

DECEMBER 4, 2018 KIWASSEE KIWANIS SMOKE SIGNALS [www.kiwassee.org](http://www.kiwassee.org)  
Chair: Guillemette Invocation: Townley Greeter: Sullivan Pigmaster: Honerkamp Editor: Stevens

**Tuesday, 12/11: 11:30-12:30, regular meeting with lunch, Trinity Lutheran, adjourn to Central Park Elementary for 1<sup>st</sup> graders' holiday party 1:15-2:00 for teachers Cooper and Westervelt, 2:15-3:00 for teachers Grillo and Cousineau**

**Wednesday, 12/12:** Aktion Club Holiday Party, 5pm-6:30pm, MPS Admin Building, 600 E. Carpenter, come in the back door and down the hall to conference rooms A&B (M Briggs)

**Friday, 12/14:** Battle of the Bands, Dow High Cafeteria, 7pm. Tickets \$5 before the event, \$8 at the door.

**Saturday, 12/15:** LAST DAY TO RETURN CANDY AND NUTS PRODUCTS TO NUT HOUSE

**Tuesday, 12/18:** Kiwassee Holiday Luncheon with guests. Sign up so Pat knows how many will attend. (Moll)

**Wednesday, 12/19:** Eagle Village campus, Christmas Party, 4:00pm-7:30pm, dinner and chance to meet children (Townley)

**Saturday, 12/22:** Last day of the 2018 Nut House.

**TUESDAY, 12/25/18 & TUESDAY, 1/1/19: NO MEETINGS! MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Martha Briggs:** Sign up to attend Aktion Club Holiday Party. Watch for the very cleverly engineered tracking device which is attached to the signup sheet as it circulates. Food, fun, Santa, viewing of the Adopt A Family shopping trip results are all promised. \$5 entrance fee plus donation of a non-perishable food item are requested. Circle K, Key Clubs, Evening Club have all been invited.

**Bruce Rayce:** Senior Youth meeting today after general meeting. Will be a quick one. KEY CLUB FUNDRAISER – THE BATTLE OF THE BANDS – WILL BE IN DOW HIGH AUDITORIUM 12/14, 7PM. TICKETS AT THE DOOR ARE \$8. TICKETS PURCHASED DURING LUNCH HOURS OF 10:53 TO 11:23 AND 11:53 TO 12:25 ARE ONLY \$5 AND SELLERS WILL BE IN THE HALLWAY OUTSIDE OF THE LUNCHROOM.

**Gordon Rogers:** No tracking device this week, but please circulate Nut Hut shift signup sheet. NOTE: All spots filled!! Saturday, 12/15, is the LAST DAY TO RETURN CANDY AND NUTS TO THE NUT HOUSE. Saturday, 12/22, Last day of the 2018 Nut House.

**Diane Stevens:** No Community Service committee meeting this month.

**Duane Townley:** Only 1 gift remains! Thanks to all the shoppers and wrappers. DON'T FORGET: MEETING STARTS AT 11:30AM NEXT WEEK. ENDS AT 12:30PM, WITH ADJOURNMENT TO CENTRAL PARK ELEMENTARY. WE WILL HAVE LUNCH AVAILABLE FOR BOTH MEETING ATTENDEES AND WORKERS AT THE SCHOOL. PAT WILL MAKE TAKEOUT. THE ELEVATOR IS WORKING THIS YEAR!! Eagle Village Annual Report is available to those Kiwassee members who attend the 12/19, 4pm-7:30pm, dinner at the Eagle Village campus for EV Christmas Party. Attendees will meet the children and teens who benefit from EV mission of helping at risk children.

**Jim Young:** If you would like to help set up before or between the 2 sessions at the Central Park Elementary party, please let Jim know. There will be a take-out lunch available for you. Quick flag meeting right after general meeting today.

**Carolanne Guillemette:** If you haven't signed up for the Christmas luncheon, please do so ASAP. Four articles from our Michigan Division 10 are in this month's "The Builder"! Two are from Kiwassee: ACT Uganda HEAL "Big Project" donation and Bill Marklewitz pavilion at Longview.

