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We Build

Meeting news for October 8th 2009: Breakfast meeting called to order by President Dean Johnson. Members that were present were: Grant, Gary, Bill, Fred, Jim Davis, Patty & Jim, Dean, Bob Wilson, Don, Rich, Janice, Pat Cohorst, Chuck, Janet, Judi, Scott, Jetre, and Rob.

It is good to see as many Kiwanians so early in the morning. Please let Bob and Dean know what you think about these breakfast meetings. We need information to present to the board at our November meeting. As it looks like if we make the decision now, we will be moving to a permanent morning meeting. There have been some concerns about the heavy diet of the eggs and bacon. Bob Elam has agreed to also offer an alternative breakfast of oatmeal, fruit, and a dry slice of toast. This sounds good to me. It would still be at the same cost.

The Christmas season is starting. There will be Coats for Kids collection on October 15th and 16th. I believe this will be held at the K-Mart parking lot. The store to distribute these coats will be over by Mancinos Restaurant. The store will start distributing coats October 20th.

Judi and Scott are well on their way to planning our Basket program. Judi told us that canned goods at Glens and at Wal-Mart are on sale for .29 cents a can. Buy what you can and donate to the Basket program.

There also is a program offered of adopt a family. You can buy gifts and food for a family if you want to. Last year caring people in our community adopted over 100 families. The Take Time to Care program is also going to be this month. I did not write down the date. I will have the date for next week's newsletter.

On October 17th George, Dean, and Jetre are going to Houghton Lake for the Fall Leadership program that is presented by The Michigan District. Thanks guys for taking time out of your weekend.

Janice Lucier spoke on the up coming Kiwanis Nut Sale. The nuts will be here the first week of November and will be ready for all of you to buy. They are a good value and a great Christmas gift. The cost remains at \$20.00 a can.

The Schwans program will be discussed again at the October 15th meeting. I will have new books to hand out. We need to decide on what day to have it. We could have it either Saturday the 7th or Sunday the 8th.

Jim McBride asked for help with the Ice cream socials that we conduct for our senior citizens. The first one is finished. We need help on the 14th of October at Jo-Burg, the 21st of October at Vanderbilt, and there is one on the 28th I believe at Otsego House. The last location may be wrong.

On the 13th of November the Kiwanis are going to help Jim Davis with the Community Dinner. The dinner is held each Friday night. We need to take more of a part in this worthwhile event. On the 13th Jim is going to make his world famous potato soup. This coming Thursday morning a good friend of mine is going to be at our meeting explaining the Community Dinner and what we can do to really help out. Her name is Vicky Rigney.

Judi informed us of the annual pastie sale that The Methodist Church does each year. If you want some call Judi at 732-1576. They are a great product. Each one made with love and caring for the community. I believe that the money made is donated back to the Gaylord community.

On October 29th Kathy Arndt from the Friendship Shelter will be our program. Jim Davis is in charge of programs for the month of October. He definitely has his work cut out for him because of the meeting time change.

Patty McBride is in charge for November. There will be programs for the 12th and the 19th.

Judi Doan has the job of getting the only program for December 10th. Her time will be spent on the Christmas Basket program.

Please everyone if you have an idea for a program please call or email Don Cabble with what you may have so it can be scheduled. His new cell number is 989-858-1975, and his new email is rvdon527@charter.net.

Gary gave us a report on the totals in our bank accounts at Independent Bank. The Foundation account has \$17,571.00. The Kiwanis CD has \$963.00. The Earl Kimble account has \$3683.00, The Administration account has \$1185.96. We are in great shape. Gary has given us our dues billing. The ones that he did not hand out will be mailed to you. Please pay as soon as you can. We have a membership bill due to Kiwanis International in the amount of \$2790.00. This has to come out of the administrative account.

