

Ripples from the Creek

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Dear Kiwanians:

Monthly Reflection: "One of the greatest discoveries a man makes, one of his great surprises, is to find he can do what he was afraid he couldn't do." Henry Ford

Kiwanis Quiz: How many Kiwanis Clubs are currently in our Division #17? **Answer to last week's quiz:** The member who looks most like C. S. Mott is Douglas Stephens!

MARCH 3RD MEETING

❖ **Guests:** Boots Abrams.

❖ **Inter-Club from Mt. Morris:** Steve Kennedy, Jack Arnold, Todd "Sorenson and Jan Rockwell were in attendance. The group told us that their spaghetti dinner went well. Their Memorial Parade is coming and also a Easter Egg hunt. 'The next big event is the "Car Races" with the Davison Club, then the "200 Club", which draws tickets.

❖ **Swartz Creek Women's Club:** Boots Abrams informed us that next Tuesday, they will be presenting a check for \$1,000 to the Veterans Memorial toward the next statue, a woman in the form of a Coast Guard. It will be at the Bi-Centennial Park at Miller and Morrish Roads.

❖ **Board Meeting:** President Kerry Zubke inform us that the Board is going to hire an accountant to do the tax form, etc., The club may go to a computer accounting for records.

▪ work on new application forms for this year.

▪ two high school student each were given \$350.00 to attend Blue Lake. The amount to go is \$1,200 each.

▪ Elms Road Park Project, the Key Club is committed. This will be a two year project. It is to was and stain the Playscape wood. Kerry asked for club volunteer to go to work with the Key Club for support.

❖ **Prayer Breakfast:** Chuck Shults told us that in two week from today the tickets will be ready.

❖ **50-50:** Mike Stanton won for \$16,000!!

• **Robotics:** Gentry also told us they received a silver metal or 7th place then to the finals, for several rounds.

• **Tiny Treasurers:** please bring in small trinkets for the child for when they are take from their family... per Katrina.

• **Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp:** it is \$350.00 each for two that we are helping, their total cost is \$1200.00 The first was Serra Nichols who told us what she learned last year., 'The second was Mitchell Myers, who plays a clarinet in the S.C. band, and who study there.

• **District Presidents Meeting:** It was last Friday, and our President Kerry report to us that that the increase in members state-wide was eighty-one members. They are looking hard for a Lt. Governor for next year. The spring Divisional will be April 9th. Maybe four will be going for our club. The club will pay part. Dave Ketzler and Ronna Gettel will be going for sure.

• **Michigan District Convention:** August 25th thru the 28th- more later.

• **Future inter-Clubs:** Chairman Steve Mardlin is on the job! Lapeer Sunrise on Wed. the 7th with a program on Civil War encampments. Flint Downtown on the 31st at noon for lunch, 3/25 to Mt. Morris for lunch, 3/25 Friday at 7:30 A.M. to Burton, 3/29 and Tuesday to Fenton at noon.

• **Singing of the Irish:** at Mary Crapo at Mary Crapo ,bring canned food for the Food Pantry. And their will be a Free Will Offering. Kerry Thompson and Matt Packer will be doing the music along with others.

• **50-50:** "The Beaver"- Fritz Henke won for \$18,000!!

PROGRAM: *Brian Sepanak*, introduced *Lisa Young* and *Bonnie Raymond*. Both work with business enterprises to raise money for home and neighborhood improvement in the Flint area. She works with communities to make a difference. She talked of the Flint "Operation Brush-Up" in the past and is now working for raise \$10,000. For this project. They are looking to work on ten home in the Flint area for improvement. Last year it was seven. Some group come from Minnesota to work. Calvary United Methodists Church in Flint is the hosting the event this year.

Brian Sepanak and *Roger Meier* then talked about the upcoming millage election for Clayton Township for Police and Fire Protection for 2.2 Mills

MARCH 17TH MEETING

⇒ **Guests:** none.

