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KIWASSEE *SMOKE SIGNALS* KIWANIS www.kiwassee.org

Chair: CarolAnne Guillemette

Invocation: Gordon Rogers

Greeter: Bill Kuehne

Editor: Briggs

CALENDAR

Thursday, July 19: Board of Directors meeting, noon, Memorial Presbyterian Church. Send requests to CarolAnne Guillemette (cguillemette@wildfirecu.org) or (Roger Briggs (rogerallenbriggs@gmail.com)).

Monday, July 23: Kiwanis for Kids Charity Golf Classic, Snow Snake (Sullivan)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jim Heffel: Members, are you getting Smoke Signals? If not, see Jim to make sure the email address he has for you is correct. In other secretary business, dues are due! To make the payment process even more exciting, the first gender group (male or female) to reach 100% paid dues will receive a special prize!! Get on it!!

Dick Jellum: Last week's final Pinecrest Picnic was a success, and Executive Director Joe Blewitt sent a note thanking Kiwassee for the years of service we've provided Pinecrest via this annual event. Looking ahead to the nut and candy sales, see Dick if you'd like to replace Aaron Oberlin as Senior Junior Accountant. Aaron recently resigned from the club because he and Esther are relocating to the Detroit area.

Bruce Rayce: See Bruce if you can drive him to the Saginaw Downtown Kiwanis Club meeting Thursday at noon. Also, talk to him about serving on a "Blitz team" to help other clubs recruit new members.

Jim Young: Thanks to the anonymous donors of three golf carts to the flag effort—they're especially useful for the mass installations. With these additions to the fleet, we now have enough!

Betsy: With the Kiwanis for Kids Golf Eating just a week away, we have 24 teams registered to play! We have dozens of sponsors and donors, and we're in good shape for volunteers. If you signed up to volunteer, plan to be at Snow Snake by 8 am Monday morning. Wear Kiwanis gear! We are still collecting donations and door prizes/silent auction items.

GUESTS: Anna Mylvaganam, former Dow High Key Club president and Michigan District Secretary and current Circle K District Secretary, spoke briefly about the recent Key Club/Circle K International Convention. She thanked the club for supporting her attendance at three international conventions.

PROGRAM: Youth Protection Guidelines, Martha Briggs

As a former teacher and Key Club advisor, and a current member of the Senior Youth Committee and Aktion Club advisor, Martha is particularly interested in Kiwanis International's guidelines regarding Kiwanians' interactions with members of the Service Leadership Programs we sponsor. The guidelines were released in 2014, and clubs are expected to review them on an annual basis.

In general, we must exercise good judgment and common sense when we work with children, youth, and vulnerable adults, always keeping in mind their safety and comfort. A sensible maxim to follow is the "Rule of Three": two adults to one youth or two youth to one adult. Share any concerns you have with a teacher, counselor, or other trained professional. Do not initiate interaction on social media, and consider carefully accepting an invitation to be a Facebook friend or communicate via Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.

Depending on the extent of your interaction with children, youth, or vulnerable adults, you may need to register on line with United for Success, complete a Driver Authorization form, and/or request a criminal background check and fingerprinting. Most Kiwassee members, however, need not do any of these things. Contact Renee Urlaub (urlaubrs@midlandps.org) for more information.

It is a privilege to work with youth. We owe them our best effort to earn and keep their trust.

REMINDERS: The Kiwanis for Kids Golf Outing is MONDAY at Snow Snake! Wish us luck: we'll recap the event for you at next week's meeting.