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Auction sets new record despite late start

Lt. Gov. George Delisle led "God Bless America," Paul Nunez led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Tiffany Moran read a prayer composed by Father Joe Soltysiak, who could not be with us Thursday.

Sharon Ashton was not particularly happy about being home after annual sojourn to Aruba. Cathy Bastible was happy about the auction results. Judy Hubeny was happy because she loves her new job. Suzanne



Davis was happy because the predicted rain was holding off another day. Dale Dickson was happy because she used the Ninoss Pizza gift

certificate she won at the TV Auction and declared the pizza to be very, very good. Ted Dickson concurred. Al Woodruff was happy because Tuesday was his "39th birthday." Mike Silvestri was happy because his dinner was Salisbury Steak and not "ostrich meatballs." Jan Parks was sad about the passing of her Aunt Elsie, her father's "baby sister," at the age of 86. Paul Nunez was simultaneously happy and sad because his son has joined the Marine Corps. Dave Sanford stood to announce that the Auction Committee had purchased a new set of cardboard boxes to hold our auction merchandise, and added, "... I am taking them home!" We guess

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BRIEFING SESSION - TV Auction display table volunteers get a briefing on their duties prior to the start of our 41st annual TV Auction. From left are Circle K member Danielle Light, Denise Delisle, Joe Noonan, Brad Cassin and Kathy Cook.

President Christine gonged us to order just after 6:05 Thursday. Lt. Gov. George Delisle led "God Bless America," Paul Nunez led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Tiffany Moran read a prayer composed by Father Joe Soltysiak, who could not be with us Thursday.

After passing Mel the Pig around, Christine called on

George, in his role as auction chairman, to report on the results of our 41st annual TV Auction. George said that, in spite of a problem with the new auction software that resulted in a 45-minute delay in getting the auction started, the results were very good, indeed.

The preliminary figures showed that we sold practically

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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. Postal mail to Box 773, Westfield, MA 01086-0773

2010 Auction sales garner close to \$41,000

Happy-Sad Dollars

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they'll be easier to find next year. Adam Wright was happy the Auction is over, sad that Fireworks season is beginning, and happy because he enjoyed "hanging out and talking to my friends" at the Redemption Center Tuesday. Katrina Dziejdz was happy for a "great auction." George was also happy about the auction results and congratulated everyone who played a part in generating our largest auction profit ever. Geana Delisle was happy because the Internet streaming of the auction worked so well that her sister, who lived in Indiana, was able to successfully bid on an item. (Geana's taking care of delivery). Bill Parks was happy about the the auction and the fact that we raised a lot of money, and was also looking forward to the Western Mass. Golf Expo at the Boys and Girls Club over the weekend and the Youth of the Year banquet March 24 at East Mountain Country Club. John Lanoue gave his usual quiet dollar. Brad Cassin was sad because he was not home with daughter Maura for her 26th birthday, but conceded she wasn't home anyway, and gave a second dollar on behalf of "the Academy" in nominating Jan Parks for the "Best Performance at the Auction Display Table." Janet Cassanelli was happy because of the auction results. Mary Jane Smith was happy because her dentist "...was able to fix my tooth" and because her son was starting training as a Longmeadow police officer. Sylvia Abar was happy for the results of the auction and the outstanding work done by the Westfield State Communications Department students. Leo Sagan was happy for "what Sylvia said."

every item available for auction. All sales and contributions together totaled around \$40,700, a new record and a 16 percent gain over last year's total of \$35,000.

Christine and George thanked everyone who contributed to the effort.

Member Ken Magarian, accompanied by Olen Bielski of the Westfield

State College Development Office and students Heidi Shepard and Amanda King, presented a program on current programs and developments at Westfield State. The presenters highlighted the highly successful Westfield State speakers series which has recently brought such luminaries radio host Dr. Michael Eric Dyson and former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski to the campus. Future speakers include feminist leader Gloria Steinem on March 31 and author Greg Mortenson on April 29.

Ken also talked about the new nursing program that will begin at Westfield State this fall and will ultimately see a 300-student nursing undergraduate program at the college, beginning with an 80-student freshman class.

Amanda King talked about

March birthdays:

<i>Al Woodruff, Gary Pollard</i>	<i>March 9</i>
<i>Garreth Lynch</i>	<i>March 13</i>
<i>Cathleen Bastible</i>	<i>March 26</i>

March Anniversaries:

<i>Joyce & Kevin O'Connor</i>	<i>March 11</i>
<i>Tracie & Robert Kester</i>	<i>March 30</i>
<i>Cathy & Chet Cook</i>	<i>March 31</i>

the many clubs and other volunteer and public service

opportunities available to Westfield State College's undergraduates. One of the programs she highlighted was, of course, our own Kiwanis-sponsored Circle K Club, which contributes hundreds of hours of volunteer community service to the Greater Westfield community every year (and which has Ken Magarian as its faculty advisor).

Heidi Shepard described some of the recent improvements to the campus, such as the newly-expanded Ely Campus Center and Library.

The name "Kiwanis" was coined from an expression of the American Indians in the Detroit area, which was found in Bishop Baraga's dictionary of the Ojibwe language. The expression "Nunc Kee-wan-nis" meant, broadly, "we trade" or "we share our talents." As a coined word, however, "Kiwanis" has no meaning except as the name of the leading international service club.