

CALENDAR

- July 20 Board Meeting Memorial Presbyterian NOON
- July 20/21 Eagle Village Painting. Duane Townley leads it.
- July 28 Kiwanis Night at the Loons 7:00--sign up!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Betsey Sullivan: Golf Committee meeting at 11:00 next Tuesday for wrap up and review of the strengths and any possible improvements needed of the golf tournament

Mike Cronenberger: sign up for the Loons games July 28th; make check payable to Great Lakes Loons

Mike Cronenberger: our flag program got a nice write up in the Senior Services Prime Time newspaper

Martha Briggs: spoke for many when she said the golf outing was very well organized and well run

Duane Townley: the Auburn Indiana community band (our own Bill Burk) will join the Chemical City Band tomorrow night at the Central Park band shell for a concert at 7:30

PRESENTATION

On behalf of the Kiwassee Foundation, President Roger Briggs presented a check for \$3,500 to Carol Rumba to use in upgrading chairs and tables at Creative360. She has done an outstanding job there.

PROGRAM: KIWANIS YOUTH PROTECTION GUIDELINES

Kiwanis International requires each club to make a presentation of this material once a year. Doug Snoddy did a great job again this year. The point is, we work with many youth in a variety of venues and we want to not only protect them from harm, but to make sure they feel safe and secure. In addition, of course, we thereby protect our members and the club itself. The guiding principle is Kiwanians should always act with the highest standard of care.

Doug reviewed some of the signs one might see involving physical, sexual, or emotional abuse. The main ones a student might exhibit are withdrawal, fear, too much closeness with an adult, generally troubling behavior. On the adult's part, inappropriate touching, verbal abuse. If there are any behavioral issues at all, don't try to solve them; use good judgment and leave it to the pros.

Doug reviewed the transportation question in some depth since that is an area that presents many possibilities to digress from our guiding principles. The three main components a Kiwanian should observe are: The Rule of Three: always have at least three people in the vehicle at all times, any combination of adults and students will do. To transport a student alone, always have written approval from a parent. Follow all local laws and school policies. Students can drive themselves to any event, but state law provides they can only have one other student with them. Any time you have a question about doing the right thing, call the experts: Doug or Martha Briggs.

A student may need medication for either an existing condition or one that arises. The rule here is black and white: do not give a student anything without written permission from a parent. Period! However, a student may use medications they themselves provide. The Michigan "good Samaritan" act provides protection if someone is forced to take action in case of an extreme emergency.

In this era of instant and continual electronic communication, be wary: Do not initiate online "friendships" or other personal interactions. If you must reach out to a student through the internet, be sure to copy at least one other Kiwanian.

