

July 3, 2018

KIWASSEE *SMOKE SIGNALS* **KIWANIS** www.kiwassee.org
Chair: Roger Moll Invocation: Roger Briggs Editor: Briggs

CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 10: Pinecrest Picnic, 5 p.m. (Jellum) (**NO NOON MEETING!**)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brian Goodwill: Please sign up to give an invocation; the sign-up sheet is circulating. July meetings are covered with the exception of July 24.

Dick Jellum: The Community Service Committee will meet after today's meeting. The last Pinecrest Picnic is July 10 at 5:00. Come at 4:30 if you can help unload the food. Remember--there is no noon meeting that day.

Jim Young: Flags go up tomorrow at dawn and come down at dusk! Rubber bands are so not cool; scrunchies are the new look for rolled-up flags—no more shattering in your hands as you roll up a flag!

Betsy Sullivan: The golf outing July 23 and we still need volunteers! We'd love to have more foursomes play: send in your registration form ASAP. And ask local businesses you frequent to support the outing.

Roger Moll: Please sign up to be a greeter—all you have to do is be on time, stand next to the computer in the Narthex, and smile as you welcome everyone. (the “on time” part of this gig is why Martha doesn't greet)

GUESTS: CarolAnne Guillamette introduced David Brown of Isabella Bank. Martha promptly encouraged him to play in the Golf Outing, encourage Isabella to sponsor the event, AND think about joining the club!

MEMBER NEWS: CarolAnne also shared a touching story about Gerry Schwark, whom she got to know in recent months. He knew her daughter Emily will be attending Michigan Tech in the fall, and he told CarolAnne that he graduated from MTU and sponsored a small scholarship. Disappointed that a Midland area student had never received the scholarship, Gerry offered to submit Emily's name for it and took care of all the paperwork to get her in the running. A few weeks before he passed away, he told CarolAnne that Emily had won the scholarship! CarolAnne said Emily was excited to learn this news, since she didn't know anything about Gerry having nominated her. She wrote him a thank you note and looked forward to meeting him, but he passed away before she could do so. Roger Moll spoke with his family at the funeral and they told him Gerry was pleased and excited about Emily's success. A wonderful story!

DID YOU KNOW...that the Community Alliance 4 Youth Success, in partnership with local law enforcement, hosts **Dump Your Drugs** events throughout the year? The next one is **Saturday, July 14, at the Farmers Market from 9-noon**. These events make it easy for community members to drop off their unused/expired prescription medications and over-the-counter drugs. Also, permanent drop boxes are located at the Midland County Law Enforcement Center on Rodd Street.

PROGRAM: Kiwanis International Convention

Alex Rapanos gave highlights of last week's gathering in Las Vegas, where he endured the “dry heat” by spending most of his time inside. Speakers at the opening session included Rudy Ruettinger of “Rudy” fame. Alex attended an impressive seven sessions! One with particular relevance for Kiwassee was “Young Professionals.” The speaker assured the audience that, contrary to their negative stereotype, Millennials ARE concerned about local and global issues and WANT to serve their communities!

He urged clubs to “lower barriers of entry” by making dues more affordable; reshaping the structure, format, and frequency of meetings; emphasizing service projects; and using a “static” website, one that isn't updated itself but instead provides links to other resources. And he encouraged members that “the FIRST young professional is the hardest one to get into the club.” Once one joins, others will follow!

Alex also provided business and legislative updates: visit www.kiwanis.org for specifics.

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