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**Happy
Birthday**



**March
Birthdays**

31st Steve Brown

Upcoming Meetings

TUESDAY, March 1, 2016

SPEAKER: Keith Valiquette

PROGRAM: "Kids in New Directions"

Meet at Sinclair Community College, Bldg 12, Room 231

Kids in New Directions (KIND) is a faith-based youth program that was started 21 years ago to provide outreach to at-risk underserved children of Dayton ages 4-17. They provide structured programs in academics, life skills, Christian education and exercise/health.

Program Chair: Bobby Beavers
Introductions: Bob Buescher

Invocation: Kelly Brown
Greeters: Neal Leffel, Chuck Sousa

YOU
are the



To Kiwanis
Membership
Growth
Propose a New
Member
TODAY!

Invite someone to come
as your guest to the next
meeting and
check out Kiwanis

No Meeting on March 8th - Service Week

TUESDAY, March 15, 2016

SPEAKER: Beth Dixon & Elena Krumholtz

PROGRAM: "Power of the Pen"

Meet at Sinclair Community College, Bldg 12, Room 231

Beth Dixon, Director of Tournaments for Power of the Pen and Elena Krumholtz the local area tournament host coordinator will speak to us about this year's middle school writing competition. We will hear from some of the students and they will share with us their writing.

Program Chair: Bob Buescher
Introductions: Harry Bradbury

Invocation: Chuck Sousa
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No Meeting on March 22nd and 29th - Service Weeks

Meetings in Review

February 2: Our speaker for the day was Jessica Saunders, Director for the Dayton Children's Center for Child Health and Wellness. The focus of the center is on prevention. A child's health is attributed to more than just quality healthcare it is also affected by the environment, social, genetics and behaviors that they are exposed to. The latest assessment of the health of our children here in the Miami Valley focuses on the main concerns of childhood obesity, mental health, infant mortality, asthma and injuries (which is the #1 killer of children). The Center is working on a community asthma initiative currently. Often children go without their inhalers when the parents face a choice of food or medicine. And even when they have their inhaler it does no good if they are going home to a house filled with mold. They are working to reduce the negative effects of asthma—it is a huge issue in our area. Kids are not controlled and showing up at the Emergency Room and being admitted 5-7 times a year. 14% of the students in the Dayton Public Schools have asthma. West Dayton has a much higher rate of ER & hospital admissions versus an area such as Centerville. Most homes in that area have mold and they live in an area of highways and industries polluting their air and often times it is hard for children in that area to get to the doctor. The approach they are using to work on this issue is a Community Alliance where they can make a collective impact of all groups together. Meaningful outcomes that will show the success of such an alliance would be to reduce the number of ER visits related to asthma, reduce the admissions and readmits and reduce absenteeism for students at school and parents to work. Some of the successes to date are the power in convening non-traditional partners, supplying asthma inhalers, legal interventions on behalf of the families and some of the landlords that need to improve conditions in the homes these children live in, and Alliance has been formed focused on the community versus individual organizations which allows for greater identification of barriers.

K-Donations: From Neal Leffel for his joke about Cincinnati and the Bengals. Kelly Brown for Neal's joke and for Bob Katz and his son JJ being in attendance. Mark Cooper for Neal's joke.

February 16: Our speaker was Bing Davis who was born in South Carolina but grew up in Dayton. Bing is an artist and he is using art as an Agent of Change to inspire young men and stay in school. Art is the vehicle through which Bing continues to teach our youth. He spoke to us about the Dayton Skyscrapers Project—Standing Tall in Our Hearts and Minds. Skyscrapers is a metaphor for African American Daytonians who made a difference by "standing tall". Young black males think that there are only three options in life to aspire to NBA, NFL or Hip Hop and Bing is trying to expand their relevant and realistic role models for life. The Dayton Boys Prep school which is on the site of the old Roosevelt High School is where 65 images of "skyscrapers" are hung throughout the building to make an impact on these young boys. Bing also spoke about James Pate's KKK Series: Kin Killin' Kin - which is made up of images of African Americans killing one another to bring healing and promote unity through healing circles among these young men who see the images. Bing stated that more African Americans have killed each other than the Klan ever hung. "Be The Change You Want to See in this World". There is a curriculum with the images that has been put together for teachers to use in the classrooms and meets educational criteria. He also shared with us the background of the artist James Pate who was born in Alabama—no father in the picture and a mother that died when he was 3. He was raised by his grandma in Cincinnati. He was unable to complete his degree at Central State due to finances but has been supporting himself as an artist since the age of 19 and he is now in his 50s.

