



Kiwanis Club of Coldwater Weekly Newsletter

Serving the Children of the World

Monday, November 21, 2016

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- Bob Tharp, President
- Mark Ott, President-Elect
- Jim Voss, 1st Vice President
- Stan Tipton, Secretary
- Kent Neitzert, Treasurer
- Cheri Anderson, Past President

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- Denny Brieske
- Paula Brieske
- Tracy Kelley
- Janet Ott
- Ray Sebastian
- Deborah Tomlinson
- Terry Tomlinson

Meetings:

Mondays @ 11:45 a.m.
Coldwater Elks Club
47 S. Division St.
Coldwater, MI 49036

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Serving the Children of the World

**Serving Coldwater and
Branch County since 1935
with youth programs**

Upcoming Events:

Terrific Kids book distribution at
Lakeland
Dictionaries at St. Charles
Signature Project Meeting on 11/28
after Club meeting

Future Programs:

Nov. 28: Miller Amish Country
Poultry Program

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Today's meeting recap

President Bob Tharp brought the meeting to order.

Members in attendance: Cheri Anderson, Dave Anderson, Denny Brieske, Paula Brieske, Myra Brimmer, Amy Galliers, Tracy Kelley, Jack Lintner, Red Loose, Kent Neitzert, Mark Ott, Ray Sebastian, Bob Tharp, Deb Tomlinson, Terry Tomlinson.

Guests: None today

Birthday: None

Happy Dollars today *(A reason to start the week on a positive and upbeat note)*

Happiness is: Thankful for family-community-Kiwanis, Library program and how the Russian lifestyle is different for families, court date with a positive result, MSU basketball Friday night game, Dictionary distribution at Pansophia Academy, for a Thanksgiving's Day Lions win, Dictionaries and Terrific Kids book distribution at Jefferson, eye surgery recheck was good, the joke that followed: bad, Max Larsen Terrific Kids book distribution, Schools of Hope program in Grand Rapids.

Our Program:

Larry Carlson, Chairman & Co-Founder, of Youth Haven Ranch presented a program today that discussed their focus on disadvantaged kids. They are a non-denominational Christian organization that uses the Bible and scripture in teaching. Larry began warming up his audience by playing tunes on his electronic accordion!! We know this because he had to "reboot" the computer....

- They were founded in 1968 by the Carlson family. Their main location is on 390 acres in Rives Junction with 30 year-round buildings, and they opened a location in Arizona in 1982, with 85 acres and 12 year-round buildings.
- Eligible children are between the ages of 7-13, and may typically include those in foster care, single-parent homes, or low-income homes. Each year, over 3,000 come to Youth Haven in Michigan and Arizona.
- Children are either referred to Youth Haven by an agency, such as social services, child welfare agencies, schools, or community groups. Individuals may refer a child that may need assistance.
- Programs are offered year-round with weekend programs during the school year and 1-2 week summer camps. Children are provided food, clothing and a safe place to play. The children come with much emotional baggage at a time when they are robbed of their youth. There is no charge for the child to attend.

After the program Larry was presented a check from the Club as part of our annual support of Youth Haven Ranch and their meaningful programs for children.

Club Announcements:

1. We are sorry to announce the passing of Jim Voss's mother. Services are planned for Monday at 11:00 a.m. at Dutcher Funeral Home.
2. Signature project meeting is scheduled for 11/28 after the Club meeting location is TBA.(Biggby or Elks)

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3. Letha is home after the auto accident. Keep her in your thoughts.
4. Amy announced that Schools of Hope training programs are available on 12/6 and 12/7, and we need some volunteers. These are “train the tutor” training.
5. Terry is attending the Sturgis East Side charter night on 12/6 and is asking for volunteers to attend. It starts at 5:30, with entertainment. Myra may attend.
6. ***Below are the openings for the Terrific Kids book program through January. Please help!!***

Lakeland

- Tuesday, November 29- Amy Galliers & Red Loose

JANUARY

Max Larsen

- Tuesday, Jan 10- _____ & _____
- Wednesday, Jan 11- _____ & _____

Lakeland

- Tuesday, January 24- Amy Galliers & _____

50/50 Winner this week was: Tracy Kelley in absentia (skipped out early) ☺

To start your week:

Our book distribution programs are meaningful and personal. The power of reading is essential for the kid's success. Another way we are...Improving the world one child, one community at a time.

This Week's Nugget

HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

Give thanks for all our blessings.