

# Kiwanis Club of Gaylord



***President -Don Cabble***

***President Elect- Rob Westerman***

***Past President- Dean Johnson***

***Secretary- Bob Wilson***

***Treasurer -Gary Mattson***

**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 spaghetti dinner on 05/12/2011. The Kiwanians present were: Duane J., Tim, Gary, Fred, Bill, Howard M., Rob, Jim D., Lynn, Pat C., Rich, Dean, Judi, Don, Bob, Jetre, Chuck, Jack, Scott, and Jim & Patty.

Our speakers for this morning were Donna Quandt and Jim Rienhardt. They brought us up to date on Habitat for Humanity.

## **Here are our program speakers that have agreed to join us.**

### **May**

**5/19/11      Bob              John Landries ISD basketball courts**  
**5/26/11      Gil                Senior Scholarships**

### **June**

**6/02/11**  
**6/09/11**  
**6/16/11**  
**6/23/11      Rich              Lt. Mills    SANE program**  
**6/30/11**

## **Interclubs:**

George asked for volunteers to go on an inter club next month. It was decided to go to Boyne City on a Thursday in May. Their meeting is at 7:00am. Let's try to get some volunteers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in May. The date will be May 26<sup>th</sup>. Check your schedules. Those who volunteered to go are:

Fred, Judi, Gil, and George

## Projects that are coming up:

The bike rodeo is going to happen soon. Let Chuck know when and how you would like to help. It will be on June 11, 2011. This project looks like it is coming along fine. Remember the more help we have the better.

The air show is going to be following the bike rodeo. It will be on Father's Day weekend. June 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup>. If you can, please volunteer your time and energy to help out. Remember we do all of this work for the children in our community. What we do requires money. Life does not change; we have to work to earn it.

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Bill Osen and Duane Jasinski are going to Ohio on June 20<sup>th</sup> to pick up the glasses for this year's Dime Toss. They will be back in town late. They will need help on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 5<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> bank to help unload the glass. Work, work, work; is it never done?

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**BY THE WAY DON'T FORGET THE DIME TOSS OR OUR COUNTRY  
CONCERT.**

Rich needs help this year. He is already working very hard trying to make this a success. The concert will be on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Gornick Auditorium. There will be tickets to sell. They are \$10.00 each. Be ready when asked. Remember that dirty word MONEY.

The Key Club hosted the blood drive here at GHS on May 10th. We made and delivered over 20 dozen homemade cookies for that day. The blood drive was a success. A few

of our club members gave a pint. Thanks go to the Kiwanians that helped with the cookies.

Our Key club is doing their part for our community.

*DEAN JOHNSON A well deserved recognition:*

*It's a wonderful thing!*

*GAYLORD – when it comes to volunteering, Dean Johnson doesn't give his 2 cents' worth – he tosses in a whole dime.*

*Johnson, twice president of Gaylord Kiwanis, is the man who brought the club's Dime Toss to Gaylord, where it has been a favorite on the Alpenstrasse since 1989 for giving people a chance at winning drinking glasses by landing a jingling dime inside, one dime at a time, Kiwanis was looking for a fundraiser, and Johnson borrowed the dime toss idea from a friend who did it at church functions.*

*Ever since, the Dime Toss has been a staple on the Alpenstrasse and has raised \$150,000 for Kiwanis projects a handful of dimes one at a time. The glasses come from Libby Glass in Ohio. Some kids get hooked on the game and will take dozens of glasses home.*

*“Moms don't know what to do with them,” he said, noting many get donated again.*

*He still works the Dime Toss booth at Alpenfest but has handed its operation to others in the club. That's a good thing because he'll be busy serving as Parade Marshal for*

*the 2011 festival.*

*It was announced Monday that Johnson has been selected for the role by the Alpenfest Honors Luncheon Committee.*

*Former Alpenfest president Bill Wishart notified Johnson by phone in March.*

*“He’s one of the guys that really made things happen on Main Street and went above and beyond what was expected of them,” Wishart said. “Dean is certainly one of those guys.”*

*Johnson, 65, has been a resident of Gaylord since he moved here from Tawas City in 1974 to run the Pendleton Shop clothing store, where Saturn Booksellers is now, for his former business partner, Tim O’Connor.*

*“He was a firm believer in being involved in the community,” Johnson said of O’Connor’s encouragement.*

*Johnson would join the United Way board, Jaycees, Kiwanis and the chamber of commerce, with which he worked to raise money in an effort to bring the historic “Gaylord car” back to the town where it was built. It’s in that very car he’ll ride during the Grand Parade.*

