

October 16, 2018

KIWASSEE SMOKE SIGNALS KIWANIS

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Chair: Moll Invocation: Honerkamp Greeter: Ahlich Pig Master: Jellum Editor: Stevens

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

Thursday, 10/18: Kiwassee Board of Directors meeting, 12-1pm, Memorial Presbyterian Church

Tuesday, 10/23: Gold level sponsorship recognition event

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

Friday, 11/2: Kids Against Hunger packaging event at NU, 8am, Hach Center by Circle K

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: Come see the Aktion club Talent Show on 10/17, 6-7pm. Members of the area Kiwassee “family” will perform.

Roger Briggs: Foundation Board members, check your emails. An additional member of the Board is needed and the Kiwassee BOD needs to approve the roster.

Brian Goodwill: Please sign up to do the invocation.

Roger Moll: Be sure to use the laptop in the hall to check in to meetings! The meeting count is very important. Sign up to be a Greeter and create a warm and welcoming moment for folks arriving for the meeting and our guests.

Bruce Rayce: Please sign up to attend Key Club meetings, H H Dow, Wednesdays, 3:30. Short Senior Youth meeting today in the hallway. Join Circle K to package meals at 8am, Hach Center, Northwood University. There will be 2 shifts, 8-10am and 10-noon.

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

Dave Winegardner: We have to vacate the Hall immediately after the meeting due to an event setup starting for the church. Next Tuesday will be the Gold Level Sponsorship recognition event. There are 13 sponsors invited.

GUESTS

Today Carol Rumba moved from repeat guest to repeat member of the Club!!! Welcome back, Carol! Nancy Higgins was a guest of Fred Honerkamp, but next week she will also become a member!

EMILY LYONS, MIDLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE/ JUNIOR YOUTH

Rudy Phillips, Junior Youth Committee, introduced Emily Lyons, Midland Chamber of Commerce Director of Education Programs, Farmers Market Manager, and Partnerships for Education, who spoke of two Chamber initiatives involving children and youth.

When enrolled in a six month program for a Certificate for Applied Positive Psychology, Emily and Jennifer Sigsworth, Next Chapter Communications, prepared a final project, “Improving Intergenerational Connections in Midland”, that will run for an entire year. The project’s goal is to build High Quality Connections (HQC) between senior citizens, elementary aged children, and community organizations. High Quality Connections create a sense of well-being, help to combat anxiety, depression, and loneliness, and improve overall health. This is important for all ages, but especially the more vulnerable young and elderly.

Drawing on family memories of sharing meals and conversation with relatives of all ages, Emily and Jennifer focused on food, meals, and shared experiences for this project. Discover Michigan Fresh, developed by Michigan State University Extension, provides the educational component of the program with lessons about safe food handling, meal planning, budgeting, and healthy eating.

Twenty St. Brigid third graders in Sandra Goik’s class were paired with ten residents of Riverside. The first event of the year took place at the Farm Market, with the pairs exploring all the fall produce and sharing a snack. Until May, future meetings will be held at Riverside. Shared topics will be Thanksgiving traditions, food safety, favorite foods, running a farm, eating well on a budget, and meal planning. This intergenerational and educational social experience may be expanded in the future to another class and senior group.

Another Chamber of Commerce program, a collaboration with Midland County ESA and Junior Achievement, is The Reality Store. Tailored for middle school and high school students, the curriculum teaches financial literacy and decision making. At the Store session, the student chooses a career, is given a “checkbook” and an appropriate salary for the chosen profession, and then goes to volunteer staffed stations that represent taxes, housing costs, loans, children and family expenses, transportation, and groceries. At the end of the rotations, the financial results are discussed with the student and decision-making skills applied.

Volunteers, who will meet one-on-one with students at the stations, are needed for Midland High (December) and Dow High (November) Reality Store sessions. Information is provided to volunteers, and there are morning and afternoon shifts available. Contact Emily at elyons@macc.org. A news article and video can be viewed at: <https://wsmh.com/news/local/profitt-report-midland-co-teens-learning-real-world-budgeting>.

NEXT WEEK: GOLD LEVEL SPONSORS RECOGNITION, GREETER MCLAUGHLIN, INVOCATION TOWNLEY