



Westfield Kiwanis Club

# Kiwanigram



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## First auction reports in, blocks are all sold!

**Happy/Sad Dollars: (Note: Thursday's Happy/Sad dollars were all donated to the Red Cross for Haiti earthquake relief.)** Poobah Christine had a happy dollar for a great day, and apparently a distracted one, as she found herself trying to wear Ted Perez's name badge. Jerry Tomasko offered up a "very sad" dollar and an extended eulogy for the New England Patriots late, lamented season. Bill Santos donated a \$5 bill to the cause of earth-



quake relief, after having borrowed a happy dollar from Dave Sanford because he didn't have anything smaller. Dave Sanford made a donation

while asking, "Where's the butter?" Brad Cassin donated to commemorate our new Kiwanis Club tag line, "You grab ... I'll unzip!" (You had to be there). Jim Brown declined to further support Brad's suggestion, reminding us that he's now an elected official and that, "...as a politician, that's not good!" Father Joe was uncharacteristically speech-less. Judy Hubeny was very happy to announce she received her Master's degree. Adam Wright happily declared that "Team God Squad," the auction team captained by Father Joe, is making good progress. PP Paul Hutchinson was happy because "...the Jets are still alive!" in the playoffs. Katrina

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*Joel Morse of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Hampden County gestures as he makes a point during his presentation to the Westfield Kiwanis Club Thursday.*

President Christine Roncolato called the meeting to order at about 6:10 PM. Lt. Gov. George Delisle led a verse of "God Bless America," Jim Brown led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Father Joe Soltysiak offered a prayer.

President Chris opened the meeting by passing around a Red Cross collection tin in lieu of Mel the Pig, with the proceeds going directly to earth-

quake relief in Haiti. (The Kiwanis International Foundation is also donating to Haiti disaster relief – to contribute, go to <http://kif.kiwanis.org>. Happy-sad dollars are listed in the sidebar.

Following happy-sad dollars, it was time for our periodic auctioning of Mel's contents. Some spirited bidding took place after an opening bid of \$300 from George Delisle. Judy

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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](http://www.westfieldkiwanis.org). Postal mail to Box 773, Westfield, MA 01086-0773**

# Easthampton Interclub slated for Wednesday

## Happy-Sad Dollars

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Dziedzic was happy because her husband recently retired. Kelly Silvestri was happy because husband Mike is recovering well from his recent surgery as evidenced by the fact that he "...is as obnoxious as ever," and because she managed to get through all 19 of her auction calls and obtained some donations. Our speaker, Joel Morse, said he was happy to have the opportunity to talk to us about Big Brothers/Big Sisters. George Delisle gave a split happy/sad \$5, both because daughter Corinne has returned home after a six-month internship in Texas. Frank Maher joined PP Paul in being happy about the Jets and because the Yankees (he said) "...won the off-season." Sharon Ashton was happy because she and Deb have completed demolishing their kitchen en route to a new one. Judy Schmidt was pleased because her toy puppy has reached three pound and nine ounces. Mary Jane Smith had a "nothing happened" dollar. Jan Cassanelli was happy to introduce her new boss, none other than Kevin O'Connor. Kevin was happy to be with Westfield Bank and to let us know his new e-mail address is [koconnor@westfield-bank.com](mailto:koconnor@westfield-bank.com). Paul Nunez was happy to note that there are still more Sox fans than Yankees fans in our club, and Cathy Bastible was happy to report that Ed Abar, who has been hospitalized at Noble, "looks good" and was expected to go home Friday.

**NEXT WEEK:** *New England Martial Arts Center is our scheduled presenter. Expect to see a martial arts demonstration!*

Schmidt was the happy winner with a high bid of \$375, which will go to augment our club's administrative fund. Mel went home with Judy and should be back with us to start his restuffing next week.

Auction team captains made their initial reports Thursday evening. Paul Nunez reported that he's secured a donation of a pizza party for 40 people from Piccolo's Restaurant once again this year, and then apologized for encroaching on what has been Bill Santos's territory. Paul said he spoke to Bill earlier and that everything's OK. Paul also reported that Firtion-Adams Funeral Home, which had committed to sponsoring a \$400 "Big Block," has upped the ante to \$600 and sponsorship of the Super Block.

Judy Hubeny said her team is off to a good start, but had no firm numbers to report. Adam Wright delivered the report for Gary Pollard, who was unable to join us Thursday, and reported \$1,450 in donations. Father Joe reported that his team (dubbed "Team God Squad" by member Adam Wright) has to date secured 21 items, three block sponsorships and a "Friends of Kiwanis" listing for a total value of \$4,150. Brad Cassin reported for Ciro Petrucelli, with a total value of cash and merchandise of \$2,365. Katrina Dziedzic said her team

has so far amassed 20 items and a total value of \$2,384. Janet Cassanelli said her team's collections stand at \$1,100. Paul Hutchinson said that two of his assigned team members are "...no longer members of the club," but that he and teammate Jim Brown are making "no concessions," and reported a team total of \$2,400.

Lt. Gov. George said that he will make his official visit to the Easthampton Kiwanis Club next Wednesday, January 20, and asked any members who are interested in going along for an interclub to let him know as soon as possible. George said he needs to give a head count to Easthampton early next week. If you'd like to attend, e-mail [gdelisle@comcast.net](mailto:gdelisle@comcast.net).

Our guest speaker was Joel Morse, representing Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Hampden County, who told us of the amazing differences adults participating in the program can make in the lives of children. Joel said that there are many children right in the city of Westfield who would like to participate in Big Brothers-Big Sisters but cannot, for a lack of adult volunteers. Joel left behind literature, which you may obtain from George Delisle, or go to the organization's web site, <http://www.big-brothers-sisters.org/>.

***Kiwanis became international with the organization of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton in Ontario, Canada, in November 1916. However, the organization's official name, "Kiwanis Club," was not changed to "Kiwanis International" until the Constitutional Convention in Denver in 1924.***