

KIWASSEE

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SMOKE SIGNALS

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CALENDAR

- Thursday, July 21 noon Kiwassee Board of Directors Meeting, Memorial Presbyterian
- Saturday, July 30 7:00 Loons game
- Wednesday, August 10 6 to 8 p.m. Meet and Greet, Whine (A. Oberlin, B. Tierney)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Larry McCoy said he expects maybe 100 or so Kiwanis members at the Loons game on July 30th. He will have the tickets at the meeting next week.
- John Congleton said we are going to place flags at Chamber of Commerce monthly outing at Sandy Ridge golf course Thursday, July 21. Call if you can help place in the morning or retrieve in the evening
- Susan Love announced there will be a Jr. Youth committee meeting at 11:15 next Tuesday
- Doug Snoddy reported Sunny Kim, former Key Club member, received gifts totaling \$2,000 toward her college education and donated it to the charity Disability Network. We plan to have her attend a meeting sometime so we can recognize her, again!
- Martha Briggs related how instrumental Kiwassee has been in establishing and nurturing the extremely successful Dow High Key Club. Many Kiwassee members contributed in many ways, and continue to do so.

PROGRAM

Doug Snoddy, Sr. Youth chair and vice president, gave a presentation on Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines. There are some 300,000 members in Kiwanis youth programs and their care and welfare is entrusted to us when we interact with them. It is crucially important that Kiwanians act with the highest standards given our emphasis on helping and serving the children of the world. Kiwanis International has directed each club to have training annually on this subject.

The objectives of the Guidelines are to understand, protect, identify and respond to situations involving actual or perceived abuse of an emotional, physical or sexual nature. Advisors to Student Leader Programs are required to have a background check which is to be verified by International. It must be repeated every two years.

Chaperones to an event must be over 21 and approved by the sponsoring school or agency. For activities involving transportation provided by a Kiwanian, always follow the "rule of three". Written approval of the parent is required. And always have a minimum of three people in the vehicle. This is for your protection and the youths' protection. And, of course, follow all local law and school policies.

If there are overnight stays such as at a convention, there must be one adult for each ten youths of each gender. It almost goes without saying that no alcohol, tobacco or marijuana is allowed. The adult Kiwanian cannot provide either over the counter or prescription medications without the written consent of the parent.

In this social media age you must be very careful with electronic communications. Do not reach out and initiate a conversation, particularly one of a personal or "friendly" nature. Be responsive only. A good protection method is to be sure to copy someone else who has knowledge of the subject being discussed and considered.

You MUST REPORT troubling behavior to the highest available authority at an event. Doug's motto on behavioral or health issues which arise "elevate it, and step out of it." Of course, in case of emergency, contact the appropriate police or fire service. Any questions—ever—contact Martha Briggs or Doug Snoddy.