

MIDLAND KIWANES



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President: Cathy Devendorf
Secretary: Richard Kopple
President Elect: Ralph 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.

Programs - Upcoming Meetings:

May 28: Memorial Day - NO MEETING
June 4: Camp Neyati
June 11: Youth Services

Committee Meetings this week: Board of Directors

Committee Meetings next week: none. Foundation will meet June 4.

Secretary's Report: End of the month reports are due since we will not meet next Monday.

Anniversary: None

Birthdays: None

Guests: None

Announcements:

- **Cathy:** Let Cathy know if you will be walking in the Memorial Day Parade. It starts at 10:00 AM, meet at 9:30 AM
- **Donna Jo:** Sub for Kevin tonight. See her for the script cards and for rose orders.
- **Cal:** Please let Cal know of any changes to the club directory. He will be working on updates.
- **Cal:** The STEM committee will again be buying roses for the teachers at Central. Any help from club members to help pay for these roses would be appreciated. Let Roger Briggs know if you can help.
- **Earl:** Remember to feed the pink buckets on the table.
- **Earl:** Tuesday, we will have several of our members helping at WMFC. The 3's Preschool classes will be having "graduation" and a family picnic. We will help with setting up, serving lunch and cleaning up after. In attendance: Ralph, Roger Bohl, Brad, Lyle, Cal, Don, Donna Jo and Frank.



50/50: None

Happy Dollars:

- **Gil:** Happy to have got around the problems on Waldo tonight.
- **Cal:** Happy for his recent golf outing. Made a birdie!
- **Tom:** Not happy with the toll roads in Pennsylvania.

Program: Human and Spiritual Aims

Cathy introduced our own Dick Kopple. Dick gave us a little history lesson on Memorial Day.

Memorial Day started May 5, 1868 as Decoration Day to honor the graves of Union Solders. The graves of Confederate solders were added later.

History

- Started as GAR thing only three years after the civil war
- Now it is a national holiday

The Numbers

- Civil war -
 - North 350,000
 - South 266,000
- WW I - 166,516
- WW II - 405,399

- Korea - 36,579
- Vietnam - 58,220
- Desert Storm - 383
- Iraqi Freedom - 4,411
- New Dawn - 73
- Enduring Freedom - 2,346
- Freedom's Sentinel - 46
- Inherent Resolve - 61
- Total - 1,284,000 +

NOT ALL ARE INCLUDED ABOVE

- Only men in uniform are included above
- Leaves out civilians and women

Merchant Marine

- Mermansk - 92 of 1600 vessels sunk
- 733 total US Flag vessels sunk in WW II
- Merchant Marine had higher per capita casualty rate than uniformed services
- Yacht Patrol used former private pleasure craft and owners to hunt for submarines

Women

- WAC
- WAF
- WAVE
- SPAR
- 11/23/77 - WASP (Women Airforce Service Pilots) granted veteran status
- 1988 All WW-II merchant marine granted vet status

Medical

- Doctors, nurses, corpsmen serve in combat areas

Chaplain

- So do Chaplains

War is the failure of diplomacy, humanity, and politics

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.