

**The Kiwanis Club  
Of Gaylord  
P.O. Box 625  
Gaylord, Mi 49734**

**President Pat McBride**



General Club Meeting Minutes

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The 03/05/2009 meeting was called to order by President Pat McBride.

Those in attendance were Judi, Fred, Don, Bill Osen, Dianne Howell, Howard, Scott, Grant, Rob Westerman, Jetre, Pat, Jim, Gill, Bob Miller, Janice, Bob Wilson, Andrea, George, and Chuck Bump.

A special guest was with us. That would be Bob Howell. He is Dianne's eldest son. He was here to lend her love and support and a way to the metro area, where she will be having more tests done. Please say prayers for Dianne and her family at this time in their lives. Past Lt. Governor Ed Buday has asked to speak to or Board of Directors at our meeting in April. There is a group that want to form an Aktion Club. He will ask us to be the sponsor. What we will need is very little money, but lots of help. We need at least one, two, or maybe more members to work with these special needs kids. A lot of us feel very uncomfortable around these special people. Myself included. Remember that they can not help the hand that was dealt to them. I am going to be one of the people volunteering. I think this is one thing that is worth helping with.

A number of topics were brought up. There is going to be a Key Club Convention at Treetops. We have been asked to help. The dates are March 20, 2009 through March 22, 2009. They have asked us to man the Kiwanis gift store. Call George or Bob Wilson if you can help. There was a sign up sheet passed around. The sign up sheet will be passed again at our next meeting. We also have been asked to provide a scale to weigh pull-tabs. The clubs will be bringing bags of them to see who collected the most. The money that is raised from a recycle center will be donated to a worthy cause in the Gaylord Community. This will take place on Friday night. We need to find a scale and a place that will pay us for the tabs. We are supposed to be able to choose where the money goes to.

Mark your calendars April 23, 2009. Spaghetti dinner and fund raising auction. Tell all of your friends and ask them to attend with you as your guest. It will be \$8.00 for the meal for Kiwanians and their guests. Children will pay half price. There are special prices for the senior citizens from the center that want to attend.

Our program was a discussion on ways to make money for our Kiwanis Club. Judi informed us that BJ'S was offering .25 cents for each meal purchased every Monday and Wednesday for a period. It will probably go on for over a year. The money is to be split between The Kiwanis, The Food Pantry, The Friendship Shelter, and The Animal Shelter. We could possibly get a check for \$1000.00. So, if you are going to eat out on a Monday or Wednesday choose BJ'S. The dinner dance was again a hot topic. Dean made contact the Eagles. So far, April 11, 2009 is a date that is available. We need to act on this fundraiser at our meeting this week. Time has run out for thinking and not doing.

There will be an interclub to Rogers City on the 10<sup>th</sup> of March. Those going are Dean, Fred, and Don. We need one more volunteer.

Howard told us tonight that he and his beautiful wife Jane are going to celebrate **62** years of wedded bliss. Congratulations. Both of you are inspirations for us all.

Kerry Eckinger (coach) has some good news and bad news. The good news is that the Eckingers have sold there home on Heart Lake. Who was suppose to make sure that sign was not up? The bad

news is that Kerry will be leaving us. He has been a great leader for our club in the way that he conducts himself. He also has touched a whole generation or more with his teaching and coaching. Good luck to you and your lovely wife Joanne. We will miss you. **GO MICHIGAN!**

Our March 26 meeting will be at the Eagle's Club. That night is hamburger and trimmings night. All of the money raised will go to The Food Pantry. I believe the donation cost is \$5.00. You may want to make that more, for it is a good cause

Keep April 17 open. The spring divisional will be held that night at Audies in Mackinaw City. This will give you an insight of what Kiwanis do and how we conduct business at the Division, and State District level. This will also give us some interclubs.

Remember Dianne in your prayers.

Bob Wilson

