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Auction donation drive enters home stretch

Frank Pollard was happy because his son **Gary** is vacationing in Florida. **Al Woodruff** was happy to note that Team One Chairman **PP Paul Hutchinson** was absent, ostensibly supervising batting practice for the Pinstripes. **Dave Sanford** declared that he had “no encore.” **Brad Cassin** has a commemorative dollar on the occasion of his joining Facebook (but NOT Farmville!) **Dale Dickson** was “just happy.” **Suzanne**



Davis was sad because Brad doesn't want to play Farmville. **Mike Monahan** was happy because the TV Auction is “going as well as it is.”

Sylvia Abar was happy to be back with us, and was sad to have to inform us that Westfield State College raffle tickets are not tax deductible. **Janet Cassanelli** was happy because her sister has completed a course of radiation treatment and chemotherapy and because **Father Joe Soltysiak** recently met with her daughter and future son-in-law and pronounced the groom-to-be a keeper. **Barbara Trant** was happy to be with us for the first time in 2010. Frank Mahar was happy because it was not snowing. **Ted Dickson** was unhappy because Frank's happy dollar

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Judy Hubeny, right, and daughter Delilah both participated in the annual “Penguin Plunge” January 30 to benefit the Amelia Park Children’s Museum. Delilah came by our meeting to collect on pledges and to deliver her own handmade thank-you note to President Chris Roncolato and other supporters.

President Christine Roncolato called the meeting to order just a little bit late. Cathy Bastible led “God Bless America,” Father Joe Soltysiak offered a prayer and we all joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

After happy and sad dollars, Chris talked a bit about the

results of the ongoing “Club Excellence Tool” survey of our members’ attitudes toward our club and meetings. Christine reported that 39 of our members have completed the survey to date, and that a preliminary analysis of the results shows that we have some work to do

**Christine L. Roncolato, President • Sharon P. Ashton President-Elect • Adam Wright, 1st Vice President
Janet Cassanelli, 2nd Vice President • Kelly Silvestri, Secretary • Michael A. Silvestri, Treasurer**

Meetings every Thursday, 6:05 PM at Tucker’s Restaurant, 625 College Hwy, Southwick, MA. Meeting and membership information at www.westfieldkiwanis.org. Postal mail to Box 773, Westfield, MA 01086-0773

Auction teams will turn in donations Thursday

Happy-Sad Dollars

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"...took the wind out of my sails." **George Delisle** was just generally happy. **Bill Parks** was happy about "...all the donations we're still going to get" for the auction. **Ciro Petrucelli** was happy for "no apparent reason." **Father Joe** said he was happy that all the other auction teams will soon be passing his Team 9 (dubbed the "God Squad" by **Adam Wright**) on auction donations. **Jerry Tomasko** was happy because he will be leaving next week to spend a month at his condo in Florida. Soon-to-be member **Ken White** was happy because his daughter has been invited to be a student ambassador at Framingham State College. **Judy Hubeny** was very happy to report she has had three job interviews and received three offers. Judy's daughter **Delilah** was happy because she was planning to sleep over at a friend's house Friday night. (Her mommy was also happy about that!) **Cathy Bastible** reminded everyone that Friday was "National Wear Red Day" for women and heart disease awareness. **Tiffany Moran** was sad because the father of some of the children she helps care for is having continuing health problems. **Sharon Ashton** was happy because she's nine days away from her annual Aruba trip.

February birthdays:

Ed Wojcek Feb. 5

Bill Parks Feb. 6

Jim Brown Feb. 9

February anniversaries:

Leo & Jennifer Sagan Feb. 9

Ken & Jane Magarian Feb. 21

Fred & Joan Kellogg Feb. 22

to member satisfaction. If you do not have an e-mail link or a hard copy of the survey, please contact Secretary Kelly Silvestri to get one.

If you have not completed the survey yet, please take a few moments to do so. It's important that the club have the input of as many members as possible.

Auction team reports were presented, and the total of cash and merchandise donated to date comes to nearly \$35,000 with less than a week to go before turn-in night.

All collections must be turned in Thursday night at Cassin Insurance, 104 Elm Street, beginning at 5:30 PM. The turn-in night activities take the place of our regular meeting, so there will be no meeting at Tucker's this week.

Poobah Chris announced the appointment of the 2010-2011 nominating committee which will be chaired by Immediate Past Poobah George Delisle and will have Brad Cassin, Al Woodruff, Dale Dickson and Father Joe as members. The committee will nominate a

president, a president-elect, first and second vice presidents, a treasurer, and three members of the Board of Directors.

The terms of Directors Sylvia Abar, Cathleen Bastible and Gary Pollard expire Sept. 30, 2010. Directors Ciro Petrucelli, Leo Sagan and Jerry Tomasko will serve until their terms expire in 2011. The nominating committee must complete its work and present a slate of candidates by March 11.

By bylaw, Sharon Ashton, as president-elect, will be the sole nominee for president.

Any member who is interested in serving the club as an officer or director should contact a member of the nominating committee as soon as possible.

Chris also announced that the Westfield Kiwanis Club's Annual Meeting will take place April 1, 2010. The 2010-2011 officers will be elected by the full membership at that meeting. The nominating committee's slate will be placed in nomination at that time, but, as provided in the club bylaws, additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Kiwanis was created by a professional organizer named Allen S. Browne. His concept for the new organization included the exchange of business among the members. However, the Detroit club had been organized only a few weeks when the members became involved in their first service project. During the next five years, Kiwanians would debate the basic purpose of the organization: mutual business exchange or community service.