⇒ **Prayer Breakfast:** Rosemary Robinson passed out five tickets to each of us with promises of more for the upcoming event.

⇒ **Key Club Tiny Treasurers** are still taking donation. Need small item. The Key Club is going to Elms Road Elementary to read to kids.

⇒ **Inter-Club to Lapeer:** on the 30th at Wednesday noon, more members needed to go.

PROGRAM: The first speaker was our State Senator John



PROGRAM: Our own *Phil Bracey* introduced

Eric Yott, a 26 year section leader/ captain

ASYO. It was founded in 1964 in California it grew in leaps and bounds from their, often

jumping states to form new areas. They

have young ladies playing. He explained the program, function and sportsmanship, the development of young person, quality, fairness. It is a "safe haven". The background of the coaches are checked. They will train coaches, etc for free. Phil Bracey talked of plans from years ago to develop land from Hill road to Van Vleet Road. Because of many requirement it was not financially possible to built it. Thanks to Phil and to Eric Yott!!

MARCH 10TH MEETING

• **Guests:** Katrina Sharon, Brian Huck ,Gentry Farmer, and Tonya Ketzler.

• **Key Club:** Gentry Framer told of a upcoming Bake Sale on St. Patrick Day for Muscular Dystrophy. They are working on the "Read and Lead" for the elementary schools and the Dodge "Ball tournament which is at the Middle School.

Gleason. He said it was a big day at the capital yesterday. He spoke of credit card use by young people--it is poor. There maybe some legislation coming down the pike on this. John informed us that there are "98 out of 198" brand- new legislators! There will be a new 3% new tax on retirement payments. He said that there were pledges of "no new tax" by the future Governor. He ask "Is it happening?" He asked us if you should re-think term limits... longer? Last year 1553 new bills at the state???, etc. Thanks you John!!

The second program was introduced by *Brian Sepanak.* The speaker was Chief *Mike Powers* of the Clayton Township Police Department. He was a county deputy sheriff in Shiawassee County and retired as a Lieutenant. He talked of the wages of policemen. Some of they have are very experienced, yet one of the poorest paid. He gave example of Federal dollars and grants. There is a 2.2 mills up-coming millage for Public Safety. He listed some statistics: they covered 700 events, 42,00 traffic stop per year 200 check for domestic problems, 8 went to jail for being in someone else house. etc. He tried to give us a good grasp of what they do and face every day in there work for the township. Thank you Chief Mike Powers!!

MARCH 24TH MEETING

□**Guests:** Taylor, Roger Meier's granddaughter, and Katrina Sharon from Sage-Link Credit Union., and a prospective member.

□**Prayer Breakfast:** Chuck Shults said everything is going well. Please come the night before, Wed. at 6 P.M. to set-up table and chairs, etc. Thank you!

□**Spring Divisional:** April 9th Saturday, in Frankenmuth. 11:30 A.M. is starting time and it promises to be over by 2 P.M. We hear now that at least four are going.

□**Key Club:** Gentry Farmer told us that they are competing tomorrow in Miles Michigan for Robotics.

□**Inter-Clubs:** Steve said do not forget tomorrow A.M. at Burton starting at 7:30 A.M.. Flint Downtown at noon. on April 1st, Fenton Thursday noon, Mt. Morris 29th Tues. at noon.

□**Croquet:** on April 19th and the 21st at 7 P.M. they will have a informational meeting at the Senior Citizen Center.

□**50-50:** It was won by Mike Shumaker for \$16.00!

