

Newsletter Notes – August 16, 2016

Presiding Officer: Mike McAran **Reporter:** Susan Gilmore

Guests: Dick McLaughlin, our photographer

50/50 drawing: \$15.00 Congrats to winner – Ken DeRemer

Kiwanis Own: Chuck Gehrke Born and raised in Detroit. Has one sister, His mom was a teach and his dad worked for Detroit Edison. He attended Detroit Public Schools and went to Cass Tech. To attend school he rode a city bus for 3 hours. The school is located in the middle of downtown Detroit, had 3,000 students, was in a 7 story high building and was 35% African-American. He graduated in January of 1958 and soon received a draft notice there was a bed available at Fort Leonard Wood. He attended Albion College and then transferred to University of Michigan finishing his undergrad in January and again receiving a draft letter, He graduated from Med School in 1962 and went into private practice. From 1970-1972 he was at St Joe's Oncology Care He started his own practice in 1972. In 1993 he left his medical practice and went into addiction medicine. He was a V P at St Mary's for 6 years where he was Medical Director of a Monitoring Program for Health Care Professionals with addiction and mental health issues. He also held the same position for the Indiana Nurses Association.

Of significant impact on his life was being Medical Director in 1969 for a newly formed camp for hemophilia kids. It was the first camp of its kind in the world. The first camp had 20 kids and all went well. It has now grown to 2 week long camps with 100 kids attending each camp. There are now camps in every state in the union that even include water rafting activities.

Next week; Ron Mussleman

Announcements:

Ken DeRemer – MIS blood drive on 9-11, call 1-866-MIblood to made an appointment

Ken DeRemer – Need silent auction item, baskets for convention. Get to Wend or Ken by net Thursday. Proceeds will benefit the Michigan Foundation.

Ken – DeRemer – update on Kiwanis International requirements on background checks

Anne Walker – scarecrow clothes sort on Wednesday, August 17 at 9:30am at Goodwill

Special Fines and Happy Dollars: Carlton Cook quizzed us on Tecumseh

Did you know

Tecumseh was founded in 1824 on June 24th

Musgrove Evans was a surveyor, married Abbie Brown and moved to Texas

Tecumseh was incorporated as a city in 1952 and the first mayor was Charlie Mensing

That according to Doc Cook, the front table doesn't know anything about history at all!

Mary Tommelein – celebrated her 29th anniversary

Melody Fanslau – ONB drive up is open and they are having a celebration from 5:30 to 8ish on Thursday

Lance Ness – invited all to Macon United Methodist Church on 9-22 for their “homecoming and Grandparents day celebration at 10:30am.

JoAnne Potvin – she failed as a greeter but Lana A. pointed out that she did greet last week even tho’ it wasn’t her turn

Doug Bird and Anne Walker for Ann Arbor High 50th Class Reunion

Terry Lighthall for Onsted High 50th Class Reunion

Anne Walker for a fund trip camping in the UP with her husband and granddaughter.

Program:

Brian Callaghan presented an informational update on the Tecumseh Kiwanis Flag Program

Mike Becker and Mary Tommelein introduced the Flag Marketing program items. 1,000 door hangers have been printed and will be distributed to all existing flag subscribers and then in the spring a city wide distribution is planned. If subscription is paid by December 31 cost will be \$30 for the year, after December 31 yearly cost is \$35. If subscribers get more than one flag the addition flag is \$30 no matter when. There are also business cards members can give to folks to invite them to join us. Mike noted that all written reference to Kiwanis follows the by-laws saying Kiwanis Club of Tecumseh but the program is known as Tecumseh Kiwanis Flag Program. The flyer details the flag event days.

Brian has a Tracfone for contact purposes – number is 517-980-FLAG

Flag go up for Labor Day and will remain through 9-11.

In March of 2016 we had 254 subscribers (300 flags). Brian hoped for a 90% renewal which would be 221 subscribers (270 flags). We are now at 468 subscribers (545 flags) that is an 82% increase.

Brian had estimated our revenue would be \$8,900 but it is actually \$16,350. We currently have 60 additional flags available. Each flag costs us \$17.20 to assemble. After expenses this year’s profit so far is \$10,778

Brian recognized Ron Mussleman who has put ALL of our flags together this year. Jack Beach who is the chief sleeve installer and Sharon Hawley who is chief data entry and file maintainer. We have 13 install teams: Brian Callaghan; Mike Mc Aran who is assisted by his wife, Bob S or his grandson; Doug Bird and Dan Meikle; George Eidson and Jack Beach; Julie LoMonaco, Beth Noden and Jody Howard; Mary Tommelein assisted by her husband Mark; Mel Stubli, Melody Fanslau and JoAnnePotvin; Mike Becker and Mike Morast and wife; Ron Publiski and Tom Meyer; Spencer Ruffner and son; Terry Lighthall and Megan Porter, Wendy Brys, Lana Archer assisted by Robert Brys and Melvin Shepherd.

Not certain how many hours are spent but last install 270 hours were submitted to Ken. Each team averages 4-7 hours each holiday.

Brian is hoping to divide up the route to about 30 flags each route. Lana is partnering with Team Red, White and Blue to put flags out for Labor Day and hopes this will lead to a lasting partnership. Kiwanis club of Onsted puts flags out with the help of Key Club members. Members were reminded to contact Greg Dolson for football player volunteers.