

August 9, 2016

KIWASSEE *SMOKE SIGNALS*

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**Greeter:** Susan Love

**Chair:** Bruce Rayce

**Invocation:** Penny Ecarius

**Editor:** Martha Briggs

### CALENDAR

**Wednesday, August 10:** Meet & Greet at Diamond Jim's from 6-8 p.m. Come and visit with members new and old!

**Wednesday, August 10:** AKtion Club, 5:30, MPS Admin Center, 600 E. Carpenter

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Max Bottomley:** Support Alzheimer's research & The Alzheimer's Walk September 24 with a donation.

**Martha Briggs:** AKtion Club members elect new officers at tomorrow's meeting; the Talent Show is October 12!

**Roger Briggs:** see Roger to be part of one or two foursomes for the Thomas Township Kiwanis Club Golf Outing Thursday, September 15. This club supports our golf outing with at least one team each year.

**Mike Cronenberger:** Kiwassee members Mike emailed will meet after today's meeting to discuss ways Kiwassee and Young Leaders United can collaborate on projects and fund raisers.

**Jack Higgins:** If you haven't picked up your Travel and Adventure envelope, do so today. See Jack with questions and additional tickets. Turn in monies to Mike Feider.

**Susan Love:** Sign up for Tall in the Saddle! The first session is Wednesday September 7, and the required training for new walkers takes place on Wednesday, August 31. Be a part of this successful program for children and youth with developmental and physical disabilities.

**Heather McLaughlin:** Today's "Two Truths and a Lie" features Max Bottomley. Has he been married 71 years? YES! Do he and his wife have six children (3 boys and 3 girls)? YES! Did he earn \$.89 in his first job? NO! (he only earned \$.40). For answering correctly, Mike Cronenberger won a dog clicker Heather found in her pocket.

**Ray Senesac:** Kiwassee provided flags at Cork and Ale's recent ribbon cutting ceremony. See Ray if you know of an event that would benefit from a flag display: the 20-flat minimum costs \$120 and additional flags are \$5 each.

**Aaron Oberlin:** Join fellow Kiwanians from 6-8 for tomorrow's Meet and Greet at Diamond Jim's!

**Bruce Rayce:** Thanks to Allison Maloney for managing last week's meeting with grace and competence; Bruce received several anonymous emails suggesting he be absent more often! Kudos to Young Children Priority One's Betsy Sullivan and Kim Clarke for their work to make a pavilion at the Longview Spray Park a reality, and to committee chair Karen Adams for supporting their efforts. Sign up to be a greeter—it's fun! Division Lieutenant Governor David Skolnik will be at next week's meeting with remarks to share.

**GUESTS:** Al Klashak introduced his son Steven Powell; he expects to attend more meetings in the months to come!

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE NEWS:** Dave Winegardner announced that Betsy Sullivan has been nominated to fill Vicki Briggs' one-year term as a Director; voting will take place in two weeks.

### PROGRAM: Community Service Committee

Committee chair Dick Jellum introduced Terri Trotter, President and CEO of the Midland Center for the Arts. Most recently the CEO of the Sun Valley, ID, Center for the Arts. Terri focused her presentation on the Center's new season, which begins in September and highlighted several initiatives designed to draw more diversified audiences, make the MDFTA building more inviting, and improve the Center's partnerships with local schools: Window On the World, Thursday Nights at the Center, Holidays at the Center, Family and Kids live theater; Night on the Town; and the School Matinee Series. Noting that watching performances increases students' interest in reading and the arts AND improves critical thinking skills, Terri explained that this series will compliment the Center's current school field trips to the Center's museums. The Center will begin a Strategic Planning process to determine what to keep, change, and develop as the Center approaches its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Mike Cronenberger cheerfully offered suggestions to improve the Saints and Sinners Lounge.

Visit the Center's website ([www.mcfta.org](http://www.mcfta.org)) for details about these initiatives as well as volunteer opportunities.

### REMINDERS:

**Next week's program:** Human & Spiritual Values    **Greeter:** Mike Cronenberger    **Invocation:** Brian Goodwill