<sup>nd</sup> Advisor
  - Contact Steve Corbett (Lead Advisor) at 516-410-3922; [swcorbett@gmail.com](mailto:swcorbett@gmail.com)
- Builders Club at South Brunswick Middle School (2 Advisors)
  - Contact Steve Corbett at 516-410-3922; [swcorbett@gmail.com](mailto:swcorbett@gmail.com)

### **Kiwanis Committee Openings:**

- Membership Committee
  - Meets 1x a month via Zoom (usually 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7pm)
  - We are looking for 2 individuals to help on this committee.
  - Contact Kathleen Bradcovich (443-851-3547; [k.bradcovich@gmail.com](mailto:k.bradcovich@gmail.com))
- Publicity Committee
  - Public Information Officer (new)
  - Facebook Posting Lead
  - Instagram Posting Lead



- Website Co-webmaster
- Contact Jeff Mount (703-855-8555; [jeffmount\\_1959@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffmount_1959@hotmail.com))
- Social Committee
  - Help plan, organize, and advertise any club social or fundraising events such as Mike's Garage Band Super Bowl Party on Friday, February 11, 2022.
  - Sell tickets at the community center and at meetings
  - Brainstorm new social ideas for members quarterly.
  - Contact George Bayless (443-854-0767; [gbayless3@gmail.com](mailto:gbayless3@gmail.com))
- Fundraising Committee
  - Visit local businesses to ask for sponsorships to support club programs.
  - Brainstorm fundraising activities to find new potential ways to raise money.
  - Support existing fundraisers and events.
  - Contact Ray George (954-560-6256; [kkids@mriweston.com](mailto:kkids@mriweston.com))
- Listening Post Coordinator (South Brunswick Middle School)
  - Coordinate Kiwanians who will sit at lunch time (three periods) to meet and talk with students who voluntarily come to the stage in the cafeteria.
  - Need to provide the materials for the volunteers weekly which may include snacks or fruit (reimbursed) and the Listening Post tablecloth.
  - See September Kiwanian Magazine (page 40) for more information on this program.
  - Contact Dave Smith (Lead) (973-714-5253; [tincup1107@gmail.com](mailto:tincup1107@gmail.com))
- Communications Committee
  - Publicizing the valuable work we do for the children o our community is critical to the continued success of Kiwanis. Awareness attracts more participants to our programs, helps us recruit new members and aids fundraising efforts.
  - If you have experience or interest in any of the following we need you!
  - Interest? Contact John Cardillo at [cardillo6986@gmail.com](mailto:cardillo6986@gmail.com) or (518)669-4403.
    - Graphic design
    - Social media
    - Photography/videography
    - Public Speaking
    - Marketing
    - Writing

