

Chair: Fred Honerkamp

Invocation: Penny Ecarius

Editor: Martha Briggs

CALENDAR

Tuesday, August 8: Golf Outing (Betsy Sullivan) and Junior Youth committees (Rudy Phillips) meet at 11:00.

Thursday-Sunday, September 7-10: Michigan District of Kiwanis Annual Convention, Crystal Mountain.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karen Adams: Kim Clarke will provide an update on the Longview Pavilion at next week's meeting. Plan to go over to Longview at 1:15 to check out this structure in person. It is dedicated to long-time Kiwanian Bill Marklewitz.

John Congleton: Many thanks to Midland's two Kiwanis Clubs—Kiwassee and Monday night—for our generous support of New Hope Village. Donations to date total \$50,000 (\$40,000 from our club), and NHV looks forward to our continued support as renovations continue and the shelter gets up and running.

Bruce Rayce: Unfortunately, the cost of the Michigan District raffle ticket(s) you purchased is NOT tax-deductible. Still, you have a chance to win a 7-day cruise plus up to \$400 for help with airfare. The drawing is September 7.

Ray Senesac: Someone looking suspiciously like Cal Hoerneman reminded members to pick up their Travel and Adventure packets. Checks are preferred; use the envelope provided to return them to Mike Feider. See Cal for a poster or with questions.

Betsy: The golf outing committee meets next week (August 8) at 11:00 to review the event and make decisions about next year.

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION: Dave Bender welcomed Gail Sarnowski into the Kiwassee fold. Gail has worked at Chemical Bank for the past fifteen years. CarolAnne Guillemette is her proud sponsor. Welcome, Gail!

MEMBER NEWS: On the heels of a challenging week of medical treatments, Jack Higgins and Nancy Stark are taking a cruise to Alaska. Bob Nankee sustained internal injuries in a car accident last week and is recuperating at Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids; he's in room #4028.

PROGRAM: Bill LeClair, Forgotten Man Ministries

Human and Spiritual Values chair Brian Goodwill introduced Bill LeClair, whose work as chaplain at the Midland County Jail helps inmates address important issues in their lives. Forgotten Man operates in thirty Michigan county jails, primarily in the southern part of the state. The 50-year-old Christian ministry continues to increase its presence as it strives to spread hope and compassion to the inmates it serves.

Most county jail inmates are serving terms of up to a year, after which they will either go on to longer terms in prison or be released back into society. Bill and other jail chaplains help them overcome tendencies to make bad choices, mend broken relationships, find purpose, and ultimately change the direction of their lives. This work often involves reconnecting with their spiritual past, such as childhood experiences with Sunday School. Resources for inmates include discipleship, reading materials, one-on-one counseling, Bible Study, interactions with volunteers, and Sunday worship services. Support comes from private donations from individuals, churches, businesses, and service groups.

The Midland County Jail has a population of 200 inmates at any time. About half are federal inmates from Genesee and Livingston counties. One third are incarcerated for drug-related offenses. About 15% percent are female. An inmate's average stay is 40 days, with federal inmates serving up to 18 months to 2 years. Inmates can take advantage of GED preparation and job training, as well as connections with local organizations like Open Door. Inmates also receive guidance as they realize that they cannot return to the life that landed them in jail. About 75% of released inmates return to jail; the recidivism rate for those participating in Forgotten Man Ministries is 25%, a sign that the program is successful.

Bill Kuehne and Fred Honerkamp shared details about KERYX, a volunteer prison ministry program they have participated in. Both Forgotten Man Ministries, which works with jail inmates, and KERYX, which works with prison inmates, support inmates in their efforts to change their lives by strengthening their faith.

REMINDERS:

Next week's program: Junior Youth—Kids and Traffic, plus Longview Pavilion update with visit to the site at 1:15;

Greater: Bruce Rayce; Invocation: Dick Schedonole; Golf Outing & Junior Youth committee meetings: both 11:00.