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Cathy opened the meeting at 6:30 PM

Program Next Week: Youth Services, Teresa Ashmore from Camp Fire, Midland County

Program Upcoming Meetings:

6/18/18 Public Relations
6/25/18 Community Services

Committee Meetings this week: Board of Directors

Committee Meetings next week: None

Secretary's Report:

- End of the month reports are due.

Anniversary: Frank Aerstin

Birthdays: none

Guests: none

Announcements:

- Kevin: He spoke with Dave Shannon a few days ago and Dave mentioned that he would be willing to come to one of our meetings to speak about his recent trip to Nepal.
- Kevin: Need drivers for Thursday and Friday morning for rose delivery.
- Cal: Let him know if you have any changes to the club directory, such as phone numbers or email.
- Cathy: Thanks to Donna Jo and Jim Ward for walking in the Memorial Day parade last week.
- Donna Jo: Glad that her daughter and family are here visiting from Guatemala. The volcano eruption is about 30 miles from their mission, but they know folks in the vicinity of the destruction.
- Earl: No pig tonight, so keep the \$\$ until next week.
- Tom Darger: Sorry to have missed the 50:50 tonight.

Happy Dollars:

- Cathy: She was very happy to have had a mini vacation last weekend in Alpena. She did a lot of sightseeing and walking.

- Cal: Passed 300 miles on his bike this year. Also, reminded us to always get your coupon from the can recycle machine at Meijer before you walk away or the next customer will be very happy to get it.
- Donna Jo: Daughter and granddaughter was visiting last weekend.
- Kevin: Thanks to Donna Jo for getting the Web site working for rose deliveries.
- Ralph: Had a great time taking the very young grand sons to the park and then to McD's for lunch. There was a great need for a mopping under the table at McD's after they left.

Program: Cathy introduced Drew Talbot, Executive Director of Camp Neyati who was here to let us know how much out support means to the camp. Camp Neyati is now in its 80th year of operations. We should always be proud of the Kiwanians that had the foresight 80 years ago to see the opportunity to buy the property and to come up with the funds to buy it. It is now 187 acres and includes a renovated barn and several grounds for different sports. Drew pointed out that the current dining hall is too small for the number of campers that can come to camp together. As a result, overflow is handled in tents nearby. A new dining hall to handle 250 people and winterized would cost around \$1.2 million, but is badly needed.

Some of the current upgrades to the property include:

- A new boardwalk that goes all the way to the swim area and can handle wheelchairs.
- Trail bikes that can be used on the property.
- A new warming oven for the kitchen and a new prep table.
- A new fishing dock.
- A new indoor climbing wall in the barn.
- A new "9 square in the air" game.

Several groups have been very helpful getting the camp setup for the summer including Northwood basketball players. The camp gets busy after school is out and is busy until the end of August. They start shutting down the camp in October. Currently it is not winterized. West Midland Family center rents the camp twice each year and brings families to camp at no cost to the parents.

The Greater Midland Community Center also rents out the camp each year.

The camp is available for rent to any organization. They must provide all staff, counselors and cooks and abide by the regulations of the camp. Many groups make their reservations a year in advance to get the week they want. The camp gets about 1500 campers each year.

Web site: <http://www.campneyati.org>

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.