

Kiwanis Konnections

Cheshire, CT

December, 2020

-Recent Happenings-

2020 Event Status



At the Dec 2nd meeting, the Club decided to make a donation of \$200 in gift cards for Cheshire Human Services' Christmas meal baskets. As a reminder, **food shopping is not needed**; Cheshire Human Services is looking for gift cards this year. If you'd like to donate money or gift cards, you can drop them off to Jim M. at Miele Law Offices, 396 South Main Street in Cheshire. Please turn them in no later than Fri, Dec 11th so that they can be brought to Cheshire Human Services the next week.

Thank you for any donations, and if you have any questions, you can email them to:

general@cheshirekiwanis.com

Kiwanis Kitchen



This month's "Kiwanis Kitchen" recipes can be found on page 3. If you'd like to share a recipe or two (or three, or more), please email it/them to Tom F. at:

tom@cheshirekiwanis.com

2020 Holiday Party



At the Dec 2nd meeting, the Club decided to hold this year's Holiday Party online/by phone for the December 16th meeting, at 6:30 pm. It will be held via Zoom; attendees can log-in on the computer, or call-in by phone. Log-in & call-in information will be sent via email to Club members; if you're not a Club member and would like to join in, please email the Club at:

general@cheshirekiwanis.com

-Upcoming Events-

Club – Meeting Schedule



Currently, meetings usually are held by phone on 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month.

Dec 16 – 6:30 pm – “Holiday Party” via Zoom (computer or call-in options)

Call-in information will be emailed to Club members; if you're not a Club member and would like to attend, please email the Club at:

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District



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New England & Bermuda District

Since NEBD canceled this year's Fall Training Conference due to COVID, Leadership Development Coordinator Brian Cofrancesco is arranging a schedule of virtual education sessions and club officer summits to take place on Zoom throughout the year.

Also scheduled is a Midwinter Conference, for March 12-14, 2021, at the Holiday Inn in Mansfield, MA (no details available yet).

Please see their website for details and registration:

www.NewEnglandKiwanis.org

International



The 2021 International Convention has been scheduled for June 23 - 26, online or in-person, at Salt Lake City, UT. New information has been posted:

"We hope to gather in Salt Lake City, Utah, in June 2021. If attending in person isn't possible, a virtual registration option for the 2021 Kiwanis International Convention will be available.

That option will allow members to attend online sessions of the Kiwanis

Education Conference on Thursday, June 24, and Friday, June 25. To vote, however, delegates must attend the House of Delegates in person on Saturday, June 26. Prices for the registration options are still being considered.

In a special meeting on Thursday, November 19, the Kiwanis International Board reviewed the provisions in the organization's bylaws regarding voting. The bylaws require members to vote in person on any proposed bylaw amendments and for the election of trustees and officers. (Article XV).

If the board declares in April that emergency conditions continue, the board has the authority, per Kiwanis International bylaws, to reduce the size of a quorum needed to conduct business or cancel the House of Delegates. If the House of Delegates is canceled, a meeting of the Kiwanis International Council would be called to conduct the business of the organization (as happened in July 2020).

To guide our decisions, we are paying close attention to the coronavirus outbreak. We closely monitor the CDC and WHO updates on COVID-19; as of now, we are proceeding as if events will take place as scheduled. Changes to events or meetings will be made based on future

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developments. In the event that we would cancel the 2021 Kiwanis International Convention, all convention registration fees will be refunded for all attendees.”

Additional information will be posted on the KI website (listed below).

www.Kiwanis.org

-Kiwanis Kitchen-



Submitted by Rachel F. ---

CHICKEN CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

- 4 whole chicken breasts, boiled, boned, and cut into bite-size pieces (leftover chicken from a roast chicken can be used instead)
- 1 16-ounce package of Pepperidge Farms stuffing mix (crumbs)
- 1 can of cream of chicken soup
- 1 can of cream of celery soup
- 1 package of frozen peas, parboiled (can be used frozen)
- 2 tablespoons dried onion pieces (optional)
- 1 cup of milk

Directions:

Grease a 9"x13" pan with butter. Mix stuffing mix according to package directions. Put ½ of the stuffing mix into the pan. Layer chicken pieces on top. Mix soups, milk, onion pieces together and then spread over the chicken pieces. Put peas over the chicken mixture. Top with the remaining stuffing mix and bake at 350°F for 40 minutes. Serves 6-8.

Submitted by Jim & Linda M. ---

SBITEN

Russian hot drink made from spices and herbs with honey or sugar.

Ingredients:

- 5 quarts of water
- 28 ounces of berry jam (seedless is recommended) (strawberry and raspberry is a good combination)
- 7 ounces of honey
- ½ teaspoon of ground ginger
- ½ teaspoon of whole cloves
- ¼ teaspoon of ground cinnamon

Directions:

Bring water to a boil, add honey and jam. Stir. Cook for 5 minutes. Then add the spices, stir, and cook for 5 more minutes. Serve hot. Makes a lot ;)

-Announcements-

Birthdays



Happy December Birthday!

Carol K. Dec 10th

Robert W. Dec 27th

Cheshire H.S. Key Club



From June B.: the Cheshire High School Key Club is working on a plan to make fleece blankets and donate them to a shelter. They plan on using some of the Key Club's funds to purchase supplies, and each member will work on the project while staying safe at home. Go Key Club!

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-Did You Know?-



The holiday season is a time of peace, hope, and togetherness throughout the world. Thanks to Kiwanis members, and the communities they work with, Kiwanis is an agent of hope in this world. One way to help Kiwanis change the world for the better is to make a donation to the Kiwanis Children's Fund or to The Eliminate Project (by December 31st, please & thanks). Please remember Kiwanis, and the impact you can help make in the world, during this time of year.

Whether or not you can get together in-person this year, remember that phone calls, computer meetings, or drive-bys are wonderful ways of connecting with each other. May you enjoy the blessings of family and friends this holiday season!

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." - Hamilton Wright Mabie (1846-1916, an American essayist, editor, critic, and lecturer)

Website & Facebook Info



Some website and facebook addresses to keep you in touch with our Kiwanis family here and worldwide.

KI website has some uplifting News stories, and suggestions for how clubs can help our communities during these times (see Continue The Work):

Cheshire Kiwanis Club website:
www.CheshireKiwanis.org

Cheshire Kiwanis Club facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Cheshire-Kiwanis-Club-189306331110910/>
<https://www.facebook.com/Cheshire-Kiwanis-Club-189306331110910/>

New England & Bermuda Dist. website:
www.NewEnglandKiwanis.org

New England & Bermuda Dst facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/nebdkiwanis/photos/a.174252410640287/227013348697526/?type=3>
<https://www.facebook.com/nebdkiwanis/photos/a.174252410640287/227013348697526/?type=3>

Kiwanis International website:
www.Kiwanis.org

Kiwanis International facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/kiwanis>

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Coronavirus COVID-19



For the latest information and updates on the Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic:

Cheshire - www.cheshirect.org

Connecticut - www.ct.gov/coronavirus

National - www.cdc.gov

Worldwide - www.who.int

Donations Welcome Please & Thanks!



If you would like to support your local Kiwanis Club, donations are always appreciated. Monies donated are directed back

into the community through our service projects. You can make a donation online via PayPal through our website:

www.CheshireKiwanis.org

or by mail to:

Cheshire Kiwanis Club Foundation

P.O. Box 461

Cheshire, CT 06410

Donations are tax-deductible. We thank you for your support in these difficult times!



-Please direct any newsletter submissions, comments, or suggestions to Linda Miele at:

lsm@cheshirekiwanis.com We're always interested in things to share - thank you!