

Ripples from the Creek

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Dear Kiwanians:

Monthly Reflections: "Enlighten the people generally, and tyranny and oppressions of the body and mind will vanish like spirits at the dawn of day: Thomas Jefferson.


Kiwanis Quiz: Which newer member is a Manager for a savings and loan association? **Answer to last month's quiz:** The member who is a state licensed nurse is Sandy Raffaelli.

November 3rd Meeting

•**Guests:** Larry and Katherine Huff, and Mr. and Mrs. Skinner. all grandparents of Gentry Farmer.

•**Board Meeting:** President Adams informed us that the budget for 2011-2012 was approved. Also, a new board member, Katrina Sharon was approved by the Board to replace resigning John Knickerbocker.

•**Christmas Picture Taking:** Chairperson Sandy Raffaelli

 said this is a ago! She held a committee meeting at her house last Friday. We will be doing pre-kindergarten, and kindergarten on Saturday, December 10th. They will lots of people to set-up, which will start at 10 A.M. There will be two-sets-up or scenes. They are planning 300 kids. Please bring cookies at 10 A.M., two dozen each. Please! There will be coffee and orange aid. The picture taking will start at 2 P.M. and go until 4 P.M.

•**Whaley Event:** It will be next Wednesday, starting at 6 P.M. the 9th. It is a Thanksgiving dinner at \$16.00 per person at the Flint Masonic Temple. The boys and staff, and Kiwanians are invited The clubs are all invited.

•**Membership Committee:** Chairman Ray Thornton was asked to report. He is assembling the changes and will have the members of the committee review it before it goes to the Board.

•**Key Club:** The boys and girls will have a clean -up of the center court at the high school so say Frank Vitous. It was mention a electric chain saw is need and Phil Bracey will bring one. Katrina Ockerman please asked to bring candy, cosmetics. beanie babies, and coloring for the Tiny Treasurers project. Thank You!

•**50-50:** And the winner was Frank Vitous for \$19.00!

PROGRAM: Ed Wracan introduced *Gentry Farmer* as the program.. Ed said he has been energetic with the bees that he gave him and we know, helped him with. Gentry told us that he has done plenty of reading and research. He go his hive from Ed and started to keep a log. He said that 90% of the food we eat has to do with bees. The hardest thing to do is to leave them alone! 200,000 to 500,000- is a good hive. He described extracting honey from hives removed from the comb. He never meta mean bee keeper- they are always helpful, on -line. All worker bees are female. He described the power of honey against allergies! The life of a bee is 4 to 6 weeks. It takes 27 days for them to hatch and a small

number hibernate in winter. We know that Gentry appreciates all the help he has gotten from Ed Wracan! Thanks Gentry for sharing your experiences with us!

November 10th Meeting

◆**Guests:** Suzette Hodge was a guest of Sandy Raffaelli and Sandy tells us that she is a prospective member.

◆**Inter-Club from Mt. Morris Club:** present from their club was Norm Duford, Todd Sorenson, Jack Arnold, Jack Irish and Fred Thorsby.

◆**Christmas Pictures:** with Santa, Sandy passed out the advertisement sheet for this project and asked to review it for any changes. Remember Dec. 10th, Sat. from 2 to 4 P.M. with set-up at 10 at the Methodists Church.

◆**Toys for Tots:** The Flint Club Annual luncheon is Dec. 15th at noon.

◆**Key Club:** Frank says they are busy! Key Club Week is this week, so the members gave out candy canes.

◆**Elms Road Park Project:** President Adam talked of the upcoming project. Last night, He presented the project to the Park Board, and they were enthusiastic. It will then go to the City Council for discuss and informal or formal approval, perhaps next Monday. Let's all support our President and this worthwhile project! He is doing plenty of work to lay the ground work for this project.

◆**Inter-Club to Davison:** The club travel to Davison for a noon meeting. Those attending were: Roger Meier, Ab Gardner, Mike Shumaker, and Mike Stanton.

◆**50-50:** Ed Wracan won for a whopping \$22.00!

PROGRAM: Kerry Zubke introduced the speaker this week as Mike Messer and the topic was "Cell Phones". Mike has a 35 year plus experience with phone and electronic from his first co-op job in high school, his four years in the Air Force, and subsequent work experiences. How they work. Cell phones started in the 1970's with portable phone in a car. The first true ones were in the 1980's, which would only work near big cities with tall towers. He worked at Motrola and Nextell when this started. They worked from the cell phone to the tower, with the location of cell tower spread around made wider use. They use satellites, and other towers to switch you to other towers. He described a switch center and how it functions. They know where your is by the use of a mobile witch center. He then went on to the use of PSTN's, and "NACKS" work was the next, and how the protocols function. Then come IMAI and then the use of phone cells to Androids and Blackberrys. You can get them to use and to receive the internet on them when you are away from home. Mike spoke of batteries in cell phone and how to charge them and the various types.

