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CHAIR: Bruce Rayce INVOCATION: Vicki Briggs MUSIC: Alex Rapanos

HAPPY \$: Bruce Rayce GREETER: Ron Graunke MAILER: Roger Briggs EDITOR: Diane Stevens

CALENDAR

March 9: AKtion Club meeting, 5:30, MPS Admin Center (Martha Briggs)

April 5: Big Project proposals due to BOD from Committees

April 5: Training for new Tall in the Saddle (TIS) volunteers (Vicki Briggs)

April 13: TIS starts spring session (Vicki Briggs)

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 Projects announced to General Membership

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martha Briggs: Don't forget the AKtion Club meeting on Wednesday, 5:30-6:30. Upcoming project is helping at the Chippewa Nature Center Pancake Breakfast.

Vicki Briggs: Thanks to all who signed up for the Tall in the Saddle (TIS) spring session. This first session of the year begins 4/13 and ends 6/1. There will be a horse show for riders on 6/4. Training for new volunteers will be 4/5 at Gypsy Hollow on North Sturgeon Road. Contact Vicki Briggs for more information.

Roger Briggs: Kiwanis Foundation meeting today after the regular meeting. Funding requests will be considered. Should only take about 45 minutes.

Doug Snoddy: Senior Youth meeting today. Signup sheet passed around for our volunteer attendance at HH Dow Key Club meetings, Wednesday, 3:30 to 3:45, usually. They are very fast meetings!!

Diane Stevens: A reader is needed for 3/15 at First Baptist preschool class. (Thank you, Jim Heffel.) Community Service meeting next week after the general meeting to discuss the Big/Small Project ideas. There will be a blood drive on Monday, 3/14, 2-7pm. Trinity Lutheran Gathering Room. Appointments are preferred. Go to miblood.org or call 866-642-5663. Type O negative is particularly needed right now.

Bruce Rayce: A flag route chairman is NEEDED for the Flag Project. Rogers Briggs has enough on his plate with the Foundation and the upcoming Golf Outing. A job description is available from President Bruce and also was sent to Committee Chairs for distribution to Committee Members. Bruce has created a Fun Committee! Four members have volunteered to be part of this committee, 2 more are needed. Contact Bruce about joining. Greeters and invocation volunteers are needed for future meetings...see Bruce for the signup sheets. Bruce introduced Michele Belson, Bayside Home Care, who announced a special class, "A Matter of Balance", designed to prevent falls. The class will be on Wednesdays, 9-11am, beginning March 23, until May 11, at MidMichigan Medical Center Midland, 4000 Wellness Blvd., Room 1224, near the front lobby. The class is free and will include light stretching and strengthening exercises with complimentary snacks. Call Michele, 941-0555, or Kelli Jankens, 839-1387, to enroll.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Bill Marklewitz has been in the hospital to treat fluid in his lungs. He will be released soon and we hope he will be back at meetings.

GUESTS

Mike Cronenberger introduced Hannah Tiffin, whom he met at a recent Chamber of Commerce breakfast. Hannah is a youth coach, and is interested to hear what we do for area youth. Bruce Rayce introduced Scott Mitchell, Executive

Director of the Tennis Center, who is here for a second time, as is Brad Duling, a past Lt. Governor for Key Club during his high school years. Welcome, all!

PROGRAM: SENIOR YOUTH, H H DOW HIGH SCHOOL KEY CLUB MEMBERS

Doug Snoddy introduced today's speakers: Anna Mylvaganam, Joanna Danielson, Sarah Namovitz, Samantha Damocles, Becca Haines, Spencer Reay, and Chloe King from Key Club at H H Dow High School. They used a different method to tell us about their activities. Instead of speaking to a seated audience, they stood at 5 stations and Kiwanians rotated between them. This kept us moving and them talking.

1460th Reserve Unit Homecoming – Samantha Damocles told us about this event which was held at the school. There were crafts for the children of the returning soldiers, flags to give out and snacks to serve. It was one of many service projects (Samantha had a scrapbook from a past year's events) the Key Club does for the community. Other projects have been Teen Night, Highway Pickup, Food Drives (Kids Against Hunger and Filling Midland's Cup), Santa Parade, and Music and More at Jefferson.

Key Leader Rally- District Service Leadership Conference – Anna Mylvaganam was excited to attend the upcoming (3/12) Michigan District SLC in Traverse City at the Grand Traverse Resort. More than 200 youth will attend. Anna expressed great appreciation for Kiwassee's help to fund the students' attendance (our contributions bring their cost down to a much more manageable amount) and provide transportation and chaperones. Thank you, Martha Briggs, for driving this weekend!

Renovations at House of Mercy – Diana Danielson had photographs and information about this past project, done with Kiwassee Kiwanis in May 2015. She especially enjoyed interacting with the children who were at the shelter while work was ongoing, and said she learned some new shop skills, thanks to the Kiwanians. This project, under Community Service, will happen again as another area in the house is to be renovated by collaborative efforts of Kiwassee and Key Club members.

Kiwanis Family Projects – Becca Haines and Spencer Reay told Kiwanians about the Kiwanis Club "family members", Circle K from Northwood University, AKtion Club, and Kiwassee, that they work with at area events, such as Kids Against Hunger packaging, Santa Parade, and Highway Pickup sessions.

YUDA Band Sale – Sarah Namovitz and Chloe King told of a service project from the fall of 2014, a YUDA Band sale. Sarah learned about this opportunity at a Service Leadership Conference. Money raised through the sale of the bands (handcrafted leather and coconut bracelets) went towards a year of education for a Guatemalen student. The bracelets were sold during lunch hours for \$7. A boy from Guatemala named Eric benefited from our Key Club members' efforts. Sarah said Club members realized they shouldn't take their own ability to attend school for granted.

Some observations from the Q&A session afterwards: There are about 60 members on record for the Key Club at Dow High School. A meeting typically draws 30 to 40 members....standing room only in Mr. Richards' classroom. It was noted that only one Key Club gentleman attended today's event and there was a question about where are the fellows in the officers' lineup?? Reportedly they do participate in events, just don't seek leadership positions. Fred Honerkamp asked a good question...how can Kiwassee help the Key Club? Answer, continue to support the Club financially and with chauffeurs and chaperones, and **involve them in sweat equity projects so they can get to know us, and we can get to know them. The relationships are valuable to all of us. These Key Club member students are the future of Kiwanis and of the world.**

NEXT WEEK: Program by Audit Committee, Greeter Sam Choo, Invocation Gordon Rogers