

Kiwanis Downtowner



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Kiwanis Club of Dayton, Ohio

September 1, 2017

**Happy
Birthday**



**September
Birthdays**

6th Malia Ferguson
9th Laura Erbaugh
11th Bob Katz

Upcoming Meetings

TUESDAY, September 5, 2017

No Regular Meeting—Labor Day Holiday



The Foundation Board will be meeting at
Noon at Habitat for Humanity

No Meeting on September 12th - Service Week

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

TUESDAY, September 19, 2017

SPEAKER: Lela Klein

PROGRAM: "The Gem City Market"

Meet at Sinclair Community College, Bldg 12, Room 231

Lela Klein is the co-founder and executive director of the Greater Dayton Union Co-op Initiative (GDUIC), an incubator for worker-owned businesses that broaden economic opportunities and strengthen blue-collar communities. With much of the West side considered a food desert by the USDA, Dayton has been ranked the second worst city in the nation for food hardship in households with children. 30% percent of Dayton households with children surveyed by Gallup reported trouble obtaining enough healthy food. Lack of access to fresh food deeply impacts the health of our community. Researchers have demonstrated that residents who live near supermarkets have lower rates of diet-related diseases than their counterparts in neighborhoods lacking food access. The Gem City Market is an innovative solution to the food access crisis in Dayton. Community leaders have come together to use a sustainable business model to move the needle on Dayton's food insecurity crisis by opening a cooperative, community and worker-owned grocery store on lower Salem Ave. The Gem City Market will be a vibrant full-service store featuring affordable, quality kitchen staples, including well-stocked fresh produce and meat departments currently lacking in the target area. Well-trained and friendly worker-owners will ensure exceptional service, and a community space will offer healthy food and nutrition classes and programming accessible to all.

Program Chair: Chuck Sousa
Introductions: Bobby Beavers

Invocation: Kelly Brown
Greeters: Laura Erbaugh, Pam Albers

No Meeting on September 26th - Service Week

Meetings in Review

August 1: Our speaker for the day was Lyle Lockwood with the Affiliate Societies Council who sponsor TechFest every year in February at Sinclair. Our Kiwanis Club sponsors the balloons for the event. TechFest is all about the



curiosity of children and exploring a career while having fun. The exhibits are all over the campus in multiple buildings on the weekend of the event. TechFest is free to all which makes it family friendly. The feature what they call INFOTAINMENT—with experiments, speaking, classroom activities and music and science. This past year there were 71 exhibits. The ASC recognizes engineering and science professionals in the Greater Dayton Area. The exhibitors include professional societies, colleges, universities, government organizations and High School Clubs. Some of the more popular exhibits were the welding simulator and the soap box derby cars. The target market for TechFest is children grades 4-9 but they serve all ages and boys and girls attendance is about the same. 69% of the students are from public schools and 44% of those in attendance are from Montgomery County 70% are first time attendees and most spend 3 or more hours at the event. In all the 2017 TechFest reached 2,060 youth. Personal contact is key to spread the word about this program and to increase attendance. He asked our members to help them link up with other Kiwanis Clubs to have them inform their members and their families to get involved. The 2018 TechFest will be the 16th annual event and will be held on February 17-18.

K-Donations: From Neal Leffel for his joke of the day. From Harry Bradbury for successful cataract surgery last week and will have the other eye done the following week. Mark Cooper for Neal's joke.

Guests: Guests Lt. Governor George Doyle and Lt Governor Elect Steve Vrooman

August 15 : Our speaker for the day was Marianne Pohlmann, Marketing Director for Help Me Grow—Brighter Futures. She spoke to us about the mission of their programs "Our vision is to empower families with young children to succeed." They provide a range of home visiting services to educate, support, and advocate for Healthy births, Child development to the fullest potential, Strong family units, Economic self-sufficiency, and School readiness. The Home visiting Family Support Programs include prenatal programs, parent/grandparent support programs, early intervention programs and primary caregiver infant programs. They are focused on preventing infant mortality as Montgomery County is 5th worse in the country with African American babies 3x more likely to suffer infant mortality. How they are doing this: central access point—with a phone # to call in to—connect families with community partners and engaging health care providers. They employ 50 nurses and service coordinators. Home Visiting Works as shown by improved newborn and maternal health; prevention of child abuse and neglect; improved school readiness; reduced crime and domestic violence; improved family economic self-sufficiency; and greater access to community support. Early intervention programs are free to anyone however the prenatal programs are income threshold dependent. They also address safety concerns such as car seats and safety latches. One in 4 children under the age of 6 are at risk for developmental and behavioral delays and children are escaping early detection of these services and even if detected they may not get

Service Project to Benefit Brigid's Path Supply Drive

Brigid's Path is located in Kettering and provides inpatient medical care for drug-exposed newborns, non-judgmental support for mothers, and education services to improve family outcomes. They will be opening soon and we would like to help them get started helping the children in our community who have a need for their expertise.

