



Kiwanis Club of Coldwater Weekly Newsletter

Serving the Children of the World

Monday, August 28, 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

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Serving the Children of the World

Serving Coldwater and Branch
County since 1935 with youth
programs

Upcoming Events:

Flags Across Coldwater
Placement 8/31; Pickup 9/5
Applefest is Sep. 16th

Future Programs:

Sept. 4 Labor Day-No meeting
Sept. 11 Board meeting
Sept. 18 Troop 433-Gerry Hage

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Today's meeting recap

President Mark Ott brought the meeting to order.

Members in attendance: Denny Brieske, Paula Brieske, Mic Depew, Bob Foote, Sveta Foote, Tracy Kelley, Jack Lintner, Red Loose, Kent Neitzert, Janet Ott, Mark Ott, Ray Sebastian, Shirley Tipton, Stan Tipton, Deb Tomlinson, Terry Tomlinson, Jim Voss, Dick Zeluff

Guests: Linda English, Jeanne Asher, Sam & Tom Greenburg, Julie Smith, Laurel & Aubrey Walkup, Nichole Steele, Ruby Johnson, Tobi Reardon, Linda Myers, Abby Mencke

Anniversary & Birthday: Dave Brown on both accounts...AWOL

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

Happy to be in Michigan with all the weather happenings elsewhere, Habitat house ready to go, Mark's malady; Happy for our teachers and staff here today, Mom is here with all the guests; Trip to visit the eclipse, hiking, son off to New Orleans to start a new church, Color Run was fun; Granddaughter's birthday bowling; Trip coming up to Kansas to see kids and grandkids then to Tennessee (who knows where else), Flags out this week (see note later); Despicable ME movie with grandkids; Thanks for good result of a hospital visit, a supportive spouse and good wishes from the members; Unhappy \$\$ about no funeral flowers!

New member inducted today: Sam Ellis Greenburg, Executive Director, Branch County Literacy Council. Welcome Sam as our newest member.

Our Program:

United Way Schools of Hope Reading Program

Tobi Reardon, Linda Myers, Abby Mencke from Jefferson School

- Overview of the United Way Schools of Hope Reading Program, and a recap of the results of the first year of this service project. It is a partnership with Branch County United Way, Great Start Collaborative, Coldwater Community Schools and the Kiwanis Club of Coldwater.
- This is a one on one tutoring program at a weekly session to improve 2nd grade students reading to grade level. This is the result of legislation mandating that effective with current 1st graders, if they are not at grade level by 3rd grade they will not pass on to 4th grade.
- Volunteer tutors visit on a weekly basis encouraging reading, vocabulary and fluency skills in the children. Last year we had 70+ students qualified for tutor, and we had 41 tutors. This year we will need 80-90 tutors to fill the need.
- Of the 41 students 78% were at or just below grade level, of the students that were below, all were late in connecting with a tutor as they were qualified. Tobi stated "That without the volunteers there is no way they could have accomplished this".

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- Laurel Walkup and her daughter Aubrey were there with her tutor, guest Jeanne Asher. She emphasized the significance of the impact on her daughter and the improvement she made, and her sense of accomplishment.
- Kiwanis is improving the world one child, one community at a time.

Club Announcements:

- **Members:** This was an example of what our club can do. This partnership is one that brings together the whole community, and provides exposure for what we are and who we are. This was a perfect opportunity to bring a guest.
- **Flags Across Coldwater** is this weekend, so placement is Thursday night at 7:00 p.m., and pickup is next Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. Please try to set aside about 1/2 to 3/4 of an hour to help, since we may be short staffed.
- Stan is looking for assistance on interclub visits over the next few weeks. If you can help, please see Stan.
- Budget meetings will be coming up shortly, so committee chairs should be finalizing their budget requests. We will announce a date and location shortly.
- **No meeting next week due to the Labor Day holiday.**

50/50 Winner this week was: Ray

To start your week and next...

From one of the students from last year's

Schools of Hope Survey

What did you like best?

....The games

What did you like least?

....The reading

***We want honesty in our children....Be careful
what you ask for!!***