

# Kiwanis Konnections

Cheshire, CT

April, 2022

## -Recent Happenings-



Christmas Meal Donations - The Club donated \$500 (about 10 meals) this past Christmas to Cheshire Human Services, for local families in need.



The Club donated \$125 to Governor Gayla's Visit & Service Project, April 2. End Hunger NE will be working with Kiwanis Clubs to obtain and distribute protein-rich food packets that feed 6 people per packet at a cost of only \$1.80 per packet. Our donation will feed 416 people, and will be distributed in our community.



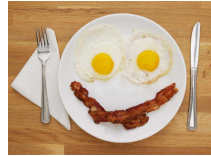
50/50 Raffle - The current winner's portion of the Club's 50/50 Raffle is approximately \$81. Tickets are available at meetings to Club members only, due to CT's raffle laws, and are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. Half the proceeds help to defray Club costs, and half goes to the winner!



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

## -Upcoming Events-

### Club



45<sup>th</sup> Annual Colonial Breakfast to be held Sat, Apr 2, 8:00 am to 11:00 am, at Cheshire High School. Tickets are \$5 per adult, \$3 per child (ages 5 to 12), and free for children under age 5. This event is held in conjunction with the Cheshire Chamber of Commerce's Home Health and Garden Show.



3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Wine-Tasting is planned for Fri, May 20, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm, at Cheshire Parks & Recreation. Tickets will be \$25 each, and will be available from Kiwanis members, or online at:

[www.CheshireKiwanis.org](http://www.CheshireKiwanis.org)



Our Club plans on participating again this year in Cheshire's Memorial Day Parade, scheduled for Sun, May 29, at 1:30 pm.



Annual Ernest DiPietro Bike Safety Rodeo is planned for the weekend of June 11-12, at Bartlem Park in Cheshire.

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Meeting Schedule for April, 2022 - Meetings are held in person on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month.

Wed, Apr 6<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm - location to be announced

Wed, Apr 20<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm - location to be announced

Please Note: We ask that attendees follow the state COVID mandates. We also 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. 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](mailto:general@cheshirekiwanis.com)

## District



**Kiwanis**  
New England & Bermuda District

For those that missed it, Feb's issue of the "Sparkle Gazette" noted that Tuft's Children's Hospital will be closing; this includes the closure of the pediatric trauma unit, and the likely end of Kiwanis' 41-yr partnership - KPTI:

Dear Kiwanis Members:

You may have read in the news that Tufts Medical Center is planning to close Tufts Children's Hospital.

This change is subject to regulatory approval but can go into effect as soon as July 1, 2022. The New England and Bermuda District of Kiwanis and the Kiwanis Foundation of New England want to have full transparency regarding the closing of Tuft's Children's hospital; however, no information is known at this time. Hospital staff and our district were informed of this on January 20; the same day that it was reported to the media. From what we've learned, this change would include the closure of the pediatric trauma unit at Tufts and the likely end of our 41-year partnership: the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (KPTI).

This being so new, KFNE is very early in discussions about the future of KPTI. However, everyone agrees that our trauma prevention programs (including Key Clubby Bears, Early Childhood Injury Prevention Kits, and Kiwanis Family Safety Days/Bike Rodeos) will continue, whether in partnership with a new hospital or otherwise.

While we navigate these new developments, we will provide our members with updates as we have them. Our district and foundation are committed to childhood injury prevention and other child safety initiatives.

Although this news has been shocking to many in the Kiwanis Family who have worked with KPTI for many years, we hope it will be the start of a new chapter for us and we will continue to grow in our impact of preventing and treating pediatric traumatic injury.

In Kiwanis Service,

Governor Gayla Bartlett and KFNE President Dave Peterson

The NEBD Leadership Development and Education Committee is offering monthly virtual workshops, which will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of each month, for 1 hr at 7pm EST. All sessions will be held via Zoom, and login

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instructions will be emailed to registered participants. For more information, see their website below.

104<sup>th</sup> Annual District Convention is scheduled for Aug 18 – 21, 2022, at the Sheraton Nashua (formerly the Radisson) in Nashua, NH (no details available yet).

[www.NewEnglandKiwanis.org](http://www.NewEnglandKiwanis.org)

## International



From KI President:

Our hearts go out to the Ukrainian people. We are united in our desire to help children worldwide, and members of the Kiwanis family have asked how they can be of assistance. The need in Ukraine is urgent, and we can help most by supporting organizations best positioned to quickly and effectively meet local needs.

Below is a shortlist of organizations that have the infrastructure in place to meet the needs of Ukrainian children immediately.

