

Official Publication of the St. Anthony Kiwanis Club of St. Anthony Village

THE VILLAGER

Meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month at noon and 3rd Wednesday of Month at 7:30 a.m. Board Meeting on 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. All meetings held at Culver's St. Anthony, 4004 Silver Lake Road

Dave Abrahamson	
Bill Behrenbrinker	X
Bonnie Brever	X
Tom Brever	X
Mark Casey	
Mike Cylkowski	
Mary Dierbeck	
John Dierbeck	
Carol Dunn	X
Rick Dunn	X
Dennis Fagerlee	
Linda Foster	X
Mary Gaspers	X
Dale Gunderson	X
Michael Hamann	
Todd Hanson	
Jay Hartman	
Ted Holsten	X
Sue Holten	
Dayton Hultgren	X
Carol Jensen	
Jan Jensen	
Joan Jurichko	
Joe Kasel	X
Jack Kiefner	X
Michael Kirschling	X
Chris Ledbeter	
Cyndi McReavy-Seitz	
Cyndy Mezzenga	
Tim Mezzenga	
Tom Miller	X
Kari Page	
Kim Pavelka	X
Joan Petersen	
Glenn Puncochar	
Tom Rapacz	
Paul Redlinger	X
Dianne Sparks	
Randy Stille	
Paul Stroom	
Barry Tedlund	
Wayne Terry	
Derek Theis	X
Gene Uhlenhopp	
Wendy Webster	X
# PRESENT:	18

MEETING DATE/ START TIME: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7:30 am by President Michael Kirschling.

SONG/PRAYER: Prayer by Jack Kiefner.

ELIMINATE PROJECT: Members present contributed a total of \$14.00. Tim Mezzenga matched donations in October, and Glenn Puncochar & Joan Jurichko will be matching in future months.

GUESTS: None.

PROGRAM: Joan Petersen introduced Chris Ravndahl, band instructor for St. Anthony-New Brighton Schools, and director of the Patriots Marching Band.

Chris gave us a history of the St. Anthony High School band program, all the way back to the early 1960s when Roger Bjorklund started the band program. Chris noted that the number of students has risen and fallen along with overall student enrollment in the school district, and that student band membership is strongly rising now.

In addition to the Concert Band and Jazz Band at the high school, the music program also includes the Middle School Band at SAMS and the 5th Grade Band at Wilshire Park. Chris noted that when he was hired in 1991, his 5th grade band had 57 members, while the current 5th grade band has nearly 90 members!

Chris told us that Roger Bjorklund had an award-winning marching band program in the 60s and 70s, and when student enrollments began dropping in St. Anthony in the 1980s, he reached out to band directors in Fridley, Columbia Heights, and Spring Lake Park to develop a joint marching band called Patriots. Columbia Heights dropped out after five or six years, and Fridley also dropped out in the early 2000s. Spring Lake Park and St. Anthony continue in a partnership that has lasted nearly 30 years!

Each year, the Patriots Marching Band takes an out-of-state trip to a major parade, usually around the 4th of July. Among their destinations have been Traverse City, Michigan, the Chicago suburbs, and Bristol, Rhode Island. Their patriotic music is always well-received by the parade watchers.

A Q&A session followed Chris's presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Rick Dunn reported that 40 K-Kids would be making blankets for animals sheltered by Rescue Pets Are Wonderful (RPAW) at their next meeting.

Linda Foster reported that 12 Builders Club members participated in the bag drop on Saturday, November 11. Ted Holsten noted that he needed 4 Builders Club volunteers to complete the bag drop on a future Saturday. Ted can drive them.

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Dale Gunderson reported that the Key Club would be volunteering at the trolley rides at the St. Anthony Shopping Center's Holiday event, and would also be volunteering at Wishes & More.

Michael Kirschling reported that our annual Kiwanis One Day event building dressers at Bridging, Inc. in Roseville is scheduled for Saturday, April 21. Mark your calendars!

Tom Miller reported that we have sold 305 canisters of nuts this year (up from 296 in 2016), and we should net approximately \$1,500 from the sales. Orders must be placed with Tom no later than December 5.

BIRTHDAYS: Dianne Sparks—November 4, Tim Mezzenga, November 7. Tim was present at the meeting, so we sang Happy Birthday to him.

HAPPY DOLLARS: Members present contributed a total of \$23.00.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

November 22—Club meeting at 12:00 pm Sue Holten is responsible for the program.

November 29—NO MEETING, as it is the 5th Wednesday of the month.

December 6—Board meeting at 7:30 am All club members are welcome to attend.

December 13—Club meeting at 12:00 pm John Dierbeck is responsible for the program.

December 20—Club meeting at 7:30 am Carol Jensen is responsible for the program.

UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECTS:

Third Wednesday each month (from 11:05 until noon) – Deliver Meals on Wheels

Wednesdays or Thursdays – Readers are needed in a number of classrooms at Wilshire Park

Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm--Building dressers at Bridging, Inc. in Roseville (SAVE THE DATE!)

President Michael Kirschling adjourned the meeting at 8:30 am.

**Respectfully submitted,
Rick Dunn, Club Secretary**