

March 21, 2017 **KIWASSEE** **SMOKE SIGNALS** **KIWANIS** www.kiwassee.org
Chair: Fred Honerkamp **Invocation: Mike Feider** **Editor: Diane Stevens**

March 23-25: Regional robotics competition at HHDow High. (Carolanne Guillemette)

March 28: Tall in the Saddle (TIS) training (Susan Love)

April 12: TIS sessions begin (Susan Love)

April 18, 11:45am: Kiwassee Kiwanis Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration (Dick Skochdopole)

April 19: Children's Grief Center fundraiser, Great Hall, Valley Plaza (Brian Goodwill, Cal Hoerneman)

July 17: Kiwassee Kiwanis For Kids Golf Outing, Snow Snake (Betsy Sullivan and Porter Brown)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Duane Brooks: Consider volunteering at the robotics event at Dow High this weekend. Call Carolanne Guillemette for times available.

Al Forster: A few folks are still behind on their quarterly dues.

Brian Goodwill: Please sign up for the 2 remaining Invocation spots. (Filled, thanks.)

Susan Love: Tall In the Saddle starts 4/12 for the children. If you haven't done it before, there will be a training session on 3/28. Side walkers and horse leaders will be needed. This program is for special needs children to develop their gross motor skills, balance, and self-confidence. Also, Kiwanis T-shirts still available if you ordered one from Allison.

Gordon Rogers: On behalf of the Kiwassee Foundation, Gordon presented a check to Midland Center for the Arts, for \$1540. Heather Litle and Jennifer Bagnall said the funds will be used to update the equipment for "Making of a Chemist" activity, used by fourth graders when they tour the Historical Society's museum at Heritage Park. This is the fourteenth year of the tours for the children of the community and beyond. A check for \$2600 was presented to John Congleton for New Hope Village. These funds will help furnish the Kiwassee apartment #3.

Doug Snoddy: Senior Youth meeting after the general meeting today.

Diane Stevens: Community Service meeting after the general meeting today.

Betsy Sullivan: Golf committee meeting changed from April 4 to April 11.

Fred Honerkamp: Welcome back, Warren Frank. We hope you make the move from guest to new member. Which is what Jim Whiteside has become, thanks to the BOD approval on 3/17. George Fromhold has had some mini-strokes and is now in a wheel chair, but seemed in good spirits when Fred saw him recently. Joe Malan now lives in Riverside and is thinking of rejoining. He will need transportation help to get here, however. Kiwassee had two tables at The Rock fundraiser. Over 600 people attended, which resulted in more than \$100,000 being donated. Fred will have knee surgery on Monday and be absent for the next two meetings. After Joint Camp, he will be in rehab, at "the home" of his wife's choice. Roger Moll will conduct our meetings, as Doug Snoddy will be enjoying the Hawaiian breezes. At last week's BOD meeting: The new STEM school Christmas party, incorporating Eastlawn and Carpenter elementary schools, will give us approximately 125 children to host! The Midland Club will also participate that day, December 5 or 12. Renee Castellon has resigned from Kiwassee due to a change in job location. She was granted honorary membership status for the remainder of the year. The Bridge, For A Brighter Tomorrow, (both Community Service) and Key Club Key Leader Training (Senior Youth) were all projects granted funds.

PROGRAM BY TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE – SKYPE

Doug Snoddy and Mike Fenske are the Technology Committee, determined to ease us all into the 20th century, at least. After investigating several platforms, they concluded Skype would be the best and easiest to use for remote meeting capabilities. For example, if a committee member is unable to attend a meeting at Trinity Lutheran, a laptop or tablet or smartphone can use the application Skype to allow remote participation for both parties. Skype can be downloaded for free onto a device. Wi-fi or a cell connection can be used, but keep in mind there may be data charges for the latter. At a public place, such as a hotel or coffee house, be sure to close all other applications when using Skype to keep personal information private. To make the connection for the meeting, call the desired contact in your Skype contact list. Keep this contact list small and relevant, don't let random contacts sneak into the list. Video and audio together will show in two images, one for each caller, on the device screen. Other participants can be brought in, and the screen view can be shared. This is a bare minimum tutorial, and is only presented as an option to regular, face-to-face meetings. Keep in mind that the Club's use of technology will certainly appeal to younger potential members. Contact Mike or Doug for more detailed training.