

CALENDAR

- Sat, Nov 19, Santa Parade starts 10:00 Midland High School parking lot.
Gene Woodward memorial service 11:00 First United Methodist church
- Tuesday Nov. 8 visit Paul Walker after club meeting . FUN committee meeting 1:00
- Next week's meeting is committee reports by the odd-numbered ones.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- John Congleton said we still need two people for Veterans Day flags. **CALL HIM.**
- Al Burmester Going to “load in” candy and nuts at Salvation Army Saturday. Sign up to be storekeepers on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays
- Duane Townley. You may choose from his list whether to give present to either boy or girl at Eastman party December 6th. See him and get started.
- Dave Winegardner. Still accepting donations for Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation annual gifting.
- Brian Goodwill. We need someone for invocation Dec.13th meeting. Also have two openings for Salvation Army bell ringers on December 12th.
- Allison Maloney will be taking orders for shirts with Kiwanis logos. They look nice.
- Doug Snoddy thanked members for signing up to attend Dow High Key Club meetings.

PROGRAM

Our former member Misty Janks who is now the Executive Director of the YMCA Great Lakes Bay Region presented a program on that organization, what they stand for, and what they do. The YWCA is worldwide, and is dedicated to empowering women and eliminating racism. Locally, they have four staff members and literally hundreds of volunteers. Their achievements are attained through a combination of local programs and legislative advocacy. She showed a well done video highlighting volunteers talking about local success stories resulting from their programs.

Their many programs include a 13-week session on economic improvement. Others are Parent Education and Support; on advocacy; on racial justice. There is a Riverside Art Festival, also a special needs summer camp. In addition there is a youth “safe sitter” program. Hundreds of women in each of the three counties, Bay, Midland, and Saginaw benefit from these opportunities. They also maintain a Working Women’s Wardrobe Closet to help people “dress for success.”

Next Wednesday, November 9th, they will be holding a Women’s Empowerment Symposium at the Great Hall Banquet & Convention Center in Midland from 3:30 until 8:30 pm. There will be a variety of unique business pop-up shops, appetizers and a cash bar. The keynote “7 Steps to Living Authentically with Passion & Purpose” will be presented by Beth Bryce.

There will be several breakout sessions on “Burn Out”, Negotiating Skills for Women, communications skills for success and influencing others. Tickets are \$55, \$35 for young professionals 35 and under.

The Circle of Giving is a fund raiser currently underway to support YWCA GLBR. Contributions are welcomed in honor of mothers, daughters, grandmothers and anyone else who has made a difference in your life. Call 989-894-9055 or visit their web site www.ywcaglbr.org.

SANTA AND MORE

The meeting was wrapped up with a short talk by our president, Fred Honerkamp, who of course is a long time Santa at the Midland Santa house. He talked about the recent Santa school in Midland (the best in the country) and the training it offers. He shared many heartwarming insights of his own experiences with youngsters over the years. They are looking for Santa helpers, by the way. Our own Ben Tierney is the coordinator of that activity for the Midland Area Community Foundation.