



Kiwanis Club of Coldwater Weekly Newsletter

Serving the Children of the World

Monday, April 24, 2017

Officers

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

Board Members

- 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

Motto

Serving the Children of the World

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

Upcoming Events:

Terrific Kids book distribution is
coming up in May
Strawberry Fest is coming in June

Schools of Hope Tutoring is
ongoing

Future Programs:

May 1: Board Meeting

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Today's meeting recap

President Mark Ott brought the meeting to order.

Members in attendance: Denny Brieske, Paula Brieske, Myra Brimmer, Dave Brown, Amy Galliers, Jack Lintner, Kent Neitzert, Janet Ott, Mark Ott, Patty Roberts, Ray Sebastian, Shirley Tipton, Stan Tipton, Deb Tomlinson, Terry Tomlinson, Jim Voss, Dick Zeluff

Guests: None

Anniversary & Birthday: None present for singing....

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

Positive start to the flag project with invoices sent and checks coming in; Off to Kalamazoo for grandson's ensemble and an award; Forgotten Man Ministries banquet was huge success...Many Thanks to all who attended; Tax day has passed & Red is recovering from illness; Highway cleanup on a cold day; Forgotten Man dollar; Library is celebrating Cinco de Mayo on 5/6 with Travelling Tails (our sponsorship); Spreading 30 bags of mulch as a Do It Yourself versus spending \$700, and then the discussion of how many places you can spend \$700; Forgotten Man—more positive comments; and tasty brownies and the recipe from Coldwater Garden Restaurant

Our Program:

Myra Brimmer, CAPA

Child Abuse Prevention Awareness

- Child abuse is a serious problem throughout the county and the state. Branch County has a high number of cases, and is ranked 82 out of 83 counties, just ahead of Wayne County.
- Recent statistics presented by Myra shows that in 2015 there were 178 cases filed, and as a result 30 children were placed in foster homes. In 2016, there were 157 cases filed and 45 placements in foster homes.
- Why is this so high? Socioeconomic conditions are part of the answer, but the abuse crosses all levels. The epidemic of drugs through society has an impact.
- CAPA works to develop programs that thwart the problems. Myra has researched and found programs that can be used. Such as "Active Parenting of Teens". It is a 6 session program that gives guidance to parents in dealing with issues in raising teens.
- Methods of respectful discipline; Skills for clear, honest communication; Concrete strategies to prevent risky behavior; How to be an encouraging parent....and more.
- Myra and Amy Galliers, with Great Start Collaborative, visit the 2nd grade students and talk about body safety programs. What are good and bad secrets to keep?
- CAPA has information available and can be a resource. Should you see or suspect a situation of abuse, you may call: **Michigan Central Intake for Abuse and Neglect at 855-444-3911.**

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Club Announcements:

- Road Clean Up is still in need of volunteers to complete three sections of U.S. 12. Please contact Jack.
- Officer and Board positions were discussed.
- Ray could use some help on the ‘Flags Across Coldwater’ project. As this expands, the need for more helping hands is important
- **HELP!!!! Our final Terrific Kids book distributions are coming up in May, and we have some openings to fill. Please contact Deb.**

50/50 Winner this week was: Dick

Dick Zeluff passed the “Net” collection for the Student Activity Program!!

To start your week

It is easier to build strong children, than to mend broken men(women).

Frederick Douglas