

MIDLAND KIWANES



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President: Cathy Devendorf
Secretary: Richard Kopple
President Elect: Ralph Wirtz
Treasurer: Cheryl Whitman

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President Cathy D opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Program Next Week: April - Rose Sale Kickoff

Program Upcoming Meetings:

April 16: Youth Services-Circle K/Key Club
April 23: Club-Elections

Committee Meetings this week: Foundation **CHANGED**
to April 16, 2018

Committee Meetings next week: Board of Directors

Secretary's Report:

- Monthly reports due
- Saginaw Raffle is still available for \$50/ticket

Anniversary: None

Birthdays: Cal G.

Guests: Owosso Club – Bill Pearsall (President Elect),
Henry Tempel and Ruth Tempel

Announcements:

- Pink buckets are on the table – give 'til it hurts
- T&A will be presented for the last time after 70+ years running. Program: The Mona Lisa Is Missing. 7:30 p.m. at Midland Center for the Arts
- VOTE on Dues Increase \$2.40: This Board recommendation has been read to the members for two weeks prior. Per requested at last week's meeting Cathy got more details from management. Management explained that this is a service fee to ensure higher pay for our serving staff. Great Hall's wait staff is one of the highest paid in Midland.

The Midland Kiwanis Club membership approved the Midland Kiwanis Club Board recommendation to raise member dues by \$2.40 immediately to cover Great Hall Service Fees. 1-No, Remaining members present-Yes, Recommendation Passed

50/50: Next week – hosted by Donna Jo

Happy Dollars:

- **Cathy:** Had a wonderful Easter weekend with family in Chicago AND she had breakfast with parents and made it to tonight's meeting.
- **Randy:** Go Blue! U of M is playing in the NCAA Finals tonight!
- **Dick H:** Penn State won the NIT Finals AND Kansas played great at the NCAA tournament (Final Four).
- **Bart:** Notified his Model A has to be out of winter storage in 4 days...predicted to have 3 days of snow and rain.
- **Bill Pearsall:** Glad to be here to meet fellow Kiwanians AND his team is planning to go to every club in our Division.
- **Cal:** 100 biking miles already! AND learned wind turbines are getting taller because blades are getting longer which generates 40 times more megawatts. Worth it!

Program: Human & Spiritual Aims

Dick K felt most of us know what the CROP Walk is but don't *really* know what it is.

Rose Bureson, Financial Chair for Midland Area CROP Hunger Walk is a retired Bullock Creek Educator and Principal. She thanked Midland Kiwanis for their support in the past years as walkers and "Friends of CROP" (providing funds to cover administrative costs). "Friends" supporters ensure all money donated to a Walker goes directly to countries around the globe where there is lack of clean water or food exists.

After WWII, "Friendship Trains" ran through the Midwest to gather grain to be shipped to countries devastated by the War. This became the Christian Rural Overseas Project (CROP).

In 1969 the Midland CROP Hunger Walk was founded as a fundraiser and education activity. Then 1 out of 9 people worldwide lacked access to clean water and healthy diets. The "Walk" now sponsored by Church Women United, Kiwassee Kiwanis and local churches is a 3-mile walk representing the average distance women in developing countries walk each day to fetch water. Donations collected are used to raise awareness of and fund local

hunger-fighting programs where there is national and international emergency relief and development needs.

In Midland, when appropriate, 5-gallon buckets of water are provided the participants to further demonstrate the reality of clean water collection with which many are faced.

Midland participants range from 90 year olds to those in strollers being pushed by parents. Twenty-five percent of the money raised stays in Midland to help local agencies dealing with hunger issues in Midland Co., i.e. Salvation Army, Open Door, Emergency Food Pantry, etc. Seventy-five percent goes to Church World Services to provide self-help and human development programs for those who are economically disadvantaged worldwide.

Monies did come back to Midland Co. to help the Midland Co. 2017 flood victims.

The 2018 CROP Walk is October 7, Beginning and ending at the Midland Center for the Arts, with a 3-mile course in the middle.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.