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CALENDAR

July 20 Club News and Publicity committee meeting, 1 p.m.. Mike Briggs.
July 21 Kiwanis Night at the Loons. See Renee or Ron Beech.
July 27 New member orientation, Dick Skochdopole, Wendell Meyer. ! p.m..

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Dick Skochdopole announced that he and Wendell Meyer will conduct an orientation program for new members after the meeting next week. (All members are invited).
***Bill Burk reported that he enjoyed helping at the “Triathlon” at Dow High last Saturday, and the kids had a lot of fun.
***President Renee reported that the Annual Golf Outing yesterday was a success—and the dinner was delicious!! She will give a more complete report next week

2010 KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION IN LAS VEGAS

President Elect Vicki Briggs, assisted by Mike Briggs and Alex Rapanos, gave an excellent report of the 2010 Kiwanis International Convention that was held in Las Vegas on June 24-27. Vicki said the Convention was attended by 4,042 delegates from 2,086 Kiwanis Clubs throughout the world. Sylvester Neal (Alaska) was elected President and Alan Penn (Ohio) is the new President Elect. There were 162 delegates from Michigan. Sue Petrisin, former Michigan District Governor, was elected to the Board of Trustees.

Eight amendments to the By-Laws were approved, including changing the designation for regions from numbers to names. Our region is now “U.S. & Pacific-Canada Region” instead of “Region 1”. Others included making more effective use of electronic methods of communication and information distribution and returning the title of the top staff position for Kiwanis International to “Executive Director”.

Much of the business of the Convention involved increasing membership and broadening the base of Kiwanis. Membership Pilot programs include Club Satellites, Company-Based Clubs, use of Corporate Memberships, Key Club and Circle K Alumni Clubs, and Family Memberships (currently there are 11,700 pairs of spouses as members). Memberships in traditional Kiwanis clubs in decreasing, but memberships in Key Clubs and Circle K Clubs are at an all time high. Also, there are 400 Golden K Clubs (over 65), 17 Young Professional Clubs, and 60 Internet Clubs.

Vicki reported that the new Kiwanis International Project will be in partnership with UNICEF, and will involve eliminating Maternal Neonatal Tetanus. This problem kills 60,000 babies per year in poor countries—caused by tetanus infection from unsterile conditions during childbirth. It can be prevented with education and an inexpensive vaccine. Other UNICEF partners for the “EliMiNaTe” Project include the World Health Organization and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Main fundraising will start next year at the Geneva Conference.

Vicki has a more complete three page summary of the convention if you would like more information.