

***The Kiwanis Club
Of Gaylord
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President Pat McBride



General Club Meeting Minutes

The 05/28/2009 meeting was called to order by President Elect Dean Johnson.

Those in attendance were Grant, Jetre, Fred, Andrea, Pat Cohorst, Don, Janice, Dean, Bob Wilson, Gil, Jim Davis, Chuck, Rich Sumerix, Judi, George, and Dennis.

We also had Cathy Brammer join us as our guest. Pat Cohorst invited her to see what Kiwanis is about.

The guest speaker for the night was Angel Opperman. She is the head of the Otsego County Animal Shelter. She gave us a very good program. Did you know that Otsego County was the first in the State of Michigan to develop a no kill program? The no kill program works. They had a total of over 1300 dogs at the shelter in 1998. The no kill program started in 1999. The total dogs at the shelter for 2008 was 650. 98% of the 650 were adopted out to area homes. That my friends is a success story and a big savings of our tax dollar.

June 4th will be our scholarship night. This is also board meeting night. We will move the board meeting to June 11th.

June 11th Board meeting.

Jim Davis tells us that the Friendship Shelter is having a couple of bake sales to raise funds for the shelter. The first one was on May 21st. The second one will be on June 17th. It would help if each of us could supply a baked good or two for this fundraiser. Cakes, pies, cookies, or any donated baked good sure would be appreciated. The first bake sale made over \$250.00. Call Jim if you can help. His telephone number is 989-732-8071.

Over the Memorial Day weekend Dean Johnson and Rich Sumerix set up and sold hotdogs at BIG LOTS. They asked us on Friday and Dean made it happen. They want us to do it again on the July 4th. Holidays. We probably will, but we will ask them to spring for the Health Department license. We will need some volunteers. Dean and Rich can not do it all. I told my wife about Rich and how he got 54 hotdogs for \$1.98. She wants him to go shopping with her instead of me. To top that off she found out that he won \$149.00 from our 50-50 drawing.

We were trying for two interclubs for the month of May. Because of different reasons, we did not make any interclubs. Interclubs are important. We can gain new ideas from the clubs we visit. We also leave some of Gaylord's knowledge with the clubs we visit. Call George Bour if you could make time to go on a interclub in June. We are trying for Newberry, which meets on Thursdays at noon, Harbor Springs, which meets on Wednesdays at noon, or Sault Saint Marie, which meets on Tuesdays at noon. George's telephone number is 989-732-6084 at home or 989-732-1576 at work.

We are well on our way to being the proud sponsors of The Gaylord Aktion Club. Our two newest members Lynn and Patrice are going to be the Kiwanis members that are the leaders of this project. Bob Wilson will be the advisor for the new club. The first meeting will be June 2nd. Meetings will be the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month. The meetings will be held at Alten Zimmer. Please make it a point to help with this worthwhile venture. We have a lot to gain in our own self worth.

On June 1st we will make a trip to Charlevoix with 6 of our future Aktion Club members. We will also have at least 5 of our Kiwanis members making the trip. We are going to learn and see how

a meeting is conducted. If anyone else wants to go you will be welcomed. This is one of the most important projects that the Gaylord Kiwanis has ever attempted. We are going to need your help. We are meeting at the United Way at 10:15 am on Monday June 1st.



Here is a happy Kiwanian. Fred volunteers whenever asked. Always a yes, never a no, and always a smile and a word of encouragement. Thanks Fred for being a Kiwanian.

Saturday June 20th is a date we are asking all of you to celebrate with your Kiwanis Family. We will be celebrating 75 years of service to Gaylord by our Gaylord Kiwanis Club. We are having a party at the Eagles Club. It will be a dinner and fundraiser. Please try to set this date aside and attend this Kiwanis function. The Michigan Governor has already said he will be with us. Janice is spearheading this event. Let us celebrate. The cost will be \$25.00 for one and \$45.00 for two. The Eagles are providing the meal. Need I say more?

Bob Wilson