

KIWASSEE **SMOKE SIGNALS** **KIWANIS**
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CHAIR: Bruce Rayce **INVOCATION: Duane Townley** **MUSIC: Alex Rapanos**
HAPPY \$ none **MAILER: Roger Briggs** **EDITOR: Diane Stevens**

CALENDAR

January 6: AKtion Club meeting, MPS Admin., 5:30-6:30pm, Talent Show video!
January 7: Visitation for Kerestes Family, Ware-Smith-Woolever, 1200 W. Wheeler, 4-6pm
January 8: Gary Kerestes funeral, Ware-Smith-Woolever, gather at 1:45pm to sit together for the service
April 5: Big Project proposals due to BOD from Committees
April 21: Top 2 Big Project proposals chosen by BOD.
April 26: Top 2 presented to General Membership, who then vote by ballot
May 3: Winning Big Project announced to General Membership

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian Goodwill: A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Bruce and the Club for Kiwassee achievements related to the Salvation Army bell ringing project. We had the most hours, 80.5 by 41 members, volunteered of any participating organization. We had the most amount collected in a single kettle, \$5,033, the day of our Christmas Luncheon. We had the most funds raised in total, \$8,328.51. The Kiwanis family of Key Clubs, AKtion Club, Evening Club, had a total of 166.5 hours volunteered.
Jim Morgan: There is now a memorial page on our Kiwassee website. Please check to see if anyone has been omitted.
Jim Rajewski: All Fire Sale nuts and candy were sold, and \$30,998 worth of product was sold during the entire campaign. Please turn in your check envelope if you have not yet done so. He will announce the sales leaders soon.
Doug Snoddy: Senior Youth meeting today.
Diane Stevens: Brief Community Service meeting today, regular meeting next Tuesday.
Bruce Rayce: Michigan District is having a shoe and boot fundraiser to benefit ELIMINATE. Clean out your closets and bring unwanted footwear to Bruce at the next meeting. More details to follow.

GUESTS

Bruce Rayce's guest was Brad Duling, SYM Financial Advisors. Brad spoke briefly of the Service Challenge, called "Serving for Aces", created by the collaboration of Dow Corning Tennis Classic and SYM Financial Advisors. From now until the start of the tournament on January 31, "serve up" an ace act of service, freely done with no expectation of reward (as in the tennis term "ace", meaning a winning serve that can't be touched or returned). Document your act of service by emailing a photo or video to ServingAces@SYM.com. SYM Financial Advisors will donate \$7 to Big Brothers, Big Sisters of Great Lakes Bay for every tennis ace served during the tournament, and an additional amount for every documented act of service. Use your tennis ball from Bruce for a suggestion or check the SYM Financial website for more ideas.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Carey Rayce is home and recovering well from her fall. Joe Downey's wife is healed from her recent surgery and they will be going to Florida as planned. Paul Walker would enjoy visitors. Gary Kerestes passed away Friday, January 1. The funeral will be Friday, January 8 at 2:00pm at Ware-Smith-Woolever, 1200 W. Wheeler, Midland. Meet at 1:45 to sit as a group.

A surplus of funds in Kiwassee Kiwanis accounts created two opportunities for committees and general members: Proposal 1, to fund a Big Project, not to exceed \$25,000, for Midland County children's benefit, and Proposal 2, to fund a Big Project, not to exceed \$5,000, for the benefit of children locally, nationally or internationally. Committees will meet (those members not on a Committee are encouraged to join a meeting and speak up with their ideas) and decide upon 1 project for each category. On April 5, each committee will present their top choices to the BOD. On April 21, BOD will vote for the top 2 proposals. On April 26, top 2 proposals will be presented to the general membership and voted upon. On May 3, the winning project will be announced. Talk with Roger Moll, Betsy Sullivan, Dick Skochdopole, or Bruce Rayce if there are questions. Both Proposals' guidelines are available on the Kiwassee website. Go to Documents, then Board Minutes, both Proposals are dated December 29, 2015.

PROGRAM: SENIOR YOUTH, MIDLAND COUNTY JUVENILE CARE CENTER & DAY TREATMENT

Michele Bell, Director of Court Services and Program Development in Midland County, 42nd Circuit Court, and Diana LaRue, Midland County Day Treatment Supervisor, Midland County Juvenile Care Center, spoke of their duties and the many services created to meet the needs of the youth aged 12-17 in the juvenile care system.

Juvenile Care Center capacity is 22 youth. Currently 16 are enrolled in the programs. Midland Public Schools provides 2 teachers and 2 classrooms for sixth through twelfth grade curriculums, and other community agencies also work with the Juvenile Care Center to provide programs. There are many Court Services available, including opportunities for community service, counseling, group sessions, mentoring through Midland Mentors, Life Skills classes, substance abuse counseling, and, of major importance, family counseling that includes the youth and parents together. This support network is working to 1)reduce the criminogenic risk factors, 2)increase protective factors, 3)provide skills and training to change thinking, problem solving, and develop empathy, 4)provide positive role models in mentors and staff, 5)be mindful of the trauma youth have suffered, and 6)keep youth in our community. The overall goals of the programs are to foster respect, promote responsibility, and insure safety for the student and the family.

NEXT WEEK: Program by Junior Youth, Greeter Penny Ecarius, Invocation Penny Ecarius