

Ripples from the Creek

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Dear Kiwanians:

Monthly Reflection: "We come to love not by finding a perfect person, but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly. Anonymous"

Kiwanis Quiz: How many Cub Scout Packs does the club sponsor? And which Packs? **Answer to last week's quiz:** There are ten clubs in Division #17.

APRIL 7TH MEETING

- **Guests:** Christy Thomas from the Tall Pine Boy Scout Council, Katrikna from Sage-Link Credit Union and a prospective member, and Courtney Passmore from the Key Club.
- **Key Club:** They are having a cookie sale.
- **Fund Request:** Four student from here have a musical ensemble and are seeking funds for trips with the Lions of Michigan with their AI State Band.
- **Flint Inter Club:** last Thursday noon, going were Chuck Shults, John Knickerbocker, and Mike and Sharon Shumaker.
- **Burton Inter Club:** Going March 25 were Jeff Pratt, Rosemary Robinson, Bruce Badgley and Steve Mardlin.
- **Fenton Inter-Club:** Going on March 29 were Jeff Pratt, Doug Stephens, Jim Bleau, and Richard Matteson.
- **Linden Inter-Club:** Going on April 6, Jeff Pratt, Dave Ketzler, Fritz Henke and Frank Vitous.
- **Inter-Club to Lapeer Sunrise:** Going on April 6 was Chuck Shults Steve Mardlin, Bruce Badgley and Doug Stephens.
- **Dollars:** Ray Thornton in reviewing last year activities for State and Federal reports stated we spent more dollars than we took in. This was due to two or three large dollar expenditures.
- **Parade -Hometown Days:** Richard Mattson spoke on Kiwanis being in the parade being that we have a great float.
- **50-50:** And the winner was #58- Jo Howard, our great waitress!

PROGRAM: Our President, *Kerry Zubke* addressed us this morning concerning the club. She told us that she had request from several people before she became President. They asked for a change in the direction of the club. She reviewed the budget. She relied upon intelligent people upon the Board. Many of the request don't go to the Board. A Ad. Hoc committee reviews these first. She takes direction from the Board. She reflected upon thing done, the clubs support of ;projects, and students.

Comments from members were asked by our President. Several members expressed their individual opinion. Some stated the functions of the Board and the general purpose of our club in the community. One member felt it would be beneficial, if the first regular meeting after a board meeting that we were given a summary or had a review of it.

APRIL 14TH MEETING

◆**Guest:** Katrina Sharon, Ron Vincent, Patty Higgins Joel Higgins, and Larry Hunt, Gentry Farmers' granddad.

◆**Interclub to Grand Blanc:** On April 7, going were Phil Bracey, Chuck Shults, Jim Florence, and Rosemary Robinson.

◆**Fine Arts-Amphitheatre:** Ron Vincent, President came as every year. He start by telling us that this year will start the 27th year of the Amphitheatre.

He wished to thank us for having the hot-dog wagon there and for the parking and our sponsorship each year of one evening. This year it will start June 21st on the third Tuesday and last eight weeks to August 9th. Thank you Ron Vincent for your work and efforts along with each member of the committee!!!

◆**Key Club Report:** by Frank Vitous. He advised of the float for the parade. Scholarships was discuss and the upcoming "Yeke:" program.

◆**Bee-Hives:** The club bough a starter hive for Gentry Farmer. Ed Wracan is helping him with the equipment, etc. and the key club is helping with buttons for Key Club.

◆**Induction:** Our Lt. Governor Patty Higgins was present for the induction of Katrina Sharon. Patty stressed the fellowship of the club and Kiwanis International She gave Katrina a Kiwanis International magazine and showed her a good article in it. Katrina was a Key Club member and her mother in-law was a past member of our club . She is the Branch Manager of Sage Link Credit Union in Swartz Creek. Her and her husband , Jason were married in 2007. They do not have any children yet.

◆**Spring Divisional Meeting:** President Kerry briefly told us of the divisional meeting. Those going from our club were: President Kerry Zubke, Ronna Gettel, Dave Ketzler, Adam Zettel, Jim Bleau and Rosemary Robinson. The club received several Awards and a banner patch for each. One was for five new members, the second was for Services Leadership Award, and a third one. Roger Meier received a Distinguished President pin and Ronna Gettel received a Distinguished Secretary pin.

◆**Prayer Breakfast:** Chuck Shults sent around the list for the Lily at \$20.00 each. He asked us to remember to come to the church on Wednesday at 6 P.M. to set up tables and chairs, etc.

PROGRAM: The scheduled program speaker was *Jim Antach*, State Representative, but he could not make it. Therefore, *Ray Thornton* spoke on "Yesterday in Lansing". Ray started by telling us they had a new budget compromise. 4.3% tax to retirees he said the average teacher's retirement pay is \$20,000. And a tax would be \$1,000. Under the compromise is take the factor to 3 time. For school people. Ray said this could force retirement of people of certain to



ages in schools, etc. to retire. He felt young leadership can't make good judgments. Ray, Thank you for being the stand-in speaker!!

