

Chair: Fred Honerkamp

Invocation: Jim Morgan

Editor: Martha Briggs

CALENDAR

- Tuesday, September 12:** Last day to turn in Travel and Adventure tickets as DONATIONS. (Cal Hoerneman)
Tuesday, September 12: Golf Outing Committee meeting, 11:00 a.m. (Betsy Sullivan)
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

- Roger Briggs:** See Roger if you're interested in playing in the Thomas Township Kiwanis Club Golf Outing September 14.
Dick Jellum: See Dick if you'd like to work with and eventually replace Al Burmester as Keeper of the Nut House, aka "Nut Czar." In other news, Dick presented a \$500 check from the Community Service committee to Greg Dorrien, Executive Director of the West Midland Family Center. The money will support the construction of a two-lane bowling alley as part of the WMFC's expansion project. The Strosacker Foundation will match our gift.
Cal Hoerneman: 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.
Betsy Sullivan: The Golf Outing Committee will meet at 11:00 a.m. next Tuesday (September 12).
Jim Young: Thanks to Dee Howe and the flag volunteers for another successful installation yesterday (Labor Day)!

MEMBER NEWS

Welcome back, Andy Thompson—we know you've been swamped with your new gig and we're delighted to see you! Bob Nankee is resting comfortably at Medilodge, after enduring surgery on both legs for injuries related to a car accident.

PROGRAM I: Doug Snoddy, incoming Kiwassee President—International Convention Highlights

Doug presented details about several topics from this year's Kiwanis International Convention, held in Paris in July.

1. **ELIMINATE UPDATE**—When Kiwanis International and UNICEF collaborated in 2010 to address maternal/neonatal tetanus, 39 countries struggled with this deadly disease. By July 2017, that number had been reduced to 17. While our funding commitment to the initiative ended this year, it's a worthy topic to discuss moving forward.
2. **KIWANIS HUMANITARIAN AWARD**—In 1960, six-year-old Ruby Bridges was the first black child to attend a white elementary school in New Orleans. As an adult, she has been a powerful advocate for education for all children. She established the Ruby Bridges Foundation to advance this goal. She received the Kiwanis Humanitarian Award, one of Kiwanis' highest honors, in recognition of her tireless efforts on behalf of children and youth.*
3. **MEMBERSHIP ISSUES**—While Kiwanis clubs in the US and Canada have struggled with declining membership in 2017, the Philippines added 30 new clubs and Taiwan, 18. Other countries have added clubs as well, so Kiwanis continues to have a strong international presence.
4. **SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS**—Both Key Club (high school) and Circle K (college) enjoyed all-time membership highs this year! Italy became the 15th country with a Circle K Club, and Key Club is in 44 countries. Bravo!
5. **SIGNATURE PROJECT RECOGNITION**—Doug showed videos of the three clubs that received Signature Project recognition at the convention.*
6. **KIWANIS RESPONDS TO HARVEY**—www.kiwanis.org has a feature on how Kiwanis is helping Houston.

*Visit the following website and scroll down to read more about Ruby Bridges and watch the Signature Project Recognition Doug showed:

www.kiwanis.org/news/newsitem/news/newsitem/fun-fellowship-education-at-kiwanis-international-convention.

Doug also outlined a proposed by-laws amendment on the executive director and a resolution on a dues increase. You can read the actual proposal and resolution in the attachments to this week's Smoke Signals.

--Regarding the proposed amendment, Andy Thompson explained that it is more common for the executive director of a non-profit to be a non-voting member of the organization's board of directors. The ED answers TO the board, which directs him or her to implement its decisions and policies. Also, the board determines the ED's salary and compensation, so being a voting member can create a conflict of interest, which can result in difficulty with the IRS.

--A vigorous discussion of the dues resolution helped our delegates understand members' views regarding this issue.

NEXT WEEK'S PROGRAM: Odd-numbered committee end-of-year reports: Fund Raising, Membership, Community Service, Human and Spiritual Values, Young Children Priority One.