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Location: Valley Plaza, The Great Hall
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President Cathy called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Program Next Week: Scholarship Committee

Program Upcoming Meetings: Membership Committee

Committee Meetings this week: None

Committee Meetings next week: Foundation

Secretary's Report:

Anniversary: Bart Buechner, February 22

Birthdays: None

Guests: None

Announcements:

- President Cathy for Earl Soules: Pink Buckets are on the table Give until it Hurts!
- President Cathy: A reminder that Circle K is having a fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings on March 5. Circle K will receive 20% of your meals (lunch, dinner or snacks) if you provide them with a coupon. Coupons were distributed by Cathy.

Happy Dollars:

- Bart Buechner shared that he had visited St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands last week. He and others worked on a technical course for Doctoral Candidates.
- Lyle Bitler was happy that Michigan State won the Big 10 Championship.

Program: Midland Area Homes (MAH)

- Tom Darger introduced Dick Peterson who gave a brief introduction on the Housing Assistance Program by Midland Area Homes. Dick is the President of Midland Area Homes.
- He, in turn, introduced Nancy Money, who shared more information about the organization.
- MAH's Mission is to help low income people, in need, maintain and improve housing conditions for safe and independent living. They work closely with local churches, area agencies and businesses, and individual volunteers and donors to build a stronger community – one home at a time.
- History: In 1969, Midland Area Homes was established by 10 local churches that saw a need for a coordinated response to housing issues for low-income, senior and disabled residents. MAH is now the state and locally designated central intake and housing assessment and resource center for homeless and high-risk residents in Midland County. Since 1969, they have served over 40,000 households in one or more of their programs.
- MAH services and programs are supported by local churches, local agencies, government and community volunteers. Programs include prevention of housing eviction, housing stability casework to prevent future housing loss, critical health and safety home repairs, furniture and appliance collection and distribution, aid with energy and heating costs.
- MAH office will be moving to the old Ginis Goldsmith's facility on the Ashman Circle. The facility is more centrally located for people who live in Midland.
- It was suggested that if Kiwanians would like to help MAH, they might want to participate in the Furniture Program where used furniture is picked up and repaired or rehabilitated.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.