*Johnson is also a past president of the Alpenfest Committee and was charged with setting up the Alpenstrasse back when the vendor booths were made of heavy wood instead of the pole and canvas structures of today.*

*“Now we let BJ’s (Restaurant & Catering) do it,” Johnson*

*laughed. "It's a wonderful thing."*

*The Alpenstrasse doubled in size when it moved to Main Street from Court Avenue, offering plenty of space for more booths. At the same time the money from that fundraiser goes toward the group's support of local children and helps pay for the Christmas Basket program. Last year alone, 900 baskets of food were given to local families, with assistance from local schools, through the basket program.*

*Johnson said Gaylord's volunteer spirit shines the night those baskets are assembled.*

*"So many people come to help," he said. "I don't know if there's many communities as giving as this one."*

*That considered, he's humbly accepted the honor of Parade Marshal.*

*"I never expected this type of thing to happen," he said. "Like other volunteers in Gaylord, we just see a need and do it."*

*Johnson's words are reflected in those of longtime friend and current Kiwanis president, Don Cabble.*

*"If you tell him to do something, he'll do it," Cabble put simply, noting Kiwanis recently bestowed Johnson with the Hixson Award, the club's highest honor.*

*"Dean is a volunteer. It's in his bones," added Kiwanis president-elect Rob Westerman. "There's a lot of deserving people in this town, and he's definitely one of*

*them.”*

*Johnson is married to Terry and has two sons, Raymond and Ron, and a 9-year-old grandson, Derek.*

*He will be honored at the Alpenfest Honors Luncheon, taking place at noon Tuesday, July 12, at Otsego Club.*

**May 5<sup>th</sup> was our annual meeting. It was also the election of officers. Here are our new club leaders:**

The new President Elect is Jack Noirot

The new two year Board members are Rich Sumerix, Scott Cheney, and Duane Jasinski.

The new one year Board members are Diann Axford, Howard MacDonald, and Pat Cohorst.

The Treasurer is Gary Mattson

The Secretary will be Bob Wilson after the new Board's approval.

***Meeting Places of Division 22 Clubs and day of week***

**Monday**

Cheboygan meets - 7:00 am - Senior Center, 1531 Sand Rd.

Starting on October 4, @ 5:00pm & dinner @ 6:00 p.m. meeting at Mulligan's, 320 N. Main St.- DONE

Indian River- 12:00 @Noon - Citizen's Nat'l Bank, 3990 S. Straits Hwy-DONE.

Onaway - 12:00 Noon - Stoney Creek, M-68 East, 2nd & 4th Monday

#### Tuesday

Charlevoix - 12:10 p.m. - Stafford's Weathervane, 106 Pine River Lane-Done

#### Wednesday

Harbor Springs - Jun-Sep 8 a.m. - Stafford's Pier, 102 Bay St.

2nd & 4th Oct - May 12:00 Noon - Stafford's Pier, 102 Bay St.

Little Traverse Bay - 7:00 a.m. - J. W. Filmores Restaurant, US 31/131, Petoskey

St. Ignace - 12:00 Noon - Driftwood Restaurant, 590 N. State St.-DONE

#### Thursday

Boyne City - 7:00am - Robert's Restaurant, 216 N. Lake St.

Newberry - 12:00 Noon - Zellar's Village Inn, 7552 South M-123-DONE

Rogers City - 12:10 p.m. - Lighthouse Restaurant, 377 N. Third St.

There was action that the Board took at the Board meeting. By a unanimous vote it was decided to pay the driver that is driving to an inter club .20 cents a mile for total distance to all inter clubs. You just have to turn in your mileage to Gary and he will write a check. This was decided as a fair way to deal with the high cost of fuel.

The Spring Funfest will be held this year at Indian River at the Cooperation Park. This is a program that has been held for 33 years. This will be the first time it will not be held in Gaylord. It will be on May 26<sup>th</sup>. They sure could use some help from 9:00am-2:00pm. This is a picnic for the physically and mentally challenged youth of three communities in Northern Michigan. The Honor Society members from Gaylord, Indian River, and Cheboygan will be there for a little one on one help. There will be games and a lunch provided for all. Our own Aktion Club is volunteering their help and will be there with bells on. If you can make it please try to attend and help out.

**The less people know about how sausages and laws are made, the better they'll sleep at night.**

-- Otto von Bismarck