

**Greeter: Betsy Sullivan Chair: Bruce Rayce Invocation: Duane Townley Editor: Martha Briggs**

### CALENDAR

**Sunday, October 2:** CROP Walk, MCFTA (registration, logistics) (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)  
**Wednesday, November 9:** YWCA Women's Empowerment Symposium (Carolann Guillemette)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Martha Briggs:** Sign up to help at this Sunday's CROP Walk. See Martha to donate to the CROP Walk.  
**Cal Hoerneman:** The first T&A program is three weeks from today. Turn in all materials and money by next week.  
**Larry McCoy:** Four adults and SIXTEEN Dow Key Clubbers made quick work of last Saturday's highway pickup! Doug Snoddy will take over this project.  
**Jim Rajewski:** The Nuts & Candy committee will meet briefly after today's regular meeting.  
**Dick Schochdapole:** Dick presented a check from Junior Youth to Michelle Beeck of the Legacy Center. Michelle The funds will be used to publicize the results of the Center's survey regarding Developmental Assets.  
**Ben Tierney:** Today's trivia question: When was the Declaration of Independence written? Roger Briggs' correct answer of 1776 nabbed him an attractive Midland Foundation water bottle. Martha plans to use it.  
**Duane Townley:** Gene Woodward's memorial service is November 19. The Eastlawn Christmas Party is Dec. 6.  
**Carolann Guillemette:** The YWCA will host is a Women's Empowerment Symposium Wednesday, November 9, from 3:30-8:30 Visit the website for details: [www.ywcaglbr.org](http://www.ywcaglbr.org) and click on "News & Events" for details.  
**Diane Stevens:** Community Service committee will meet after next week's regular meeting.  
**Guests:** Division 19 Lieutenant Governor Dave Skolnik will install our new officers. Ben Tierney introduced Carly Witkop, Northwood University Development Office & Circle K advisor. Mike Cronenberger introduced Jeff Diffenderfer.

### PROGRAM: President's Year-end Report Committee Review

Bruce provided an extensive wrap-up of what was an exceptional year for the club. Most notably, a major initiative to spend down the Project Fund generated a "deliberative and intentionally time-consuming" process for the Project Committees to select two projects to fund. The the entire membership then voted to give \$25,000 to New Hope Village and \$5000 to ACT Uganda, after which the club (\$4000) and Kiwassee Foundation (\$5000) awarded \$9000 to the Longview Early Childhood Education Center for a pavilion at the spray park, and \$5000 (~\$1400 from the club and \$3600 from the Foundation) to the STEM playground project, for a grand total of \$44,000. Even better, the Midland Foundation will match 2:1 our \$5000 for the STEM project.

Granted, there were disappointments: we did not meet the Interclub goal by attending a meeting of each of the other clubs in our division. And we mourned the deaths of Gary Kerestes, Bill Marklewitz, Bill Kennett, and Gene Woodward. Retirement relocation, job transfers, time constraints, and serious illness contributed to a net loss of members. The good news, however, is that the club added six members.

Sweat equity projects included Gary's Bridge, Eagle Village painting, the Pinecrest chicken dinner, two highway pick-ups, the Eastlawn Christmas Party, Salvation Army bell ringing, the Mount Pleasant IHOP fundraiser for Children's Miracle Network, and the flag project. The club provided funding to 37 different organizations, agencies, and charities.

Innovations included an official Greeter for our weekly meetings; the "Fun Committee," with 2 Two Truths & a Lie and Trivia contests, plus a Meet & Greet, a Tunes at the Tridge concert, and a wine-tasting party. Northwood Marketing students developed a plan to help us target young professionals, we're working with Young Leaders United on a holiday event for local children, and a satellite club for young professionals is in the works. We hope to collaborate work with Dow High Key Club techies on technology that will enable members to participate in our meetings while out of town, along with an update of our website to make it interactive so we can promote our fundraisers.

There will always be more to do, but Bruce thanked us all for letting him "drive the bus." Thanks to YOU, Bruce!

### INSTALLATION OF 2016-17 OFFICERS & BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Outgoing Lt. Governor Dave Skolnik recognized continuing directors Ron Graunke, Rudy Phillips, Roger Moll, Roger Briggs, Ross Ahlich, and Ray Senesac; and installed new directors Chuck Gartner, Brian Goodwill, Betsy Sullivan, and Ben Tierney. He then installed the officers for the 2016-17 year: vice-president Roger Moll, treasurers Jim Morgan and LaVerne Myers, secretaries Jack Higgins and Al Forster, president-elect Doug Snoddy, and president Fred Honerkamp. Fred closed the meeting with kudos to the Fundraising Committee, which made possible the "Big/Little" initiative.