

December 11, 2018

KIWASSEE KIWANIS SMOKE SIGNALS

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Chair: Roger Moll Invocation: Roger Briggs Greeter: Kim Clark Pigmaster: Dick Jellum Editor: Martha Briggs

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

Friday, 12/14: Battle of the Bands, Dow High Cafeteria, 7pm. Tickets \$5 before the event, \$8 at the door.

Saturday, 12/15: LAST DAY TO RETURN NUTS AND CANDY PRODUCTS TO THE NUT HOUSE (Jellum, Rogers)

Tuesday, 12/18: Kiwassee Holiday Luncheon with guests. Luncheon will be served at 11:45. (Moll)

Wednesday, 12/19: Eagle Village campus, Christmas Party, 4:00pm-7:30pm, dinner and chance to meet children (Townley)

Saturday, 12/22: Last day of the 2018 Nut House. (Jellum, Rogers)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gordon Rogers: Thanks to the volunteers who manned the Nut House last week. Al Forster and Roger Briggs will be there this afternoon, after the first of the two parties at Central Park Elementary. **Saturday, 12/15, is the LAST DAY TO RETURN CANDY AND NUTS TO THE NUT HOUSE. Saturday, 12/22, is the last day of the 2018 Nut House.**

Dick Jellum: Plan to shop at the Pop-up Nut and Candy Pre-Fire Sale next week before and after the Holiday Luncheon!

Brian Goodwill: If purchasing nuts and candy for a song weren't exciting enough, you'll also have a chance to donate to the Big Red Kettle at the Holiday Luncheon! We have some work to do to catch up with the Noon Rotary Club, so have those checkbooks handy! Several members will fill shifts at Kroger and outside the Midland Mall in the next week; openings are available inside the Mall, so contact Brian if you'd like to ring a silent bell in the relative comfort of the Food Court area, with its enticing aromas.

Jim Morgan: If you're shopping on line for the holidays, visit your favorite on line store via www.kiwassee.org; we get a kickback!

Duane Townley: Today is the day! The Central Park Elementary Christmas Party is at the Central Auditorium (DON'T go to the school!) Plan to park in the Memorial Presbyterian Church's parking lot and cross Rodd Street carefully. Take the steps of the working elevator to the second floor for the festivities. Half the first-graders will arrive at 1:15 and stay until 2, and the other half will arrive at 2:15 and stay until 3. Please help clean up after the children have returned to their classes.

Jim Young: Since there will be no coffee at the children's party, you'll have to load up on caffeine at our meeting...drink up!

Roger Moll: Remember to check in at the computer in the lobby. See Al Forster TODAY if you must change your plans for next week's Holiday Party. If you're on the list to attend, you will be billed for the special meal!

Guests: Kristy Godley of Northwood Circle K Club announced that she plans to come back next week to shop at the Pre-Fire Sale! Also, Northwood's club will host the 2019 Michigan District of Circle K Convention March 15-17 and is looking for a local service project on Saturday morning. And the club itself is available to help with our service projects.

Member News: Welcome back to Max Bottomley, who reports that he's "hangin' in there!" Also, Dick Jellum returned from jury duty relatively unscathed. Alex Rapanos reported that Bob Wise is still at Brittany Manor and Duane Brooks is back home.

PROGRAM: President's Update

Roger discussed the recent meeting Lieutenant Governor Bruce Rayce led, regarding the future of Kiwanis Clubs. Bruce is committed to addressing the challenge of sustaining and building membership in Kiwanis. He presented an approach International has devised to help existing clubs adapt to young professionals' focus on hands-on volunteering. A "3-2-1" club structure emphasizes service by devoting three hours a month to service projects, two hours a month to social activities and fellowship, and one hour a month to club business. Several Kiwanis Clubs in Michigan have formed satellite Young Professionals Kiwanis clubs using this 3-2-1 format. It's a challenge for OUR club as we move forward.

Al Burmester floated the possibility of an INDOOR painting project at Eagle Village and got a solid response from members, so he will pursue the subject at EV's next board meeting. The work will probably be scheduled in February or March of 2019.

LaVerne Myers drew our attention to two pieces in the current Kiwanis magazine that focus on Kiwassee activities: our support of the ACT Uganda initiative and the pavilion at Longview ESA honoring long-time member Bill Marklewitz.

Next week: Greeter: Roger Briggs (I think...I only wrote down "Roger") Invocation: Penny Ecarius

President's Closing Remark: "Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have."

-- Margaret Mead