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KIWASSEE SMOKE SIGNALS KIWANIS

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Chair: Roger Moll

Invocation: Kim Clark

Editor: Briggs

### CALENDAR

**Thursday, August 16:** Kiwanis Board of Directors meeting, Memorial Presbyterian Church, noon (Moll)

**Tuesday, August 21:** Regular meeting at LONGVIEW CENTER, 337 Lemke, noon (Kim Clark)

**Thursday, August 23:** 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Children's Grief Center picnic, Plymouth Park, 4:30-7 pm. Public welcome!

**Saturday, August 25:** Ducky Derby Family FUN Fest, Bigelow Park, Bay City, 10 am-noon. FREE! (Guillemette)

**Thursday, September 13:** Saginaw Thomas Township Kiwanis Club Golf Outing, Apple Mountain (R Briggs)

**Sunday, October 7:** CROP Walk (Gartner, Kyle Clark, M Briggs)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Martha Briggs:** Check out the Golf Outing Thank You letter that appeared in yesterday's Midland Daily News.

**Roger Briggs:** See Roger if you'd like to play in the Thomas Township Kiwanis Club's annual golf outing

Thursday, September 13, at Apple Mountain. The Kiwassee Foundation will meet after today's meeting.

**Mike Cronenberger:** Folks who remember Midland's nuclear power plant project will be interested to hear Le Smith's one-hour presentation Thursday, August 23, at 7:30, at the Doan Midland County Historical Center.

**Rudy Phillips:** Junior Youth will meet after today's meeting.

**Jim Heffel:** Tracking the dues race between the men (83%) and women (81%) is like watching snails race: Pay UP!

**Duane Townley:** Sign up to paint at Eagle Village Thursday &/or Friday, August 23 & 24: [DTTOWN@aol.com](mailto:DTTOWN@aol.com).

**Kim Clark:** Plan to meet at Longview Center for next week's noon meeting, which will include lunch prepared by Pat. Kim will provide a history of Kiwassee's generous support of the Center, along with an inside/outside tour—wear comfortable shoes! Consider carpooling, as parking will be limited.

**CarolAnne Guillemette:** Bring the grandkids to the Ducky Derby & Family Fun Fest Saturday, August 23, from 10 am to noon at Bigelow Park in Bay City. The race will feature wildly unattractive rubber ducks. The event is FREE! Proceeds benefit the Child Abuse Prevention Education (CAPE) programs in Bay and Saginaw Counties.

**Roger Moll:** Remember to check in on the computer in the lobby. Accolades to CarolAnne Guillemette for exceptional record-keeping of the Golf Outing financials! Kiwanis Board meets Thursday noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church. **Next week's regular meeting is at noon at the Longview Center on Lemke St.** Bruce and Roger will attend the Michigan District of Kiwanis Convention at Boyne Mountain September 6-9; anyone else? Members of the 501C3 committee, please update Roger on the status of your exploration into this change of the club's status.

**MEMBER NEWS:** Roger Moll reports that Max Bottomley is irritated that his financial publications are not being delivered in a timely manner. And Jim Morgan saw him at an exercise class...clearly, Max is on the mend!

### **PROGRAM: Camille Gerace Nitschky, Executive Director of The Children's Grief Center GLBR**

Senior Youth co-chair Bruce Rayce introduced Gerace, a frequent presenter at our meetings, to provide an update on the agency she founded in 2013 with a mission to "provide a healing environment for children, teens, and their families grieving a death." Powerful peer support and engagement in art, play, and physical activity help children open up while they're busy doing something like painting or playing ping pong.

Children and youth from 5-18 may participate free of charge. The Center also has a program for young adults 18-24 at Northwood and SVSU and in Saginaw, and a Center will open in Bay City in January. All funds raised in a particular community stay in that community. The Center partners with other local agencies such as the hospital, Cancer Services, and For a Brighter Tomorrow, and has received a generous grant that will double all monies raised in the next three years.

Camille thanked Kiwassee for our steady support of this important program; funds we donated were used for the purchase of "Good Grief Bags" filled with age-appropriate books; plans are in the works to create this resource for teachers and adults. The Center needs volunteers--training is provided! For more information contact Camille at [camille@childrensgriefglbr.org](mailto:camille@childrensgriefglbr.org) or visit [childrensgriefglbr.org](http://childrensgriefglbr.org).

**REMINDERS:** **Next week's Program: YCP1 at Longview Center.** Greeter: Warren Frank. Invocation: Dick Skochdopole. Kiwanis Board meets this Thursday at Memorial Presbyterian Church. Sign up to paint at Eagle Village next Thu &/or Fri.

*Abject apologies for several typos in the previously emailed Calendar and Announcements!*