

NOVEMBER 13, 2018 KIWASSEE KIWANIS SMOKE SIGNALS www.kiwassee.org
Chair: Moll Invocation: Briggs Greeter: Burmester Pigmaster: none Editor: Stevens

Saturday, 11/17: Santa Parade, 9:30am meet at area #94 in Midland High School parking lot. Look for Key Club and Circle K walkers.....our Kiwanis family! Dress warmly and wear comfortable shoes! (M Briggs)

Wednesday, 11/28: ARC fundraising luncheon, Great Hall, 11:30am (M Briggs)

Saturday, 12/1 & Sunday, 12/2: Zonta Homewalk, 1-5pm, \$20/ticket (Honerkamp)

Tuesday, 12/11: Regular meeting with lunch, 11:30-12:30, Trinity Lutheran. Central Park party, 1:15-2:00 for teachers Cooper and Westervelt, 2:15-3:00 for teachers Grillo and Cousineau

Wednesday, 12/12: Aktion Club Holiday Party, 5pm-6:30pm, MPS Admin Building (M Briggs)

Tuesday, 12/18: Kiwassee Holiday Luncheon with guests. Sign up so Pat knows how many will attend. (Moll)

TUESDAY, 12/25/18 & TUESDAY, 1/1/19: NO MEETINGS! MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roger Briggs: Don't forget you can support 4 children's hospitals with a \$45 (or more) donation to Kiwanis of MI Foundation. Please give checks to Roger as soon as you can. The Club likes to have 100% participation!

Brian Goodwill: 1)Please sign up to provide Invocations. 2)Bell ringing signup has started! We ring more than any other group....let's keep it that way! No bells at Kroger until after Thanksgiving. New ring sites at Wal-Mart and Family Fare. The Mall bell ringer will have a silent bell. Use your magnetic personality to connect with the public!

Fred Honerkamp: Zonta tickets available for the 12/1 and 12/2 Zonta Homewalk. 5 houses, \$20/ticket

Dee Howe: Thank you to all flag planters for this year. More planters are needed next year!

Rudy Phillips: Junior Youth meeting today. Rudy worked at the JA Reality Store at Northeast Intermediate with 8th graders recently. Ask him about it if you would like to help in the schools with this Junior Achievement project.

Bruce Rayce: Sign up to attend a Key Club meeting, held at Dow High every Wednesday at 3:30. Check in at the office. They are short meetings but very efficient!

Gordon Rogers: Thank you to the candy and nuts workers at the Mall on Saturday: Rumba, Warren, R Briggs, Krueger, Rayce, Kim Clark.

Diane Stevens: Community Service meeting today.

Betsy Sullivan: Betsy, on behalf of Young Children Committee, presented a check to Micki Gibbs, Great Start Collaborative Coordinator of Midland County ESA, to be used for training materials. Teachers attend training sessions which make Midland Public Schools "Trauma Informed Schools". The training shows teachers how to make critical connections with children who have suffered abuse, neglect, family crises, or other trauma that is preventing them from coping with the demands of school.

Jim Young: The Midland Waves season is now over. Thank you to everyone who worked on the project! The fundraising goal was met, nobody got hurt. The Club thanked Jim Young for his continued support of the program.

President Roger Moll: CROP Walk receipts are available if you made a donation to the Walk. Sign up to attend the Kiwassee Holiday Luncheon. Kiwanis Board Meeting on Thursday, 12 noon, Memorial Presbyterian. Don't forget there are no meetings on 12/25 and 1/1/2019! Duane Brooks fell and broke his hip. He will be in rehab and has had surgery. Bob Wise fell and will be in rehab in Brittany Manor. Duane would like visitors. Call ahead to check if Bob is accepting visitors.

JENNIFER CHAPPEL, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

"Everyone needs a place to call home." "A hand up, not a hand out." -

Bruce Rayce, Junior Youth Chair, introduced Jennifer Chappel, CEO of Midland County Habitat for Humanity. The local Midland County Habitat for Humanity organization, founded December 2, 1988, is an affiliate of Habitat for Humanity International. There are 66 other affiliates in Michigan. Midland County Habitat was named the Habitat Michigan Affiliate of the Year for 2017.

Millard and Linda Fuller began Habitat for Humanity International in 1976 in Americus, Georgia. The support of President Jimmy Carter and Rosalynn Carter provided important visibility to the idea of "partnership housing", involving the future owner of a home in its creation from the very beginning and requiring homeowner classes in home maintenance, home finance management, and safety, among others. Future homeownership requires application, need for housing, the ability to pay an affordable mortgage and related costs, and the willingness to provide up to 400 hours of sweat equity in the construction. Other Habitat programs provide home repairs for an owner who is able to pay a percentage of the repair expense and is already current on their mortgage, property taxes, and insurance, or for an entire neighborhood revitalization. Funding for Midland County construction and repairs

comes from several sources, including corporate partnerships, foundations, grants, individual contributions, and endowments. Another source of funds is ReStore, which accepts used but working appliances and household items for resale.

In the world, 1 in 4 people need decent housing. In the United States, 17% of all households pay 50% or more of their income to their housing costs. A recent housing study was done for Midland County in partnership with the City of Midland, United Way of Midland County, and Midland Area Homes. The results show that Midland is short about 1,000 rental units priced at or less than \$500/month.

Habitat for Humanity has improved housing conditions for 3.5 million people in 2017. To learn more about Habitat For Humanity, review the Midland County Housing Analysis, volunteer at a building site, donate to ReStore or make a financial donation, go to www.midlandhabitat.org.

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