

December 12, 2017 KIWASSEE SMOKE SIGNALS KIWANIS www.kiwassee.org

Chair: Snoddy Invocation: none Greeter: none Pig Master: none Editor: Stevens

Wednesday, 12/13: Aktion Club Christmas Party, MPS Admin, 5pm-6:30pm (M Briggs)

Saturday, 12/16: Last day to return nuts & candy product to store (Jellum)

Tuesday, 12/19: Kiwassee Christmas Luncheon (Snoddy)

Thursday, 12/23: Last day Nut Hut store will be open (Jellum)

Tuesday, 12/26: No meeting

Tuesday, 1/2: Fire Sale on remaining nuts & candy at meeting (Jellum)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian Goodwill – Bell ringers, if you have a mall shift soon and are not sure of the timing, contact Brian to confirm your shift. Don't forget that the Red Kettle will be passed at the Kiwassee luncheon next week.

Dick Jellum – Nut Hut store inventory will be kept very lean from now on. Items can be ordered from St. Laurent, but due to the Christmas rush, it will take 3-4 days to receive them. Put your name and list items wanted on the form at the Nut Hut. Note that the Fire Sale will be at 1/2/18 meeting, not at the Christmas lunch next week.

CENTRAL PARK ELEMENTARY CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR FIRST GRADES

In the new addition to the old Central Intermediate building, up on the second floor, Duane and helpers arrived at 10:30am, carrying in bags of gifts. Cathy Devendorf and helpers from the Midland Kiwanis, Evening Club, brought their gifts and joined Kiwassee as other members arrived. The setup committee, led by Jim Young, had our tables decorated and all placemats (green=Kiwanis) positioned. Thank you to all who volunteered to help sort and place gifts, but Duane T. had a system to ensure gifts were aligned with the proper tables/classes. President Doug called a short meeting, then Kiwanians chose their green placemats and the classes started to arrive at 11:30. Approximately 140 children, teachers for each of the 5 classes, and many para-professionals joined us. In total, because there were more staff present than expected, we had about 220 people at the party. McDonald's hamburgers (Jim said 230 were consumed.) were immediately served, with the classic cartons of milk (white or chocolate) and ice cream cups (vanilla or strawberry or chocolate) for dessert. Santa arrived at 11:40, which raised the noise level considerably! (Jim has suggested guests bring ear plugs another year!) After a few ho-ho-ho's and a funny story, he got to work greeting each child personally and presenting their gift. The first of the five tables had to wait for the loooooonngggeeessstt time to open their gifts! Santa finally counted 3-2-1 and all packages were ripped open, with paper and bows and boxes and bags flung everywhere. Another successful party in a lovely new venue with a much larger crew and record number of guests!

Martha Briggs played a very important part in this event, behind the scenes. Thanks to her persuasive kminute applications. NEXT YEAR, we must all have completed forms approved and on file. Martha will lead us through that process in 2018.

“Merry Christmas!”

--Santa Claus

**KIWASSEE CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON, 12/19
DOORS OPEN AT 11, MUSIC BEGINS AT 11:30
LUNCH SERVED AT 12 NOON**