I am proud to say a check has been written the Michigan Foundation for \$1200.00, and to the International Foundation for \$150.00, and to The Sponsored Youth for \$90.00. These needed to be paid as soon as possible. It helps these groups to budget funds that are there and not pending. Imagine trying to pay your bills with promises. The Michigan Foundation funds goes to help four of the Kiwanis sponsored hospitals in the state. The close hospital to us is located in Petoskey. They service hundreds of Otsego County

children each year. The Sponsored Youth program would normally be a cost of \$5.00 a member, but since we sponsor The Aktion Club we pay only \$3.00 a member. The International Foundation is money used to benefit all the children of world. I personally feel this is what we are here for service to all the children. Put aside any other feelings and if we help just one child; getting up at 5:00am is worth it.

Here is an email from one our newest members. What he has here is important. Read what he is proposing and let myself or Chuck know your thoughts. Thanks Chuck.

Hi Youth Committee Members: please consider the following possible projects.

1) We are currently doing the Terrific Kids program so why not do the BUG program? In case you are not familiar with it: Bring Up Grades. This would be done at the end of each marking period. Even though the schools don't use letter grades there is still the system indicating where the child needs to improve and if they improve the next term (and none of the other areas fall down) they would be awarded the BUG designation. I've asked Bob to acquire the guidelines etc from international. This would be low-cost and virtually no work on our part. The principal at North Ohio saw it in use in Colon, MI (didn't realize it was a Kiwanis project) and says go for it at his school.

2) Dictionaries to third graders. Was a project Mich district wide started by a past gov's. wife. Sill can go on and has so at No. Ohio as I had almost 100 (labeled with the Shiawassee-Owosso and Owosso club inside but it is Kiwanis and no cost to us). Why can't we get more and give them to the other third-graders in the other schools where we do TK? Please, those who go to the other schools for TK check with the principals there.

3) There is a RIF being done. How about promoting reading by giving a bicycle at the end of the year to a child in each school--winner drawn at random from among all the entries--plus other prizes. The method should be determined at each school. Maybe the larger schools could have 2 bikes. For each book a child reads he/she gets one slip/entry into the bowls from which the winner is drawn. Winner gets certificate to present to the designated store to select the bike to fit them. I can get more details on this from where it is in practice.

4) Bike Safety Day or Bike Rodeo. I contacted Jim Snook of the Alhorn Sport Shop and he said they have done this previously but didn't remember when. They'd help out. Either he or his brother could be there and he thinks they could round up 4-5 trained bike mechanics to do the inspections and minor repairs (liability under our umbrella). He would solicit good prices

and/or gifts from their vendors. We could perhaps get 100 bike helmets for the first 100 who show up. I have yet to contact the police other than our sheriff (who is in favor and would help in this regard) regarding registering the bikes and putting a sticker number on the bikes and maintain a record of the numbers in case of id for robbery. Also would have the fire dept there for safety and whatever other similar orgs. We could/would provide a meal of some sort--hotdogs/burgers etc either with our members doing the cooking or getting a fast food place to come in (I don't know enough yet about the Gaylord merchants to know if they've done this before.

There would be a street course (rodeo part) for the kids to perform and get graded on--perhaps a small certificate of completion.

This should be done right after school gets out and could be done at the sportsplex or intermediate school. Need lots of room for parking, the street course and for the fire engines, police cars, ambulances etc that could be there.

Should have a "lecture" time for safety and proper way to ride on the streets etc. (I almost got an adult biker who failed to stop at a stop sign and just whizzed by me; lucky for both of us I had stopped and then turned right; I've seen a lot of that around town.)

This obviously takes a lot more man/woman hours, money, time and effort BUT there is plenty of time to plan it and, in my experience, there could be lots of non-Kiwanians that would volunteer to be part of it.

Those are my ideas/suggestions for now. Let me know what you think and we should take official committee action on these soon and then get them to the board and into action (or drop them)

"It's about the kids!" Chuck

We need your ideas. This is how the email process should and will work if we give it a chance

Jim Davis says he is not receiving his emails. If you are getting them just hit reply on the top send a message back to me. If I don't get a reply I will have to assume you are not getting my emails and we will try to fix it

Here is Patty at the awards banquet. She did such a great job. When you see her thank her for what she has done for our club. She always had a smile and enjoys her life. She was a great President and it was easy for me to help with anything that she needed.



Bob Wilson