

Chair: Honerkamp Invocation: Forster Editor: Stevens Song: Rapanos

CALENDAR

Thur, 12/1: 11:30am-1:00pm, H Hotel, Arc of Midland's Fundraiser, \$200/table sponsorship (Rayce/Cathy Anders)
Tues, 12/6: Eastlawn party, arrive by 11:15. Meeting starts at 11:25. Santa arrives at noon. (Townley/Stevens)
Wed, 12/14: 5:00pm-6:30pm, AKtion Club Holiday Party, Midland Public School Admin Bldg, rooms A&B, join us! (M Briggs)
Sat, 12/17: Last day to return product to store, keep your inventory lean and mean! (Rajewski/Jellum/Burmester)
Tues, 12/20: Kiwassee Christmas Lunch, have you signed up? (Honerkamp/Snoddy)
Thur, 12/22: Last day of sales, Nut House closes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martha Briggs: AKtion Club Holiday Party will be the usual good time, 12/14, 5-6:30pm, MPS Admin, please join us.
Brian Goodwill: A few bell-ringing spots remain. Help fill the openings. December 13 program will be Tom Valent, speaking about the Santa School and all things Santa Claus. Bring a friend as this will be an entertaining program.
Dick Jellum: Only 42 members of 80 have checked out nuts and candy. We are at 44% of goal. Remember nuts and candy make great stocking stuffers! Some shifts at the Nut Hut remain open, please sign up.
Jim Rajewski: Don't forget, Bill Kreuger is the Money Man for the Nut Hut. Complete the envelopes, enclose the checks, and return to Bill at the meetings. Check out product, sell product, sign up to work a shift at the Nut Hut to supervise product checkout, participate in this important fundraiser.
Larry McCoy: Last call for member pictures!
Allison Maloney: Sign up to order a collared Kiwanis shirt.
Fred Honerkamp: A reminder about the ARC of Midland's fundraising lunch, 12/1. Did you sign up for our Club Christmas lunch on 12/20? Fred will collect any shoes for refurbishment if they can be brought to the church today. Think of the late-comers to our meetings and don't take seconds from the food until after 12:10. Next week will be the Eastlawn party with the first graders. BE AT EASTLAWN AND IN YOUR SEAT BY 11:15. DOUG SNODDY WILL START THE MEETING AT 11:20.
Guests: Roger Moll's guest was Vicki Rothhaar, a neighbor.
Member News: Jack Higgins was in the hospital for a new pacemaker. NOTE: He is now home, but has some other surgery coming up. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

JOHN CONGLETON, NEW HOPE VILLAGE

John shared a surprising statistic, considering the surface appearance of Midland: "Thirty-two percent of Midland County households are struggling to afford basic needs." Of that number, 13% of households live in poverty. There are more than 200 homeless children in Midland Public Schools. New Hope Village (NHV) plans to address the issue of poverty, both situational, which is easier to remedy, and generational, which is much harder to change, with the new year-round facility.

Maintaining the family unit is critical to the family's ability to improve their life situation and eventually find a home of their own. NHV is the only shelter in the area that can provide housing for an entire family, including the father. The only available shelters were previously in Traverse City and Grand Rapids. Hillside School, corner of North M-30 and W. Baker Road, has been purchased and will be renovated to not only house the intact families, but also provide coaching and mentoring by a trained mentor/advocate, with a goal of changing family members' thinking patterns about their lives and their futures, and acquiring new life tools to maintain their independence. There will be 4 emergency living units for temporary housing (a maximum of 3 weeks occupancy), and 18 units for those struggling with generational poverty.

Applicant families will be interviewed and required to fill out many forms before acquiring a unit in the new NHV. Adults must finish high school or obtain their GED. Arrangements have been made with local colleges for residents to attend classes if they wish further education. All ages of students will have a library within the building for study and quiet time, thanks to Kiwassee Kiwanis's Big Project donation. NHV will partner with many other community organizations to support, train, and encourage the residents. There will be no nurses on site, but, as a result of the thorough initial interviews, medical needs will be addressed. Each living unit will have a small kitchen for breakfast and lunch preparation. Dinner will be served in the community dining room.

The library is an important part of the building's offerings. John would like a committee of Kiwassee Kiwanians to help design the room. There will be a New Hope Village Open House on Wednesday, 12/7, from 4-6pm. Come see the building, the plans for its' renovation, and show your support this needed and important project.

NEXT WEEK: EASTLAWN HOLIDAY PARTY, EASTLAWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. BE THERE AT 11:15.