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Monthly Reflection: "The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched- they must be felt with the heart." Helen Keller.

Kiwanis Quiz: What member has the following nick names, "fur mechanic" and "beaver" among others? **Answer to last month's quiz:** The first father and daughter combination in our club was Dave Ketzler and Tonya Ketzler. I also believe it was the first in our division for Lt. Governors.

JUNE 16TH MEETING

(I inadvertently *(temporarily) lost the notes on this following week in June, which should have been in the July newsletter, sorry!)

•**Summer Concerts:** Next Tuesday night will be the first concert in the park on the 21st. Steve Mardlin will take care of all the supplies for the weenie wagon.

•**June Board Meeting:** The Middle School had a Builder's Club and they had an account, but since the Builders Club does not exist at this point we closed the account and will cut a check to the Key Club.

•**Installation Dinner:** In the past this was called "Charter Night". We will go back to having a sit down dinner and your spouse or significant other will be invited. The date will Thursday, September 29th and since it is a Thursday night we will not have the Kiwanis breakfast meeting that morning. Please put this date in your calendar so everyone is present.

•**Winter Art Fair:** The entire group voted to have the Winter Art Fair. Very little man hours will needed. The dates they are looking at are December 9th noon to 6 P. M. and December 10th 9 A.M. to 6 P.M.. We can charge a admission price.

•**Thank you:** We received a thank you from one of the ABC award recipients that was not able to attend the breakfast.

•**Horseshow Ads:** Please turn in the horseshow ads by June 30th to Jim Florence.

•**Guest:** Justin Coburn: Kiwanis presented Justin with a \$1,000.00 check to help him towards a purchase of a \$3,000.00 basketball wheelchair. His basket team is part of the National Wheelchair Basketball Association. The season will start in the fall. He can use the wheelchair now and when he goes to college. Justin has lived in Swartz Creek his entire life. The basketball wheelchair has to be custom made to fit the player. The wheelchair basketball rules are the same as able bodied basketball.

PROGRAM: Rosemary Robinson introduced the two speakers as Lisa McMahon from Liberty Title and Sandra Ackerman from Wells Fargo. They said that this summer is a good time to sell main street properties. The banks are redoing foreclosures. Land contract sales are redoing foreclosures. Land contract sales are on the rise. (Rates around 11%)

They are the #1 reverse mortgage lender in the nation. (FHA Government Program) FHA performs appraisal. This program is for seniors over the age of 62 only. Use Equity on property to purchase another property. Pull money off your equity if you are living month to month. You can have a monthly amount added on to your social security check or a lump sum of money. Credit and health are not a factor.

By Jeannette Van Dusen

JULY 7TH MEETING

Guest: Jason Farmer.

◆**Hot Dog Sales:** Jim Bleau said we took in \$134.00. The workers were Jim Bleau, Rosemary Robinson, Phil Bracey, and Ed Wracan. Steve Mardlin did the set-up.

◆**Parking:** Working the parking this week was Frtiz Henke, Frank Vitous, his grandson, and Mike Shumaker.

◆**Lunch at the Dump:** Ray Thornton is getting it set up at the Grand Blanc Road landfill on a Tuesday or Wednesday in August from 10 to 4.

◆**Horseshow:** Mike Majeske said it is looking up!! The ad sales now are over \$4,000.00!! Let's keep on selling! He appreciates the efforts on the ad sales!

◆**Scripts:** Greg Huyck passed out Scripts" sheet for ordering gift cards. Remember this help our finances and our ability to do financially the many things our club donates to in the community.

◆**Future Inter-Clubs:** Steve Mardlin is putting together interclub for Davison on noon the 19th.

◆**Thank you:** a thank you was given to Doug Stephens from the Pre-schooler's from Syring School.

◆**50-50:** The winner was Frtiz Henke for \$12.00!!

JULY 14TH MEETING

❖**Guest:** Roland Zettel, Adam's son. A about the youngest guest ever, except when he was here right after he was born!

❖**Amphitheatre Parking:** Frank Vitous, his son Tim, and his grandson, Frtiz Henke, and Mike Shumaker.

❖**Hot Dog Sales:** Working were Joyce Johnson, Jim Beau, Rosemary Robinson, Phil Bracy. The take was \$225.00, the largest ever!! And Steve Mardlin got all the supplies!

❖**Board Meeting:** President Kerry made a report of the Board's actions.

▪The Board approved \$250. For Bruce Badgley to stain the support posts in the Kiwanis pavilion in Elms Road park.

