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Today's Meeting News

• Hosts

- **Greeter**
 - Carlton Cook
- **Presiding Officer**
 - Susan Gilmore
- **Reporter**
 - Ken Boyd
- **Photographer**
 - Dick McLaughlin
- **Publisher**
 - Dick McLaughlin
- **Invocation**
 - Mary Bruno
- **Song Leader**
 - Anne Walker - "America the Beautiful"

• Announcements

- Lana Archer is working with a committee to update our bylaws. Kiwanis International requires that we file an update by October 1st, so watch for copies of the old and the proposed new bylaws coming in the near future. A vote on the new bylaws will be held at our September 23rd meeting so that we can approve them in time to meet the deadline.
- Doug Bird announced that he is stepping down from the supervisory position he has held for the last 24 years for our operations at MIS. He will still be found at MIS on race weekends, probably working some late night shift that no one else wants, but Spencer Ruffner will be taking over the paid role of full-time supervisor.



Doug Bird Announces His Retirement.

- Anne Walker introduced Jan Fox, Chair of the Appleumkin Festival Committee, who came to ask us to take over

the Make-It-Take-It scarecrow booth for the festival weekend. United Bank had done this in the past, but Old National Bank will not be picking up the task. More details will be forthcoming as the festival gets closer, but it is an opportunity to make a few more bucks for our community projects.



Anne Walker and Jan Fox Present a New Fund Raising Opportunity.

- o Cal Tuttle and his crews will be out today and tomorrow harvesting flags. If you can join them, contact Cal.
- o Tom Meyer announced an open mike night at the TCA for all aspiring stand-up comedians on September 17th at 7:30 PM. The winner will get a chance to appear later on stage at the TCA with a professional show. [CLICK HERE](#) for details.

Tom also still has raffle tickets to sell for the TYT. The tickets are \$100 each, but only 250 will be sold. This makes your chances for winning the \$12,500 prize a lot better than the lottery. Hurry before they are all gone!



Tom Meyer Has Spot for Would-Be Comedians.

- o Beth Noden reminded us again about the trip on Saturday, September 13th, to the Great Lakes Museum. We will tour the museum and the ship that is tied up at the dock there. Afterwards, those that are interested can continue to dinner nearby.



Beth Noden Reminded Us about Fellowship Trip.

• 50/50 Drawing

The winner of the 50/50 this morning was Doug Bird. Congratulations, Doug!



50/50 Winner Doug Bird.

• Fine Session

Fine Master Dick McLaughlin played dollar bill poker with us this morning. Doug Bird held a full house at his table, but was disqualified by Dick because of all the ones he had from his 50/50 winnings. Anne Walker also had a full house and did not have to pay the fine; she decided to pay anyway.

Special Fines and Happy Dollars

- Anne Walker paid a Happy Dollar for a picture she got of two Kiwanians tearing up the grass at the First Presbyterian Church looking for a flag sleeve. Look for the picture in an upcoming edition.

She also had a Happy Dollar for her granddaughter starting kindergarden this year.



Anne Walker Has Happy Dollars for Flag Planters and Her Granddaughter.

- Doug Bird had Happy Dollars for winning the 50/50 and for 24 years of working at MIS.



Doug Bird Has a Happy Dollar for 24 Years as MIS Supervisor.

- Terry Lighthall paid a fine for directing two flag planters to the wrong address to plant a flag. Flag sleeves are hard to find - especially if you are looking at the wrong yard!



Terry Lighthall Pays for Misdirecting Flag Planters.

- Susan Gilmore had a Happy Dollar for escaping from her walking cast and getting back into normal footwear.



Susan Gilmore Is Happy to Have Her Walking Cast Off.

• Birthdays and Anniversaries

Knowing that she would not be here today, we celebrated Wendy Brys's birthday last week. We all wish her well with her surgery tomorrow.

• Program

Mike McArat introduced today's guest speaker Scott Merrillat, Managing Director of the Lenawee County Road Commission, a position he has held since 2010. His subject was the maintenance of the roads in Michigan and in Lenawee County in particular. Scott was the quarterback of the Morenci football team in high school, and he want

on from there to get his degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Michigan.

The first Lenawee County Road Commission was established in 1909, but it was not until 1931 that responsibility for the county's roads was turned over to them. The state got into the act in 1951 with the establishment of a state road commission to oversee the county road commissions in 78 counties. Five counties remained outside the state's jurisdiction.

There are over 1500 miles of county roads in Lenawee County and over 11,000 road signs. Funding for roads comes from the federal government, the state, the county and, in some cases, the townships. The state share is by far the largest and comes from a share of the 18 cents per gallon gasoline tax and the 7 cents per gallon diesel tax. The overall budget is about \$12,000,000 per year.

The problems with Michigan roads are being caused by two factors: revenues are decreasing because people are driving less and cars are more fuel-efficient; and materials for replacement and repair are more expensive due to inflation. [CLICK HERE](#) for a more detailed look at how these factors interact.



Guest Speaker Scott Merrillat.

• Future Meeting Responsibilities

Date	Note Taker	Greeters	Invocation	Fines	Program Chair	Program Description
September 9th	Beth Noden	Bill Baker John Bartram	Dan Meikle	Cal Tuttle	Kelly Coffin	TDL Teen Services - Anne Keller
September 16th	Brian Callaghan	Sharon Hawley Jody Howard	Spencer Ruffner	Anne Walker	Mike McArán	Tecumseh High School Fall Athletics - Greg Lewis
September 23rd	Doug Bird	Megan Porter Ron Publiski	Jerry Wolf	Mike McArán	Brian Callaghan	Business Development with Monroe Bank and Trust - Tracy Oberleiter
September 30th	Anne Walker	Tom Meyer Ron Mussleman	Anne Walker	Spencer Ruffner	Beth Noden	Lenawee County Economic Development - Chris Miller



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