

July 31, 2018

KIWASSEE *SMOKE SIGNALS* KIWANIS

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Chair: CarolAnne Guillemette

Invocation: Walt Rupprecht

Greeter: Al Klashak

Editor: Briggs

## CALENDAR

**Wednesday, August 1 (yikes!):** Hillsdale Kiwanis Club golf outing; see Roger Moll for contact information

**Tuesday, August 7:** Michigan Primary Elections – VOTE!!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Martha Briggs:** Bid on gift items from the golf outing—many gift cards and certificates and a great big print! Also, shop at the Unclaimed Door Prizes Shoppe...offer to pay at least \$5 and walk away with a great find!

**Brian Goodwill:** Please sign up to give the invocation; a clipboard is circulating.

**Jim Heffel:** Pay your dues! After a sluggish start, the women (58% paid) are catching up to the men (65%).

**Gene Moore:** Gene recently survived an accident with bear spray that resulted in two hours of excruciating pain in his eyes. He recommends the product in the event of an encounter with a bear.

**Roger Moll:** Max Bottomley is back home and resting from recent surgery to remove a 2mm mole from his face. Act quickly to play in the Hillsdale Kiwanis Club's golf outing **TOMORROW** at Concord Hills Golf Club. Roger has contact information. Diane Stevens, Penny Ecarius, and Martha Briggs will discuss what to do with the many furnishings and household items accumulated for the apartment we adopted at New Hope Village. The Board will consider their recommendation and put it to the membership for support.

**GUESTS:** Kathy Allen introduced Steve Meyer, Wendell's son and her high school friend. Recently retired from a busy career at Dow, Steve might just be in the market for a Kiwassee membership!

## PROGRAM: Midland Public Schools Superintendant Michael Sharrow

Bruce Rayce introduced Michael, who covered several topics related to the Midland Public Schools:

The Midland County Enhancement Millage is up for renewal. It will raise \$4.8 million to be distributed to Bullock Creek, Coleman, Meridian, and Midland districts. MPS will utilize the dollars it receives for safety and security initiatives, textbooks and curriculum improvements, Career and Technical Education (CTE), support for the arts and extra-curricular activities, and more. Visit

<https://new.midlandps.org/wp-content/uploads/2018-enhancement-millage-brochure.pdf>.

Bond Update: Visit <https://www.midlandps.org/News/52> to read about the many updates and improvements financed by the 2.95 mills, \$121.4 million bond passed by MPS voters in 2015. Initial projects were secure entrances in all buildings and renovations to Central Auditorium. District-wide improvements continue and work is expected to be completed by 2026.

Central Park Elementary School: MPS' newest building has received 5 national awards.

The Pre-Primary Center will welcome 150 4- and 5-year-olds in the 2018-19 school year. Programs include a 4-year old International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme Preschool, a 4-year-old Great Start to Readiness Program, and a Young-5's Kindergarten.

PATHS (Personalized Academics Through High School) is designed for students who struggle in a traditional high school. Entering its third year, the curriculum includes MPS courses, CTE programs, online courses, all utilized in each students' individualized program.

Closing the Achievement Gap focuses on the top and bottom 30% of students; efforts in the past two years have shown progress in closing that gap. MPS's at-risk and special education students attend summer programs that improve literacy and provide learning coaches.

Mental Health Initiatives work on improving and maintaining students' mental health. Initiatives include PASS (Positive Alternatives to School Suspension), the Mind-Up Curriculum, and Positive Psychology.

**REMINDERS:** Human and Spiritual Values Committee meets after today's meeting. Senior Youth Committee meets after next week meeting. Next week's program is Big Brothers Big Sisters, brought to you by Junior Youth. Greeter: Roger Briggs Invocation: Mike Feider Meeting Chair: CarolAnne Guillemette