▪The Board discuss the club buying a banner to display at projects. Anyone have any ideas?

▪The Winter Art Fair is still being discuss

▪Winnie Wagon was discuss

❖**Lunch at the Dump:** August 3rd is the date, on a Wednesday from 10 to 4 P. M. Ray Thornton is the Chairperson.

❖**Horseshow:** The ads are at the printer, The sign-up sheet went around for time to work at the entry and exit gates, with



two people on duty for each gate. Frank Vitous is to handle the pop. The pizza was also discuss. Steve Mardlin and Bruce Badgley are to sell the 50-50 ticket or sales. Please see Mike Majeske for a place and time to work.

❖**Installation Dinner:** Our President Kerry Zubke announced the date as Thursday, September 29th. And your are to bring your spouse or a significant other. The place has not been announced.

❖**Peanut Sale:** President Kerry says we need to help her to meet her goal of \$2,000.00 for gross sales or net sales!

❖**50-50:** Jo Howard, our waitress won for \$14.00!!



PROGRAM: The program was introduced by *Jim Florence*, who introduced *Lin Redoloswki*, the administrator for the Genesee Country Senior Citizen program. She start on January 3rd of this year. The cost of

administering the program is less than 4% or less. There are 16 Senior Citizen Centers in the County that she tracks. She also tracks other service such as "meals on wheels". She sees that the money is spent correctly and services delivered by monitoring each, dollars and levels of service. In some area there will be less dollars to be spent. Lin and others check to see the level of service and if the centers try to bring people in. Some don't. \$185,000 went to Swartz Creek Senior Citizens. Questions were then taken by Lin. Why did the Sheriff's Department get a big bite of \$400,000.00 plus of the y early budget. The reason given were to further expand the investigation of the increasing complaint and problems of elder abuse, physically and financially. Her staff is her and two part-time people. She discuss the Senior Citizen abuse and how to report it to authorities. Thank you for coming Lin!!

JULY 21ST MEETING

☐**Hot Dog Sales at the Amphitheatre:** The sales were \$145.00. And the workers were Krista, Sharon, Phil Bracey, Jim Bleau, Richard Mattison, and Adam Zettel's step-son.

☐**Amphitheatre Parking:** waving he flags were Time Vitous, Fritz Henke, Mike Shumaker, Gregg and Brenda Huyck.

☐**Horseshow:** Mike Majeski, General Chairperson, review the various work times at he west and east gates. Steve Mardlin took the responsibility to pick-up the judges on Friday morning. The pizza order will also be placed.

☐**Inter-club for future:** Mt. Morris on Tuesday noon on the 26th.

☐**Lunch at the Dump:** Wednesday, August the 3rd on Grand Blanc Road. Our club is to peddle hot dogs, and etc. to the drivers and customers. Key Clubbers will also be on hand. The club is always remunerated very well!

☐**50-50:** Diamond Jim Florence was the big winner for \$15.50!!

PROGRAM: *Dave Ketzler* had the program this week, but Dave being unable to speak had his daughter for the program. Many members in the club liking, Dave, and

having not know him before he had his stroke often ask others who have know him about Dave. We to are the fortunate ones. *Tonya* related his live to his fellow members and friends. He went to Linden High School, where he made the "all-county football team", his legs were very large. Immediately after graduation at 17 he enlisted in the Navy, being World War II was going on, and where they made him a hard-hat diver and demo expert, which now became the "Seals", and sent him to the Pacific. At one point there was a fire in a hanger in which he pulled out three men, one at a time. The family has been in the county since the middle 1800's, and they are related to the Curtis Nursery family. After the war, Dave went to Michigan State U. He then met Peggy, became a Boy Scout leader at Bristol Methodist Church. In the '50 they started a Garden Center on the southwest corner of Miller and Ballenger Roads.. Tonya then told us of the 100 acre family camp up north with pines all over. They build a pavilion and later enclosed it for Dave. He took up pipe smoking and in 1947 became a Charter Member of the Arrowhead Pipe Smoking Club. He smokes in the Michigan and World contests and ten years ago won the Michigan contest. About twenty-five year ago he cut his right wrist, severely, which required three surgeries. This may have contributed what happened next. His stroke came 23 years ago, which took a good three years to make a come back. He took part in the planning and conception of the Amphitheatre and was on the committee. He took part in the City-Service Club tree plantings in Elms Road Park for three years starting in 1977, and also help lay it out. He his a past President of our club. A two time Lt. Governor, and one year as a distinguished Lt. Governor. Thank you so much for sharing his life with us, Tonya!!

