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**Happy
Birthday**



**May
Birthdays**

6th	Bob Buescher
8th	Chuck Sousa
17th	Bobby Beavers
21st	Bill Nance

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**To Kiwanis
Membership
Growth
Propose a New
Member
TODAY!**

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

Upcoming Meetings

TUESDAY, May 3, 2016

SPEAKER: Meredith Florky

PROGRAM: "Learning Tree Farm"

Meet at Sinclair Community College, Bldg 12, Room 231

Meredith Florky is the Education Director for Learning Tree Farm. Learning Tree Farm's mission is to provide hands on learning experiences in a traditional farm setting. In April of 1973, classroom teachers who were concerned about how "out of touch" their students were with the outdoors founded Learning Tree Farm, Inc. Learning Tree's mission is "to provide hands-on learning experiences in a traditional farm setting." Learning Tree strives to present curriculum based programs in this setting in order to offer a new kind of learning beyond the classroom and its textbooks. It has been serving school children and their families in the Dayton/Miami Valley area, growing from about 200 students in 1973 to over 6,000 in 2006.

Program Chair: Diane Graham
Introductions: Harry Bradbury

Invocation: Bobby Beavers
Greeters: Neal Leffel, Chuck Sousa

No Meeting on May 10th - Service Week

TUESDAY, May 17, 2016

SPEAKER: Yvette Kelly-Fields

PROGRAM: "Wesley Community Center"

Meet at Sinclair Community College, Bldg 12, Room 231

Yvette Kelly-Fields is the Executive Director for the Wesley Community Center in Dayton. The mission of Wesley Community Center Dayton is to meet the spiritual and basic needs of families of all ages offering assistance in education and training, employment and human assistance (food, clothing, and shelter) in transitioning families toward self-sufficiency.

Program Chair: Diane Graham
Introductions: Laura Erbaugh

Invocation: Kelly Brown
Greeters: Bob Buescher, Mindy Simes

No Meeting on May 24th & 31st - Service Weeks

Meetings in Review

April 5: Our speakers for the day were Bishop Mark McGuire, Area Director and Malcom Keith, Volunteer Lead for Dayton Urban Young Life. Young Life started in 1941 as a way to reach out to youth who were not frequenting church. It is a Christian Mission in 98 countries reaching 1.8

million kids. Meeting kids where they are and showing them the love of Christ through prayer, mentoring and being their friend. Young Life has been in the suburbs but not in an urban area. In 2014 it started in Dayton Public Schools with trying to raise funds for 12 kids to go to Young Life camp at \$750 per kid for urban kids this is a vacation. They are trying to holistically make a difference in their lives, homes, education and help them to reintegrate into society when they have been in trouble with the courts. They started with Young Life (9-12 grades) then added on Wyld Life (5-8th grades) when younger siblings started coming with the older ones. Parents are now brining even younger kids thinking it's a daycare. Church is a safe haven and they come and hang out all week long. 7:30 pm they hold their "party with a purpose" social. Malcom told us a story about going to Home Depot with three of the boys and upon arrival they had no idea what a Home Depot was or what its purpose was. They don't have fathers or mothers fixing things around the house—they just call their landlord. When asked what Kiwanis could do to help they need help with child care, chaperones on outings, mentoring, let them know about free events so they can take the kids. Young Life runs on 5 Cs (Campaigners (bible study); Club (party with a purpose); Camp (week long camp); Contact (leaders reach out); Committee (board). Dunbar High School was the flag ship school to start Dayton Urban Young Life at the time Malcom Keith already worked at Dunbar and had a relationship with the students at parents. In October 2014 they had 45 kids for bible study and 70 kids at Club. Now they are seeing 150 kids coming on a Monday night and they are feeding them all. They need more leaders. They are trying to raise \$750 camp money for 80 kids right now as well.

K-Donations: From Neal Leffel for his joke and Kelly Brown for his joke.

April 19: Our speaker was Dar Hensley one of the Co-Founders of Stepping Stones Ranch in Wilmington. A residential horse ranch program to get youth on the right path. They are a grass roots organization. Dar received a vision in December 2007 where it said Orphans, Outdoors and Ministry and when she googled that what popped up was Residential Youth Ranch. Her partner Danielle is a former equine manager. Horses intuitively look to us and size us up quickly creating "social cures". She told the story of "Georgia" the horse who didn't respond to the aggressive abusive training relationship. Dar had the opportunity to take over care of Georgia and she has responded to her training when connected on an emotional level. Horses sense what we need and help to work through emotions. They also work with the family to work on the family system. Dar told of a couple stories where the parent wasn't getting along with the horse or donkey and through the reaction of the parent and child and the animal family dynamics came to light. They work with these young women on credit recovery and their education so that they can graduate. The girls live in a home type setting with traditional values and they eat meals together every day. They also offer these young women aftercare services for a time after they leave. The girls can be there as young as 10 and can stay until they graduate high school. Dar and her partner are currently working with other to expand the vision of this program to other areas in Ohio.

K-Donations: From Neal Leffel for his joke of the day and from Mark Cooper for Neal's joke. Harry Bradbury for the 120th running of the Boston Marathon the day before.

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

May 3	Meredith Florky, Learning Tree Farm
May 10	Service Week
May 17	Yvette Kelly Fields, Wesley Community Center
May 17	Board Meeting
May 24	Service Week
May 30	Memorial Day
May 31	Service Week
June 7	Judge Tony Capizzi, Overview of Juvenile Courts & Reclaiming Futures Mentoring Program
June 15	100th Anniversary Celebration at Sinclair Community College 6:00 p.m.—more details coming soon...Save the Date!
June 22	NO MEETING—due to Anniversary Dinner week prior
June 29	Service Week
July 5	TBD
July 12	Service Week
July 19	TBD
July 26	Service Week

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