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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time

Annual election is held

The Noon Kiwanis Club recently held its annual meeting, as members elected board members and officers.

Bernie Hoenle will take over as club president on October 1, while Matt Jefferson will then take over as president-elect. Keith Junk agreed to serve as vice president for the 2017-18 year and move up the ranks in subsequent years.

Joyce Stehlik agreed to remain on the board and fill a spot, while club newcomer Keith Larsen will take a three-year seat on the board as well.

Rick Swanson and Bud Fuls will swap positions in the money department, with Rick becoming the treasurer and Bud assuming the role of assistant treasurer.

Club Secretary Jean Linzer has expressed a desire to step away from that role, and a replacement is still being sought.

The new officers will be formally installed at the club's annual awards banquet, traditionally held in September of each year.

The above members, and all the remaining board members, deserve our kudos for stepping into leadership roles and ensuring this club will continue its vital role in children's lives.

Food Fight

Club to emphasize more service

The Board of Directors unanimously voted to not upgrade the cook trailer at this time to make it road worthy, likely ending the club's participation in the two annual arts fairs and the Eggstravaganza.

Repairs and upgrades to make the cook trailer street legal would have cost an estimated \$4,000 to \$5,000.

Instead, the board agreed that future club emphasis should concentrate on hands-on service and not so much on fundraising and handing out money to outside groups.

The trailer was damaged after the February Great Fair, causing Sheriff's deputies to warn the club that the trailer could have been impounded immediately since it was not licensed and did not have proper safety features such as lights, working brakes, etc.

Instead, directors said more pancake breakfasts and perhaps other food-related fundraisers could be held at the Kiwanis clubhouse in addition to exploring other types of smaller fundraisers.

While the two annual arts festivals netted the club \$13,000 in profit this past year, directors felt the budget could be cut or adjusted with less money if not so much money was doled out to third-party non-profits.

The board decision was unanimous.



Sheriff's deputies perform their investigation of the trailer after it was hit by an unknown motorist on Saguaro Boulevard.

While the board understands that the cook trailer and participating in the arts festivals are Noon Kiwanis traditions dating back several decades, directors felt a change was necessary in the club direction to step up recruitment of new members and further engage those who are already part of the club.

Some of the reasons cited for not wanting to participate in the fairs include decreased revenue, increased competition from commercial vendors, lack of support from the Chamber of Commerce, difficulty in finding enough volunteers, limitations for those who cannot work inside the cook trailer, potential safety hazards and the burden of most heavy-duty work falling on a small group of regular volunteers.

The board did follow up this action with a special meeting to take input from members and answer questions. A club survey also was put together to gather opinions from members on what they like about the club and what could be improved upon. Direction was sought on fundraising ideas and service project suggestions. The board will be analyzing the results over the summer months and likely include some of the ideas in the budget and planning for the 2017-18 Kiwanis year.



A WORD FROM PRESIDENT KEN BROWN

ENCOURAGING SIGNS

Fellow Kiwanians:

A tailor's shop in Seville, Spain sported a sign urging its English-speaking clients, "Order now your summer suit. Because is big rush we will execute customers in strict rotation." As you can imagine English-speaking tourists weren't dying to shop there.

Likewise, a sign on a clothing store in Brussels, Belgium read, "Come inside and have a fit." Terrific! Finally, a store where you can give somebody a piece of your mind that you can't afford to lose! It's about time!

Those signs were funny, though they were intended to be a serious encouragement for customers to shop in those stores. I have seen several signs recently for Noon Kiwanis that don't happen to be funny, but are a serious encouragement for our long-standing members. Let me clue you in to what they are.

First, Mike Scharnow introduced his business partner, Jerrod Stearnes, to our club as a new member in May. I want to break this news to you gingerly . . . I don't want to smash anybody's toes, but I need to let you know that Jerrod is much younger than most of us in our club. He still has children, while of us don't have kids. We have grandkids! (Wink, wink!)

Another good sign showed up last Tuesday while we were working at a Kiwanis-sponsored event at McDowell Mountain Elementary School. Cain Jagodzinski, the High School principal, was at the event because he has kids who are elementary school-age. (Hint, hint). I asked Cain whether he was ready to join Noon Kiwanis, and he said, "Sure!" He filled out a membership app and paid his dues on the spot, even before he finished his hot dog. I was delighted! So at one of our future meetings Dr. Patrick Sweeney will be introducing Cain as a new member of Noon Kiwanis. Again, he doesn't fit our age profile . . . and that's a good thing! Isn't it?

One other encouraging sign also showed up that same night at the school. A friend of Margie and I, Maria Stevens, came out to help us serve our red-hot, hot-dog \$2 "Happy Meals" to kids and their parents who came to the event. Maria loves Fountain Hills and wants to join our club in June. She plans to move to town with her 9-year-old son. Did you catch that? Her son is only 9 years old. Not her grandson. Her son! Again, Maria is more than 20 years younger than me and I'm on the young end of the spectrum in our club. Get the picture?

Those three new members will breathe fresh air into our club and will keep the rest of us on our toes. They also represent a brighter future for Noon Kiwanis than some people would've imagined just a few years ago. If they bring a few of their friends and they join . . . and those younger adults bring their friends . . . well, you get the picture. And it's much brighter than it has been! Isn't it?



Helping the PTO

Our club set up shop at McDowell Mountain Elementary School recently as part of a PTO function at the school, which included a book fair and student talent show. Thanks to \$250 in seed money from Thrivent Financial, our club was able to purchase hot dogs and other items to offer \$2 meals to young families attending the event. The club netted more than \$200 in profit, though the primary goal was to increase our exposure in the community and to young families, as stated in club President Ken Brown's column above.

Helping at Day of Prayer

As has become tradition the past few years, our club once again helped at the annual Day of Prayer by grilling and prepping hot dogs for those in attendance.

Day of Prayer organizers solicited the club's help several years ago, and a small crew is needed to grill the dogs and help distribute items to the crowd before the event begins.

Organizers purchase the food and drink items, and even the health permit, so the service project does not cost the club anything.

A big thanks to Christ's Church of Fountain Hills for letting us borrow their grill for the event.



Keith Larsen helps with dog prep.

Jerry Comeau mans the hot dog grill while Bernie Hoenle helps keep him in line.



Paul Appeldorn hawks some dogs...

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Upcoming Calendar of Events

June 1	Luncheon meeting; Jim Terpstra, speaker
June 2-3	Community blood drive
June 4	Ronald McDonald House dinner
June 6	Aktion Club meeting at STARS
June 8	NO MEETING
June 15	Luncheon meet; FH Youth Theater, speaker
June 22	NO MEETING
June 29	NO MEETING

Helping out at Extended Hands Food



The Noon Kiwanis krew, above, poses for a quick shot, including Dawn and Wayne Zielinski, front and center, who are prospective members and decided to go ahead and check out a service project.



The club on May 20 did its regular volunteer duty at Extended Hands Food Bank. Above, Jack Mateski was in charge of doling out proper portions of dog food for those four-legged creatures visiting the food bank.



Knee surgery? What knee surgery? Keith Junk mans the pallet jack while assisting at the local food bank.