

September 6, 2016

KIWASSEE *SMOKE SIGNALS*

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Greeter: Allison Maloney **Chair:** Bruce Rayce **Invocation:** Dick Schochdopole **Editor:** Martha Briggs

CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 14: AKtion Club meeting, MPS Admin Center, 5:30

Thursday, September 15: Wine-tasting party at Aaron Oberlin's, 6:30-8:30. Bring a dish to pass.

Wednesday, October 12: AKtion Club Fourth Annual Talent Show and Fundraiser

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roger Briggs: The Kiwassee Foundation Board will meet after next week's regular meeting.

Martha Briggs: Please support the October 2 CROP Walk; a pledge sheet will circulate today and 3 more weeks.

Heather McLaughlin: Please sign up to help with the October 2 CROP Walk set-up, registration, and water stops.

John Congleton: New Hope Village needs a Rotary Club member to sponsor a grant and an accountant to help with bookkeeping. Let John know if you or someone you know can help out in either or both capacities.

Jack Higgins: Jack shared copies of the program from the memorial ceremony at the Michigan District Convention.

Dick Jellum: Community Service committee will meet after today's regular meeting.

Aaron Oberlin: Cost for the 9/15 Wine-tasting Party is \$20/person--\$30/couple; make checks out to Cork and Ale.

Ray Senesac: The December 6 Travel and Adventure program has been changed; see Ray for a corrected brochure.

Dick Schochdopole: Dick presented a \$500 check from Junior Youth to Linda Lones, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Fund Development Director. She explained that the money will support BBBS' efforts to develop activities and events that focus on Littles' particular interests, including art, music, and STEM.

Doug Snoddy: Dick asked for a show of hands for interest in participating in a survey the Legacy Center will use as part of their Strategic Planning exercise. See Doug or Jim Rajewski for tickets to the ROCK's October 27 fundraiser.

Jim Young: Thanks to all who helped install flags on Labor Day, along with Ray Senesac and John Congleton, who organized the routes and teams. Be sure to secure the lock mechanism on the storage unit after you return flags. Jim raised the possibility of publicizing the project via drones that can take aerial shots of mass flag installations.

Bruce Rayce: Allison Maloney will manage the acquisition of new club shirts. Happy Dollars generated \$200.25 for last week's speaker Trish Abalo's FIP initiative; the funds will go directly to local food vendors. The Board of Directors will meet immediately following today's meeting. Bruce has copies of the Convention Memorial program.

GUESTS: Dick Koppel of the Midland Kiwanis Club visited today.

Membership News: No update on George Fromhold since Bruce reported his recent ear surgery. Consider contacting John Mier to encourage him to return to meetings.

PROGRAM: Membership Committee

Alex Rapanos reported on attended this year's Kiwanis International Convention in Toronto. Alex told members that the event featured lively entertainment, interesting speakers, informative seminars, and important legislative work. Internet voting generated the most discussion during the House of Delegates session. Next year's Paris location means a smaller legislative body, as fewer clubs send delegates to the overseas conventions. As a result, fewer clubs have a voice in the decisions made. Despite skepticism, this year's delegates voted to pursue the topic.

In 2016-17 elections, 3 new trustees were elected from a highly qualified field of nominees. Also, Florencio Lat from the Phillipines beat 3 other members to become Vice-President, James Rochford from Illinois was elected President-elect, and Jane Erickson from Nebraska will succeed Sue Petrisin as Kiwanis International President.

Club growth is a priority: Kiwanis International's new tagline is, "Kids Need Kiwanis—Kiwanis Needs You," and the Formula program ("Love It. Share It. Live It.") aims to add new clubs and younger members as well as reduce member loss. The Kiwanis Family is 600,000 strong, the majority in Key Club and Circle K, and Alex praised Mike Cronenberger's work with Young Leaders to encourage their Kiwassee membership. He also showed some of the new promotional Public Service Announcements and shared ideas he gained for club promotion.

Visit <https://vimeo.com/kiwanis/videos> to view more videos from the convention.

Next week: Audit, Club News & Publicity, Membership, Human & Spiritual Values, Senior Youth Reports

Greeter: Penny Ecarius

Invocation: Mike Feider