K-Donations: From Neal Leffel for his joke of the day.

Guests: John Palcher and Roland Watts (Kettering Centerville Kiwanis), Larry Warner, Division 4 Lt. Governor



Service Project in March at The Victory Project

Our **Victory Project Dinner is confirmed for Tuesday, March 8th** and here are the details... they are located at **409 Troy Street in Dayton 45404**. Arrive by 5:45 and meal will be at 6:00 and the meal is done by 7:00 pm. You can hang out afterwards and socialize with the youth if you would like. The Victory Project closes at 8PM. Kelly Brown will take care of ordering dinner for the group of young men, their leaders and participating Kiwanians. All we need is for Kiwanians to show up and spend some time talking with the youth and enjoy dinner with them. If you plan to participate please let Laura know so that we know how many to plan for. kiwanisclubofdayton@hotmail.com **Parking Instructions:** if the parking lot is full, please pull around to the

back of the building by continuing on Chapel Street. Turn right into the alley directly behind the facility. The overflow parking lot will be on your left. As the parking lot is a bit narrow, reversing into a spot from the alley will guarantee a smooth exit upon departure from Victory Project.

A little background on the Victory Project: *Vision: Offering America's youth an alternative to the street.*

Mission: [Without government funding] Empower young men to discover the life God intended by mastering self-awareness, self-sufficiency and selfless service, building an uncommon alliance with uncommon youth for uncommon results.

Empowering our young men to discover the life God intended, which directly reflects our guiding verse: You're here to be light bringing out the God-colors in the world, God is not a secret to be kept we're going public with this as public as a city on a hill. Matthew 5:14

Take Your Family & Friends Out to the Ballgame

Annual Kiwanis Night at the Dragon's Friday, May 20, 2016 7:00 p.m.



VS



\$14 per ticket
Each Ticket Holder Receives
a Free Dragon's Baseball Cap

Reservations due with Payment
by March 15th

Kiwanians Donate 800 Books to Brighter Futures Program



At our January 19th meeting Chuck Sousa presented 800 board books to Pam Albers of the Brighter Futures—Help Me Grow Program to be given to mothers and

their babies and young children who are part of their programming encouraging moms the read to their children.

Kiwanis Sponsors Power of the Pen Trophies



Kelly Brown and Bob Buescher presented awards at the 2016 Power of the Pen District Tournament held January 30 at St. Charles Borromeo School in Kettering. Our Kiwanis

Club of Dayton Foundation sponsors the trophies as well as cash awards for the top individual writers and teams. This year's Power of the Pen competition continues March 5 with the regional tournament at Wittenberg University in Springfield. We need two club members to present the awards at Wittenberg (approximately 2-3:30 p.m. on March 5). Contact Laura or Bob Buescher if you are interested.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

March 1	Keith Valiquette, Kids in New Directions
March 5	Power of the Pen Regional Event at Wittenberg—2 Kiwanians Needed from 2-3:30 pm for presentations
March 8	Service Week
March 15	Beth Dixon & Elena Krumholtz, Power of the Pen
March 15	Board Meeting
March 22	Service Week
March 29	Service Week
April 2	Kiwanis One Day—Project at Habitat for Humanity Building Book Shelves for Brighter Futures Youth
April 5	Bishop McGuire and Malcom Keith, Dayton Urban Young Life
April 12	Service Week
April 19	TBD
April 26	Service Week
May 3	TBD
May 10	Service Week
May 17	TBD
May 17	Board Meeting
May 24	Service Week
May 30	Memorial Day
May 31	Service Week

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