

# Debbie Deal Receives Distinguished Member Award



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On April 1, Debbie Deal was recognized as a Distinguished Member and was presented with a lapel pin. The award is given by Kiwanis International to those members who have demonstrated leadership in promoting positive change in the community. The lapel pin presented to Debbie has a year recognition disk which is placed behind the lapel pin dignifying her year of achievement. Congratulations, Debbie!

*Jo Cox*

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## You Say ToMAYto, and I Say ToMAAto...

At our April 1st meeting, Program Chairman Mary Jane Bettfreund introduced us to the almighty TOMATO. Did you know that there are many varieties of tomatoes? I, myself, am not a stranger to tomatoes. After all I *am* Italian and I *am* from New York (Long Island to be specific.....) Now, you may be thinking, "what the heck does that have to do with tomatoes and more importantly, *who cares?*" Well back in the day, as a young girl (so that would be way back in the day), we grew tomatoes, along with various other veggies. It was the law...if you're Italian you had to grow tomatoes! ANYWAY, the worst part of the tomato were the WORMS...eek! They are very sneaky and they blend sooo well with the foliage. So picking the tomato wasn't as bad as trying to find the dumb worm. Now you may ask, what the heck does THAT have to do with anything?! Actually, it has *nothing* to do with anything, but I thought I'd throw it in anyway!

Now, back to our tomato program... Mary Jane introduced us to many varieties of tomatoes. There is the *Mr. Strippey*, the *Oxheart*, the *Green Zebra*, the *Lemon Boy*, the *Jubilee* and the one we've **all** been waiting for the **chocolate!** Yes that is right, you read correctly, the brown **chocolate** tomato. However, do not, I repeat, do not, try to melt it and dip your homegrown strawberries in it...it's just not the same!



*Program Chairman Mary Jane and the variety of tomatoes that she introduced to us at our meeting*

The program was very interesting. Mary Jane had several sample tomato plants that were given to some of our members. The instructions to all those who took a tomato plant, was to go home, plant it, water it, harvest it and then bring back your tomatoes so that we could have a huge tomato contest! There will be a written test at the next meeting....only kidding!

It was a terrific program, Mary Jane. Thanks for all your work.

*Jo Cox*

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