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Clockwise: Fifteen (15)- year Legion of Merit Recipient Alta Nickodemski, with Ed Murphy and Bob Gollnick. An animated John Benigni, Executive Director of the Meriden YMCA, describes the many programs offered by the Y. The "Ladies Table" at last week's Roundtable lunch.

President Gollnick rang the bell at 12:20 and we sang, pledged and prayed along with Alta Nickodemski.

GUESTS: There were no guests or Key Clubbers present today.

The 50/50 was won by Rhudean Raye. We sang happy birthday to Roger Vandal, February 4th. There were no wedding anniversaries, however, we noted three Kiwanis anniversaries; those of Judy Adamowicz (12 years), Don Parker (12 years) and Tom Ferry (31 years!).

HAPPY \$\$\$:

- * Bob Gollnick for groundhog day and six more weeks of a hopefully mild winter.
- * Rhudean Raye for having a guest speaker for us today.
- * Julia Kane for winning the big prize Friday night.
- * Ed Murphy for all who attended the Friday night dinner and program.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

February 7: Coat Drive for Meriden Kiwanis Aktion Club. Collection locations are: Arc of Meriden-Wallingford or Hunter's Ambulance Training Center. Deadline for collections is February 7th. For more information contact Dave Lowell or Elaine Murphy.

February 16: The Platt Pentangles will be at our luncheon meeting at Il Monticello.

February 23: Luncheon meeting will be at Lincoln Middle School with talent show kickoff.

March 7: Board Meeting will be at the Connecticut Baptist Home Community Room, 6:30 PM.

March 10: New England District Mid-Winter Conn. Regional Conference, 8:30AM to 3:30 PM, Register at www.newenglandkiwanis.org.

March 28: A "Kiwanis Meet and Greet" social to meet prospective members will take place on Wednesday, March 28, 5:30-7:30 PM at Violi's. The fee is \$8 per member, free for prospective members.

TODAY'S PROGRAM:

Rhudean Raye proudly introduced our guest speaker, John Benigni, CEO of the Meriden YMCA. We all stood and gave John a hearty singing "How do you do" welcome. John gave us an overview of the myriad activities and functions conducted by the YMCA highlighting their generous contribution of dinners to needy families. He also spoke of the growth of our Meriden YMCA that has been positive and progressive over the past few years. He feels privileged to be able to do community service work and earn a salary while doing so. He described it as the "best of both worlds". He also spoke of the affordable day care provided by the YMCA and the good work that is done at the Head Start Program. John then opened it up to questions from us. A discussion ensued regarding the Kiwanis theater at the summer camp and the need to enlarge it. John felt it could be best accomplished as a joint effort between Kiwanis, the YMCA and other civic groups.

The meeting was adjourned by President Gollnick at 1:22 PM.

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