

Chair: Bruce Rayce

Invocation: Al Klashak

Editor: Martha Briggs

CALENDAR

- June 20:** Kiwassee picnic at Emerson Park (5 p.m. – **NO NOON MEETING—NOTE DATE CHANGE**)
July 11: Pinecrest Picnic (5:30 p.m. – **NO NOON MEETING**) (Dick Jellum)
July 17: Kiwassee Kiwanis For Kids Golf Outing (Betsy Sullivan and Porter Brown)
July 20-21: Eagle Village painting (Duane Townley—see Duane if you have a paint sprayer the group can use.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martha Briggs & Mike Cronenberger: Consider doing the Smoke Signals; it's a good way to provide an important service to the club. June is covered: a sign-up sheet with dates beginning in July will circulate next week.

Dick Jellum: The annual Pinecrest Picnic is July 11 at 5:30 p.m. There will be no noon meeting that day. Please volunteer to pick up the KFC chicken at 4:30 and deliver it to Pinecrest for set-up.

Duane Townley: Eagle Village painting takes place July 20/21. Sign up for either or both days. There are still a few open spots for each day.

Betsy Sullivan: The Golf Outing is Monday, July 17. Please Let Betsy know if you and/or others plan to play or attend the luncheon; Snow Snake needs a count for the meals. Forms are due to Betsy July 1; players can pay now or the day of the outing.

Bruce Rayce: A big shout-out to “unsung heroes”: Larry McCoy for organizing a strong Kiwanis presence at last week's Memorial Day Parade; and Alex Rapanos, Martha Briggs, and Kathy Allen for providing a strong turnout of Aktion Club members to join the group. See Bruce for a Michigan Kiwanis Foundation raffle ticket: just \$10 buys a chance to win a 7-day cruise for two to a destination of your choice, plus \$400 toward each person's airfare. Ross Ahlich won last year's raffle! The Golf Outing needs volunteers for various jobs the day of the event (Monday, July 17). We're invited to attend the Saginaw Kiwanis Club's 100th Anniversary Celebration, June 15, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$50; see Bruce for details. A going away party for Kevin and Jennifer Kendrick is Thursday, June 22, from 6-9 at the Great Hall. The Kendricks have been active members in the Midland Community for several years; Kevin has served as Rotary president. The Board will meet briefly after today's meeting.

GUESTS: Gail Sarnoski, who won't be a guest for long; she's submitted her application for membership!

MEMBER NEWS: Bill Spaulding is recuperating after fracturing 4 ribs falling of a ladder last week—ouch!

PROGRAM: Roger Briggs, Kiwassee Foundation

Roger Briggs serves as president of the Kiwassee Foundation; eight other members are directors. The Kiwassee Foundation's mission is “to collect and donate funds to charitable, education, scientific, and literary projects which are under the auspices of tax exempt organizations.” Each year the Foundation gives away 5% of the previous year-end net worth plus any carryover from the year before that.

This year, New Hope Village has received \$2600; Sneakerpalooza, \$3000; and the Midland Center for the Arts' “Chemist in the Making” program, \$1540, leaving \$3759.38 to give away this year. Last year's Longview Pavilion is dedicated to Bill Marklewitz, whose generous bequest will give the Foundation \$18,000 to grant next year!

Members organized into the five major committees that fund local initiatives and brainstormed worthy projects for Foundation support. An organization receiving the money must be a 501C3 non-profit, and the funds must support capital projects rather than operating expenses.

A representative of each committee reported the group's top three or four possibilities:

Young Children Priority One: NICU cameras for family “visits,” Bullock Creek Little League bleachers and dugouts, and Longview ESA site projects.

Junior Youth: a 2-lane bowling alley for the West Midland Family Center after-school program, and a bus shelter for students living in area trailer parks.

Senior Youth: the ROCK initiatives, the MPS Robotics programs, and safety equipment for various sports.

Community Service: supplies for Personal Assistance Options' mentoring program, WMFC building project, and a playground for New Hope Village.

Human and Spiritual Values: Children's Grief Center scholarships to Chippewa Nature Center's summer day camp, For a Better Tomorrow, the Rock, MPS STEM program, and a larger donation to the Michigan Kiwanis Foundation.

The Kiwassee Foundation Board will meet next week to discuss these great suggestions.