

# Ripples from the Creek

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## Dear Kiwanians:

**Kiwanis Quiz:** How many clubs are in our Kiwanis division? **Answer to last month's quiz:** The newer member that is a manager for a savings and loan association is Katrina Sharon.

### December 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting

- ❖ **Guests:** Curtis Ketzler, Dave's grandson.
- ❖ **Fenton Inter-Club:** Debbie Decker (former member), Bob Bureck, and Ameede Hungerford.
- ❖ **Key Club:** a full table was present, and they gave a update on helping Saturday with the pictures with Santa.
- ❖ **Board Meeting:** President Adam Zettel presented us with a summary of last Tuesday's Board meeting.
  - approved \$1,000.00 for the "giving tree" at the Middle School. This was for needy students, and the schools need was not met.
  - the membership packet was approved after a report was presented to the Board by Ray Thornton.
  - Elms Road Park project was discussed along with the upcoming Park Board Meeting.

❖ **Pictures with Santa:** this will be this Saturday, Dec. 10th starting with the set-up at the Methodists Church, so said Sandy Raffaelli, Chairperson. The picture taking is to be from 4 to 6 P.M. And don't forget to bring your cookies.



❖ **Park Board Meeting:** don't forget to Come to the Park Board Meeting next Wednesday night starting at 6 P.M. at Swartz Creek City Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting to have input from community groups person concerning the planned project for May or June.

❖ **Scripts:** President Adam did a pitch on our club's ongoing project that help our club fund many of the projects thru out the year. Remember Christmas is coming up!

❖ **50-50:** The winner took home \$16.00!

**PROGRAM:** This week *Christy Peske* our District Boy Scout representative. She covers all of Shiawassee County, Swartz Creek and Montrose areas. She spoke of the changes coming. Our club sponsors Cub Scout Pack 122 at Elms School with 69 boys and 20 adults, and at Morrish School Pack 121. Gaines Schools and the Methodists Church each has one Boy Scout group. There are nine councils in lower Michigan, soon to be one council. The reason for consolidation is financial and more time is needed to re-district. They hope to do more training, with one state office for training and education, etc. Thank you Christy for coming again!!

### December 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting

- **Guests:** Three clubbers were present.
- **Inter-Club to Holly:** On this past Tuesday, the following went to the Holly Club for lunch: Frank Vitous, Gregg Huyck, Roger Meier, and Mike and Sharon Shumaker. They

gave us their yearly newspaper publication which list all their completed program and project for the year and a financial report. Pretty impressive for a club with a very non-structured meeting.

• **Future Inter Club:** Linden.

• **Park Board Meeting:** The Board met for its primary reason to focus and discuss the upcoming Elms Road Park project. It was more of a public hearing with our own President Adam Zettel leading the discussion due to Kiwanis lead in this endeavor. Adam asked everyone present to write on a piece of paper what they felt needed to be done in the park. When this was done they were posted on the wall and each was discuss. Adam indicated that our club would be interested in sponsoring this project or part of it in he range of \$6,500.00. A weekend at the end of May was selected for the work. The top priorities were listed as the playscape, the restroom, removing and planting tree, and several others. All the active civic groups with one or more representatives were there and several individuals that have participated very actively in the past park projects from the beginning. The following members ably represented our Kiwanis Club: Adam Zettel, Richard Mattison, Doug Stephens, Rosemary Robinson, Mike Shumaker, and Jim Florence.

• **Bell Ringing:** for Salvation Army totaled \$243.00, so says Mike Majeke.

• **"Giving Tree":** Katrina Ockerman presented us with a report. She said 33 item were purchased and also 12 items at St. Mary. The people served numbered 45 and '\$345.00 was returned to the Club of the Thousand. We own Katrina a Big Thank you!

• **Pictures with Santa:** Adam says it went Well! Over 25 pictures were taken! It was extremely well planned and professionally done! Thanks members for your support of Sandy Raffaelli and the project !

• **Scripts:** Gregg Huyck is still going on with it.

• **50-50:** Jo our waitress won for \$21.00!

**PROGRAM:** *Phil Bracey* introduced this speaker the program as "Habitat for Humanity" and the speaker, *Ryan Johnson*. He is the program Director for Home Ownership and Volunteers. He past out information sheets. He told us that this year they built four homes on Seymour Road, south of Grand Blanc Road. They were two-two story and two-one story homes, now all occupied. These were not give-a give-away. They gave a 20 year mortgage with no interest and are for low income people, who must show a need. The future owner must help on the construction and help select the materials. They must have the ability to pay. Not many of the clients have owned a home before. Four rehabs were done in Flint last year. They do existing home façade improvements on home and critical house repairs. They have built 72 homes in Genesee County and have had only one default. This is past year they have had 3.800

volunteers. They are a Christian based ministry. They sell to a owner at low end of the appraisal or cost. The payment are not over \$350.00 per month. They operate a "Restore" store for items given to them or ones they an not use. They also have classes for future homeowners,. Thank you Phil, and to our speaker!!

