

KIWASSEE SMOKE SIGNALS KIWANIS

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CHAIR: Bruce Rayce INVOCATION: Mike Feider MUSIC: Alex Rapanos

HAPPY \$: "Birthday" Higgins GREETER: Al Klashak MAILER: Roger Briggs EDITOR: Diane Stevens

CALENDAR

- April 13:** TIS (Tall in the Saddle) starts spring session (Vicki Briggs)
April 16: Highway Pickup. Meet 9am Law Enforcement Center (Larry McCoy)
April 21: Top 2 Big Project proposals in each category chosen by BOD.
April 23: Work session at Eagle Village with Key Club, 8:30 depart, 4:30return (Al Burmester)
April 26: Top 2 in each category presented to General Membership, who then vote by ballot
April 27: AKtion Club meeting, 5:30, MPS Admin Center (Martha Briggs)
May 3: Winning Projects announced to General Membership

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vicki Briggs: TIS starts this week. Chuck took the training recently.

Al Forster: Dues are due.

Susan Love: There will be a Junior Youth meeting next week BEFORE the general meeting.

Larry McCoy: Saturday highway pickup, meet at 9am at Law Enforcement Center. Business cards are available on the back table. Does anyone else need them?

Aaron Oberlin: A Fun Committee meeting will be today.

Millard Kent: House of Mercy project went well and more got done than expected. Carpet was removed and part of the new flooring installed. More work will be done and maybe it will be finished by Thursday.

Diane Stevens: Community Service meeting today. Can anyone read on 4/21 at 11am at Longview? Vicki can. YAY!

Bruce Rayce: Maybe at a future meeting we can talk about trips we have taken? There are a lot of travelers in this group! There will be a quick BOD meeting today. Even though the tables are sold out, there can be more seats available at the Kiwassee luncheon table for Children's Grief Center fundraising luncheon at the Holiday Inn. See Bruce for information. Bruce and other officers went to Spring Divisional at Schwartz Creek. Forty-six clubs from five Divisions attended, providing a great opportunity for networking. We donated 118 pairs of shoes (mostly Martha's!). In total, 125 bags of shoes, with 25 pairs/bag, were donated. The shoes are sold and the money goes to ELIMINATE. One bag saves the life of 5 infants, so 625 infants' lives were saved. The International Convention will be in Toronto and the State Convention in August at MSU. Larry Memmer, Division 1, Detroit Club, talked about reaching out to young professionals to join Kiwanis. Larry has been invited to speak to Kiwassee about "The Formula". At Divisional, Kiwassee was a standout Club! We were recognized for gaining 8 new members! We achieved Distinguished Club status, which was President Dave's goal last year! BRAVO Kiwassee! And President Dave received the Distinguished President award! BRAVO Dave! Of 162 Clubs in the State, we had the highest score! HUGE thanks to Jack Higgins, also, for keeping track of the points we earn as a Club and the paperwork that must be done to report it!! There has been a redesign of the Kiwanis logo and new images will be out soon. The "birdcage" affect around the K has been eliminated. Vicki Briggs, Dave Winegardner and Gordon Rogers are this year's Nominating Committee. The following Slate of Officers will be voted upon on May 3: President, Fred Honerkamp, President Elect, Doug Snoddy, Vice President, Roger Moll, Secretary, Jack Higgins, Member Secretary, Al Forster, Treasurer, Jim Morgan, Assistant Treasurer, LaVerne Meyer, Past President, Bruce Rayce. For 3 year term on Board of Directors, Brian Goodwill, Chuck Gaertner, Ben Tierney; for 1 year term to replace Roger Moll, Vicki Briggs. Next week at the Board of Directors meeting, there will be a vote on Big Projects and Small Projects to select the 2 finalists in each category.

<u>Committee</u>	<u>\$25,000 Project</u>	<u>\$5,000 Project</u>
Human & Spiritual Values	Playground at Midland Christian School	ACT Uganda/HEAL
Community Service	NHV media room/library	ACT Uganda/HEAL
Young Children	Purchase 1 component of STEM plan	Pavilion at Longview
Junior Youth	Purchase 1 component of STEM plan	Pay 50% of trailer rent At Whispering Pines
Senior Youth	“Midland Believes” renewable scholarship With MACF for low income youth	Fund 2 year study to expand program and services of ROCK

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Bill Markelwitz still has health problems, Bill Kennett is home from the hospital, going to rehab and doing well, Joe Downey broke his rib while playing golf. Keep all those folks in your thoughts and prayers. Doug Snoddy sponsored our latest new member, Mike Fenske. Mike is a former Dow employee, father of 2 grown children, fourth generation Midlander who is looking forward to becoming an active Kiwassee Kiwanian. Welcome, Mike! Thanks to Max Bottomley and Phil Sarnacke, President and Vice President of Kiwassee, who kept the Club going during the Dow strike years ago.

PROGRAM: CAROL RUMBA, CREATIVE 360

Carol, Director of Creative 360 and former Kiwassee member, who promises to rejoin at some point, spoke about Creative 360’s Express Yourself Artshop program. First, Carol thanked the Foundation for a donation to update the Creative 360 sound system. Alex said the check is in the mail. Artshop began in 2013 and has earned community recognition of its importance as an artistic therapy outlet for people who may not be able to afford or participate in a more mainstream art class. Over 200 students participate in the 5 month program, and it is open to all ages and abilities, especially folks with special needs and challenges. There will be an October showcase event and exhibit of the students’ art (written, music, theater, 3D and 2D) and art from across Michigan. Carol asked us to consider making a donation to sponsor a student. There are 10 to 12 classes in a series, and \$60 will pay for 1 series. Mike Feider suggested all the Pig Dollars today go to the Artshop program, and many members then dug deeper in their pockets for extra contributions. Donations can also be sent to Creative 360, 1517 Bayliss Street, Midland, 48640 with one of the forms placed on our tables, or just with a check and a note in the mail. On the website, www.becreative360.org, there is also a link for donations.

NEXT WEEK: Senior Youth, Greeter Al Burmester, Invocation Bill Spaulding