

Ripples from the Creek

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Dear Kiwanians:

Monthly Reflection: "The very key to our success has been our ability, foremost among nations, to preserve our lasting values by making change work for us rather than against us." Ronald Regan

Kiwanis Quiz: Who were the first set of Brothers in our club? **Answer to the Last Quiz:** The Club sponsors 2 Cub Scout Packs, Pack 122 at Elms Road Elementary and Pack 161 at Dieck Elementary.

May 3rd Meeting

❖ **Guests:** Rolland Zettel, Adam's young son, Dennis a guest of Rosemary Robinson, Rev. Joyce Johnson from the Messiah Lutheran Church and Gentry Farmer.

❖ **BOARD MEETING:** President Kerry Zubke summarized the board meeting held last Tuesday morning

▪ **Judy Hoops resigned** from the club.

▪ **Kiwanis float:** it was discuss to use it in the Hometown Days parade

▪ **Camp 911:** it will be a week long with the S.C. Police doing the program. Roger Meier discussed the A.M. and P.M. sessions.

▪ **Boot Camp:** it is designed to prepare students for the Middle School who need financial assistance.

▪ **Center Stage :** the Board voted to support it.

▪ **Fine Arts:** the Board declined to support it this year

▪ **Prayer Breakfast:** \$311.30 was earned. Chuck Shults asked it to be ear marked.

▪ **Romeo & Juliet** play will be on May 26th in the afternoon at the high school .

❖ **Nominees for 2011-12 from Nominating Committee:** Rosemary Robinson reported on the committees selection. For President-Elect Jolene Huyck. For two year Board members Frank Vitous, Mike Shumaker, Roger Meier, and John Knickbocker. For one year Board members Greg Huyck and Richard Mattson.

❖ **Croquet Season:** Training time start next Tuesday and Thursday at 5 P.M. at Elms Road Park by Richard Matson with the season starting May 31st.

❖ **Fenton Prayer Breakfast:** four of our member are at it this Morning.

❖ **50-50:** Ab Gardner and Fritz Henke won it for \$18.00!

PROGRAMS: Dennis Wayne Crammer from Masonic Lodge #481 of Swartz Creek came to inform us of reading program they have for students from the third to the fifth grade. They are awarding two new bikes and two new helmets given by Walmart and Assemacher. This is for Reading and Literacy student who read and write book report and they then enter into the contest. Thanks Wayne the Lodge for your good work!

The second program was introduced by *Steve Mardlin*. It was *Rebecca Gear* and *Destiny* from the local office of H & R Block. Rebecca described to us the phase-in of the pension

tax and gave us a spread or detail sheet of how it would effect the retirees. Basically there is three separation 1). If you were born after 1952 you will be tax at 4.35%, if you were born between Jan 1, 1946 and Dec. 31, 1952 the percent is 4.25 and it will start on Jan. 1, 2013. If you were born before 1946 the income taxed is at 4.35% starting Jan.1, 2013.

In all cases what will not be taxed is social security, a personal exemption of \$3,700 per person and military pensions will not be taxed. Other exemptions will be senior income for \$2,000. There is two exemption by ages. The sheet they gave us does a good job and spells it all out. Thank you both of you ladies for coming!!

MAY 12TH MEETING

◆ **Guests:** Gentry Farmer, Joyce Johnson a prospective Member.

◆ **Key Club:** Frank asked Gentry to inform us of happenings. He said the nomination of new officer for next year was completed. Next week would be the last meeting for the year. The application for the Kiwanis float is in.

◆ **Hot Dog Sales:** The need to sell hot dogs at the high school and at Steve's Doors Galore for Hometown Town Days.

◆ **Fund Request:** Abbey from the high school told us of a color guards which is related to the band. Six people would like to go at a cost \$600 each at Munice, Indiana.

◆ **Accept Gift:** Gail Rust and Tony Sanchez from "Summer Survivor" were present. They told us that they had teams and learned items that will helped them in school. It is run by a sixth grade teacher. It was started four years ago and last year 77 enrolled. Last year they and two camp and three this year. It from Monday thru Thursday from 9 to 12 and from 1 to 4 in the afternoon. The "BIG CHECK" of \$550.00 was presented by President Kerry Zubke and others.

