

November 14, 2017 **KIWASSEE SMOKE SIGNALS KIWANIS** www.kiwassee.org

Chair: Snoddy Invocation: Schwark Pig Master: Jellum Editor: Stevens

Saturday, 11/18: Santa Parade, 10am, meet at spot #32, Midland High, by 9:45am

Tuesday, 12/5: Test run for 12/12 1st graders' party at new Central Park Elementary (Townley)

Thursday, 12/7: Community Wishes Holiday Wishes Party (Congleton)

Tuesday, 12/12: Christmas Party for first graders at Central Park Elementary (Townley)

Wednesday, 12/13: Aktion Club Christmas Party (M Briggs)

Sunday, 12/17: Last day to return product to store (Jellum)

Tuesday, 12/19: Kiwassee Christmas Luncheon

Thursday, 12/23: Last day of sales, Nut Hut closes (Jellum)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martha Briggs – Roger continues to improve with occasional setbacks. CROP tax receipts are available. Thank you all for donations to NHV in the “Little House”. If you want to donate an item to the apartment, contact Martha. Santa parade walkers, meet by 9:45am, spot #32, Midland High Parking Lot, 11/18. Dress for the weather!!

Penny Ecarius – If you need nuts and candy for an order, let her know. She will bring it to you.

Brian Goodwill – Contact Brian to confirm your bell ringing shift or sign up for a new one.

Cal Hoerneman – Andrea Foster, Zonta, will be here next week to sell Homewalk tickets.

Dick Jellum – Nut Hut has opened and \$4,000 worth of product has gone out the door.

Former member and Nut Leader, Jim Rajewski, has already checked out \$1,000 of product!!

There are two store worker openings remaining for November. Sell!

Bill Krueger – Speaking as cashier for Nuts & Candy, Bill needs a name...three weeks ago someone gave Bill a \$100 check, then left for Florida. Who was it? Most likely, Bob Davidson.

Gene Moore - On 10/17/17, Gene participated in a presentation before MI House of Representatives regarding beneficial effects of low level radiation. See video presentation at <http://www.house.mi.gov/MHRPublic/PlayVideoArchive.html?video=ENER-101717.mp4>

Rudy Phillips – Junior Youth meeting today at 1pm.

Gordon Rogers – Thanks to all who helped with setup at Nut Hut. There are 2 openings this week at the Hut. Reminder will be sent to workers already scheduled.

Doug Snoddy – Holly Barth thanked YCP1 for contributions to Community Baby Shower. Send in committee requests by 6pm tonight for consideration at BOD meeting Thursday.

Duane Townley – Thanks to those who have brought in gifts for the Central Park first graders' 12/12 party, but 66 more are needed! Diane will check in gifts for the next 2 weeks. Meet at the Auditorium entrance, clearly marked. Test run will be 10am on 12/5 to learn the layout of the auditorium building and position guides in the hallways. Some Kiwanians may get another child's name once all parental forms are in. Thank you to those who have already taken two children's names or have offered to take another.

Jim Young – Seventeen hundred flags were placed this season and nobody got hurt!

Membernews – Terry Townley has a pacemaker to match Duane's. She is getting out and about now, as evidenced by Snoddys meeting Townleys while all were shopping recently.

Guests – Kyle Clark, Kristi Bugosh’s son, is Martha’s guest. Kyle attended Northwood and was an active member of Circle K, and will continue his Kiwanis involvement. Scott Mitchell, Executive Director of Midland Tennis Center, is a guest of Stu Bender. Scott has submitted his membership application.

BRAD KAYE, CITY MANAGER: WHAT’S HAPPENING IN MIDLAND 2017

Ray Senesac introduced Brad Kaye, City Manager, who presented the many City projects in various stages of development and implementation.

Downtown: A 2014 study by the Michigan Municipal League recommended creating a stronger downtown that is more attractive to shoppers and event-goers by connecting “east end” areas with the central area. The summer streetscape changes are a result of collaboration between Momentum Midland, the City and various foundations. Construction will end soon, and next year extra amenities will be added.

Tridge Renovation: Although progress of restoration was slowed due to the 2017 summer flood, only a few items remain on the to-do list, such as programmable lighting for special occasions.

Poseyville Platform: Plans are to construct a platform under the Poseyville Bridge for viewing the Tridge and rivers.

Former 4D site: This floodplain parcel has potential to become an area for footpaths, art installations, garden plantings, and a bridge connection to the other side of the river.

Emerson Park Pump House: The Dow home’s old pump house on the riverbank may be rebuilt as a viewing and fishing platform with improved parking and attractive landscaping.

2017 Summer Flood: This weather event was the second worst flood since 1986. A joint venture “full system study” of the sanitary sewer and storm drain system will be done to determine what changes need to be made to prevent damaging flooding in the City again.

Fairfield Inn & Suites: A downtown location near the Loons Stadium has been approved for construction by the Midland Planning Commission.

Center City: Center City is the South Saginaw corridor from The Circle to Patrick Road. A development plan is being drawn up to improve and unify the area.

Other issues/changes to be considered are affordable housing, and Midland Fire Department station locations.

**KIWASSEE FOUNDATIONS PRESENTATIONS NEXT WEEK,
INVOCATION – SKOCHDOPOLE, GREETER – MARYLOU MYERS**