

## CALENDAR

**Tuesday, June 12:** Kiwassee Steak Picnic, Emerson Park. Set-up 4:00, grilling begins 5:00 (Keller)(no noon meeting that day)

**Thursday, June 14:** flag installation for Flag Day (Young)

**Tuesday, June 19:** Senior Youth committee meets at 11:00 a.m. (Maloney)

**Tuesday, July 10:** Pinecrest Picnic (Jellum)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Martha Briggs:** Kiwassee's had some good press lately: a front-page, above-the-fold report of the May 22 panel on problems facing local youth, and a page 3 above-the-fold photo and brief report of a recent Kiwassee/Dow HS highway cleanup.

**Penny Ecarius:** Central Park Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> graders hiked to Carpenter School to plant a garden that will be maintained by neighbors on "Water & Weed Wednesdays." Children from Longview's pre-school reading program sent the club thank you notes; they received books from us this morning, the last day of the program.

**Brian Goodwill:** Human and Spiritual Values committee will meet after today's regular meeting. Please give an invocation at the start of the meeting; sign up on the clipboard circulating. Let's fill the roster through July!

**Ron Graunke:** Next week's meeting will be at Emerson Park—our annual Steak Picnic in Pavilion D. Come at 3:15 to set up and at 5 to grill. Raise your hand if you'll be there, both hands if you'll bring a guest, and stand up if you'll bring a group!

**Dick Jellum:** Community Service will meet after today's regular meeting, at 1:01 sharp.

**Gordon Rogers:** Dave Bender has been nominated to finish Jack Higgins' term on the Kiwassee Foundation. In keeping with the club's By-laws, we will vote on this nomination at the June 19 meeting.

**Betsy Sullivan:** The Golf Outing is accumulating sponsorships and prizes, and we can use more! We also want more golfers, so please consider playing or encourage interested friends and family to join the fun. Fred Honerkamp pitched the outing at a recent "Wake up Midland" meeting and handed out ALL of the forms and registrations he brought to the meeting. A volunteer sign-up is circulating; you don't have to know anything about golf to help. Asked if we'd rather have golfers or volunteers, Betsy said GOLFERS!

**Bruce Rayce:** See Bruce if you can give him a ride to the Bay City Kiwanis Club's noon meeting THIS THURSDAY!

**Roger Moll:** Remember to check in on the computer in the Narthex. **And remember: no noon meeting NEXT WEEK!**

**GUESTS:** Walt Rupprecht introduced his daughter Holly.

## PROGRAM: Kiwassee Foundation Update, Roger Briggs, Kiwassee Foundation President

Nine club members join Roger on the Kiwassee Foundation: Duane Townley (Vice-President), Gordon Rogers (Secretary), Alex Rapanos (Treasurer), Fred Honerkamp, Bruce Rayce, Sam Choo, Mark Fenske, Ron Graunke, and Jim Young. In addition, Dave Bender, Jack Higgins's replacement, will be voted on in two weeks. As of May 31, 2018, the Foundation's assets totaled \$403,720.92. The average annual rate of return on our investments in the last twenty years is 5.91%. A diverse portfolio of stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and cash is managed at no cost by Jack Lehman, who has announced that he plans to continue providing this service even in retirement (and this is NOT an announcement!). The club is grateful for his generosity and expertise.

In 2016-17, the Foundation received 10 gifts totaling \$151,324.79, which included a generous gift from Bill Marklewitz's estate. Grant recipients of funds totaling \$11,540 included Step Up Coach (Sneakerpalooza), MCFTA, New Hope Village, Creative 360, and First Baptist Church (Eagle Scout project). To date in 2017-18, 35 gifts totaling \$4,384.67 have come in, many in Jack Higgins's memory. Grant recipients of funds totaling \$9,250 include Family and Children's Services, School Mental Health (Mind-up), and Longview Early Childhood Center. The Foundation has \$10,127.13 available this year, so encourage organizations you know are looking for funding for worthy initiatives to apply for a Kiwassee Foundation grant!

Roger also provided information about the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation, which operates as a "pass-through" rather than an endowment. Each year, KoMI collects a recommended "per member" donation. Kiwassee collects members' donations and makes up the difference from our project fund and the Briggs's vacation fund (we don't travel much). Kiwassee ALWAYS makes 100%! The KoMI Foundation distributes those monies directly to four children's hospitals in Michigan: C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor, Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit, McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, and Mary Free Bed Hospital and Rehabilitation Hospital in Grand Rapids.

**REMINDER:** No noon meeting next Tuesday; come to Emerson Park instead for our annual Steak Picnic! Set-up at 3:30 if you can help and grilling will commence at 5:00. Same place: Pavilion D. See you there!