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Happy Birthday



June Birthdays

5th JD Claffey

Upcoming Meetings

TUESDAY, June 7, 2016

SPEAKER: Judge Tony Capizzi

PROGRAM: "Montgomery County Juvenile Courts"

Meet at Sinclair Community College, Bldg 12, Room 231

Judge Tony Capizzi will be speaking to us about the Montgomery County Juvenile Court System and their Reclaiming Futures Mentoring Initiative and how the community can support this initiative.

Program Chair: Mark Cooper
Introductions: Laura Erbaugh

Invocation: Harry Bradbury
Greeters: Neal Leffel, Bob Buescher

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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

100th
Anniversary

Century of Service 100th Anniversary Dinner

TUESDAY, June 15, 2016

6:00—9:00 p.m.

Sinclair Community College,
Charity Earley Auditorium

KEY NOTE SPEAKER:

Glenn Costie, Director, Dayton VA Medical Center
Featuring: Kiwanis International President, Susan Petrisin
Ohio District Kiwanis Governor, Amy Zimmerman

\$25.00 per person

Reservations Required—please call Laura at 937-304-7602
or email kiwanisclubofdayton@hotmail.com

**No Meeting on June 21st - Cancelled Due
to Anniversary Dinner the Week Prior.**
June 29th - Service Week

Meetings in Review

May 3: Our speaker for the day was Meredith Florky, Education Director for the Learning Tree Farm. In April of 1973, classroom teachers (the founders Sally Keyes and Jean Ryan) 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.

Meredith got her start at Learning Tree Farm when she took a preschool class out on a field trip and asked the founders if they had ever thought about having a school there. The Farm is in Jefferson Township and they have 85 acres of farm, field and forest. Most field trips are around 3 hours and the kids can get out and explore. Learning Tree Farm has several programs: Three Season of the Farm and Farm, Fun and Fitness (which is their summer program), and they also have a Saturday Family Fun Program. This fall they will start a Nature-based preschool—enrollment is full and they have a waiting list. They are working on completing the newly acquired building which is connected to the farm. The kids will spend 75% of their time outside. They will attend 2 days a week for 4 hours a day. For more information visit www.learningtreefarm.org

K-Donations: From Neal Leffel for his joke and Kelly Brown and Mark Cooper for Neal's joke and Chuck's challenge joke.

Reports: Chuck Sousa reported that he had 19 volunteers for Special Olympics but it was cancelled due to rain.

May 17: Our speaker for the day was Yvette Kelly-Fields, Executive Director, Wesley Community Center. The center is rooted in the United Methodist Church and has been in the area since 1966. Yvette told us a story about a daughter and mother who came to the center in 1970 for food services because the mother's job was shut down and there the girl got involved in girl scouts and other activities and learned leadership skills. The young girl was Yvette and she told what a difference that the Wesley Community Center had made in her life and what a privilege it was to be back there and leading the organization and making a difference in so many other lives.

Here in 2016 the key areas that they touch on are Education, Workforce Development and Health and Wellness.

Workforce Development: work to transition folks out of poverty, work with those who come out of high school with no skills and no work experience, teach them how to go to work and stay on the job and progress at the job. They also work on integrating back into the work force those who have been out of the work force and connect them with partner organizations to get them stable. **Health and Wellness:** food pantry for those in need (mostly focused on the 45417, 45406, and 45426 zip codes), seniors are transported for lunch and exercise, working with Goodwill Easter Seals on a program aimed at keeping seniors from falling hazards. The food pantry is available to get a weeks worth of food in partnership with the food bank. Also working on a Baby Ready Program because the highest mortality rate in West Dayton is African American babies. They are working with pregnant women to have a healthy baby and offering them many services. Teaching them to eat better and teaching their children to eat better. They also receive instructions on how to make meals with the foods that they receive from the food bank. Also stressing the importance of early literacy and reading to your child. **Education:** The center has 40-50 young people that come for afterschool support with tutoring and they are provided with meals every day. They are working on the summer ready slide issue which is a real problem especially with children who are already behind. The goal is to teach these children the importance of education in order to break the cycle of poverty.

Yvette shared that most of the staff have their own story to tell about how the center has helped them. They are big believers in collaboration. When asked what do they need help with she indicated that they need additional tutors for the afterschool program.

ELECTIONS: Congratulations to all that were elected to officers and board positions starting in October 2016

Past President: Mark Cooper

President: Chuck Sousa

President Elect: Kelly Brown

Vice President: Diane Graham

Treasurer: AJ Lewis

Secretary: Laura Erbaugh

Foundation Board

Bobby Beavers

Bob Buescher

Mark Burton

Mark Cooper

AJ Lewis

Chuck Sousa

Diane Graham

Club Board 2016-2017

2015-2018: Jeff Funkhouser, Ron Knipfer 2016-2019: Mindy Simes, Frank Ecklar

Foundation Check Presentations



On May 3rd Kiwanis Club of Dayton Foundation President Bobby Beavers presented a check in the amount of \$1000 to Meredith Florky, Education Director for The Learning Tree Farm. The funds will be used to help support their Three Season on the Farm program by helping to offset the expense for field trips for low income children. Students will experience hands-on learning in a traditional farm setting to increase environmentally responsible behavior and a respect for their natural surroundings.

On May 17th Kiwanis Club of Dayton Foundation President presented a check in the amount of \$2,000 to Yvette Kelly-Fields, Executive Director for Wesley Community Center. The funds will be used for their Freedom Schools program which seeks to build strong literate and empowered youth prepared to make a difference in them selves, their families, communities, national and world today. Specifically for their summer reading slide program we will be helping to fund books for the program.



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

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 21	NO MEETING—due to Anniversary Dinner week prior
June 29	Service Week
July 5	NO MEETING—due to the 4th of July Holiday
July 12	Service Week
July 19	TBD
July 26	Service Week
August 2	TBD
August 9	Service Week
August 16	TBD
August 16	Board Meeting 1:15 p.m.
August 23	Service Week
August 30	Service Week

OFFICERS

Mark Cooper-President
Bobby Beavers-Past President
Chuck Sousa -President Elect
Kelly Brown—Vice President
AJ Lewis -Treasurer
Laura Erbaugh-Secretary
Harry Bradbury-Assistant Secretary

FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

Bobby Beavers,Chair,
Harry Bradbury, AJ Lewis
Ron Knipfer, Diane Graham,
Bob Buescher, Mark Burton

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2014-2016

Diane Graham
Harry Bradbury

2015-2018

Jeff Funkhouser
Anthony Whitmore

PAST PRESIDENTS

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Bobby J. Beavers 1999-2000
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Harold Reed 2001-2002
Kelly Brown 2002-2003
Randy Peace 2003-2004
Vicki Kovach 2004-2005*
Vern Erickson 2005-2006
Mark Burton 2006-2007
Robert A. Buescher 2007-2008
Charles J. Sousa, Jr. 2008-2009
Mark S. Guerrero 2009-2010
Anthony Whitmore 2010-2011
Diane Graham 2011-2012
Jeff Funkhouser 2012-2014
Bobby J. Beavers 2014-2015

*deceased