

April 11, 2017    KIWASSEE    *SMOKE SIGNALS*    KIWANIS    [www.kiwassee.org](http://www.kiwassee.org)  
Chair: Roger Moll    Invocation: Penny Ecarius    Editor: Diane Stevens

**April 12:** TIS sessions begin (Susan Love)

**April 13-15:** SVSU Robotics Competition (Carolanne Guillemette)

**April 17:** Midland Kiwanis Club Interclub at Great Hall, 6pm (Bruce Rayce)

**April 18: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Luncheon, 11:30 doors open, 11:45 begin**

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

**April 22:** Adopt-a-Highway pickup, 9am, Law Enforcement Center, need a few more volunteers (Bruce Rayce)

**May 16:** Invite your pastor to the meeting (Brian Goodwill)

**June 27:** Steak fry (Dave Winegardner)

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Martha Briggs:** Aktion Club meeting will be 4/12, Wednesday, 5:30-6:30, MPS Admin Building.

**Brian Goodwill:** May 16 is Invite Your Pastor Day. Brian will provide invitations to give out, but call ahead so he/she can "save the date" in their busy schedules.

**Cal Hoerneman:** Tonight is the last T&A for this season and the topic is East African safari adventure.

**Rudy Phillips:** Junior Youth meeting will be after today's meeting.

**Bruce Rayce:** Adopt A Highway pickup will be April 22. A few more volunteers are needed. Meet at the Law Enforcement Center at 9am. Monday night, 4/17, there will be an interclub with the Midland Evening Club, Great Hall, Valley Plaza, 6pm.

**Roger Moll:** At the Spring Divisional last Saturday, Kiwassee received 7 awards: District Outstanding Performance Club Award, Contribution to Service Leadership Fund, Sponsorship of HHDow High School Key Club, Sponsorship of Midland Aktion Club, Salvation Army Bell Ringing Participation, Key Leadership Sponsorship, Kiwanis of MI Foundation 100% of Goal. Bruce Rayce has been named Lt. Governor for Michigan Division 19!! Congratulations, Bruce! On September 7-10, there will be a 100<sup>th</sup> Michigan District Convention at Crystal Mountain, Thompsonville, MI. And, to compete with tiny Thompsonville, Paris is the location for the 102<sup>nd</sup> Kiwanis International Convention, July 13-16.

### PROGRAMS BY NOMINATING COMMITTEE & FLAG COMMITTEE

Roger Briggs outlined the 2017-2018 slate for Kiwassee officers and BOD members. Voting will be in three weeks. The nominees for officers are: Past President, Fred Honerkamp; President, Doug Snoddy; President Elect, Roger Moll; Vice President, Carolanne Guillemette; Secretary, Karen Adams; Membership, Al Forster; Treasurer, Jim Morgan; Assistant Treasurer, LaVerne Myers. The 3 year term of service on the BOD is done for Ron Graunke, Rudy Phillips, and Betsy Sullivan. Incoming BOD members are: Jack Higgins, Dave Winegardner, and Bruce Rayce.

Ray Senesac announced there will be a change in the Flag Project. Emphasis will now be on sponsorships, not subscriptions. This is modeled after the highly successful Traverse City Kiwanis Club Flag Project. Brought to the Club by Jim Young, our original Flag Project began in 2013 and, in 2 years, produced \$10,100 for donation to the Kiwanis International Eliminate Project. From now on, profits remain in our Club, to be used for our Club's projects. In the subscription mode, this is a labor intensive event, with 30 volunteers needed twice a day on 5 major holidays: Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veterans' Day. Over two-thirds of the flags were placed in private yards, which required 24 volunteers and much driving, with the remaining third of 100 flags placed en masse, requiring only 3 people. Past years' subscribers of private lawn flags will be "grandfathered" into the program for this next year. Moving to sponsorships will create more revenue and, after a transition year, allow for fewer volunteers, less driving, and several large and patriotic flag displays in well-traveled and visible areas of town. There will be 3 sponsorship levels recognized, Bronze, Silver, and Gold, and each will be linked to the amount of the sponsorship. The goals are to decrease the number of volunteers needed, increase the revenue available for our projects, honor the Flag on the chosen holidays, and make Kiwassee known for providing both flags and support for community programs.