

Kiwanis Club of Gaylord



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We Build

This is for the regular meeting of 01/06/11. The Kiwanians present were: Gary, Jack, Duane, Rob, Fred, George, Rich, Dean, Patty & Jim, Pat & Duane, Lynn, Chuck, Don, Dean, Bob, Judi, and Scott.

We have birthdays and anniversaries for January. Happy birthday wishes go to **Gil** (on the 10th). Happy birthday also goes out to **Jim Davis (13th)**. We wish both of you guys many more.

We also have a couple of anniversaries. A Happy anniversary goes out to **Lynn & Gary Mattson (25th)**. Also a Happy anniversary goes to **Bernie & Janet Nieman (25th)**. And of course many more.

We had a discussion about the upcoming air show that we will be a part of on Father's Day weekend this year. We will need lots of help. A committee volunteered. The committee is as follows: Don Cabble, Pat & Duane Cohorst, Dean Johnson, Jim & Patty McBride, and Lynn. These people are taking on a big project. They are going to be in unknown waters and will need cooperation. Be ready to pre sell tickets for the Vietnam era dance that we are going to undertake. We all must be involved.

The program this week is being presented to us by a couple of gals from Catholic Human Services. Their names are Linda Gall and Tracy O'Connell. It will be a little longer than most. The first part is a drug awareness presentation and will be very short. The second part of the program is a film that was made by members of our community about drinking and driving. Please bear with the little longer time that it will take. This film is well made and it will hit home with you.

Rob Westerman is a very proud new Grandpa. His daughter had a baby boy last week. Congratulations' go to Grandma and Grandpa, and to the new Father and Mother.

Yesterday January 10th we had a successful inter club to Indian River. Bob, Don, George, and Fred made the trip. We had a great meal and shared much conversation with the

Indian River Club. Duane Jasinski was dressed and waiting to go, but seeing the car full, said he would go to Grayling. The Grayling inter club is going to happen on the 13th. Dean, Duane, George, and Don are the volunteers that are making this trip.

We are looking into hosting The Kids against Hunger project that needs to be held in Gaylord this year. The Kiwanian that lead this program is from West Branch. He will be here to present a program on January 27th. He will have information on what is needed to pull this project off. Hopefully we will take this worthwhile project on, once we know what is involved.

Well as you all know that we have had a very successful Holiday season. Our Christmas Basket project was a success. Thanks goes to Scott (I do not need sleep) Cheney, Judi (shop until I drop) Doan, Dean (we need your monetary help again this year) Johnson, and Duane (I will help do whatever is needed) Cohorst. Thank you goes to everyone else that gave their time or money to get the important project completed. We packed 726 baskets. Each basket contained over \$50.00 in food.

Here is a story that was in the Herald times a couple of years ago. We all need to read it again to realize what we mean to Gaylord and the surrounding communities.

WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

- Sponsorships: Holiday Food Baskets, Boy Scout Charter, Terrific Kids, High School Scholarship, Outstanding Citizen Award, VC Family Spirit Award, Food Pantry, Thanksgiving dinner, library Summer Reading Program, Hunting and Fishing Expo, Children's Bereavement Network, Community Mediation, Motivational Speaker for local schools and Ice Cream Social for Seniors.
- What people are saying: Kids throughout Otsego County are touched by something that Kiwanis is involved in. Their Terrific Kids Program is a wonderful example. They celebrate the fact that every child is special. Kiwanians get as much out of helping others as the people they help. Could you imagine what Christmas would be like for a lot of Otsego County residents if Kiwanis didn't organize the Holiday Food Baskets?
- About Kiwanis: Kiwanis has been helping in our community for 77 years. Currently they have 35 members. Their goal is to use their resources to impact the community in as big of a way as possible by supporting groups and programs. While this small group does big things, they also relish the use of local volunteers for their holiday food basket program and their fundraisers at Alpenfest and the County Fair. Our Terrific Kids Program was

a way for us to get into the schools and show the kids and our community how great kids are.

The 50-50 is getting bigger and bigger! Who will win the drawing for all the money?

The ability to quote is a serviceable substitute for wit.

-- *Somerset Maugham*

Remember, today is the tomorrow you worried about yesterday.

-- *Dale Carnegie*

There are things known and there are things unknown, and in between are the doors.

-- *Jim Morrison*

Yours in Kiwanis,
Bob
