

CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 18: Children's Grief Center Fundraiser Luncheon, Great Hall (Fred Honerkamp)

Thursday, April 19: Board of Director's meeting, Memorial Presbyterian, 12-1pm

Thursday, April 19: WMFC Volunteer Appreciation Event. RSVP by 4/6. (Susan Love)

Tuesday, May 22: Panel discussion: "What Are the Most Pressing Problems for Midland County's Youth?" bring a guest (let Bruce Rayce know headcount for caterer).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roger Briggs: Kiwassee mall walkers, meet at Barnes and Noble after the meeting for exercise

Al Forster: No April Fools joke... quarterly dues are due! Also, be sure to check in, using the computer on the table in the hall. An accurate headcount is needed for each meeting.

Fred Honerkamp: Children's Grief Center luncheon doors open at 11:30 at Valley Plaza. Kiwassee has a reserved table. If you signed up, see you there.

Allison Maloney: Senior Youth meeting today after general meeting.

Roger Moll: The Kiwassee phone number to share with prospective members is 989-495-6760. Have the individual leave a message and Ray will pass the message along to the appropriate person to make a return call.

Bruce Rayce: 1)All Michigan Kiwanians received raffle tickets to sell on behalf of Kiwanis of MI Foundation. Proceeds benefit the children's hospitals supported by MI Foundation. Attempt to sell the tickets. One dollar for each ticket sold will come back to the club who sells it. 2)Human and Spiritual Values may sponsor a family outing on Princess Winona out of Bay City. Cost would be about \$25 per person. There will be more information soon. 3)Don't forget, on 5/22, there will be a panel discussion with Sheriff Scott Stephenson, Judge Doreen Allen, Midland Public Schools' Superintendent Michael Sharrow, and Bev Wenzel, Director of The Rock. The topic will be pressing issues facing our Midland County children and youth. The Evening Club has been invited and please feel free to invite guests to this interesting program. If you do have guests attending, give Bruce a headcount.

MEMBER NEWS: Jack Higgins is in hospice care, and there will be no radiation treatments. Family members have been called. Please keep Jack and Nancy in your prayers.

MIKE CRONENBERGER, BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH SPONSORS, OLD & NEW

Bolger & Battle has done excellent work helping us develop a strategic plan and shaping our marketing of our newest fundraiser, Midland Waves. The golf tournament and candy and nuts sales will continue to be important fundraisers. To strengthen the relationships with existing sponsors for those 3 fundraisers, and to help connect with new sponsors, a workshop is offered next Tuesday, April 24, from 12:30pm to 3:30pm.

Nan Hruby, a Northwood University graduate and consultant, will lead the workshop by providing activities and role play opportunities to learn new skills that can be used to continue Kiwassee's mission of doing good in our community. The workshop will focus on:

- How to engage the decision-maker in the organization
- How to build rapport and establish a warm relationship with a potential/existing sponsor
- How to appeal to the emotional aspect of serving children and strengthening our community
- How to get the donation decision made
- How to get continued commitment to a sponsorship

If you did not sign up to participate on Tuesday because you had to check your calendar, contact Mike Cronenberger, 835-9835, or cronenml@gmail.com.

KATY HILLIARD, CENTRAL PARK ELEMENTARY BY JUNIOR YOUTH

Rudy Phillips, co-chair of Junior Youth, presented Katy Hilliard, Family Intervention Committee member at Central Park Elementary (CPE) STEM School and social worker by training, a \$500 check to be used in the truancy prevention program and for emergency clothing needs.

When a student reaches nine absences from school, there is a system in place to determine the reason(s) and provide assistance to prevent future absences. A meeting is scheduled between family and Principal Blasy or Principal Hockemeyer and Family Intervention Committee (FIC). The Committee's goal is to be sure the needs of the "whole child" and their family are met. Referrals can be made to community agencies for assistance with housing, transportation, medical issues, and mental health. Another member of the FIC who helps meet the needs of children and their families is Chris Corbat, DHHS employee, Success Coach and Eligibility Specialist.

There are approximately 840 children in the new Central Park Elementary School, which is a combination of two older schools, Eastlawn Elementary and Carpenter Elementary. Katy's impression is that, in general, the two schools' populations blended together very well, and the STEM emphasis is not at all intimidating for the children. Teachers do receive special STEM training. Volunteers are a very important part of the school. All volunteers must be approved by the United for Success system, which is similar to the BRAVO screening in the past. Big Brothers, Big Sisters, Kids Hope, Teaming Up With Youth, and STEM volunteers all enhance the learning and socialization experiences for the students.

NEXT WEEK: Nan Hruby, Northwood University
INVOCATION: open GREETER: open