

MIDLAND KIWANES



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

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Time: Monday Nights, 6:00 PM

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President Cathy opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Cathy gave a big welcome to new member Brad Bahr!

Program Next Week: February 26: Midland Area Homes

Program Upcoming Meetings:

March 5: Scholarship Committee
March 12: Membership Committee

Committee Meetings this week: None

Committee Meetings next week: None

Secretary's Report:

- Spring Divisional, March 17th at Alma College. He and Cheryl Whitman will attend. Others are welcome. Two people also constitutes a Round Robin Club visit.
- Canada Goodwill Meeting, April 25 in Sarnia. Contact Dick if you are interested. He has been and found it very informative and had a grand time.

Anniversary: Travis O'Keefe

Birthdays: Bart Buechner, Gil Harter

Guests: None

Announcements:

- **Earl:** Pink buckets are on the table ... Give 'til it HURTS!
- **Cathy:** Circle K is having a fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings, March 5. Circle K will receive 20% of your meal (lunch, dinner or snacks) if you provide them with a coupon. Coupons were distributed at the meeting. You can contact Cathy for additional coupons.

Happy Dollars:

- **Randy:** U of M beat Ohio State!!!
- **Carly** (Program Speaker): Happy to be invited to share information about Midland County Youth Action Council (MCYAC).
- **Cal:** Had the flu and lost 10# in 2 weeks. Dollars for the weight he's gained back.
- **Will** (Program Speaker): For project work of MCYAC
- **John:** Happy that Brad is a member of Kiwanis

- **Brad:** Thanks to John for being inviting to Kiwanis and looking forward to the future
- **Sarah** (Program Speaker): Looking forward to presenting the program
- **Kyle** (Program Speaker): Happy to be going to Colorado to snowboard in a couple weeks
- **Cathy:** Craig lost his wedding ring after 30 years of marriage. Ask Kiwanis men (who have lost theirs) if they can give her some ideas where he may have lost it.
- **Donna Jo:** Glad to be back from AZ (blue skies, 75 degrees) and looking forward to returning next week.

Program: Carly Witkop, Youth Action Council Coordinator, Midland County Youth Action Council (MCYAC)

Carly was the former Northwood Circle K Advisor before joining the Midland County Area Foundation and becoming the Youth Action Committee Coordinator.

Joining her and sharing information about MCYAC were President Will Adams (Dow H.S.), Vice President Kyle McIntyre (Dow H.S.), Secretary Sarah Pisarczyk (Dow H.S.). Not able to attend was Justin Witt (Midland H.S.), GrantsChair.

In 1988 W.K. Kellogg Foundation provided grants to 33 MI community foundations to strengthen their existing community foundations; BUT they must involve youth in philanthropy. In 1992 MACF "planted roots" and MCYAC was sprouted.

They grant funds that support youth initiatives from the endowed funds provided by the Kellogg foundation. "ROOTS to FRUITS"

MCYAC has 45 youth members form 4 Midland County Schools. They have three areas of operation: Grant-making, Community Service and Leadership.

Grant-making: MCYAC grants \$75,000 in the form of quarterly grants and educator grants focused on impacting youth in Midland County. Quarterly grants are reviewed and approved based on numbers of youth impacted and project sustainability. Educator grants are limited to \$500. Many grants approved in the past few years have been STEM related.

Community Service Projects are volunteer opportunities for the MCYAC youth. They also plan larger projects targeting issues that affect their peers.

Leadership includes an opportunity to attend Summer State Leadership Conference where they exchange ideas and evaluate programs with their peers throughout the state. All of tonight's presenters said being a member of MCYAC has taught them about our community needs, philanthropy and each has developed a passion for serving their community which they will take with them in the future.

Some statistics:

- MI youth serving on MCYAC organizations: 1500
- MI Councils: 86
- MI endowed funds: \$62 Million
- MI grants: \$2.5 million per year
- MIDLAND grants: \$650,000 since formation

Goals of MCYAC:

- Focus on socioeconomic diversity to represent our community
- Evaluate our program with other peer organizations
- Encourage more community opportunities for the "youth voice"

They each expressed that by joining this organization each has acquired a service mentality, given them an opportunity to leverage impact, gained responsibility and developed their leadership skills. They encourage all 6th-12th graders to consider getting involved.

“ROOTS to FRUITS”

These young people gave a wonderful presentation and they truly are future leaders!

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.