

# MIDLAND KIWANIS



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

Location: Valley Plaza, The Great Hall  
Time: Monday Nights, 6:00 PM

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President Cathy opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

**Program Next Week:** Club Committee Chairperson Reports, 10 – 15 minutes max.

**Program Upcoming Meetings:** TBD

**Committee Meetings this week:** Standup Foundation Meeting

**Committee Meetings next week:** None

**Secretary's Report:** Dick Kopple

- Dick shared that he attended the Kiwanis Spring Divisional held in Alma. Our Club received Awards for sponsoring Northwood Circle K and the Midland High Key Club.
- The MI District State Convention will be held September 6 – 9, 2018 at Boyne Mountain.
- He also shared the Thomas Township National Day of Prayer Meeting would be held May 3, 2018.
- Board of Directors Meeting:  
The Club has been paying a 20% Gratuities fee to The Great Hall for some time, but has not passed the fee along to its members. The new cost of the meal per member is \$12.00 + 2.40 = \$14.40. Dick shared that Club members will vote on this subject at the Club Meeting on April 2, 2018.

**Anniversaries:** None

**Birthdays:** None

**Guests:** Three (3) Northwood Circle K members (Christie, Mallory & Ashton), Marilyn Soules, Pat Buechner

**Announcements:**

- **Earl:** Pink buckets are on the table ... Give 'til it HURTS!
- **Ralph:** Passed around for this year's "Tall in the Saddle Sign-Up Sheet" which covered activities for 10 weeks.
- **Charlie:** Looking for some AV setup help when he goes on vacation – April 29.

**Happy Dollars:**

- **Cathy:** Thankful for some Circle K members for helping with the Maple Syrup Day.
- **Cal:** His wife, Marilyn had some serious surgery. She is doing well!

**Program: The Whiting Forest** sponsored by the Community Service Committee.

Earl Soules introduced Fred Eddy, a Structural Engineer who works for Midland Engineering Ltd.

Fred made a very comprehensive presentation on the Whiting Forest which covered:

- A Canopy Walk which is 1400 feet long and 40 feet high. He felt that this will be the longest canopy walk in the world!
- 2 New Bridges - One which will cross St. Andrews Drive from the Dow Gardens to the Whiting Forest. The second bridge will cross Snake Creek.
- Whiting House Visitor Center
- Forest Classroom
- Orchard – 165 Assorted Trees
- The Lodge - a new Café
- Play Area
- Pathways - over 3 miles long
- Snake Creek Restoration

The forest has many white pine trees that are very large. Many are 3 feet in diameter. The construction crews have implemented black matting to protect the tree roots. Also Limestone from the Upper Peninsula in Michigan has been used in the Gathering area.

There are Pond and Orchard Overlooks.

There are many structures that have been built on-site. Some have metal roofs.

The design was well thought out! It is handicap accessible. There are Arborists on staff. Their objective is to cut down no existing trees.

Most workers on the project come from Midland!

If you visit the Dow Gardens, you can use the passes for the Whiting Forest. The Whiting Forest plans to open this fall!

For more information and pictures, go to:  
[www.dowgardens.org/Whitingforestproject](http://www.dowgardens.org/Whitingforestproject)