October 9, 2018 KIWASSEE SMOKE SIGNALS KIWANIS www.kiwassee.org
Chair: Moll Invocation: Morgan Greeter: none Pig Master: none Editor: Stevens

Wednesday, 10/17: Aktion Club Talent Show, 6-7pm, Trinity Lutheran (M Briggs)

Friday & Saturday, 11/2-3: Great Lakes Bay Region robotics competition, Bullock Creek HS (Guillemette)

**Saturday, 11/3:** Nuts and Candy load-in at Salvation Army, 10am (Jellum) **Tuesday, 11/6:** Nuts and Candy store open, Salvation Army, 1:30-5:30pm

Sunday, 11/11: Midland Waves flag display outside Bullock Creek HS, 3pm, Midland Community Orchestra Concert (Young)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Martha Briggs:** CROP Hunger Walk was successful. If you have not yet made your donation, contact Martha. Come see the Aktion club Talent Show on 10/17, 6-7pm. Members of the area Kiwassee "family" will perform.

Roger Briggs: The Foundation is down one member....if interested in serving, contact Roger.

**Al Forster:** Check your email for 3Q dues invoice and please pay dues.

Brian Goodwill: Please sign up to do the invocation.

**CarolAnne Guillemette:** Great Lakes Bay Region FIRST Tech Challenge, Bullock Creek HS, 11/2-3, robotics competition with 36 teams of 10-15 middle school students. VOLUNTEERS are needed: registration, score keeper, inspectors and more. Go to www.firstinspires.org or contact forbesj@bcreek.org or CarolAnne.

**Roger Moll:** The raffle held earlier this year by Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation provided funds to 4 Michigan children's hospitals. Kiwassee earned \$82 due to member donations. There will be a brief Board meeting after the general meeting today. Carl Edmunds, a member of the Midland Kiwanis Club, recently had a stroke. Keep him in your prayers. Roger Moll presented officer pins to Kim Clark (Vice President) and CarolAnne Guillemette (President Elect).

Jim Morgan: Use www.kiwassee.org for shopping and we get money back!

Rudy Phillips: Junior Youth meeting today.

**Alex Rapanos:** Creative 360's fundraising luncheon will be 10/10, Wednesday, at the Great Hall, beginning at 11:30. Program begins at noon. Luncheon is free, donations are accepted to continue the programs offered by Creative 360 to the community.

Bruce Rayce: Please sign up to attend Key Club meetings, HHDow, Wednesdays, 3:30.

**Diane Stevens:** Thank you letters from preschoolers in our classroom reading program were circulated. All items meant for NHV were delivered to the Personal Assistance Options house in Bay City, where 2 new tenants will appreciate the supplies for their new home

Betsy Sullivan: A reader is needed at Meridian Childhood Center 1 morning/month. Contact Betsy or Diane if you can read.

## **GUESTS**

Crystalee Cook, from Primrose Retirement Community (a new development on Waldo Avenue) was CarolAnne's guest today.

## **CHECK PRESENTATIONS**

Bruce Rayce, Senior Youth, presented Travis Rodgers (The Rock, Program Dir. for After School Programs) \$600 for the new after school program at North Midland Family Center. Bruce and Capt. Brian, representing Senior Youth and Human and Spiritual Values, provided funds to The Legacy Center (guests Michele Beeck, Jennifer Heronema, Kathryn Tate) to sponsor the recent presentation regarding recreational marijuana legalization laws. Stu Bender and Walt Rupprecht shared their feelings and opinions on the subject. Roger Briggs, Kiwassee Foundation, presented a \$1,200 check to Camille Gerace, Children's Grief Center, to use for creation of materials for parents and teachers.

## JUNIOR ACHIEVEMENT, MIKE RUSH

CarolAnne introduced Mike Rush, President and CEO of Junior Achievement, North Central Michigan (<a href="www.janorthcentralmi.org">www.janorthcentralmi.org</a>), which includes 18 counties in mid and northern Michigan. Junior Achievement provides age appropriate financial and business literacy training to students in elementary school, middle school, and high school. Their Mission Statement is: "Empowering young people to own their economic success."

Volunteers (Volunteers are always needed! Talk to CarolAnne about the experience if you are interested in volunteering.) are provided training and materials to use in the classrooms. In North Central Michigan in 2017-2018, 355 volunteers went to 95 schools and taught in 639 classes.

The goal for Midland County this year is to provide Junior Achievement training in 172 classrooms. A single classroom sponsorship is \$550. Funding for the programs comes from community events and foundation grants. Classroom sponsors receive recognition by name and/or logo placement on the students' certificates.