

# Kiwanis Club of Gaylord



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**Directors: Pat Cohorst, Bill Osen, Matt Barresi, Janice Lucier, Rich Sumerix, Scott Cheney, and Jack Noiro.**

**We Build**

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This is for the regular meeting of 01/13/11. The Kiwanians present were: Gary, Jack, Duane, Rob, Fred, George, Diann, Gil, Janice, Bill, Rich, Dean, Patty & Jim, Pat & Duane, Lynn, Chuck, Don, Dean, Bob, and Judi.

We had an inter club from Indian River. Dean brought Tim Timmers as a guest. The program was presented by Linda Gall and Tracy O'Connell. It was a good program. Thank you for sitting through this long program. It touched one person that was present. They called and donated \$500.00 to Linda towards the cost of producing the updated movie on the costs of using drugs.

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.

Rich is starting his work on our Country Music project. There is more work generated by this project than we all realize. It seems to be an early start, but things do not get done by themselves. There is a concern about the ad sales. We do not want to solicit money from the same sources. The air show committee and the Country Concert committee will work together to make sure this does not happen.

Bill Osen and Gil are starting to make plans on the Alpenfest Dime Toss project. We are now busy all of the year. Make sure you ask what you can do to help with each of these projects.

There was on January 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

The Grayling inter club happened on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Dean, Duane, George, and Don were the volunteers that made this trip. The interclubbing is done for January. George will be asking for volunteers to go on inter clubs in February. Please volunteer. It is nice to go on the trip and learn more about your Kiwanis friends and meet new Kiwanians at the club we are visiting.

On **January 20<sup>th</sup>** our guest speaker will be Cathy Campbell. She is from the Otsego County Library.

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 27<sup>th</sup>**. 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.

On **February 10<sup>th</sup>** our speaker will be Jessica Kane from Crossroads Industries. I will put the programs in the newsletter as I receive the information.

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

## **WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

GAYLORD — every year, Aktion Clubs around the world turn in their list of accomplishments to determine which provided the best service to their community. Members of the Gaylord Aktion Club have won two very exceptional awards this year in the competition.

The club was notified that it was named the top Service Club Award for all of Michigan, competing against 14 clubs, some in much larger cities.

Then, it was notified that it has also taken the third-place Service Award for the entire world, competing against over 450 clubs in seven nations.

Aktion Clubs are organizations composed of individuals 18 years or older who live with disabilities. The mission of the club is to find ways to give back to the communities in which they reside. They are officially sponsored by Kiwanis International, and are sponsored locally by the Gaylord Kiwanis in coordination with Northern Management Services.

“The club members got a round of applause at the Kiwanis meeting yesterday,” related Bob Wilson, Kiwanis secretary and one of the advisors to the Aktion Club. “This is quite an accomplishment for a club that has only been active since June of 2009. Kiwanis is very excited and proud for them, and their club members are really excited about receiving the awards.”

The club won the award for assistance they gave to The Caring Closet, which provides

free clothing to those in need, and for the money they raised for Relay for Life, which funds research and treatment for cancer. These are just a couple of the many more services the Gaylord Aktion Club has provided to the community.

It has also participated in the creation of a float for Alpenfest, helped with the Kiwanis' Dime Toss at Alpenfest; created a dog biscuit company to raise funds for various nonprofits like the Animal Shelter and has held a pancake breakfast to raise funds for the local homeless center, the Friendship Shelter.

We all should be proud of what our Aktion Club has done and what it will do in the future. Take some time and meet these fine people. Visit with us on January 27<sup>th</sup> at the Eagles Club at 10:30am. It will be our regular meeting. See enthusiasm in action. A great lunch is provided for \$3.00. Lunch is at 11:30 or thereabouts.

**Let us not forget Grant. He is having a retirement party on Friday January 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Trinity Lutheran Church at 1354 South Otsego Avenue. The times are from 3pm to 6pm. Grant sure would appreciate you stopping by and saying hi and wishing him and Jackie well.**

**The 50-50 is getting bigger and bigger! Who will win the drawing for all the money? There is approximate of \$175.00 in the pot.**

[If you lend someone \\$20, and never see that person again; it was probably worth it](#)

**Yours in Kiwanis,  
Bob**

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