

UPDATED CALENDAR

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

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

UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roger Briggs: The Kiwassee Foundation awarded 2 grants: one for \$1500 to Trinity Lutheran Church toward the purchase of shoes for students at Central Park Elementary (replacing Sneakerpalooza); and one for \$2400 to the Friends of Whispering Pines' to improve the children's bus shelter. The Foundation declined a \$3000 request to upgrade technology for showing Travel and Adventure programs at those facilities.

Susan Love: Volunteering for Tall in the Saddle begins September 5 and ends November 7; plan to sign up next week. Orientation for new volunteers will be Wednesday, August 29.

Gordon Rogers: Jim Heffel accepted the Nominating Committee's invitation to serve out Allison Maloney's term as BOD Trustee. The membership will vote on this matter in two weeks (September 4).

Roger Moll: Committee chairs, let Roger know if you plan to continue in the position; also, please submit a budget for 2018-19. Members of the 501C3 committee, please update Roger on the status of your exploration into this change of the club's status. At its August 26 meeting, the BOD approved the annual audit report and the recommendation from Diane Stevens, Penny Ecarius, and Martha Briggs to donate NHV apartment items to Personal Assistance Options, a local non-profit that assists adults with disabilities. PAO has recently purchased and renovated a 3-bedroom home for their clients and will make good use of the furniture and household items.

MEMBER NEWS: update on Larry McCoy: Bruce Rayce spoke with Charlotte, who told him that Larry had a massive heart attack over the weekend. Three of the blocked vessels lead to damaged parts of his heart, so stents are no longer in the picture. He is back home on medication to reduce the blockage in a fourth vessel, as surgery to repair it with a stent is risky. Doug Snoddy told Roger M that his son-in-law is doing well with dialysis and even works most days. He will receive a kidney transplant from his mother in September. Bruce Rayce reported another Max Bottomley sighting at church last weekend; we should expect to see him at a meeting soon!

PROGRAM: Kim Clark, PROGRAM: Kim Clark, Longview Early Childhood Center

Roger introduced Kim, Director of Early Childhood & Family Services at the Center. She thanked Kiwassee for our generous support of the Center, to the tune of almost \$20,000 since the Center opened in 2013! Major funding of the Bill Marklewitz Pavilion near the spray park and the Great Start to Quality Central Resource Center and Lending Library, which honors Lloyd Smith, demonstrate Kiwassee's commitment to the Center's success in helping all pre-school-aged children and their families.

Programs and services housed in the Center address the needs of all children from birth to age five. The Center leases space to several outside agencies and organizations, including MidMichiganHealth (physical therapy) and WIC (food assistance for women, infants, and children), consolidating in one central location the many supportive services available in Midland County to families with young children.

Following the meeting, Kim gave Kiwassee members a tour of the building and took us outside to see the location of a new area. Bucket swings for toddlers and saddle swings for older children will be joined by "Expression Swings" that allow children with disabilities to swing face-to-face with an adult, be it a parent, teacher, or therapist. A grant from the Kiwassee Foundation will contribute to the installation of these swings.

Visit <http://www.midlandesa.org/services/longview/> or contact Kim at kimclark@midlandesa.org.

REMINDERS: Next week's meeting will be back at Trinity. Program: Shelterhouse Greeter: Cronenberger