

Kiwanis Club of Gaylord



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We Build

The regular meeting for 10/14/2010 was called to order by President Don Cabble. Those Kiwanians in attendance were: Gary, Bill, Rob, Fred, Diann, Judi, Pat C., Pat M., Jim D., Jim M., Dean, Matt, Gil, Jack, Scott, Lynn, Bob, Don, Chuck, and Jeff Axford (Diann's guest).

Interclubs

There is going to be an interclub to Newberry on Thursday. Those who said they would go were George, Bill, Fred, and Duane. This is our longest jaunt for the year. We are trying to get it done before the snow. It looks like we just may make it.

Programs

This is the space that our upcoming programs will be listed. Rob is the chairman for the committee that is finding speakers for our morning meetings. We should have a program for this Thursday. Last week's program was apple polishing. We needed this time to clean and polish apples. The apples are then taken to all of the area schools to distribute to all of the teachers. This is a project that we have done for a few years and the teachers really enjoy the acknowledgement. A thank you goes to Judi for this program. If you have any program suggestions please call Rob or one of his committee to let them know. Each of these committee members will call or email Rob with your suggestions. In the past we have had problems at times with more than one program for a meeting. With limited time we can no longer have this happen. It can be embarrassing to tell a speaker that we

made a mistake on the date. It may have been the best program we have ever seen and missed it by a conflict of time.

I don't know the key to success, but the key to failure is trying to please everybody.

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Projects:

We have an ongoing project that we do every year. Jim and Patty McBride run this program. It is the Ice Cream Social. We visit the local Senior Citizen facilities and serve up ice cream to all of the residents. The seniors look forward to us being there. We are almost half way done and just a few more visits will take place. Jim and Pat have had many volunteers who do the scooping. Thanks go out to all.

The next two months will be our busiest times of the year. We have our Christmas Basket letter that has been written. Dean Johnson will be a busy man who will be making copies, addressing the envelopes, sealing, and licking the stamps. He will be doing this to ask the local businesses and the local people for a monetary donation to help the Kiwanis with our Christmas basket project. This is just a start. Judi is making a list and checking it twice to obtain food and any other donations that she can get for the actual baskets. She goes through all of the names and gets this part of the project going. She will be shopping and helping Scott Cheney with the store setup and with the things that goes into each basket. Scott has a big part of this project. He contacts each school and prepares over 1700 flyers that are sent

home with each child asking for non perishable food donations. This is the can drive that the schools hold for our basket program each year. Next Scott handles the can drive food pickup. All of the food donated has to be picked up from each of the area schools. This is a labor intensive endeavor and always needs able bodies and trucks or trailers to help with bringing this food and cans to the store. The store then has to be set up by Scott. The food has to be sorted and put on the tables. Scott then gets with Judi with a list of food goods that we did not receive in the can drive, and poor Judi is forced to go out and do some more shopping. This is just a part of what these three do for our club this time of the year. All three have a hard time asking for help, so **ask** them if there is something you can help with. They love this project and do what they do just because, but by being helpful and not in the way I am sure it would be appreciated. The next newsletter will have the schedule of events for this project.

Matt has asked the Kiwanis club if we are interested in being a part of the Air show for the father's day weekend 2011. We will need to form a committee and find out all of the details and what our costs and what our projected earnings would be from this project. He presented it to the board and a regular meeting and everyone seems to want to do it. There will be more information to follow as time goes on.

Remember our own Aktion Club is doing something good again! They are going to help the Friendship Shelter by holding a pancake breakfast on October 31st. It will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral and the time will be 10:00am-1:00pm. Payment is by donation and all funds will go to the Shelter. Please support our Kiwanis Family and the Shelter by attending.

Terrific Kids is well on its way for this year. Materials are ready, the teachers are ready, and the kids are really ready. We have been to many of the schools and the Christian Schools are now going to be a part of this program.

We are already getting inquiries about our BUG program. This encourages the children to bring up and keep up their grades. Thanks goes to Chuck Bump the chairman and to all the Kiwanis volunteers who take time to go to the schools and represent Kiwanis.

A fellow can't keep people from having a bad opinion of him, but he can keep them from being right about it.