

November 21, 2017 **KIWASSEE SMOKE SIGNALS KIWANIS** www.kiwassee.org

Chair: Snoddy Invocation: Skochdopole Greeter: Myers

Pig Master: none Editor: Stevens

Wednesday, 11/29: ARC fundraising luncheon, 12-1pm, Great Hall (M Briggs)

Tuesday, 12/5: 10a.m. practice for 12/12 1st graders' party, 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 nuts & candy product to store (Jellum)

Tuesday, 12/19: Kiwassee Christmas Luncheon

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

Tuesday, 12/26: No meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martha Briggs - There will be a fundraising luncheon for ARC on 11/29, 12-1pm, Great Hall on Bay City Road. The luncheon is free (with an opportunity to make a donation to The ARC) and WNEM news anchor Colette Boyd will host the event. The ARC is a nonprofit which assists people with disabilities in a variety of ways, including navigating Social Security and health care, building life skills, finding a job, and making social connections. Many of our Aktion Club members are active in ARC activities like parties and dances and benefit from the organization's support services. The Santa Parade was a wonderful event with many members of the Kiwanis family, and dry weather! CROP tax receipts are available. Regarding NHV: **If you wish to make a cash donation, sign the sheet on the back of the clipboard with the list of items to consider. Make a check payable to "New Hope Village" and write "Apt 3" in the memo space. You'll receive a receipt in either case.**

John Congleton – Don't forget the Community Wishes Christmas Gala, 12/7. Tickets are \$40. There will be a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres. See John for tickets.

Brian Goodwill – Contact Brian to confirm your bell ringing shift or sign up for a new one. Kiwassee ringers have earned almost \$800 for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign.

Cal Hoerneman – Andrea Foster, Zonta, was here to help Cal sell Homewalk tickets. Zonta Homewalk is a 20+ year tradition. Funds raised go to both organizations that advance women, and to individual women. The event is 12/2 and 12/3, 1-5pm, tickets are \$20.

Fred Honerkamp – A no-sweat equity project, organized by the City of Midland, needs men and women to volunteer for a 2 hour shift on 12/12, 12/13, or 12/14 for Santa Calling. Parents have registered the children who will be called, so Santa, Mrs. Claus, or elves will know all about the child, their wishes, and siblings. Register on-line at www.cityofmidlandmi.gov/santa.

Dick Jellum – Last week was a good week for the Nut Hut with about \$5,000 checked out. Mailer boxes are now available for party trays.

Gene Moore – Gene shared a new word (for most of us) that is a summation of his radiation research: Hormesis. "A little of something is good, too much can be dangerous and even deadly. This applies to almost everything in life, vitamins, medicines, exercise, X-rays and other exposures." 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>

Bruce Rayce – Senior Youth meeting next week after the general meeting.

Gordon Rogers – Two hour shifts available after Thanksgiving at Nut Hut.

Doug Snoddy – Sign up for the Club Christmas Party, even if to say 0, i.e. not attending. Member news from recent BOD meeting. . . John Russell has resigned, Scott Mitchell's membership application has been approved.

Diane Stevens – We are halfway there in gift numbers for the Central Park Elementary Christmas Party. Contact Diane if you need shopping assistance.

Betsy Sullivan – There will be a YCP1 meeting soon. The committee members will be notified.

Membernews – Nurse Martha will soon be trained in draining chest cavity fluid that is making Roger very uncomfortable.

Guests – Kyle Clark, Kristi Bugosh's son, is Martha's guest again and has submitted his membership application. Cal's guest is Andrea Foster, Zonta Club. Marci Post, City of Midland, is Fred's guest. Tim Braun is Bruce Rayce's guest. Also, Becca, Abby and Olivia, HH Dow Key Club President, Vice-President and Secretary respectively, attended as Senior Youth guests. The officers thanked us for our financial support for Key Club Fall Rally attendance. Matt Forster, Al's son, joined us. Christie Godley, Circle K, Northwood, attended.

KIWANIS FOUNDATIONS: KIWASSEE, KIWANIS OF MI, KIWANIS INT'L

Alex Rapanos: Our Kiassee Kiwanis Foundation, started in about 1982, and has an eleven member Board of Directors, including officers Roger Briggs, President, Duane Townley, Vice President, Gordon Rogers, Secretary, and Alex Rapanos, Treasurer. Assets of stocks, bonds, mutual funds and cash are managed, at no cost, by Jack Lehman. Average annual rate of return, 1998 to 2017, was 5.91%, and as of September 30, the asset total was \$387, 716. Grants made in 2016-2017 were to Sneakerpalooza (\$3,000), MCFTA (\$1,540), NHV (\$2,600), Creative 360 (\$3,500), and a Stratford Woods Eagle Scout Project (\$900). Funds available this year amount to more than \$19,000. Traditionally, "brick and mortar" requests have been preferred to operations requests, but that may change. Donations are always needed (Bill Marklewitz's estate gave a very large boost to the Kiassee Foundation last year.), and are tax deductible.

Bruce Rayce: Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation provides funds to four Michigan pediatric hospitals: Mary Free Bed in Grand Rapids, Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit, C.S. Mott Children's Hospital of Ann Arbor, and McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. All four hospitals do an outstanding job of meeting the medical needs of the children. The Foundation addresses the emotional and educational needs by providing play areas, art therapy, and adaptive sports during hospitalization, and educational programs for children with long-term illnesses after release. Tim Braun, Saginaw Township Kiwanis, is the Division 10 Trustee for Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation. He is Bruce Rayce's guest and spoke about his grandson's benefitting from the Foundation program at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Alex Rapanos: Kiwanis International Foundation is now called Kiwanis Children's Fund. The website is www2.kiwanis.org/childrensfund. The Mission statement is "To assist Kiwanis International in serving the children of the world." And also "So the work of the Children's Fund helps Kiwanians change kids' lives – often in ways that would otherwise remain beyond the resources of clubs and districts."

YOUNG CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE: 2017 GOALS

Penny presented a brief update of YCP1's 2017 committee plans. Betsy Sullivan and Penny will co-chair the committee. Bill's pavilion at Longview Early Childhood Center, a large project done last year, was a collaboration between YCP1, Evening Club, and the City of Midland. The committee will pursue more collaborative projects this year.

“Now, here, you see, it takes all the running you can do, to keep in the same place. If you want to get somewhere else, you must run at least twice as fast as that!”

Lewis Carroll, Alice Through the Looking Glass

**11/28: SUE WACHTER, HEAL, ACT UGANDA, COMMUNITY SERVICE
INVOCATION – M. MYERS**