

Kiwanis Konnections

Cheshire, CT

December, 2021

-Recent Happenings-



Thanksgiving Meals - For Thanksgiving, our Club donated \$200 in gift cards to Cheshire Human Services Department for Thanksgiving meals for those in need.



50/50 Raffle - The current winner's portion of the Club's 50/50 Raffle is approximately \$81. Tickets are available at meetings to Club members only, due to CT's raffle laws, and are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Half the proceeds help to defray Club costs, and half goes to the winner!



Happy/Sad dollars - pay a dollar and share something you're happy (or sad) about. These dollars also help to defray Club costs.



The Club donated \$100 to Abilities Without Boundaries in memory of Dr. Richard Bisson, a former Club member and Past President who recently passed.



Our Club's proposed budget for 2021-2022 was approved at the Nov 17th meeting. If you would like a copy, please contact us at: general@cheshirekiwanis.com

-Upcoming Events- Club



Christmas Meal Donations - The Club will be donating Christmas meals to Cheshire Human Services again this year, for local families in need. Monetary donations are welcome, and can be dropped off to Jim Miele at his office, or, if you'd like to donate online, use the link on our website's home page. www.CheshireKiwaniis.org



2nd Annual Kenneth Anderson Memorial Art Sled Derby - Sat, Feb 12, 2022 (tentative). More information to follow as it becomes available.



Meeting Schedule for December, 2021 - Meetings are held in person on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays.

Wed, Dec 8th - 6:30 pm - jointly with Wallingford Kiwanis at Wallingford Country Club in Wallingford - Holiday Party!

This will be the only meeting in December.

Please Note: we ask that attendees follow the state COVID mandates: if you are not vaccinated, please wear a

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mask indoors, except for when eating or drinking. In addition, we ask that everyone follow the rules set by the meeting venue. Also, if you are more comfortable wearing a mask, please feel free to do so. Currently, first Wed meetings are held jointly with the Wallingford Kiwanis Club, at the Wallingford Country Club in Wallingford, and locations for third Wed meetings will be announced. Thank you!

Meeting information will be emailed to Club members; if you're not a Club member and would like to attend, please email the Club at: general@cheshirekiwanis.com

District



Kiwanis
New England & Bermuda District

The NEBD Leadership Development and Education Committee is

offering monthly virtual workshops, which will take place on the 1st Wed of each month, for 1 hr at 7pm EST. All sessions will be held via Zoom, and login instructions will be emailed to registered participants. For more information, see their website below.

The Midwinter Conference for 2022 has been scheduled for March 11-13, 2022, at the Holiday Inn Mansfield-Foxboro in Mansfield, MA (no details available yet).

103rd Annual District Convention is scheduled for Aug 19 - 21, 2022, at the Radisson in Nashua, NH (no details available yet).

www.NewEnglandKiwanis.org

International



International Convention for 2022 is scheduled for June 8 - 11, in Indianapolis, IN. Other details are not available yet.

www.Kiwanis.org

-Announcements-

Birthdays



Happy December Birthday!

Carol K.

Dec 10

Bob W.

Dec 27

Cheshire H.S. Key Club



In November, the Key Club wrote letters of thanks to school bus drivers, recognizing their dedication and service to the community.

For December, the Key Club will be participating in Cheshire High School's 8th Annual Winter Festival event. Proceeds from this event go to the Ryan T. Lee Memorial Foundation.

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-Did You Know?-



The Cheshire High School's Annual Winter Festival, in which our Key Club will be participating, will be held on Sat, Dec 11, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm (Rain date Sun, Dec 12).

This event began in 2012 as a way to honor Ryan and raise money, and partnered with the Ryan T. Lee Memorial Foundation. The Ryan Lee Foundation was established after a faculty member, Daniel Lee, lost his son Ryan in a fatal car accident. There is a \$10 entrance fee per family, and all proceeds are donated to the Ryan Lee Foundation. Both the Foundation and the Festival are dedicated to helping others.

The event includes crafts, music, face painting, games, prizes, and pictures with Santa. "Frosty" the Snowman, along with other winter friends mingle, taking pictures with guests.

"Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers." - Kahlil Gibran, Lebanese-American writer, poet, and visual artist

"For it is in giving that we receive." - Francis of Assisi

"The holiday season is a perfect time to reflect on our blessings and seek out ways to make life better for those around us." - Anonymous

"Just as a candle cannot burn without fire, men cannot live without a spiritual life." - Buddha

"Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love." - Lao Tzu

"A candle is a small thing. But one candle can light another. And see how its own light increases, as a candle gives its flame to the other. You are such a light." - Moshe Davis - Rabbi & scholar & teacher of American Jewish history

"Peace and joy to you and your family this holiday season." - Unknown



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Website & Facebook Info



Some website and facebook addresses to keep you in touch with our Kiwanis family here and worldwide.

KI website has some uplifting News stories, and suggestions for how clubs can help our communities during these times (see Continue The Work):

Cheshire Kiwanis Club website:

www.CheshireKiwanis.org

Cheshire Kiwanis Club facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Cheshire-Kiwanis-Club-189306331110910/>

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New England & Bermuda Dist. website:

www.NewEnglandKiwanis.org

New England & Bermuda Dst facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/nebdkiwani/photos/a.174252410640287/227013348697526/?type=3>

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Kiwanis International website:

www.Kiwanis.org

Kiwanis International facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/kiwanis>

Coronavirus COVID-19



For the latest information and updates on the COVID virus:

Cheshire - www.cheshirect.org

Connecticut - www.ct.gov/coronavirus

National - www.cdc.gov

Worldwide - www.who.int

Donations Welcome

Please & Thanks!



If you would like to support your local Kiwanis Club, donations are always appreciated. Monies donated are directed back into the

community through our service projects. You can make a donation online via PayPal through our website:

www.CheshireKiwanis.org

or by mail to:

Cheshire Kiwanis Club Foundation

P.O. Box 461

Cheshire, CT 06410

Donations are tax-deductible. We thank you for your support in these difficult times!



-Please direct any newsletter submissions, comments, or suggestions to Linda Miele at:

lsm@cheshirekiwanis.com We're always interested in things to share - thank you!