**UNICEF** — *Kiwanis International and UNICEF have a longstanding relationship. UNICEF ensures children have access to safe water, nutrition, health care, education, and protection.*

**International Committee of the Red Cross** — *This Switzerland-based organization aims to help people affected by the conflict and supports the work of the Ukrainian Red Cross.*

**Save the Children** — *Save the Children helps to deliver lifesaving aid to vulnerable children in Ukraine and around the world.*

Thank you, as always, for putting the safety and security of the world's children first and foremost in your hearts.

Peter J. Mancuso

2021-22 Kiwanis International President

May 3<sup>rd</sup> is Teacher Appreciation Day.

International Convention for 2022 is scheduled for June 8 – 11, in Indianapolis, IN. Registration is now open until May 1<sup>st</sup>. Details are available on KI's website:

[www.Kiwanis.org](http://www.Kiwanis.org)

## -Announcements-



It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of one of Cheshire Club's founding members, Tom Williams. His friendship and guidance will be missed.

Thomas Jackson Williams, Sr., of Wallingford, CT and Palm Springs, FL, has fallen asleep and is awaiting the return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is predeceased by his wife, Harrietta Ann (Harianne) Williams, and daughter, Minna Wagner Williams; the son of the late John Leslie "Luke" Williams and Gladys Mifflin Williams and brother of the late Donald K. Williams.

Born in Boston, MA, on February 25, 1933, and to rest on February 21, 2022, Tom spent most of his life he lived in Cheshire and East Haven, CT. He leaves behind his other four loving children,

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Cheryl "Cherie" Hallet Laspina-Williams, Tammy Mifflin Lobota (John), Thomas Jackson Williams, Jr., (Diane), and John Leslie "Luke" Williams II, (Stephanie); his fiance Sharon Abbatiello, grandchildren Krystal Brooke Williams, Valerie Kay Williams Rosadini (Nate), Jonathan Isaac Lobota, Olivia Glory Laspina-Williams, Richard Martyn Williams, Abrey Judith Williams, and Deven Dakota McRorie Williams, as well as several nieces and nephews. Tom graduated from Hamden Hall in 1951, served in the United States Airforce during the Korean conflict and in the reserves. Always doing something to help others. A lifelong member of Kiwanis including past presidents and LT. Governor of CT, started the Madison Kiwanis Club, a proud member of the Masonic Lodge in Cheshire and Ashlar Village, the Elks, and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He started and operated Cheshire Tree Service in 1957 with his wife, Harianne, until his retirement. Tom will be missed on this earth but he will always be in all of our hearts and lives and we will see him again in eternity.

Arrangements - Calling hours will be held at Alderson-Ford Funeral Home of Cheshire, 615 S. Main St., on Friday, May 20th from 4 to 7 pm. A Celebration of Life will be held at The First Congregational Church of Cheshire, 111 Church Dr., on Saturday, May 21, 2022, at 10 am. Burial will be held at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions in Tom's memory may be made to The Arbor Day Foundation, 211 N. 12th St., Lincoln, NE 68508 <https://arborday.org> or to The Cheshire Kiwanis Club Foundation, PO Box 461, Cheshire, CT 06410. For online condolences, to share a photo or a story, please visit [www.fordfh.com](http://www.fordfh.com).

## Birthdays



Happy Birthday to:

|            |        |
|------------|--------|
| James M.   | Jan 5  |
| Holly H.   | Jan 12 |
| Donna C.   | Jan 26 |
| Barbara C. | Feb 17 |
| George P.  | Mar 9  |
| Rachel F.  | Mar 16 |
| Bill S.    | Apr 16 |
| June B.    | Apr 24 |

## Cheshire H.S. Key Club



The Key Club members will be assisting our Club with the Colonial Breakfast on Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you!

## -Did You Know?-



The Cheshire Kiwanis Club was formed over sixty years ago by a task force from the Kiwanis Clubs of the Towns of Wallingford and Naugatuck, who wanted to form a new club in their neighboring community. The Cheshire Kiwanis Club was chartered with 32 members in the Fall of 1957.

*"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." - Mahatma Gandhi*

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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](http://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](http://www.NewEnglandKiwanis.org)

New England & Bermuda Dst facebook:

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Kiwanis International website:

[www.Kiwanis.org](http://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](http://www.cheshirect.org)

Connecticut - [www.ct.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ct.gov/coronavirus)

National - [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

Worldwide - [www.who.int](http://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](http://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](mailto:lsm@cheshirekiwanis.com) We're always interested in things to share - thank you!