

August 23, 2016

KIWASSEE *SMOKE SIGNALS*

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**Greeter: Jim Young    Chair: Bruce Rayce    Invocation: Gordon Rogers    Editor: Martha Briggs**

### CALENDAR

**Wednesday, August 24:** AKtion Club, 5:30, MPS Admin Center, Rooms A&B

**Thursday, September 15:** Wine-tasting party at Aaron Oberlin's:

**Thursday, September 15:** Thomas Township Kiwanis Club Golf Outing

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Martha Briggs:** AKtion Club meets tomorrow--see Calendar. Plan to support the October 2 CROP Walk next week!

**John Congleton:** Let John know if you can install flags on Labor Day; watch for an email too.

**Al Forster:** Twenty-three members have yet to pay their third quarter dues—see Al if you think you may be one!

**Susan Love:** Tall in the Saddle required training session Tuesday, August 30; sign up if you're new to the program.

**Ray Senesac:** Please deliver Travel and Adventure envelopes to members you see.

**Doug Snoddy:** The ROCK's fall fundraiser is October 27; see Doug for tickets and reminder cards.

**Kyle Tomasi:** The Greater Midland Tennis Center's teen program begins September 9 and runs Friday's from 6-9.

Sign up to be a career presenter—business, service, engineering, etc—all are welcome to share your expertise!

**Heather McLaughlin:** This week's Two Truths and a Lie featured Mike Cronenberger, who admitted that, while he did win a dance contest on Venice Beach in La and survived a rip tide off Tortola British Virgin Islands, he does NOT play the mandolin. Dave Winegartner won an orange Sharpie marker for guessing correctly.

**Bruce Rayce:** Sign up to attend the September 15 Wine Tasting Party at Aaron Oberlin's—cost is \$20/person or \$30/couple, and bring a dish to pass. Details to follow. Young Children Priority One will gather at 11:00 here before the meeting to discuss the Longview Pavilion.

**GUESTS:** Welcome to Porter Brown of corporate member Garber Chevrolet, Al Klashak's son Steve Powell (a repeater), and Alma Kiwanis Club's President Tim Kellner and Duane Stacey, a club member for 47 years!

**ELECTION:** Betsy Sullivan was elected to fill Vicki Briggs' one-year term on the Board of Directors.

Tim shared information about the Alma club, which currently has nineteen members, thirteen to fifteen of whom are quite active in the club's activities. The club's major fundraiser is a Public Safety publication that generates ad revenue. Projects include Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Mount Pleasant's Special Olympics, and donations to local libraries. Tim invited us to join the club Wednesdays at noon in the Heather Room on the Alma College campus.

### PROGRAM: Senior Youth

Committee Chair Doug Snoddy introduced Anna Mylvaganam and Samantha Damocles, former Dow High Key Club officers and current District officers. Each shared details about her involvement in service and leadership and spoke of the transformative experience they had at this summer's International Convention in Atlanta, GA.

Anna has been Key Club secretary, vice-president, and president and was elected District Secretary at this spring's District Service Leadership Conference (SLC). She thanked Kiwassee for investing over \$1200 in her so she could attend several leadership programs, including SLC and Key Leader. As for "Life After Key Club," Anna anticipates continued involvement in the Kiwanis family and a focus on social sciences for a career in the non-profit sector.

After serving as Key Club Bulletin Editor, Samantha was elected District Bulletin Editor at this spring's SLC. She has published an on-line District magazine and will focus on strong communication with Key Clubs, along with Kiwanis Family Relations. She also thanked Kiwassee for supporting her attendance at leadership programs that helped her emerge as a leader and inspired her to seek a District office.

Both girls thanked Kiwassee for providing "so much support and so many opportunities to succeed." Bruce noted that, while we've certainly contributed to Key Club's success, Key Club has in turn made our club outstanding.

**Next week's program:** Trish Abalo(DHS Key Club, MSU grad)/Africa program, Alex Rapanos/ICON report

**Greeter:** Penny Ecarius    **Invocation:** Duane Brooks