

September 18, 2018
Chair: CarolAnne Guillemette

KIWASSEE

SMOKE SIGNALS
Invocation: Penny Ecarius

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 19: Alex Rapanos' band at Circle Wine Garden (A Rapanos)
Saturday, September 22: Walk to End Alzheimer's, Loons Stadium, 9 am. (S Bender)
Tuesday, October 2: Legacy Center speaker on legalized marijuana in Colorado info TBA (C Guillemette, W Rupprecht)
Sunday, October 7: CROP Walk (C Gartner, Kyle Clark, M Briggs)
Wednesday, October 17: Aktion Club Talent Show (M Briggs)
Tuesday, October 23: Sponsor Recognition Luncheon (D Winegardner)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martha Briggs/Chuck Gartner: The CROP Hunger Walk is Sunday, October 7. Please donate at a meeting or online by visiting www.crophungerwalk.org/midlandmi/marthabriggs. Sign up to volunteer the day of the Walk.
Mike Cronenberger: Flags and brochures at last Wednesday's Circle Wine Garden were a great hit! Mike suggests anyone available show up around 4 to help set up chairs (the event runs from 5:30-10). **Alex Rapanos** piggy-backed on Mike's announcement to invite all to enjoy live music provided by his band, Coleman Road. Sounds like a fun evening!
Jim Heffel: Dues payments are locked at 90% for both men and women. In other dues news, Jim didn't bill folks for their guests' meals at the May 22 panel program, so watch for a correction in the next quarter's dues coming soon.
Bruce Rayce: Please sign up to attend a Dow High Key Club meeting, Wednesday's, 3:30. The club now meets Room 221—go down the first hall to the left after you pass the main office; the room is on the right, next to the Media Center.
Gordon Rogers: Members unanimously elected Kim Clark as 2018-19 Vice-president. Yippee!
Betsy Sullivan: Julie Hyatt thanked Kiwassee for our generous donation to the shoe program for Central Park School. "God's Hands" was a multi-church effort that Julie managed. Three hundred twenty-two students received new shoes for the school year! Check out photos of the distribution day and students' thank you notes.
Al Forster: *Remember to check in on the computer in the lobby!*

GUESTS and MEMBER NEWS: Blain Anderson of DHS fame and Bone and Bailey Insurance came back! Roger Moll made it safely to Uganda and has been busy with a planting initiative. Speed bumps slow down traffic, but there are NO stop signs! Dave Winegardner tumbled into a window well at his home and wrenched his back, but has no fractures or serious injuries. Sam Choo's daughter and her family are struggling in New Bern, NC, after experiencing aftermath of Hurricane Florence; Bruce Rayce will check on how Kiwassee can help New Bern's Kiwanis Club's recovery efforts.

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

Junior Youth-Rudy Phillips: JY had 4 programs: West Midland Family Center, Royal Family Kids, Central Park Elementary's Family Intervention Specialist, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters. The committee supported New Hope Village, Thanksgiving food baskets, Central Elementary, Midland County Emergency Food Pantry, ACT Uganda, and Chippewa Nature Center's summer program. The Kiwassee Foundation will support the White Pine Trailer Park bus shelter funding. A major goal for next year is supporting initiatives that involve parents more in their childrens' education.

Senior Youth-Bruce Rayce: The May 22 panel on issues facing area youth was a highlight of the year. SY supported West Midland Family Center's COP program, the Eagle Village painting project, The ROCK's summer program and after-school program at North Midland Family Center, salaries for Salvation Army's summer SHARE program counselors, the BlitzCreek Robotics Club, and the Legacy Center's October 2 speaker on legalized marijuana. Kiwassee's sponsorship of the Dow High Key Club includes regular attendance at their weekly meetings, joint projects like Adopt-a-Highway, and generous support of the Key Leader weekend and the annual District Fall Rally and Service Leadership Conference. Bruce follow up on Ray Senesac's idea that Key Club can help Kiwassee with our social media efforts.

Human and Spiritual Values-Brian Goodwill: HSV had 2 "Get to Know a Kiwanian" programs featuring Max Bottomley, Porter Brown, Walt Rupprecht, and Bill Kuehne, which help us "get to know who WE are." Other programs included SVSU's OLLI program and Leadership Midland. The club's bell-ringing continues to dominate with the most hours of ringing and the most money raised during the holiday season. AND five members donned SA aprons for the Bell Ringing Kickoff at the Chamber breakfast. HSV also manages meeting invocations. Funding went to The ROCK, SA's SHARE program, the Children's Grief Center, and the Legacy Center's October 2 program on legalized marijuana.

NEXT WEEK: Community Service & President's end-or-year remarks. Invocation: Al Forster. Greeter: Bill Spaulding.

Kiwassee is joining other organizations to support the Legacy Center's October 2 presentation at Northwood University—time and specific location to be announced. The speaker will focus on the impact of Colorado's legalization of marijuana. CarolAnne Guillemette explained that the Michigan November ballot includes a proposal to legalize marijuana and encouraged members to take the time to learn the intricacies of this legislation and the issues at stake. Walt Rupprecht recommends two resources: a piece in July/August 2018 issue of The Reader's Digest: "The Medical Case Against Kids Smoking Pot," and a Ted Talk (visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SmqtPaMMVuY>).