

CHAIR: Bruce Rayce INVOCATION: Jim Rajewski MUSIC: Alex Rapanos

HAPPY \$: Bruce Rayce GREETER: Joe Downey MAILER: Roger Briggs EDITOR: Diane Stevens

CALENDAR

Thur & Fri, June 16 & 17: Eagle Village painting, 8:30 a.m., MCFTA parking lot (Duane Townley)

Tues, June 21: Kiwassee Picnic, 5 p.m., Emerson Park (shelter TBA) (Bruce Rayce)

Wed, June 22: Kiwassee Golf Outing, 9 a.m., Apple Mountain. (Roger Briggs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mike Briggs: Greg Dorrien of WMFC wrote a complimentary letter about our efforts to create Gary's Bridge and Susan Love did an article about same, both for the MDN.

Roger Briggs: Golf outing needs golfers and general volunteers. Sign up, even if you are a single golfer and you will be placed with someone. Golfers attract sponsors!

John Congleton: New volunteers are needed for flag planting. Sign up with a veteran planter for the upcoming Flag Day and learn the ropes. If you already have a favorite partner, that's okay.

Brian Goodwill: Please sign up to give the Invocation during the summer.

Ron Graunke: Steak fry will be 6/21, in place of the noon meeting, at Emerson Park. Setup helpers are needed.

Ray Senesac: The new Educational Center at Barstow Airport was dedicated on Sunday. Kiwassee received recognition not only for donating to the Center, but also for the flag display at the event. Email Ray with any suggestions, observations, even criticisms of the current flag project system. How can it be improved? Next week, folks will have an opportunity to voice their opinions during the meeting.

Diane Stevens: There will be a Community Service meeting today. Also, thank you to the devoted readers who read at 7 preschools, Headstart and GSRP, this school year: Gordon Rogers, Jim Heffel, Carol Sarnacke, Bob Davidson, Dick Skochdopole, Penny Ecarius, Bill Krueger, Vicki Briggs, and Duane Townley.

Ben Tierney: A Fun Question from the Fun Committee: Which President was called "The Great Communicator"? Dave Winegardner won a bag of chocolate covered espresso beans for his quick and correct answer.

Martha Briggs: On behalf of Senior Youth, Martha presented Captain Brian Goodwill with a check for \$500 in support of the SHARE program. The funds will go towards the counselors' salaries. Counselors receive 1 week of training. Last year, a third generation counselor worked in the program!!

Bruce Rayce: First order of business, give Pat a hug and thank her for the great lunch! Thank you to Ray Senesac and Mike Cronenberger, heroes of the week, for their parts in providing the flag display at Barstow during the Educational Center dedication ceremony. Many influential local folks were there and it gave Kiwassee's Flag Project great exposure. Bruce showed us a thank you note from Pam Kerestes, who was clearly touched by the creation and naming of the bridge for Gary. Rudy Phillips deserves much credit for taking over the project from Gary when he became too ill to continue working. Thank you, Rudy! ACT Uganda's Margie Phillips sent a thank you note for our \$5,000 award to HEAL. There were also a letter and pictures in MDN regarding the donation. Bill Kennett is doing well, according to his daughter, and we all hope he can return to meetings soon.

PROGRAM: FUN COMMITTEE & KIWASSEE FOUNDATION/KIWANIS OF MI FOUNDATION

Heather McLaughlin assured us the Fun Committee is having fun, even if we are not! Bill Spaulding, with his background in the hospitality industry, sat in on a recent committee meeting. Some upcoming fun off-site events: 1) 7/14, Tunes by the Tridge potluck. The band scheduled is Dueling Pianos and starts at 7pm. Bring food and gather at 6pm. and 2) 9/15, Aaron Oberlin's house, wine tasting and wine education. There will be a fee for the lesson and refreshments. Please send any ideas for future fun to Heather, Ben, Allison, Aaron, or Bruce.

Roger Briggs is the President of the Kiwassee Kiwanis Foundation, which has its own by-laws and is a 501(c)3. Members of the Foundation are appointed annually, and 2 of the 5-11 members must be on the Kiwassee Board of Directors. The Foundation's Mission Statement: "To collect and donate funds to charitable, educational, scientific, and literary projects which are under the auspice of tax exempt organizations." Jack Lehman has managed the Foundation's funds for many years, and has donated his expertise. Thank you, Jack! Under his watch and with major donations made since 2011, the net worth has grown. The current Foundation policy requires grants be made only to non-profits for capital projects, not operating costs. Past grants include flooring (NMFC), Gary's Bridge (WMFC), and a science balance (MPS). Funding sources can be charitable gift annuities, quarterly additions to your Kiwassee bill, assignment of life insurance policies, or donations of cash. The Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation supports 4 children's hospitals around the State. Annually, each Kiwanis member pays \$45 (or the Club pays) to contribute to programs which benefit children who stay at the 4 hospitals. For more information about either Foundation, contact Roger Briggs at rogerallenbriggs@gmail.com.