

**Chair: Fred Honerkamp**

**Invocation: Spaulding**

**Editor: Martha Briggs**

### CALENDAR

**Tuesday, August 29:** Tall in the Saddle new volunteer orientation, Gypsy Hollow, 7-9 pm (**Susan Love**)  
**Tuesday, September 12:** Last day to turn in Travel and Adventure tickets as DONATIONS. (**Cal Hoerneman**)  
**Thursday, September 14:** Thomas Township Kiwanis Club's golf outing, Apple Mountain (**Roger Briggs**)  
**Tuesday, September 26:** Last day to turn in ALL Travel and Adventure materials and monies (**Cal Hoerneman**)  
**Sunday, October 1:** CROP Walk (**Martha Briggs**)  
**Wednesday, October 18:** Aktion Club Talent Show (**Kathy Allen**)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Martha Briggs:** Midland's CROP Walk is Sunday, October 1. Please make a pledge on the sheet circulating.  
**Roger Briggs:** See Roger if you're interested in playing in the Thomas Township Kiwanis Club Golf Outing September 14. In other news, the Board of Directors will meet after today's regular meeting.  
**Dick Jellum:** Nut & Candy season is approaching; Dick will launch the program in October and the Nut House will open in November. See him if you'd like to work with and eventually replace Al Burmester as Keeper of the Nut House, which entails scheduling volunteers to man the store—according to Dick, “a great job if you like to boss people around.”  
**Susan Love:** A Tall in the Saddle training session is tonight from 7-9 pm at **Gypsy Hollow Ranch, 4353 N. Sturgeon**. Note that this is a new location for both training and sessions. Please sign up to work a session.  
**Cal Hoerneman:** see Cal for T&A materials; turn in your Travel and Adventure sales to Mike Feider. Turn in tickets for DONATING by Tuesday, September 12, and turn in ALL T&A materials and monies by Tuesday, September 26.  
**Doug Snoddy:** As incoming club president, Doug is addressing some housekeeping tasks, in particular committee membership. Most of the chairs are interested in continuing in 2017-28. If you're considering changing or adding a committee, please tell your current chair and attend the new committee meeting in September. Chairs will send a 2017-18 roster to Doug, who will address any need for additional members on specific committees. See him with questions.  
**Jim Young:** Dee Howe needs 1.5 installers for Labor Day, September 4...and they materialized at the meeting! Problem solved.

### MEMBER NEWS

Tempted to introduce them as guests, Fred chose instead to welcome back Cal Hoerneman, Bob Davidson, and Jack Higgins. He also showed off the soft cast on his left arm: the new nerve will reach its full 25mm growth in about eight months. Duane Brooks announced that his son Jim and Jim's wife Lindy returned to sunshine in Austin, TX last weekend, after spending some time in Midland in the aftermath of the death of Duane's son Ron. Larry McCoy asked for thoughts and prayers for his sister-in-law, who lives in Texas and whom he and Charlotte have not been able reach because of the devastating floods the state is currently experiencing.

#### **PROGRAM I: Beth Gartner, Senior Program Director, Greater Midland Community Center**

Senior Youth chair Doug Snoddy introduced Beth and presented her with a check for \$500 to help with the purchase of training and safety equipment for the Center's pom/cheer program. Currently, 150 seventh and eighth grade girls and boys participate in this program, performing at the football and basketball games Jefferson and Northeast play against Bullock Creek, Mount Pleasant, and White Pine middle schools. The Center took over the management and funding for all middle school sports several years ago. Students pay \$85 per sport. Any students who receive free-and-reduced lunch pay nothing, and those whose families fall into the ALICE designation (Asset Limited Income Constrained Employed) pay on a sliding scale. The Center hires and pays coaches, schedules practices and events, and transports participants to contests.

The Pom/Cheer program begins at age 4. Beth explained that coaches at every level recognize the potential for serious injury in cheer. They receive rigorous safety training and use many spotters for the complex and dangerous formations and stunts.

The Center's gymnastics program will also benefit from the purchase of this equipment. Children as young as age 1 participate in the program and can continue through high school. In the earlier years, they learn important life skills such as listening, taking turns, being patient, and playing together, while the actual gymnastics training is phased in as appropriate. In addition, Beth oversees all programming for the Center. She noted that the swim program serves 3500 children each year, and can always use financial help with the replacement of pool equipment like noodles and swim belts.

#### **PROGRAM II: Martha Briggs, Kiwassee CROP captain**

Martha followed up her lengthy Happy Dollars “Kiki” program with an overview of the CROP Walk and invited members to support this worthy initiative. For more than forty years, the Midland County CROP Walk has raised thousands of dollars to help its umbrella organization, Church World Service, address hunger, water, and infrastructure needs around the world. The WALK's administrative costs, including tee shirts, are paid by “Friends of CROP,” a group of local organizations and businesses that donate \$150 each in return for recognition in any promotion of the Walk. As a result, every penny walkers raise goes to CWS's efforts. In Midland County, 25% of the funds raised by Midland walkers is distributed to The Open Door, The Salvation Army, the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry, and Michigan State University's Project Fresh program. Kiwassee is a