

CALENDAR

- February 28:** Legacy Center Mardi Gras Fundraiser (Dick Skochdopole)
March 10: Camp Fish Tales Fish Races (Ben Tierney)
March 11: Walk for Warmth, Midland Community Center (Diane Stevens)
March 18: Kids Against Hunger meal packaging (contact Tom Workentine tom.workentine@charter.net for details)
March 16: The ROCK fundraiser, Great Hall, Valley Plaza (Doug Snoddy)
April 18: Kiwassee Kiwanis Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration (Dick Skochdopole)
April 19: Children's Grief Center fundraiser, Great Hall, Valley Plaza (Brian Goodwill)
July 24: Kiwassee Kiwanis For Kids Golf Outing (Betsy Sullivan and Porter Brown)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Mike Cronenberger:** Last Thursday's West Midland Family Center Date Night was a grand success! Mike thanked Ross Ahlich, Roger and Martha Briggs, Dee Howe, Rudy Phillips, Gordon Rogers, and Diane Stevens for helping with the event.
Penny Ecarius: Please support Camp Fish Tales' Fish Races March 10 by donating to raise \$125 to sponsor a fish, which Penny will decorate. Penny plans to make this a Kiwanis Family event by alerting the Midland Club, Circle K, and Key Club about it.
Brian Goodwill: Human and Spiritual Values will meet briefly after today's regular meeting. Brian presented a \$200 check to Camille Gerace Nitschky, Executive Director of The Children's Grief Center of Great Lakes Bay Region. Camille showed a brief thank you video. Kiwassee will sponsor a table at the organization's fundraiser April 19.
Larry McCoy: Pick up an updated roster on the back table!
Dick Skochdopole: The Legacy Center's Mardi Gras fundraiser is February 28. See Dick for tickets. Dick introduced Shannon Blasy, principal at Eastlawn Elementary, & Chris Corbet, DHSS rep, who will receive a check from the Junior Youth Committee. Shannon and Chris explained how successful the Truancy and Tardiness Prevention Program has been.
Doug Snoddy: Doug introduced former Kiwassee member Tom Workentine of the local Kids Against Hunger, which will have a food packaging event on March 18. See Doug for details about how you can participate. Sign up to attend a Dow High Key Club meeting. Senior Youth meets today. See Doug for free tickets to the Rock fundraiser March 16 at Valley Plaza. Bring your checkbook! Thanks to Ben Tierney for bravely offering to chaperone the DHS Key Club Service Leadership Conference March 10-12; he's off the hook, as a mom will chaperone now.
Ben Tierney: Today's trivia: "Who is this?" Susan Love won a water bottle for correctly identifying Mike Cronenberger as the kidnapper in a photo from the WMFC Date Night!
Fred Honerkamp: At last week's meeting, the Board of Directors approved funding for Walk for Warmth, Floyd Elementary School's Every Child Counts program, and the Children's Grief Center. The Valentine's Day Party was great! The Board accepted Jim Rajewski's resignation and made him an Honorary Member. He is moving up north and will transfer his membership to the Boyne City Kiwanis Club. **Past presidents, loan please loan your scrapbook to Ben Tierney, who's putting together a special video to be shown at the Kiwassee 50th Anniversary Celebration.**

PROGRAM: Human and Spiritual Values—ACT Uganda Update

HSV Chair Captain Brian Goodwill introduced Sue and John Wachter of ACT Uganda, which received a \$5000 grant from our club last year to start up the HEAL program (Health is Elemental to All Life). Roger Moll and Sam Choo are Kiwassee members who have been active in ACT Uganda. Sue shared that field coordinator Lisa Corso passed away 3 weeks ago. Fortunately, she was able to join the group that went to Uganda in September to launch the HEAL program.

Lauben Turyneebwa manages the training of villagers recruited to be volunteer health promotion workers (HPWs). They go to villages to facilitate dialogues to prioritize the biggest issues and develop an action plan. In addition to the training, ACT Uganda provides funding and continues to support the villages as they execute the plan. Lauben has also opened up a pharmacy at the Act Empowerment Center (ACE), to bring efficient medical care to orphans sponsored by ACT Uganda.

To date, the program has 6 HPWs who facilitated 22 dialogues and conducted 24 follow-up sessions by the end of 2016. Lauben is training an additional 22 HPWs this week. In addition, HEAL is partnering with HANDS, an initiative that focuses on agricultural development. Together they're addressing malnutrition in children and meal planning and installing demonstration gardens at ACE. They have also started 8 demonstration gardens to introduce new vegetables to the communities.

Other initiatives include Drama for Health, which uses music and drama to educate villagers about child abuse, domestic violence, HIV, and nutrition issues. Programs take place in public places and churches. Former Dow High orchestra director Karen Viele trains musicians both on site and via Skype. Also, ACT Uganda has provided 100 pairs of reading glasses.

Clearly, ACT Uganda's HEAL program is among several that are providing essential support to the 40,000-plus villagers in the MUKO sub county!

REMINDERS: If you haven't already done so, get a shingles shot; Fred lost a good friend to that virus. Also, Al Burmester advised us all to be vigilant in monitoring our heart health, as he was playing tennis all the while a heart valve was deteriorating. Al, Doug Snoddy, and Jack Higgins are all on the mend. Don't miss next week's Audit Report!