We will be holding a supply drive for their ongoing needs through the month of **September**. Please bring any of the following with you to the Kiwanis Meeting or you may drop off to Laura in the Kiwanis office.

Please consider helping to change the lives of these babies by donating to their ongoing needs.



Ongoing Needs

- Diapers Newborns, Preemies and Size 1 **ONLY**
- Diaper Ointment
- Newborn Girl and Boy Cotton Sleepers
- 0-3 Month Girl and Boy Cotton Sleepers
- 3-6 Month Girl and Boy Cotton Sleepers
- SwaddleMe blankets size small/medium
- Avent Soothie Pacifier, 0-3 months
- Baby Wash
- Baby Lotion
- Baby Powder
- Non-latex gloves all sizes
- Baby (mini) Band-aids
- Gauze
- Q-tips cotton swabs
- Alcohol swabs
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper



Report on the Ohio District Convention August 11-13 2017 @ The Dayton Convention Center

We were one of the host clubs for this year's District Convention. Over 300 Kiwanians from throughout Ohio attended the Convention and socialized with other Kiwanians and attended meals and sessions featuring keynote speakers. Congratulations to all the Dayton Kiwanians involved in the planning of this event.



Chuck Sousa lead the Convention Service Project to collect 100 books from each club throughout Ohio to be donated to 3 local organizations helping needy children.

- Project READ, a coalition of agencies, schools and businesses working together to build skilled workers, strong families, and healthy communities.
- Help Me Grow/Brighter Futures, which empowers families with young children to succeed through a range of home visiting services.
- The Visitation Center at Haines Children's Center, offering a supportive, safe and comfortable environment for children and their families to spend valuable time together.

The Project was as huge success as 11,450 books were collected to distribute here locally with another 12,600 collected to distribute in the local communities of the clubs that collected books around Ohio. Thanks to Chuck, Jeff and Bob who helped move the 11,450 books from the convention center to SRC.



Kiwanis Cakes for Kids

On Sunday August 13th Kelly Brown and Bill Evans delivered birthday cakes to two siblings who shared the same birthday Victoria who was 12 and Amahad who was turning 1.

Meetings in Review Continued

connected to the appropriate services without guidance. Montgomery County is unlike any other (continued next page) County in Ohio they don't have this type of program. In fact this program may serve as the example for development of programs in other areas.

Happy Birthday Wishes: to *Diane Graham* who was serenaded by her fellow Kiwanians with the birthday song.

K-Donations: From Chuck Sousa for a ditty shared by Chuck Sousa about the pig that walked away in the absence of Neal and our joke. Kelly gave a K-10 for missing the last meeting and for the recent District Convention. Bob Buescher gave to recognize Kelly's efforts of the convention as did Lt Governor George Doyle.

Guests: Guests Lt. Governor George Doyle

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

September 5

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September 12

September 19

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September 26

October 3

October 10

October 17

October 17

October 24

October 31

No Regular Kiwanis Meeting

Kiwanis Foundation Board Meeting 12 Noon at Habitat for Humanity

Service Week

Lela Klein, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Greater Dayton Union Co-op Initiative (GDUCI) "Gem City Market"

Kiwanis Board Meeting 1:00 p.m.

Service Week

Patrick Gill, Dayton-Montgomery County Scholarship Program and Montgomery County Ohio College Promise

Service Week

Annual Meeting and Installation of Officers

Kiwanis Board Meeting 1:00 p.m.

Service Week

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OFFICERS

Chuck Sousa-President
Mark Cooper-Past President
Kelly Brown -President Elect
Diane Graham—Vice President
AJ Lewis -Treasurer
Laura Erbaugh-Secretary

FOUNDATION TRUSTEES

Mark Cooper,Chair,
AJ Lewis, Diane Graham,
Bob Buescher, Mark Burton,
Bobby Beavers, Chuck Sousa

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2015-2018

Jeff Funkhouser
Bill Evans

2016-2019

Mindy Simes
Frank Ecklar

2017-2020

Pam Albers

PAST PRESIDENTS

Bobby J. Beavers 1999-2000
Randolph N. Kramer 2000-2001*
Harold Reed 2001-2002
Kelly Brown 2002-2003
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Anthony Whitmore 2010-2011
Diane Graham 2011-2012
Jeff Funkhouser 2012-2014
Bobby J. Beavers 2014-2015
Mark Cooper 2015-2016

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