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'Good Citizen' awards for 2010 are presented

President Christine was happy because her daughter accepted a job she was offered and is now CEO of a company. Jim Brown was happy for the 90th anniversary celebration at Father Joe Soltysiak's St. Joseph's Church last weekend. Chris Lindquist offered a somewhat premature happy dollar for "when the Celtics win." Mike Monahan's dollar was for "when the Sox beat the Yankees." Paul Nunez was looking forward to his son's graduation from Marine Corps boot camp June 11, and for our four Good Citizen award winners, "... the future of our country." Judy



Hubeny was sad about the loss of her grandfather, but happy because she believes she is making a difference for kids in her job. Sharon Ashton was sad because her

guinea pig is deceased. Sylvia Abar had a couple of happy dollars – one for our award winners and another for Jim Brown because "... the potholes are filled." Judy Schmidt was happy over the sale of her last puppy. Cathy Bastible offered up a "... thank God it wasn't me" dollar after hearing from someone who had a tree come through the roof of their trailer during the Wednesday storm. Tiffany Moran was sad because her dog ate a chipmunk. Kelly Silvestri was happy because she slept through the storm Wednesday and didn't lose power. Marguerite Pratt, our Good Citizen winner from Southwick-Tolland Regional High, was happy because she took her last final exam Thursday. Janet Cassanelli was happy because her soon-to-be son-in-law got a big promotion, but was less than thrilled about

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2010 GOOD CITIZENS - The annual Westfield Kiwanis "Good Citizen" awards were presented to four area high school students Thursday. Pictured, left to right, are Lindsey Hewins, Westfield High School; Amy Elizabeth Mercier, St. Mary High School; Katherine Shaughnessy, Westfield Vocational-Technical High School; and Marguerite Pratt, Southwick-Tolland Regional High School. Each winner was presented with a certificate and a \$500 cash prize.

President Chris Roncolato got things started a few minutes late, owing to the large number of guests and a few stragglers. George Delisle led a verse of "God Bless America," Chuck Iglesias led the Pledge of

Allegiance, and Father Joe Soltysiak offered a prayer.

Chris thanked everyone who was present for last week's membership "meet & greet" session, and also thanked the

**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

Kiwanians will march in Memorial Day Parade

Happy-Sad Dollars

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the idea that the promotion means he and her daughter will be moving to Pittsburgh. Father Joe was happy for all the Good Citizen award recipients, but particularly for Kate Shaughnessy, a member of his parish and of Father Joe's confirmation class. Kate was happy because she read the speech she was going to make to us at the Boys & Girls Club earlier and it was well received. Her mom, Chris Osella, who is secretary/bookkeeper at the Boys and Girls Club, said she was happy to be with us. Chuck Iglesias was happy to be at his first regular meeting as a full-fledged Kiwanian and because his daughter got an internship for the summer. Ciro Petrucelli was happy about the Good Citizen awards and to see Chuck Hewins, a former Little League coach and father of Good Citizen award winner Lindsey Hewins, at our meeting. Dave Sanford was happy to report that his grandson will be an intern with the FBI, the New York City Police Department, and the Department of Homeland Security, and expressed the hope that having an "in" will help keep him (Dave, that is!) out of trouble. Adam Wright noted that the meeting he missed last week was his first missed meeting in more than a year and that, on arrival, he "...saw Dave (Sanford)," dropped and scratched his glasses, and buttered his roll with sour cream, all of which added up to a sad dollar. P.P. Paul Hutchinson was happy because – what a surprise! – "...the Yanks won two." Ted Perez was happy because his "number two granddaughter" is 22. Maria Perez, with us as a guest, was happy because their next-to-last grandchild is graduating from high school. Gary Pollard was happy because it looked like Dave Sanford stuffed a \$10 bill into the pig and was looking forward to winning the next pig auction. Amy Mercier, our St. Mary High Good Citizen winner (and, incidentally, outgoing St. Mary Key Club President) was happy that she's the valedictorian of her graduating class. Lindsey Hewins mother and grandmother were both proud of her achievements, but her father, Chuck, was happy to still be awake ... he's a Westfield DPW employee and had been up since 12:30 AM clearing storm damage from the city streets.

stalwart band of interclubbers who ventured out to Sheffield on Tuesday to retrieve our long-lost gavel. George & Geana Delisle, Dave Sanford and Al Woodruff made the Sheffield trek, where they were warmly received by Sheffield President Patricia Hardisty. The gavel was returned none the worse for wear and has been returned to its customary box at Tucker's.

Members who will march in Monday's annual Memorial Day Parade are to muster at 9:00 AM at the Mestek parking lot on North Elm Street, Chris said. The parade will start south on North Elm, over the new bridge, onto Elm Street. It will then turn onto Court Street and then south onto Holland Avenue. There will be **no parking on Holland Avenue the day of the parade.**

Sharon Ashton said she has tickets for the annual Church of the Atonement Strawberry Festival, which will take place June 17 at Stanley Park. As in the past, the Strawberry Festival will be our official meeting for that week. Remember that we will not meet at Tucker's June 17, and be sure to purchase your tickets from Sharon in advance. There will be no tickets at the door.

The Kiwanis Bike Rodeo is scheduled for Saturday, June 12, and chairman Brad Cassin is still looking for volunteers. The event will be held in the parking lot between the Boys & Girls Club and South Middle School. Contact Brad (nissacb@comcast.net) if you can help.

Fireworks Co-Chair Adam Wright reported that fundraising mailers have gone out to all city households in Gas and Electric Department bill mailings in May. A mailing will go out to past donors shortly, and efforts to secure corporate donations continue. Adam urged all club members to donate to the effort, and said that we need 100 percent participation on July 3 if the event is to be a success. The next Fireworks Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 2, at the Boys and Girls Club. All members are invited to attend and take part in the planning, Adam said.

President Chris said she has determined that Mel the Pig is quite overstuffed and can't accept any more of our happy or sad dollars. Accordingly, she will auction off Mel's contents at our next meeting on Thursday, June 3. Don't miss your opportunity to bring Mel home for a stay at your house!

The first Kiwanis motto, "We Build," was adopted in 1920. It was proposed by Roe Fulkerson, first editor of the Kiwanis Magazine, who later said, "God inspired me to write those two words - We Build. I am prouder of them than any other accomplishment in my life." It was replaced 85 years later.