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Three members honored with KPTI Jackets

Things got off to quite a late start Thursday, but don't blame Poobah Chris Roncolato ... members were having such a good time milling around and gabbing it was hard to get the meeting underway. When things finally did settle down, the group broke into a spontaneous "Pledge of Allegiance," and Father Joe Soltysiak led a verse of "God Bless America" and offered a prayer, as well.

Happy/Sad Dollars: Christine announced that Mel the Pig, who has grown quite fat in recent weeks, will be auctioned off at the start of next week's (January 14) meeting,

Birthdays/Anniversaries

January birthdays:

Leo Sagan	Jan. 3
Barbara Trant	Jan. 18
Ted Perez,	Jan. 20
Fred Kellogg	Jan. 30

January anniversaries: None!



Lt. Gov. George Delisle, left, Kiwanian of the Year Sylvia Abar, center, and Past Lt. Gov Frank Pollard were all presented with KPTI Red Jackets at Thursday's meeting.

as it has become nearly impossible to fit in any more money.

Christine was happy for the start of a new year, as was Kevin O'Connor. Joyce O'Connor was pleased that the holidays are behind us. Father Joe was happy to see guest Ken White, one of his parishioners, joining us as a potential new member, and also because he expects City Councilor Jim Brown will soon begin to get all the clearances necessary to build the cathedral he promised the good father during the campaign. Father Joe promised to provide plenty of kielbasa and golumpki for the construction crews. Dave Sanford was happy, but declined to make a speech. Dale Dickson said she need to save her dollars because grandson Sam is turning 13 soon and expect "big things." Ted was happy and agreed that Sam expect "big things" from Dale. Sharon Ashton was happy about a new litter of puppies. Cathy Hubbard recommended that we all think about

this year. Judy Schmidt offered a hopeful dollar that 2010 will be better than 2009. Gary Pollard was happy about the new year. P.P. Paul Hutchinson offered congratulations to Jim Brown on beginning his council term, and one being a member of "...the Number One Auction team." Mike Monahan was happy to be present. Ciro Petrucelli was happy for the new year and also because he had a great time playing with his grandchildren. Adam Wright had a dollar in hopes of Ed Abar's speedy recovery and return home from the hospital, a dollar in hopes of Ted Perez' speedy recovery, a dollar because "I think I saw Ken Magarian!," and a dollar each for the KPTI Red Jackets being presented to Frank Pollard and Sylvia Abar. Jim

**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

Three members receive KPTI Red Jackets

Brown said he was happy that Father Joe will be providing plenty of pierogi, golumpki and kielbasa for the construction of his cathedral. Leo Sagan wished everyone a happy, healthy new year. Sylvia Abar was sad that Ed was in the hospital, but happy because he appears to be feeling better. Sylvia also said she is selling Westfield State College raffle tickets, which are \$100 each and could win a grand prize of \$50,000 cash. Kelly Silvestri was happy because there are photos of Father Joe from 1976 posted on his Facebook

Silvestri. Paul Nunez said that George's identification as a Rotary past president proves the point that "Rotarians are wannabe Kiwanians!" Jerry Tomasko said he was happy that he was not held up in airport security returning from a holiday trip to Nashville. Frank Pollard was happy about Patriots' quarterback Tom Brady being named "Comeback Player of the Year." Al Woodruff was happy that his brother telephoned him from San Francisco and not someplace closer. Jan Parks reported that she, too, took a five-year-old granddaughter to the American Girl store. Bill Parks said he was happy, as an actual former Rotarian, that he had "moved on." Bill's guest, Ken White of Holyoke Community College and a member of the Westfield Family Support Network, said he was looking forward to becoming a member of our club. Welcome, Ken! Brenda Leja was happy because her brother is here for a visit, and Tiffany Moran was happy because her grade point average is 3.4.

President Chris called on Immediate Past President George to present KPTI Red Jackets to Sylvia Abar and Frank Pollard, as the awards were from George's year as president. George asked Brad Cassin, who was chairman of the committee that chose the Red Jacket recipients, to join him and Kelly Silvestri in making the presentations. George reminded everyone that Sylvia Abar was selected as Kiwanian of the Year for 2008-2009 largely because of her tireless efforts in establishing Builders Clubs at both of Westfield's middle schools and four of the city's elementary schools. George said that Frank Pollard was being honored because of his many years of dedicated service to the club and Kiwanis. Frank is a past president (1967) and a past lieutenant governor (1977-78) and has served the club in every capacity imaginable over the years.

At the conclusion of the presentations, President Chris asked George to remain standing and announced that he was being presented with a Red Jacket as well, which was anonymously donated by a member of the club in recognition of his service to the organization.

January Service Leadership Club Meetings

Thurs. 1/7, 3:15 PM - Paper Mill School K-Kids

Tues. 1/13, 1:30 PM - St. Mary HS Key Club

Tues., 1/12, 4:30 PM - Boys & Girls Club K-Kids

Tues., 1/19 4:30 PM - Boys & Girls Club K-Kids

Tues., 1/26, 4:30 PM - Boys & Girls Club K-Kids

Thurs. 1/28, 3:15 PM - Paper Mill School K-Kids

page. George Delisle was happy because he finished the January Yankiwanian Thursday and because he learned from an article in the Republican Wednesday that he is a past president of the Rotary Club, and he didn't even have to serve as president. Geana Delisle was happy because daughter Corinne is on her way home after a six-month internship in Texas. Jan Cassanelli was happy because her 27-year-old daughter recently went skiing for the first time in several years "...and came home alive." Mary Jane Smith was happy because her daughter, a recent college graduate, received a job offer. John Lanoue gave his traditional silent dollar. Ken Magarian said he was happy to be with us, despite the razzing he endured, and offered congratulations to Sylvia and Frank on their Red Jackets. Bill Santos didn't sound any too happy that he committed to taking his granddaughter to the American Girl doll store in Natick. (Said Bill, "My advice ... don't!" to anyone thinking about doing the same.) Brad Cassin was happy to turn a check for a block of auction air time over to Kelly

Upcoming:

January 7, 2010: First Board of Directors meeting of the new year.

January 14: Joel Morse of Hampden County Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

January 21: Martial arts demonstration! More info coming.

January 28: Foundation board meeting.