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KIWASSEE SMOKE SIGNALS KIWANIS

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Chair: CarolAnne Guillemette

Invocation: Al Klashak

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CALENDAR

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

Saturday, September 22: Walk to End Alzheimer's, Loons Stadium, 9 am. (S Bender)

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

Wednesday, October 17: Aktion Club Talent Show (M Briggs)

Tuesday, October 23: Sponsor Recognition Luncheon (D Winegardner)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stu Bender: The Walk to End Alzheimer's is Saturday, September 22, at the Dow Diamond. Registration is at 9 and the Walk begins at 10. Donate today or online: visit <https://www.alz.org/walk> to donate on line.

Martha Briggs/Chuck Gartner: The CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 7. Please donate today or online: visit www.crophungerwalk.org/midlandmi/marthabriggs. Sign up to volunteer the day of the Walk.

Correction on the incentive: Each youth group raising \$250 will see \$125 added to that amount.

Roger Briggs: The Walkers will walk around the neighborhood after today's meeting.

Al Forster: the list of dues deadbeats is shrinking! Bills for the fourth quarter will come out in a few weeks.

Brian Goodwill: Please sign up to give an invocation in October. Next week: Penny Ecarius.

Rudy Phillips and Bruce Rayce: Junior and Senior Youth committees meet after today's meeting.

Kim Clark: Thanks again for attending the club meeting at Longview a few weeks ago; as promised, two handouts are on the tables: information about the Longview Center's programs and Kiwassee's support over years. Contact Kim if you can attend a Saturday or Sunday work session for the new swings at the Center (kclark@mcesa.k12.mi.us).

MEMBER NEWS and GUESTS: John and Peggy Mier will be moving to Independence Village this month. Welcome back, Bob Cook! Bob was a long-time Kiwassee member before relocating to California.

PROGRAM: end-of-year Committee Reports (refer to club roster/program for committee members)

Club News and Publicity (Martha Briggs): Publicity and promotion includes Smoke Signals, two parades, displays at the Dow Tennis Classic and Chamber of Commerce, and several articles and photos in the Midland Daily News. Plans for 2018-19 focus on Kiwassee's Facebook page and website, along with the roster and Kiwanis Night at the Loons. A feature article focusing on Kiwassee's support of ACT/Uganda is planned for the next year.

Young Children Priority One (Penny Ecarius): This committee focuses on a child's first five years of life, addressing abuse and neglect; poverty; and drug abuse, toxic stress, and violence in the home. Donations include Scholastic books to Head Start & Great Start to Readiness Program (thanks to Diane Stevens for managing this initiative); games and toys for the mobile advocacy center; and financial support for the Pregnancy Resource Center and new swings at the Longview Center. Many Kiwanians read to preschoolers.

Fund-raising (Dave Winegardner, Dick Jellum—nuts and candy, Jim Young—Midland Waves, Martha Briggs—Golf Outing) Thanks to Kiwassee members for their support of these fund raisers by selling candy and nuts; supporting, soliciting sponsors, sponsoring and/or installing flags; and sponsoring, volunteering, and/or playing in the Golf Outing.

Candy and Nuts netted \$7,791; Midland Waves netted \$13,735; Golf Outing netted \$9487, for a total of \$31,220. This total does not include an estimated Net of \$3000 from Travel and Adventure, which will bring the final total to an estimated \$34,220—almost \$10,000 more than the club's fundraising goal 2017-18 goal of \$25,300. BRAVO, everyone—or as Dave describes us, "the cub's largest committee."

NEXT WEEK: Committee Reports continued.