Thanks to Mike Messer we have a much greater understanding of how cell phone operate and how we can use them more!!

November 17th Meeting

⇒**Guests:** Suzette Hodge, a prospective member who has turned in a application as a guest of Sandy Raffaelli. Roger Meier had three guests, his daughter, Marcie, and two granddaughters, Taylor and Ashley, all from Pennsylvania.

⇒**Christmas Pictures with Santa:** Chairperson Sandy reminded us of the Dec. 10th Date. She has made changes to The ad or letter going to the parents based upon our member recommendations. It will go out after Thanksgiving. She expects 300? So a lot of cookies will be needed, even store bought ones. She will have a "face painter" and perhaps a balloon lady. Sandy says she has a great committee and it will meet once more before the project. And don't be so worried Sandy!

⇒**Key Club:** Update: Frank says they had to cancel the meeting because they kids were so busy, but they are great kids!

⇒**Bell Ringing:** Mike Majeske reminded that it will be Dec. 3 at Kroger's. He send a sign-up sheet around and the time slots were filled! Thanks members!

⇒**Art in the Park:** The committee for the first time for the 2012 show per Richard M. and they have a short video of last year's event.

⇒**Scripts:** Greg Huyck dispersed "Scripts" order form to all present in advance of the holiday season urging us to place our orders. Thanks Greg!

⇒**Speakers Schedule:** Ronna Gettel distributed 2012 speakers schedules to all present today!

⇒**Roundtable Next Wednesday:** Due to Thanksgiving on Thursday we will meet on Wednesday morning same time, same station for a informal meeting of fellowship at Country Carriage.

⇒**Check Presentation:** President Adam and Steve present to a check to Clare Jess for \$175.00 for the program "Human Trafficking". As you remember she gave a program on this topic and what can be done locally.

⇒**50-50:** And Jeannette Van Dusen won for \$15.00!

PROGRAM: *Steve Mardlin* introduced the speaker today as *Mike Lily*. Mike is a former wrestling coach at Swartz Creek High from the 1970's and a former art teacher. He now works in Nepal and started with the program "Empty Bowls"

He explained how he did mural with the homeless people here and involved high school student with them. He described of going to Calcutta, India and work at Mother Teresa's shelter under Sister Lou.

His first experience was holding a dying man that he could not verbally communicate with, but the Lord's prayer and a strong eye contact, they met mentally and communicated as he died in his arms. This was very moving to him.

He was born and raised in Clio, wrestled there, wounded up in college at Western. He described a car accident in which he was tossed out of it, because of no seatbelt. This saved his life...the car went over a steep embankment and was totally demolished.

He is currently working with sixth graders at the Middle School, 360 student. He said how well they re behaved! He described how well they are behaved. He described Nepal. Hardly any water, least-wise safe drinking water. The young children working 8 to 15 hours per day at brick factories, then in the rice season field. They just do not have a chance to receive a education. Mike and his wife teach Nepal alphabet to the children. He Said, "just led them be kids!" thanks Mike Lilly!!

November 18th -- Inter-Service Club Luncheon

The 22nd annual Inter-Service Club Luncheon was held on Friday the 22nd of November. We were welcomed by Linda Moxam of the Rotary Club of Flint followed by the pledge of allegiance and the singing of "God Bless America by Jack Stock of the Greater Flint Sunrise Rotary, then a invocation followed by Pastor James Kennedy of the Rotary Club of Flint. Linda Moxam then recognized each of the club and members. Barry Matheson gave the greetings and proclamations of City of Flint and County Officials. The Keynote speaker was Michael K. Brown, founder of the Flint Reinvestment Office. Linda told of his many year of public service here with the Catholic Church and in Africa, as well as his service as inter-term Mayor. Mike then told of some of the many highlights and rewards of his service.

The members and spouses attending were: Frank and Willadean Vitous, Ab and Erica Gardner, Richard Mattison, Bruce Badgley, Steve Mardlin, Mike Shumaker and Doug Stephens. Indeed our club was well represented. The food was great and plentiful.

November 17th-Roundtable

The gathering was well attended with 15+ member and a spouse or two. There was spirited conversations as well as Steve Mardlin planning future inter-clubs to Linden and Holly.

DATES TO REMEMBER		PROGRAM
DECEMBER		
3 BELL RINGING	1 NONE	
6 BOARD MTG	8 NONE	
10 SANTA PICS	15 PHILIP BRACEY	
	22 TERI MITCHELL	
	29 RICHARD MATTSON	
JANUARY 2012		
3 BOARD MTG	5 BLEAU	
	12 FLORENCE	
	19 VAN DUSEN	
	26 SHUMAKER	
BIRTHDATES		DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
20 SMEETS-OCKERMAN	12 STEPHEN & KATHERYN	
22 SHARON	MARDLIN	
30 STEPHENS	31 FRITZ & PAT HENKE	

MIKE