JULY 28TH MEETING

➤**Guests:** Sharon Shumaker, Mike's wife, Tonya Ketzler, Brian Huyck and Ashley Bush..

➤**Hot Dog Sales:** Sold out and the total dollar sales were \$191.00! The workers were Phil Bracey, Rosemary Robinson, Sandy Raffaelli, Joyce Johnson, and Ed Wracan. The last one for the season is next week.

➤**Parking:** The older timers were there: Frank Vitous, Tim Vitous and son, Fritz Henke, and Mike Shumaker.

➤**Horseshow:** Mike Majeske said we need more workers are needed for the gates. It will start at noon on Friday and go thru Saturday night. Steve is picking the judges up Friday and Rosemary is to drive them after they get here.

➤**Lunch at the Dump:** Wed. August 3rd. From 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. The club will receive \$750.00 for putting this on. Ray Thornton said more workers were needed, so more stepped up and signed up. Come out anyway, and help a little eat and enjoy it and maybe get a tour of the grounds. The large hill commands a view for miles, and there is the generators power from gas from the landfill which is sold to Consumers Energy Company.

➤**Scripts Program:** President had some gas cards and sold two of them. Gregg is placing a order to date, so call him and

give him a order!!

➤**Fine Arts Award:** On Tuesday night at half-time of the concert. Chairman Ron Vincent and host Curt Porath presented Frank Vitous a plaque for chairing the parking for 27 straight years, since the start. Frank was very gracious and thank the Fine Arts Committee for giving the Kiwanis Club the opportunity to serve.

➤**Michigan Kiwanis:** President Kerry noted in the "Michigan Builder" that over \$200,000.00 from the state organization went to various hospitals in the State for to help benefit children.

➤**Kiwanis Charter Night Installation:** It will be on Thursday, September 29th. There will be no morning meeting. Mike Stanton is chairing this event. Spouses are most definitely invited. It will be at a "Oilio's" a restaurant on Elms Road, north of Corunna Road and it has a separate meeting room.

➤**Art in the Park:** It is still, on a month away, Richard Mattison reminded us.

➤**Scholarship Winner:** The winner of one of the \$1,000.00 Scholarship awarded this year. Was Ashley Bush. She was present to thank us. She informed us that she is going to attend U. of M in Flint for college to become a Neo-Natal Nurse. Steve Mardlin handed her the "big check" and Rosemary Robinson took her picture.

-PROGRAM: The club has a impromptu program this morning. *Tonya Ketzler* spoke on smaller units of government coming together to form co-operative agreements to share service. This at first would probably in the areas of police and fire services. Mundy Township; Flint Township, and the City of Swartz Creek, leaders has been informally and formally discussing this for sometime. Other townships have dropped out of the discussion of late. On the 20th of July, a joint meeting of the above three units of government was held at Mundy Township. It was fruit full. *Mike Shumaker*, one of the City's representative, said that a company called Plante-Moran gave a excellent talked on the need for a feasibility study. The nice thing is that this company is a C.P.A firm. and does the auditing for the three units of government and has various experts in these area on staff. It is important that a disinterested third party impartially does the study and help bring the parties together. Grants are available thru the Michigan Municipal League for these plus there is incentives from the State to join service. It does not mean at this time that governmental boundaries will disappear. The City of Swartz Creek voted last Monday to participate in this study and that Flint township will likely to vote for the study. Mike added that now some interest is being showed by other townships. If they wait, the rules could already be set. There have been in the past only seven or so states that allow joint services. The state legislature need to provide more. Adam Zettel updated us on developments at the state level. Very good, interesting comments and questions came forth from the members! Maybe we need to do this more often!!

DATES TO REMEMBER		PROGRAM
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AUGUST	
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2 BOARD MTG	
3 LUNCH @ DUMP	4 BRIAN SEPANEK
	11 MIKE STANTON
	18 FRITZ HENKE
	25 RICHARD ABRAMS

27 ART IN THE PARK	
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SEPTEMBER	
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	1 RICHARD MATTSON
6 BOARD MTG	8 JUDY HOOPS
	15 CHUCK SHULTS
	22 TODD BEEDY
29 CHARTER NIGHT	29 NO MEETING

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES	
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10 GREGG & BRENDA HUYCK	
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19 ED & JANE WRACAN	
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AUGUST BIRTHDATES	
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1 TODD BEEDY	
1 ABNER GARDNER	
4 JOYCE JOHNSTON	
16 NATALIE DENNINGS	
18 FRITZ HENKE	

MIKE