**APRIL 28TH MAUNDY THURSDAY
COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST**



The opening was done this year by our club President *Kerry Zubke*. She welcomed all that were present. She then gave credit to Chairman Chuck Shults and to his committee of Jeff Pratt, Mike Stanton, and Rosemary Robinson. We, then gave the Pledge of Allegiance and sang "God Bless America." The opening prayer was offered by Dr. *J. D. Landis*, Pastor of the United Methodist Church of Swartz Creek.

The introduction of the Division 17 club was done by our Lt. Governor *Patty Higgins*. Burton, Davison, Fenton, Flint Grand Blanc, Lapeer, Lapeer Sunrise, and Mt. Morris. These are names we are all familiar with and the members of these clubs that we have gotten to know from inter-clubs from past years. The breakfast was then served, ably prepared by *Brenda Huyck*. The music was provided by "Stillwater", which consist of *Virigina Sepanak*, *Brian Sepanak* and a friend of *Brian*.

The program speaker was our own *Chuck Shults*. The giver is the creator. He read a poem "Bewildered at Heaven's Door" We got or received "Grace" because he died on the cross. Chuck then ask people from the Mission in Flint who went through their programs to each speak. Eric was the first. He spoke of his experience at the "Cat" programs. Dennis described his reception to the program and recognizing his alcoholic and drug use. He relapsed once then bottomed out and went to :CT:. He has grown since and has moved on to another house of help. *Shunta* spoke on what is done for women at the Women's center. *Rose* said that not every one is their because of drugs or alcoholic Money or lock or it is other reason. They have prayer partners. She now has a degree and certificates. She doesn't want help from her family, she wants to do it herself.

"Grace: Now What?" Chuck said that Grace is interaction . He asked us to help Carriage Town. He then introduced *John Knickbocker*. John said he will come and speak to your group of Carriage Town and its work and programs to help people.

The program ended with a Benediction in Song: "Your Grace is Enough!

APRIL 28TH MEETING

⇒**Guest:** *Carmella Huff* with the Head Start Program at Syring. The club presented her with books, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar". *Doug Stephens* presented the books. From the Key Gentry Farmer and Ashley. Reverend *Joyce Johnston* from the Messiah Lutheran Church in Swartz Creek was also a guest.

⇒**Future Inter-clubs:** Davison on May 10th Tue. 12:15PM, Fenton May 5th Prayer breakfast at Community Center.

⇒**Prayer Breakfast:** Chuck Shults presented a recap: 175 tickets were sold, 169 guests attended, 34 of the 169 guests

were from inter-clubs and the rest were from the community. Next year he is looking at having "youth leaders" attend. The club is again indebted to *Chuck Shults* and his committee for all the fine work and thought in this years event!!

⇒**Fenton Prayer Breakfast:** Thee club will have it on May 5th. It will be held at the Community Center.

⇒**New Century Choral:** We had a speaker from their group a few weeks ago. He gave our Kiwanis Club four free tickets to their concert this Sunday.

⇒**Peanut Sale:** Last year our club made \$1,800. The Dearborn club averages \$30,000. To \$40,000. Per year. Start thinking of ideas that we could use to step up our sales.

⇒**Script Orders:** Since October 2010 \$540.00 has gone to club Activities.

⇒**Carriage Town Ministries:** They will sponsor four different arts and craft weekends this summer. On Saturdays only. Maybe we could sell hot dogs?

⇒**Board .Meeting:** Tuesday, May 3rd at 7:30 A.M. at the Senior Center.

PROGRAM: *Ed Wracan* was responsible for the program this week. Our speaker was *Katie Thompson* of the *Swartz Creek Center Stage*. The next production will be aired on July 29th, 30th, and 31st of 2011. The title is " A Fantastical Junior Musical Review". She is trying to involve more children.

The next one is "Nutcrackers" or The Nunsense Christmas Musical to be held on November 19th and 20th and it will be a Dinner Theatre.

Katie updated us on the progress of the new building planned by the school. They have chosen the Architects for the new performing art center. It will be built west of the present High School. It will face the south. The parking lot will be updated. There will be landscaping at the entrances, traffic problems will be resolved. It will seat 650 people and have a band and drama room. They will have areas to display art. Thank you again for coming, *Katie*. And for your devotion to this community and to the youth!!

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DATES TO REMEMBER		PROGRAM	
3	BOARD MTG	5	FRANK VITOUS
5	FENTON IC	12	MIKE SHUMAKER
10	DAVISON IC 12:15PM	19	MIKE MAJESKE
14	KEY CLUB CLEANUP	26	SANDY RAFFAELLI
BIRTHDATES		ANNIVERSARIES	
16	VAN DUSEN	4	NATALIE & JEFF DENNINGS
22	G.THORNTON		
27	SHUMAKER	28	BRIAN & LAURA SEPANAK
30	ABRAMS		

Jeannette and Mike