**Member News:** Alex had lunch with Bob Wise and Duane Brooks at Brittany Rehab. Both continue to improve and are eager to get out and go home. Duane Townley said Dr. Dale Ducommon, at Stratford Pines, is failing. He would like to have visitors. Please call him or stop by. He has been loyal to the first graders' holiday party for years, and, even when he could not attend meetings, insisted on providing a gift for a child. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Guests:** Nancy Higgins brought Jim Pollack to the meeting, and Mike Cronenberger invited Tom Finnegan, former President of Traverse City morning Kiwanis Club. Welcome, gentlemen!

#### ICE SAFETY, US COAST GUARD STATION SAGINAW RIVER AND SAGINAW BAY

Fred Honerkamp introduced Petty Officer Jason Kuzik, Executive Officer Saginaw Bay Coast Guard Station, and Robert Wolpf, Division Commander Eastern Michigan, Coast Guard Auxiliary. Jason has been in the Coast Guard for 18 years, and Bob was in the US Navy for 22 years and the Coast Guard Auxiliary for 5 years. The US Coast Guard (USCG), especially in Michigan, performs search and rescue, drug interdiction, public education regarding water and boating safety, watercraft safety compliance inspections, general law enforcement, and ice rescues. Our area station is the busiest station of all US stations in ice rescues. Last year there were 7 rescues in one night. The most frequent crime discovered is human trafficking from the US to Canada. Anyone considering hiring a charter fishing boat should be sure the boat and captain are in

compliance with all USCG requirements and have permits and documentation. USCG can give tickets to offenders operating under the influence of drugs or alcohol. Last year there were 14 overdoses on the lake.

If you are planning on ice fishing, there are several things you should do to prevent an ice rescue event or worse, an ice fishing tragedy. Have a plan for the day and share it with someone responsible. Check the weather. Dress for the weather (Carhart's soak up water!! A pair of bib overalls with a floatation device is only \$70.) and take an extra set of dry clothes. Put reflective tape on your clothing and equipment. Take a fully charged phone in a waterproof case and turn on the GPS. Make sure the ATV or snowmobile are in top shape. Take safety equipment such as life jacket (wear it!) ice picks (worn high on your body so they can be easily used), a spud bar to pound the ice as you walk to determine its thickness, throwable life ring, hand warmers, matches and starter logs, first aid kit, emergency blanket.

Ice cracks are created by wind, currents, and water changes. There are no safe ice cracks. Cracks can widen in the time you have been out on the ice. What is easy to jump over on the way out may be many feet wide on the way back. Check the NOAA website, specifically the section devoted to current Great Lakes ice cover, <https://www.glerl.noaa.gov/data/ice/> Pay attention to the color of the ice: transparent is best, but how thick is it; white or opaque, use caution; grey, stay off. If you hear cracking sounds as you walk, get low to the surface, spread yourself out, and head to shore.

Know how to self rescue if you do fall into the water. There is a 1-10-1 rule. You have 1 minute to calm yourself, 10 minutes to use your extremities to save yourself, and 1 hour of consciousness. Spread your elbows out to either side to distribute your weight, keeping your hands near your chest or on the ice picks. Plant the picks ahead of you on the ice shelf, kick your feet and pull/propel yourself to the top of the ice. Roll when your feet clear the water and keep yourself spread out and low as you move to the shoreline. Get into dry clothes as soon as possible and get a medical evaluation to prevent hypothermia. EMS has a heat bag available for an ice rescue victim and USCG can also evacuate a victim to the hospital by helicopter.

After you get out of the water, don't try to take your gear or vehicle off the ice. Your priority is to get yourself and your fishing companions to shore. The Coast Guard will get the gear, but the vehicle is your responsibility to remove from the ice or water. Removal is at your expense, and fines may also be levied for pollution of the water.

To assist with a rescue, don't go out on the ice yourself, call 911, throw a life ring or cushion, and stay with the person to provide encouragement until EMS or USCG arrive.

**12/11, 11:30-12:30 REGULAR MEETING WITH LUNCH  
RAYCE – INVOCATION, KIM CLARK – GREETER**

**ADJOURNMENT TO CENTRAL ELEMENTARY  
FOR FIRST GRADE PARTIES**

**1:15-2:00, COOPER AND WESTERVELT,  
2:15-3:00, GRILLO AND COUSINEAU**