**Week of December 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- ◆ **Guests:** two former Key Club members.
- ◆ **Board Meeting:** Adam asks us to place upon our calendars Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> for the next meeting which will focus upon the upcoming Elms Road Park project.
- ◆ **Pictures with Santa:** Sandy Raffaelli said we should have set the date earlier, maybe three weeks and we need better and more advertising. It was well organized!
- ◆ **Giving Tree:** Our President thanked Katrina Ockerman and Kerry Zubke for purchasing the gifts, etc.!!
- ◆ **Christmas Gift:** a card and the pot went around for Christmas present for Jo Howard our waitress for the fine job she does for us! She was presented with the card and money in front of us and received an ovation!
- ◆ **Inter-Club Chairperson:** Steve Mardlin told us that Richard Mattison is the new "Chair for Inter-Clubs".
- ◆ **Future Inter-Clubs:** (1)Linden-Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> Wed. night. and the new meeting place is Shiawassee Shores Trailer Park Club House on Ralston Road,(just north of the Tracks) and west of Linden Road.
  - (2) Lapeer Sunrise-Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>- Wed. A.M.
- ◆ **50-50:** \$17.00 was taken home by the winner Greg Huyck!

**PROGRAM:** Two former or past Key Club members from Swartz Creek visited us from being students at U. of M.—Ann Arbor and are "Circle K" club member at the college. *Megan Pratt*, she is a junior and a political science and language major, while *Katie* is a senior and *Coy Young* is a senior and a computer science major. Megan said that there is 570 Circle K Club at the colleges world wide. They are the largest one in the International and the largest service club on campus. They have 13 standing committees and are sponsored the Downtown Kiwanis Club. Her club sponsors young people K clubs and help with the Builders Club at Whitmore Lake. They work with the Key Clubs in Ann Arbor area, plus helping start other Circle K Clubs. Chris then discuss the committees to promote "meaningful service". They have 250 paid members, and 90% have completed at least one service project. They have a internal members, external cluster and service cluster. They work for the elders, hunger, youth, an d have public relation committees. They also have a history committee and make a scrapbook. The club promotes friendship and fellowship. They meet each Wednesday P.M. and have a special time, such as board games on Saturday night. They dance periodically and are involved in inter-mural sports teams. They are 14 Circle K's in Michigan. Thank you, Megan Pratt, Chris Cannon, and Coty Young for coming during your Christmas vacation and telling us of the college

Kiwanis Club in you that started here with the local Key Club!!!

**Week of December 29<sup>th</sup>**

- **Guests:** none
- **Board Meeting:** President Adam will get us a agenda out before the meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Senior Center.
- **Food Pantry:** Frank Vitous told us that over 500 people were served last week and beside food they gave out toys and clothing. There is now four church involved with the Food Pantry. Thanks Frank!
- **50-50:** The winner this week for \$18.00 was Jeannette Van Dusen!!

**PROGRAM:** *Richard Mattison* introduced *Shannon* and *Mark Dasen* from Corunna. Shannon teaches art at Corunna High School. She work on and is involved with the "Art Walks" in Owosso. She has her students dress-up like living art works. They are then painted. Shannon has a picture of her student in costume and painted on her lap top, which she showed to all of us. They look like statues with there period or "historical" look. The next show is Jan. 12<sup>TH</sup> at the Corunna High School cafeteria from 6 to 8 P.M. Richard has being about having such a group at our "Art in the Park". Thank you Shannon Dasen for the program and ideas!!

**DATES TO REMEMBER PROGRAM**

**JANUARY 2012**

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| 3 BOARD MTG    | 5 BLEAU      |
| 4 LAPEER SR IC | 12 FLORENCE  |
| 18 LINDEN IC   | 19 VAN DUSEN |
|                | 26 SHUMAKER  |

**FEBRUARY**

|             |            |
|-------------|------------|
|             | 2 ABRAMS   |
| 7 BOARD MTG | 9 THORNTON |
|             | 16 MAJESKE |
|             | 26 G.HUYCK |

**ANNIVERSARIES JANUARY BIRTHDATES**

|      |                |
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| NONE | 26 JAMES BLEAU |
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