

KIWANIS CLUB OF PALMER TOWNSHIP

November 8, 2017

Forty-two Years of Service to Children of the Easton Area

Speakers

November 15th
Rory Morgan
“Disappearance of Judge
Carter”

November 29th
Ron Roth
“Career & Technical
Education at the Federal &
State Level”

December 6th
Michael Riskin
“Robbery at the Zanabar”

Coming Events

December 11th
Special Class @ Spring
Garden School
901 No. Blvd - Bethlehem
Lunch @ noon

December 12th
Holiday Dinner
Pomfret Club

Club News

Quote of the Day - “The best argument against democracy is a five-minute conversation with the average voter.”

Winston Churchill

This morning’s greeter was Bob Lammi and prayer leader was John Gregor.

President Jim welcomed guest Dr. Tom Lubben who was this morning’s speaker. Jim also welcomed member Mike Hahn back from Florida for a visit.

Jim announced the 2017 Notre Dame HS Key Club Wreath sale. The 12” wreaths include one bow, cones and holly berries and cost \$16. The wreaths will be ready for pick up on November 30th and December 1st at NDHS. See Jim for order forms which are due by November 21st.

Kim Rose, who is a board member of the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley, talked about the Center’s children’s Christmas gift program. This year they have 5,000 requests for gifts and Kim asked if club members could donate a gift. These are due at next weeks meeting.

Ed Dean announced that the annual Veteran’s Day luncheon will be held this Saturday, November 11th at Marblehead Chowder House beginning at noon.

Bill Tonkin reported that he attended a Kiwanis Opioid Awareness meeting this past Monday. Plans are being made for a second awareness program in the future

with more details to come.

Chuck Lewis reported the profit from the Rose Sale at \$908. He also indicated that the EAHS Key Club was raising money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

John Gregor talked about the annual bell ringing for the Salvation Army. We have been assigned to the Sam’s Club on December 2nd. John will pass around the sign up sheet at next weeks meeting.

Jim Mack reported this years Christmas Dinner will be held at the Pomfret Club on December 12th. The cocktail hour will begin at 6 pm with dinner following at 7 pm. The menu will be similar to last years party and the cost will be \$45/person. Jim asked all those attending to make payment one week before the dinner. Checks should be made out Kiwanis Club of Palmer Township. At last weeks meeting he mentioned an open bar. He corrected this statement to a cash bar.

Jim also reminded members that there is still time to make a pledge to the 42 Foundation Fund.

PLEASE, PLEASE when you arrange for a speaker, ask the person for the correct spelling of their name so the speaker appreciation certificate and be made out correctly. Thank you.

Next weeks greeter and prayer leader will be Victor Scomillio.

This Morning's Speaker

Rich Knauss introduced this morning's speaker Dr. Thomas Lubben who is the Founder & CEO of TLC Arts which includes three charter schools in the Lehigh Valley. Tom indicated that they were the Arts Academy Charter Middle School in Allentown which opened in 2012; the Allentown Arts Academy Elementary Charter School open in 2015; and, the Easton Arts Academy Elementary Charter School in Easton which was opened in 2017. In 2003 Tom opened his first Arts focused school, The Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Performing Arts, now known as "Charter Arts", in Bethlehem.

Tom, has had 50 years of experience in education and got involved in his charter school business in 1997 when the PA Senate was working on the bill that formed charter schools.

Tom was concerned that the USA is ranked 16th in



education when compared to worldwide education. Finland is the number one rank program and he saw that Finland involved arts heavily in their system. He feels that our public and private school system is old school with a model that goes back to the industrial revolution. He feels that the arts teach students discipline and focus which spills over into their focus on the academics. Since charter schools are fund by the school districts they can not charge a tuition. Tom indicated that his schools are very diverse with a breakdown of 12% Africa Americans, 25% Hispanic and 63% Whites. He feels that this gives many children a very good arts education that they could not afford otherwise.

For more information on TLC Arts go to their website at www.tlcartschools.com.