

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Susan Love April 12 Tall in the Saddle. Sign up to help riders
- Cronenberger Key Club awards ceremony March 29 at 3:30
- Karen Adams Young Children Priority One meeting next Tuesday at 1:00
- Walt Rupprecht Men of Music concert April 29

MEMBERSHIP REPORTS

George Fromhold has been released from rehab and is recovering at home.
Fred Honerkamp had knee replacement surgery Monday
NEW MEMBER Jim Whiteside was inducted today. Welcome Jim!

PROGRAM: MATH in the MAIL

Lindsay Bryce of the Saginaw ISD was the speaker. The mission of this program is to increase the skills and confidence of preschoolers in math. A corresponding goal is to help parents be successful in assisting with the training. This is done by providing developmentally appropriate materials for the youngsters in the form of kits.

Math in the Mail is a collaboration of educational leaders in the eight Great Lakes Bay Region counties. There are currently 800 hundred children enrolled in the program. They receive six kits of the educational materials every six weeks starting at age three. It is offered free to families that have a household income at or below 250% of the federal poverty guidelines. Others above that are asked to pay \$50 for three kits, or \$90 for six.

Great care is taken by the Content Quality Committee that oversees planning and evaluation of the kits. They include ideas and materials for interactive activities; suggestions for parents on how to relate and assist the children in understanding. They seek to be engaging, culturally relevant, and respectful. Since this is a “mailing” program, great effort goes into seeing the materials are as lightweight as possible while also being safe for children.

Funding has been provided by the Dow Corning Foundation. Major partners include Barnes & Noble, PNC Bank, and local museums in Saginaw, Midland, and Mt. Pleasant. Promotional outreach is through kits, brochures, radio advertising, press releases, social media, TV news interviews.

Lindsay is always looking for ideas, suggestions, and comments from people who use math in their business life daily as they seek to enhance the program materials.