

Greeter: Mike Cronenberger Chair: Bruce Rayce Invocation: Fred Honerkamp Editor: Martha Briggs

CALENDAR

Friday, September 23: Membership group/Young Leaders meeting—noon, Tim Horton's (Mike Cronenberger)

Saturday, September 24: Highway Pickup—meet at 9 am at the Law Enforcement Center. (Larry McCoy)

Sunday, October 2: CROP Walk, MCFTA (still need volunteers—sign up next week!) (Heather McLaughlin)

Wednesday, October 12: AKtion Club Fourth Annual Talent Show and Fundraiser (Martha Briggs)

Thursday, October 27: ROCK Fundraiser, Valley Plaza, 7-9 pm (Doug Snoddy/Jim Rajewski)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martha Briggs: The CROP Walk pledge sheet is circulating.

Mike Cronenberger: Mike's committee will meet with Young Leaders this Friday (9/23) noon at Tim Horton's.

Al Forster: SIXTEEN MEMBERS: you know who you are: PAY YOUR DUES—the end of the quarter is nigh!

Bruce Rayce: At the September 15 Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved funding for the Longview Pavilion, as well as the STEM playground (the Midland Foundation will match 2/1 our Club/Foundation donation); recommended Doug Winger for Olivet College's Community Recognition Award; approved funding requests from Young Children Priority One, Junior Youth, Community Service, and Human & Spiritual Values; approved one reimbursement request; accepted resignations from George Fromhold and Beth Prince; and discussed utilizing cyber technology for folks who can't attend our weekly meetings. The next Board meeting is October 20; 2016-17 president Fred Honerkamp will facilitate.

Guests: Susan Love introduced Dave Vercellino of Friends of Whispering Pines, who reported that Junior Youth's \$1100 donation supported 2 individual's efforts: a summer resident who modeled a healthy lifestyle & strong work ethic; and a permanent resident who has developed a Youth Leadership Team that provides social activities and field trips, along with opportunities to develop life skills by mowing lawns and keeping the premises clean.

Membership News: Gene Woodward passed away September 17; a memorial service will be held at a later date. Donations may be directed to First United Methodist Church or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

PROGRAM: Committee Reports

Human & Spiritual Values (Bruce for Brian Goodwill)—Funding: New Hope Village, the ROCK, SHARE, Children's Grief Center. Projects: Salvation Army Bell ringing, active support for ACT Uganda as a Big Project.

Fund-raising (Cal Hoerneman)—Flag and Nuts & Candy profits were up; Golf Outing and Travel and Adventure profits were down--**TURN IN YOUR T&A tickets and monies!** Northwood Marketing students' suggestions to promote our fundraising efforts include thank you letters for donations of \$100+, more corporate and customer sponsors, corporate sponsor levels, a Kiwassee phone number on promotional materials, and quarterly newsletters.

Junior Youth (Susan Love)—\$3500 & 215 hours supported many initiatives: Eastlawn Elementary Emergency Food Committee, Thanksgiving Food Baskets, Tall in the Saddle, Science Guys, New Hope Village, Whispering Pines, Legacy Center, STEM, BigBrothersBigSisters, Salvation Army Toy Distribution, Eastlawn Christmas Party.

Club News & Publicity (Larry McCoy)—Ongoing: Smoke Signals, MDN articles, Facebook, membership brochure/roster, business cards, field badges. Progress: website photos and updated membership gallery. Promotional activities: Santa & Memorial Day Parades, Kiwanis Night at the Loons, fall/spring Adopt-a-Highway, press conference (MDN) for the Major Funding project. Speakers: Paul Barbeau, Loons; Sgt Wenzel, Midland Police.

Young Children Priority One (Karen Adams)—goals and speakers focused on needs of the age 0-5 population.

Projects: Thanksgiving baskets (infant portions, snacks); Scholastic books (6 classrooms/200 kids, readers); Chippewa Nature Center (Tiny Trail Blazers); Santa House (elves). Ongoing discussion: encouraging & measuring children's philanthropic spirit. Longview pavilion: (Kim Clark)—a 24'x24' structure will provide needed shade!

Community Service (Dick Jellum)—Funding: Midland County Emergency Food Pantry, Thanksgiving Baskets, Adopt-a-Family (2), Midland Foundation Christmas parties, New Hope Village, Walk for Warmth, For a Brighter Tomorrow, Camp Fish Tales. Projects: New Hope Village, HEAL, Gary's Bridge, Walk for Warmth. Speakers: Chippewa Nature Center, Senior Services, For a Brighter Tomorrow, Midland Streetscape, Gary's Bridge, MCFTA.

Next week: President's Year-End Review

Greeter: Betsy Sullivan

Invocation: Duane Townley