

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

Martha Briggs: Thanks to the Santa parade walkers! Don't forget the Aktion Club Christmas party. See calendar.

Mike Cronenberger: The recent MCTV Community Focus segment, featuring Alex Rapanos and Martha Briggs discussing Kiwassee Kiwanis, is available to view on YouTube. Go to www.youtube.com, in the search bar enter MCTV Community Focus Midland, MI. Our video is the second one listed. It lasts about 6-7 minutes.

Al Forster: Please pay dues. The bills for third quarter will soon be sent out.

Brian Goodwill: Bell ringing signup has started! We ring more than any other group...let's keep it that way! 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!

Dick Jellum: Nut and candy fundraiser is off to a good start. Some products have been restocked already.

Gordon Rogers: Thank you to the candy and nut workers at the Nut Hut. Please sign up for a shift.

Diane Stevens: Gift deadline for the Central Park Elementary first graders' party is December 4.

Kim Clark for Roger Moll: Sign up for the holiday luncheon, 12/18. Pat sent a thank you note for the gift given to her to defray expenses. Duane Brooks and Bob Wise are both in Brittany Manor Rehab.

Guests: Jim Rajewski attended as Al Burmester's guest. Sara Jacobs-Carter, Midland Community Foundation, was Diane Stevens' guest.

KIWASSEE KIWANIS FOUNDATION & KIWANIS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

Roger Briggs, President of our Kiwassee Foundation, provided an update on both Foundations. As stated in the Kiwassee Foundation 2017-2018 Annual Report, "The Kiwassee Kiwanis Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization whose missions is to collect and donate funds to charitable, educational, scientific and literary projects which are under the auspices of tax-exempt organizations. Our emphasis is on serving the needs of children and the larger community."

Six grants, totaling over \$14,600, were awarded in 2017-2018:

- Family & Children's Services (website upgrade)
- Midland County ESA (3rd grade Mental Health Program)
- Greater Midland Community Center (accessible swings, a joint project with Midland Kiwanis Club)
- Trinity Lutheran Church (shoes for Central Park Elementary)
- Friends of Whispering Pines (bus shelter)

The Foundation's net worth has steadily grown, thanks to the financial management of Kiwassee member Jack Lehman. A large contribution was made last year through the Estate of Bill Marklewitz. Other ways to contribute are donations of cash or securities, charitable gift annuities, and pledges added to regular billings. For 2018-2019, over \$25,000 is available for grants.

The Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation's funds come from direct donations and from each Michigan Kiwanis Club. Until the end of the month, Roger is collecting \$45 per member for the Michigan Foundation. Whatever is not donated by members comes from the Club to ensure 100% participation. Funds support four Michigan hospitals for children:

- CS Mott Children's Hospital, Ann Arbor, Child Life Specialists help children cope with the hospital procedures and stay
- Children's Hospital of Michigan, Detroit, Child Life Specialists provide art, music, and yoga therapy to young patients to reduce fear and anxiety
- McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital, Petoskey, serves northern lower Michigan and the Upper Peninsula with an inpatient pediatric unit. The Child Life Department supplies support and guidance for the children and their families.
- Mary Free Bed Hospital & Rehabilitation Center, Grand Rapids, provides rehabilitation for children and teens after catastrophic injuries. An innovative "adaptive sports" program is offered to the children and teens and adults.

For further information on either Foundation, contact Roger Briggs,