

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 opened the meeting at 6:30 PM.

Program Next Weeks:

- Board of Directors: April 9
- Foundation: April 16 (A CHANGE)

Program Upcoming Meetings:

April 2: Human & Spiritual Aims
April 9: Rose Sale Kickoff

Committee Meetings this week: None

Committee Meetings next week: None

Secretary's Report:

Monthly Reports are DUE

Anniversary: None

Birthdays: None

Guests: Thomas Township Kiwanis – Terry Rock, Doug Cramer

Announcements:

- Terry Rock – Thomas Township is sponsoring the 30th Annual Prayer Breakfast, May 3, 7:00 a.m. at Apple Mountain. Guest Speaker: Brian Pruitt, Author of The Power of Dad. All are welcomed!
- **Cathy D.** – Pink Buckets are out. Give until it hurts!
- **Cathy D.** – At the March Board meeting the Board approved a \$2.40 per month increase in dues to cover the gratuities for the meals. The club has been paying this throughout the year and it is costing the Club approximately \$60 per week. The Administrative Account can't afford this. Members must vote in a dues increase. This is the second reading of the need for the dues increase. VOTE will be next week, April 2. ACTION: Cathy will contact Great Hall to make sure this increase will be going to the serving and kitchen staff who so faithfully serve us each week.

50/50 is back!

Winners - \$6 to Cathy D, \$10 to Donna Jo A.
Next 50/50 – April 16 presented by Donna Jo A.

Happy Dollars:

- Cathy D. – Circle K District Convention (DCon) was held. Emily, Northwood Circle K was honored a “Circle K-er” of the year and Midland will be the 2019 site for the DCon. Congratulation to Emily and Northwood Circle K. Their hard work and can-do attitude is being recognized.
- Randy R. – U of M is in the Final Four. On to the championship.
- Doug Cramer – Ferris won the National Champion for Division 2. The FIRST Championship title ever in any sport in Ferris history.
- Donna Jo A. – Glad to be back for AZ. Met their goal for this year's trek to AZ. They bought a house and are officially “Snow Birds”!

Program: Club Committee Reports – Committee Chairs
(Thank you for all the information. I apologize for missing some important bits of information and names of those involved with the activities of the various committees.)

- **Youth Services – Cathy D:** This committee works with Key Club, Circle K and various activities below. Cathy D. is the advisor for Circle K, Jeff Yoder (MHS Faculty) Advisor for Midland High Key Club. Christmas Party at Central Park Elementary. Thank you to the members who donated \$700 toward gifts for 56 children. The Club supported for the food and decorations

The Club supports Key Club by paying District and International dues plus providing a yearend party. They are well known for their volunteerism in the community.

The Club supports Circle K by sharing the student's costs to attend DCon and District events.

Other activities the Club sponsors include: 4-H Record Keeping Award, coordinating member donations for 4-H Small Animal Auction, Some Chippewa Nature Center scholarships and Girls State.

- **Camp Neyati – Cathy D:** There are 3 additional Midland Kiwanians on the Midland Camping Council which oversees Camp Neyati. They are Jim Ward, Cheryl Whitman, Carl Edmunds.
- **Young Children Priority One - CoChairs: Earl S, Ralph W**

Ralph shared that the focus areas for committee are Coleman Family Center (CFC), West Midland Family Center (WMFC), North Midland Family Center (NMFC) and ESA Longview. We met with each of them twice this year. Those meetings created the following projects: CFC – a STEM room, playgrounds; ESA Longview-raised growing beds, outdoor classroom and a swing set in 2018, both for disabled children; WMFC-provide lead instructors with a extra set of hand in their 3-year old day care learning program and a yearend party. We coordinate Club volunteer to be there at least once a week.

Tall in the Saddle – This program provides horseback riders with training on horseback riding and develops confidence and self-esteem for those children with disabilities. We coordinate Club volunteer to be there at least once a week.

Ralph then sent volunteer sign-up sheet around for both activities.

- **STEM – Cal G.**

With the combining of two elementary schools into the new Central Park Elementary School this year there has been limited involvement. With the combining of two elementary schools into the new Central Park Elementary School this year there has been limited involvement as of yet. However Charlie is working with the Dow H.S. science teachers in classes at all levels (60-70 hrs/mo.). Dow H.S. have received 1st place the past 4 years with Charlie's lead. This means \$20,000 for the school and \$5,000 to each team participant toward scholarships.

The committee has brought many STEM related programs to the Club meetings, featuring a new successful start-up company, Roger told of his involvement in the Central Park Elementary classroom, etc.

- **Human Spiritual Aims – Dick K.**

This committee's purpose is "to give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life." This done by supporting the administrative costs of the CROP Walk (Christian Rural Oversees Program) to help alleviate hunger here in our neighborhoods and around the world.

A number of Club programs were also introduced at meetings. One memorable one was at Thanksgiving a man was very thankful for a heart replacement.

- **Scholarship – John A**

The 2018 Honors Banquet will be held May 7 at the Great Hall. Letters have been sent and plans are well underway. This committee also presents a Forensics scholarship to a student in each of the Midland Public Schools. Mini grants are also approved to teachers from all school districts in Midland County, including ESA for needed teaching tool, books and other accessories to the

classroom under \$600. The Kiwanis Foundation supports the committee's decisions with the money required.

- **Community Service – Co-Chairs Don H and John A.**

Activities on the list that provide impact to the community are: Santa House Elves, Salvation Army bill ringers, Sanford Senior Citizen Christmas Party, club members provide talent and participate in the ARC (Association for Retarded Citizens) Annual Talent Show.

- **Fundraising – Chairs of each activity reported**

Midland Co. Fair Popcorn Booth – Cathy D: Thanks to the entire Club membership for supporting this fundraiser. Mark your calendar: 2018 Fair week, August 19-25.

Travel & Adventure (T&A) – Randy R

We are currently in the 72nd year of presenting T&A to the community. This is a co-fundraiser with Kiwassee. This will be the last due to low attendance (approximately 200 each showing). The net income has been decreasing over the years for both clubs. Last year we saw only about \$2900.

Rose Sale – Kevin S

Kick off for this year's Rose Sale will be April 9. A new opportunity to order! Don't miss is...

- **Public Relations** – Justine resigned the chair position due schedule. Committee members continue to do their jobs and provide us with a weekly newsletter, Face book page and an up-to-date website. The Midland Chamber of Commerce dues have been renewed and a promotion booth will be requested for the Wake UP Midland event which sees over 200 county business and nonprofit organization people attending each month.

- **Administrative Logistics Support: Cathy D.**

These people are invaluable to the meeting night. Charlie N always has the computer set and ready. Bart and Jim W. always have flags, name tags and songbooks ready to go.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.