PROGRAM: *Roger Meier* introduced *Courtney Irish*, a resident of Swartz Creek.. She is employed by the Flint Convention and Visitors Bureau. She is the Volunteer Coordinator funded by the 6% State Sales tax plus the 5% accommodation tax in Genesee County. 70% of that comes to them , or funded by. She listed all the people in their capacity. She also works on the Cycle Race in Fenton and the one in Flint, and with the Walleye Festival. The sales staff is responsible for the larger groups. The Michigan Women Bowlers is a 16 weekend event and the Men Bowlers, the Buick Car groups are another group. The Vintage Chevrolet Group is coming for the 100th Anniversary. She is working on it and with them. They feel that the money turns over 3 ½



times just in this area., The staff helps conventions with and visitors with restaurant reservation and other matters. They have a office at the airport staffed with volunteers, and for business people the have a office-like sitting for business use. Thank you Roger and Courtney Irish fir the program!

MARCH 31ST MEETING

***Guests:** Katrina Sharon, Manager of Sage-Link, and a prospective member. Erica Gardner, Gentry Farmer, and Boots Abrams.

***Key Club:** Sandy Raffaelli said we should offer or invite the Key Club to participate in croquet., and to the 19th or the 21st meeting at the Senior Citizen for the organization meeting and instruction, at 5 P.M. , then maybe on May 31st for a game when they start. (May is instruction and practice).

***Robotics:** Gentry told us that next week is the State meet. last week they placed 29th out of 64!

***Fenton Inter-Club:** Jim Bleau report they are have a Euchre Tournament on April 15th, at 7 P.M. , the cost is \$25.00. They will have a cash bar and a live auction. And they are having a Prayer Breakfast on the National Day of Prayer

***Mt. Morris Inter-Club:** Mike Stanton reported that Richard and Boots Abrams and Dave Ketzler were in attendance. They reported that they had a very successful race night along with the Davison club.

***Lapeer Noon Inter-Club:** those who went were: Mike Stanton, Ronna Gettel, Fritz Henke and Steve Mardlin.

***Future Inter-Clubs:** Linden on the 6th at 6:15P.M.. Davison on the 5th at noon.

***Prayer Breakfast:** Mike Shultz informed us that the lily plant for "In Memory or in Honor OP" are available for \$20.00 each and they can be taken home afterward.

***Board Meeting:** 7:30 A.M. next Tuesday at the Senior Citizens.

***50-50:** And the winner was Richard Abrams for \$16.00!

PROGRAM: *Ab Gardner* introduced this mornings speaker, *Jennie Burrows*, a Swartz Creek resident. She has been a Master Gardner for 12 years and opened a business in Clio also 12 years ago, small nursery. She talked of natural plants or organic plants. If they have carbon base it is not just a natural plant. Some natural organics are harmful. Wear a long sleeve shirt, long pants, and outside your boots. Herbicides are pesticides. She explained uses of general type of chemicals. Always wash vegetables from grocery stores. China is so polluted with no bees or few. They hire women to go around the with paint brushes to pollinate apple trees as a example. "Organic" apple juice is not really organic, even the ground is polluted, because the rain bring down the pollutants. Use natural fertilizers, there is not enough microbes in our soils, it generally high in P.H. in this state. Salt based fertilizers hurt (destroys microbes). From questions she stated that you should turn the soil over in your garden so in and the microbes and other thing will freeze. Jennie had many, many question from us, which she answer well. She passed out two magazine to all who which them. She was very well received. Thanks for inviting her Abner and to Jennie for the interesting and informative program!!!

DATES TO REMEMBER PROGRAM

APRIL

5 BOARD MTG	7 JEFF PRATT
9 SPRING DIV.	14 SMEETS-OCKERMAN
21 CROQUET ORG MTG	21 PRAYER BRKFST
	28 ED WRACAN

MAY

3 BOARD MTG	5 FRANK VITOUS
	12 MIKE SHUMAKER
14 KEY CLUB CLEANUP	19 MIKE MAJESKE
	26 SANDY RAFFAELLI

APRIL

ANIVERSARIES

4 BRUCE & PATTI BADGLEY
23 MIKE & SHARON SHUMAKER

BIRTHDATES

24 ASHLEY DAGHER
16 JUDY THORNTON

MIKE

