

KIWASSEE

February 2, 2016
CHAIR: Bruce Rayce
HAPPY \$: Sam Choo

SMOKE SIGNALS

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INVOCATION: Jim Bailey
GREETER: Al Burmester MAILER: Roger Briggs

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MUSIC: no song today!
EDITOR: Martha Briggs

CALENDAR

February 9: Valentine's Day Party (Bruce Rayce)
February 23: Items for Whispering Pines due (Susan Love)
March 3: The Rock's spring fundraiser (Doug Snoddy)
March 5: Walk for Warmth, Midland Center for the Arts (Millard Kent)
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

Mike Briggs: Two recent photos feature Kiwanis Family members: Zeller Award winters Jim Rajewski and Ray Senesac in the Midland Daily News, and a Dow High Key Clubber in the Literacy Council's publication.

Roger Briggs: the Golf Outing committee will meet tomorrow (Feb. 3) at 7 pm in the Midland Mall Food Court. Also, see Roger if you'd like to help with the Flag Project by organizing the teams that install and take down the flags.

Brian Goodwill: Human and Spiritual Values will meet after today's regular meeting.

Doug Snoddy: Senior Youth will meet briefly after today's regular meeting. Also, Dow High Key Club needs a chaperone for the Sunday morning portion of the 2016 Michigan District of Key Club Service Leadership Conference March 11-13 at the Grand Traverse Resort. Alex Rapanos will provide transportation to the event, and Doug needs at least one more driver TO the SLC on Friday afternoon and two FROM the SLC Sunday noon. See Doug ASAP if you're available to help. Finally, see Doug for tickets for The Rock's spring fundraiser on March 3.

Karen Adams: The Community Service and Young Children Priority One committees will meet in TWO weeks (February 17) to consider Chippewa Nature Center's proposed project.

Bill Spaulding: Pen a message to Paul Walker on the sheet going around; Bill will visit him today.

Ray Senesac: Sophie Adams, Bryce Lindbergh, and Ariel Weiss are guests today; they're the Northwood University marketing students working with the club on ways to streamline and better promote our fund-raising projects.

Bruce Rayce: Sign up to attend the Valentine's Party next week (February 9); committee chairs will meet afterward to compare notes on projects in an effort to both avoid duplication and be sure all community initiatives are addressed. Also, the Board of Directors will meet briefly after today's meeting to vote on a new member.

Fred Honerkamp: Fred has been asked to give his program, "You've Only Just Begun," to several veterans' groups whose members are struggling with PTSD.

Special Guests from the Dow Corning Tennis Classic: Bruce introduced Scott Mitchell, GMTC Director; Allison Mahoney, Director of Membership at the Greater Midland Tennis Center; and Jacob Stuckey, United States Tennis Association Publicist. In addition, tennis professional and Midland native Lauren Davis, along with her grandparents Joe and Rosalie are guests today. Lauren has been a main draw in sixteen Grand Slam events, played in last week's Australian Open and is in town to play in the Dow Corning Classic this week. She and her grandpa answered members' questions about her career. A previous winner of the DCTC, she has a match tonight!

PROGRAM: Fundraiser Results

Travel and Adventure: Cal Hoerneman announced the Top Ten ticket sellers in ascending order: Art Ledbetter, Gary Kerestes, Mike and Vicki Briggs, Bob Wise, Jack Higgins, Cal Hoerneman, Kathy Zaun Schmidt, John Mier, and (drum roll) this year's Norm Hozak, who sold an astounding \$2120 worth of tickets!

With the exception of 2011-12, our club's profits from 2009-10 to 2014-15 have dropped by over 60% (remember that we split profits with the Midland Kiwanis Club, based on each club's sales). Club members continue to

purchase the tickets we donate to area agencies for their clients. The price for a package of six tickets will likely go up next year, from \$30 to \$35, and we are considering switching to a new company for speakers and films.

Challenges with this fund-raiser include scheduling conflicts with presenters, many of whom are not available on the dates the Midland Center for the Arts gives us for the programs to take place in the Auditorium. The MCFTA is expensive to rent, but the charge for use of the facility includes all staffing needs like ushers, ticket takers, and technical assistance. Changing venues (to the Central Auditorium or Bullock Creek, for example) would depend on whether we would pay the same or less with comparable support and gain flexibility in scheduling.

Candy and Nuts: Many thanks to Jim Rajewski for his twenty-year tenure as Chief Nut! In turn, Jim thanked Bill Kennett, Gordon Rogers, Aaron Oberlin, Dick Jellum, Al Burmester, Cal Hoerneman, and the Salvation Army for their assistance, along with the Keepers of the Nut House, many of whom worked multiple shifts. He gave a special nod to Gary Kerestes who, even though he was ill, continued to participate in the fund-raiser.

This year's Top Twenty sellers, in ascending order, were Jack Higgins, Duane Townley, Bill Spaulding, Bill Kennett, Jack Lehman, Alex Rapanos, Gerry Schwark, Dave Winegardner, Dick Schochdapole, Heather McLaughlin, Duane Brooks, Gary Vogel, Doug Snoddy, Laverne Myers, Bruce Rayce, Mike and Vicki Briggs, Cal Hoerneman, Roger and Martha Briggs, Al Burmester, and (ta da) Jim Rajewski!

Congratulations to Betsy and Rusty Sullivan, who will proudly display the Rookie of the Year traveling trophy until next year's fund-raiser. In addition, almost eighty members supported Candy and Nut Sales this year: twenty-four sold \$400 or more, fifty-one sold up to \$400, and five made donations of \$50 or more.

Our goal was to sell \$22,000 of product and, although our actual sales were 8% less at \$20,000, we netted almost \$9000 (\$8916)...an impressive profit. We will probably eliminate a few weak sellers next year, reducing the number of items available for purchase.

REMINDERS:

February 23 is the last meeting to donate items for Whispering Pines' Learn and Earn program:

- **CLEANING PRODUCTS:** paper towels, window spray, disinfectant wipes, dish soap, all purpose cleaner, laundry soap, fabric sheets, trash cans/bags, brooms, dustpans, bleach/spray.
- **CHILDREN'S ITEMS:** board books, children's books, markers, games, art materials, puzzles, crayons, puppets, baby dolls
- **PERSONAL HYGIENE:** toilet paper, deodorant, toothpaste toothbrushes, floss, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hand soap, bandaids, facial tissues, hair brushes, skin lotions
- **MISCELLANEOUS:** first aid kits, smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, bath towels, wash cloths, dish towels, dish cloths, sheets, blankets, candles, coffee pot, pillows, plates, pots and pans, floor rugs, snow shovels, toasters, vacuums

Human and Spiritual Values and Senior Youth committees meet after today's meeting.

Please consider helping Gene Woodward get to our meetings; he's eager to stay involved.

Remember to dress up for next week's Valentine's Party – see Bruce if you haven't signed up to attend!

NEXT WEEK:

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