◆ **Center Stage:** Katie Thompson is set to have two plays for children's program this summer. The first will be a review of show or plays and the second will be "Nut Crackers about nuns.

◆ **Charter Night:** President Kerry discussed the interest of reviving the old "charter night" This was proposed by Mike Stanton. This is a evening with a nice dinner in a private dining room with all the spouses invited. A formal program followed the dinner with usually a district or division officer presiding and charging the new people with there duties. Other time in the past a past- president would preside and the past years accomplishments were reviewed. And various awards or certificates were presented.

◆ **Fund request:** Ken Semanczky from the Swartz Creek Police Department and school liaison officer was present to request the fund to put on the Camp 911. Also present with him was Police Chief Rick Collinger. Ken said that there was lots of kids around who would like to attend this event which last all week during the last week in June at the

Methodist Church. They use the EMS people and the Fire people with the smoke house and use the pumper truck with water. They have a smoke house. The Chief said they couldn't have it without Kiwanis. Members expressed their thanks for Ken's work with the kids, with Bike safety.

◆**Vote on Board Members for 2011-12:** The President called for a vote on the officers after a list was read to all present. For President-Elect Jolene Huyck. For two Board members: Frank Vitous, Mike Shumaker, and John Knickerbocker. For one year Board members: Greg Huyck and Richard Mattson.. And as alternates Ed Wracan and Doug Stephens. The voice vote was unanimous.

◆**"Stars of Swartz Creek":** President Kerry spoke of the Sue Taylor yearly award and of the applications for this year.

◆**Croquet Season:** Richard Mattson reminded us that they are playing Tues and Thursday night at 5 P.M. at Elms Road Park.

◆**50-50:** This week it was won by lucky Dave Ketzler for \$17.50!!

PROGRAM: *Mike Shumaker* introduced the program this week as *Len Thomas*, a Swartz Creek resident, member of the S.C. Historical Society and its Vice-Chair. Len taught in the Flint School System and also was employed by the Mott Foundation. He is a member of several historical groups in the area. Len researched, catalogued and published complete listed of all the Civil War Veterans buried in Genesee, Shiawasee, and Lapeer counties. He recently did research on the only know Civil War nurse from Genesee County. Today's topic is "What do we do with all of Grandma's Stuff". He told us that to often historical items end up in a plastic bag at the curb because family don't care for it, don't know the value (cash or historical).. Family members should be the first contact in disposing if of items collected from the family. Perhaps a tag on items you consider valuable and to who it should go at you departure. Local resources should be the next level of contact., From the list he gave us were five local historical groups and four State and college museums and libraries. He showed examples of items such as needle work and a toy from his Grandfather. In some cases a donations form can be given you for the value from a 501-3C. Some groups may not want or need the item because they have two or three already, then go to another. Thank you, Len!!,

MAY 19TH MEETING

□**Guests:** Gentry Farmer, Alana Huck, Greg's daughter, Pastor Joyce Johnson, Mark Zyber, Casey from the Flint River & Community Cleanup, and Brian Huyck.

□**Hometown Days:** The parade is to start at 12 from the high school. There will be one hot dog stand set-up at Steve's Doors Galore and one at the high school on Saturday, 6-4.

□**Scholarships:** for graduating seniors. There will be ten readers from our club so say Greg Thornton. He will have the result next Tuesday. The awards will be in two weeks at one thousand each. Thank for your work, Greg!

□**Key Club:** Katrina said new officers were elected for next year. Brittany DeShano will be the new President, Ledia Parker will be the Vice-President'

□**ABC Awards:** Katrina Ockerman is doing them this year. Nomination will be back soon and readers will be needed.

□**Art in the Park:** 15 entrees so far, Doug Stephens says.

□**Horseshow:** Mike Majeske passed out the remaining ads sheets. He asked us to hand them in to Jim Florence.

□**Fund Request:** from the Salvation Army per Roger Meier for various Kids programs for dollar from the Prayer Breakfast profit.

□**50-50:** Roger dodger, the artful dodger won this week for \$15.00!!

