

**November 28, 2017 KIWASSEE SMOKE SIGNALS KIWANIS [www.kiwassee.org](http://www.kiwassee.org)**  
**Chair: Snoddy Invocation: Myers Greeter: Rayce Pig Master: Jellum Editor: Stevens**

**Friday, 12/1 through Sunday, 12/3:** Nativity scene exhibit, Church of Jesus-Christ of Latter Day Saints, 11am-9pm (Rapanos)

**Tuesday, 12/5:** 10a.m. practice for 12/12 1<sup>st</sup> graders' party, Central Park Elementary (Townley)

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

**Sunday, 12/10:** Men of Music concert, First United Methodist Church, 2pm & 7pm

**Tuesday, 12/12:** Christmas Party for first graders, 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 (Snoddy)

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

**Tuesday, 12/26: No meeting**

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Martha Briggs** – NHV clipboard to donate either item(s) or cash/check circulated.

**Brian Goodwill** – More bell ringing spots are available. Kiwassee \$800+, Lions \$750!

**Dick Jellum** - \$400 ahead of last year's nut & candy checkouts at this time. Community Service meeting next week.

**Alex Rapanos** – Nativity scenes, 12/1 through 12/3, 11am-9pm, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, 1700 W Sugnet

**Bruce Rayce** – Senior Youth meeting today. Sign up to attend HH Dow Key Club meetings.

**Gordon Rogers** – Shifts available at Nut Hut. Only 4 weeks to go.

**Walt Rupprecht** – Men of Music concert, First United Methodist Church, 12/10, 2pm & 7pm

**Doug Snoddy** – Sign up for the Club Christmas Party, even if to say 0, i.e. not attending Party.

**ROGER IS BACK!!!!** Scott Mitchell, Executive Director of Tennis Center, was inducted as a member today by Dave Bender. Scott was brought to the Club by Stu Bender. Welcome, Scott.

**Duane Townley:** Only 36 more gifts needed for 12/12 party. 12/5 practice run at Central, 10am

**Guests** – Kyle Clark, Kristi Bugosh's son, is Martha's guest again and has submitted his membership application. Mike Cronenberger was host for Rob Mortenson. Lori Ireland, Midland County Habitat for Humanity, was a guest of Gail Sarnowski.

#### SUE WAECHTER, U.S. DIRECTOR OF AGAPE COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION (ACT) UGANDA

Sue made the drive from Traverse City to update us on the HEAL program, Health is Elemental to All Life. This program began in Uganda, Muko Sub County, in September, 2016, and was a recipient in 2015-2016 of a \$5,000 grant.

HEAL is just one of the 5 programs within ACT/Uganda for Muko Sub County, which has 74 villages. Others are Handcrafts, or MEP (Muko Empowerment Program), Orphan Sponsorship, Muko HOPE (Helping Orphans Prosper and Endure), Agriculture HANDS (Helping Agricultural New Development and Sustainability), and MUSIC (Muko Uganda String Instruments for Children). A very recent addition is the group's responsibility for administration of the local high school.

For the HEAL efforts, there are 9 paid staff in Uganda. Sue and all other U.S. workers are volunteers. The HEAL manager is Benson Ariimpa, a nurse. Twenty-four HPWs (Health Promotion Workers), all local villagers, have been trained. They receive a small stipend and a meal for their work on behalf of HEAL. The first step is a meeting with the village LC1, or local chairman, to explain the benefits of the program and the process. HPWs ask the villagers what they need to improve village and personal health. Villagers are divided into 3 groups of men, women, and children to have discussions and record ideas on flip charts. Then the 3 groups come together to make final decisions. These dialogues are a totally new way of making decisions for a village, but 37 dialogues have been successfully completed. One dialogue resulted in a request for 2 bags of concrete to improve a dirt area that became muddy and impassable during rains. Another requested seeds for creation of a demonstration garden. A component of the dialogue process is the final question: How will the village pay ACT back? This is another new concept for the villagers.

Too often, Americans give funds without understanding the dependency that creates. This HEAL method gives locals the ability to make their own choices and improve their own situations instead of merely taking a handout. In addition to helping their village, the individuals benefit in other ways. Examples are "Friendships from other villages I have never had." "I have gained confidence in standing in front of people." "HEAL/ACT gives me credibility and gains 'an address' for me that is ACT."

Sue spoke of the other ACT/Uganda programs:

- Muko HOPE-There are 136 orphans who need sponsorship. \$40/month provides supplies and boarding school fees for a child.
- Drama for health-Skits and songs have been created to promote health and share information about nutrition, HIV, domestic abuse, and other topics, through performances in public places and churches.
- Kick Malnutrition out of Muko-Formed by local men, this program combines the efforts of HEAL and HANDS to help malnourished children and teach meal planning with healthy foods.
- A new fund raising method is to encourage adoption of a village for \$1,000/year by dental and physician offices, church groups, and civic organizations.
- Handcrafts, MEP, are sold in Midland at Uniquely Uganda, 503 S. Saginaw Road, Monday through Saturday, 10am-1pm

For more information, go to [www.actuganda.org](http://www.actuganda.org).

**NEXT WEEK HUMAN & SPIRITUAL VALUES  
GOODWILL-INVOCATION, RAYCE-GREETER**

**"Women worry about the things that men forget; men worry about the things that women remember."**

**Attributed to Ziad Abdelnour, Albert Einstein, Anonymous**