

April 25, 2017 KIWASSEE *SMOKE SIGNALS* KIWANIS www.kiwassee.org
Chair: Fred Honerkamp Invocation: Jim Young Editor: Diane Stevens

May 9: PIG Auction, Trinity Lutheran, bring “stuff” to sell at auction. Good fun, laughs, clean out your closets and garage, then buy something else to raise money for the PIG.

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

May 20: Midland Blooms, usual spot on Eastman (M Briggs/D Stevens)

June 27: Steak fry (Dave Winegardner)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian Goodwill: Senior Youth and Human and Spiritual Values members both attended The Rock’s fundraiser. Over \$106,000 was raised! Invitations you can use to invite your Pastor to lunch on May 16 are available.

Jim Heffel: Recognition of the members who joined Kiwassee in the month of April: Duane Brooks, John Congleton, Millard Kent, LaVerne Myers, Diane Stevens, Duane Townley

Dick Skochdopole: Don’t forget to take home your scrapbook you loaned for the Anniversary Party.

Doug Snoddy: Thank you to everyone who helped with the highway pickup. Key Club members participated too.

Diane Stevens: Community Service meeting today. There are extra Anniversary Party programs if anyone wants one.

Dave Winegardner: Last year’s flag sales lists are available. Also, pick up a donor form and cover letter. The latter two are also available for downloading on the website.

President Fred: Fred shared the news of the Board meeting. Thank you to the Audit Committee, Jim Heffel, Roger Moll, Jim Young, for an excellent job. Thank you also to the Anniversary Party Committee, Bruce Rayce, Dick Skochdopole, Sam Choo, and Diane Stevens. Great article in the MDN with Max, our Rock Star, above the fold on the front page! Thanks to Pat for the food! Young Children had three project grants approved, Senior Youth had two, Fundraising requested seed money for the upcoming golf outing and the Flags Committee requested funds for a storage unit and advertising, Membership will give a Chamber of Commerce flag presentation at Wake Up Midland, and a donation to White Pines Pipes and Drums was approved in appreciation for their performance at our anniversary event.

Member news: Mike Fenske has been absent, welcome back! Joe Malan, we are glad you are here again. Thanks for bringing him in, Jim Young. Ron Graunke introduced Kris Graunke, welcome Kris. Rudy had emergency eye surgery recently, and a death in the family. Condolences to you and your family, Rudy. Doug Snoddy will be absent for a while due to his son-in-law’s medical issues. Warren Frank, welcome back. Duane Townley’s mother recently died. We are very sorry to hear that, Duane. Lee Ann Behmlander introduced guest Gail Sarnowski. Fred can put away his cane, but PT continues for about 2 more weeks. Martha had carpal tunnel surgery on her right wrist.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: CREATIVE 360 EXPRESS YOURSELF WORKSHOP

Martha Briggs introduced Kathy Dolan, Steering Committee Chair, Creative 360, and Allise Noble, Artshop Coordinator. Express Yourself Artshop is a collaboration of more than 12 agencies and individuals in the community who support Kathy’s belief that “everyone has potential to create something that touches another person.” Monday through Thursday, Creative 360 has twenty to twenty five different classes available to the public in areas such as painting, ceramics, woodworking, metalsmithing, acting class, dance, and music therapy. Adults attend the daytime sessions, while children participate in weekend and special occasion workshops. Express Yourself Workshop is unique in that it demonstrates Creative 360’s “commitment to and advocacy for people with disabilities.” To foster creativity, classes encourage participants to create items for other people, whether for family and friends, or for sale in an art show. Upcycling, using everyday items to create, also inspires the artists. In addition to creativity, the classes foster self-confidence, a sense of pride, improve motor skills and communication, and social skills. Some students participate in art shows and teach classes in their favored medium, which gives them an opportunity to “give back” and strengthen their own abilities.

There are several ways to view the artwork done by artists from Express Yourself Workshop:

facebook.com/groups/artshopgallery, ebay.com/usr/artshopc360, and redbubble.com/people/artshopC360. Consider signing up for a class, volunteering at Creative 360, or encourage someone to attend a class or event.