



# Kiwanis Club of Coldwater Weekly Newsletter

Serving the Children of the World

Monday, December 3, 2018

## Officers

- Jim Voss, President
- Ray Sebastian, President-Elect
- Tracy Kelley, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President
- Patty Roberts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Mark Ott, Immed. Past President
- Stan Tipton, Secretary
- Kent Neitzert, Treasurer

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- Denny Brieske (2)
- Paula Brieske (2)
- Janet Ott (2)
- Deborah Tomlinson (2)
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- David Sutherland (1)
- Dick Zeluff (1)

**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:

**Nov. 28: Interclub with Battle  
Creek Kiwanis**  
**Dec. 1: Coldwater Kids Family  
Lunch @ BDL**  
**Jan. 3: Couples night out**

## Future Programs:

**Dec. 10: Board Meeting**  
**Dec. 17: Larry Memmer,  
District Gov.**  
**Dec. 24: No meeting**  
**Dec. 31: No meeting**

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## Today's meeting recap

President Jim Voss brought the meeting to order.

Members in attendance: Denny Brieske, Paula Brieske, Sam Greenburg, Phil Krauss, Jack Lintner, Greg Ledyard, Red Loose, Kent Neitzert, Janet Ott, Mark Ott, Maria Rosewarne, Tom Rosewarne, Ray Sebastian, Cayden Sparks, Dave Sutherland, Jim Voss, Dick Zeluff

Guests: None

Birthday/Anniversary: None

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

Fun serving lunch to families at the Library on Saturday; Company Christmas party went off without a hitch; Kalamazoo violin concert; George H.W. Bush with a wish politics today could be that cordial; Poinsettia Festival with singing; Ferris is in semi-finals of Div. II football (undefeated season); Friend "Ok" after a fall down stairs, but with several stitches.

**Songs Today:** *Christmas music will never be the same, in German or in English!*

## Program

### Branch County Literacy Council Sam Greenburg, Director

- Started in 1986, over the years it has had various missions, but they have narrowed their focus to adult literacy (over age 18).
- Non-literacy-below second grade level. At the time the Council originated the non-literate rate was 10%, currently it is 16%. (Excludes ESL-English as a second language)
- The main reasons for non-literacy are family issues (i.e. foster care).
- With standardized teaching tools, a beginning level book set is \$180-\$200, and once completed the individual will be at third grade reading level. Each additional level moves that person closer to qualify for the GED. These are provided at no cost to the student.
- Funding is through donations from community organizations and individuals.
- They need tutors that can commit to one hour per week. Typical students are in their 20's or 30's. They presently have 27 tutors.
- Tutoring is done in the Library, or in any public place that is convenient for the tutor and student.

## Announcements:

- **Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Stuart Sobeske on, Saturday December 8 at 11:00 a.m. in the Southern Michigan Bank building. All are invited to attend.**
- **Kiwanis Club dinner out at Broadway Grill, January 3 at 6:00 p.m.**

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- Anyone with Facebook skills, see Denny for club marketing help.
- Holiday Jingle & Mingle Chamber event Wednesday night at Broadway Grill from 5-7:00 p.m.
- Keep Dave Brown in your prayers.

50/50 Winner this week was: Jim

*For the week ahead....*

*Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body.*

*Joseph Addison*