PROGRAM: The first speaker was *Casey Foot* from the Flint River Community Cleanup. She spoke to us six months ago. She describe the clean-up and what it teaches student. They did scientific testing of the Flint River and the results go to the State of Michigan.. There is a upward rent in recent years. This Saturday's clean up is from 9 to 12 She described the clean-up. She also state that trees and vegetation is needed by streams for erosion control. Thanks Casey!

The second speaker this week was introduced by *Greg Thornton*. It was *Mark Zyber* from Graff Chevrolet. He spoke on the new "Volt", the electric car. One came in top the deal sip and it was sold right away! The new one they will keep 6 months or 7,5000 miles. Come out and test drive it. It will get 40 miles on a charge. It takes 12 hours for a normal charge at a house, six hours on a 12 volt charge. It goes 40 to 45 miles per gal on gas. It seats four with the back seats being bucket and generator is in the center of the floor. It has good acceleration, so says Mark. And thank you!

MAY 26TH MEETING

➤**Guests:** Gentry Farmer, Brian Huyck, Joleen's husband. Pastor Joyce Johnson, a prospective member.

➤**Weenie Wagon:** Jim Bleau sent a sign-up sheet around for sales at the high school and at Doors Galore.

➤**Key Club:** it was the last meeting last Wed.

➤**Scripts Cards:** Gregg Huyck passed out a large order this week (one of the largest ever). Thanks folks!!

➤**Lapeer Noon:** President Kerry went to speak on the Whaley house this week. Lapeer challenged our club to a softball game. They are having a golf outing on July 18th 8:30 A.M. at Metamora

➤**Future Inter-club at Burton:** Friday 7:00 A. M.

➤**Fenton Inter-club at their Prayer Breakfast:** Phil Bracey said the speakers were great. We had a better meal, but they had a piano player. It lasted 45 minutes and the hall was full. Going from our club were Phil Bracey, Sandy Raffelli, Ronna Gettel, and Chuck Shults.

➤**Scholarship winners:** the ten reader had eight application to read. The winners were Ashley Bush, Jessica Morey, and Mynette Voakes. Jeannet Van Dusen will be the presenter.

➤**Kiwanis Float:** at hometown days...it will go from the

high to the end.

➤ **Art:** a "Winter Art Fair" Richard Mattson ask if our club would be interested in a money maker. Say a Friday noon and a Saturday 9 to 5 or 6 or a two day event the locations were discussed. We are to think about it.

➤ **50-50:** It was won this week by our newest member, Katrina Sharon.

PROGRAM: The speaker today were our own President *Kerry Zubke* and *Sandy Raffaelli*. They which to discuss the yearly Christmas Party. It has been hard to get the child there. The cost per year has been about \$1,000 with the results becoming more questionable. Various recipient groups were discuss. Doug Stephens suggested having it at Syring School. Frank Vitous responded to question for the kids whose parent received groceries at the Food Pantry. Lots of input came from the member and ideas floated. The Whaley boys were discuss to take them to "Water World" or Sandusky, Ohio. It was left for all to think about it and what direction to go with this next years party. It will be discuss later.

DATES TO REMEMBER PROGRAM

JUNE

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| 4 HTD HOT DOG SALES | 2 TODD BEEDY |
| 7 BOARD MTG | 9 JUDY THORNTON |
| | 16 R. ROBINSON |
| 21 CONCERTS BEGIN | 23 J. VAN DUSEN |
| | 30 NATALIE DENNINGS |

JULY

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| 5 BOARD MTG | 7 DOUG STEPHENS |
| | 14 JAMES FLORENCE |
| | 21 DAVE KETZLER |
| | 28 JIM BLEAU |

JUNE ANNIVERARIES

- 14 RICHARD & BOOTS ABRAMS
- 15 RONNA GETTEL & JERRY WILLHELM
- 19 JEFF & JACKIE PRATT
- 25 JOHN & KATHY KNICKERBOCKER
- 26 FRANK & WILLADEAN VITOUS
- 27 KATRINA & RICH SMEETS-OCKERMAN
- 30 MIKE & WENDY MAJESKE
- 30 ROGER & DIANE MEIER

JUNE BIRTHDATES

- 13 MIKE MAJESKE
- 26 GREGG HUYCK

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