

Kiwanis Downtowner



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**Happy
Birthday**



**December
Birthdays**

30th Ron Knipfer

Upcoming Meetings

TUESDAY, December 1, 2015

PROGRAM: "Gift Wrapping & Bag Stuffing"

Meet at Sinclair Community College, Bldg 12, Room 231
We will be wrapping packages for the children that we will be serving at the House of Bread for our Holiday Service Project on December 5th. We will also be stuffing bags for the adults with toiletries. Please bring scissors and scotch tape to help with the wrapping and stuffing. This is always a fun meeting with filled with fellowship.



Invocation: Harry Bradbury
Introductions: Jeff Funkhouser
Greeters: Laura Erbaugh, 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 December 8th - Service Week

TUESDAY, December 15, 2015

PROGRAM: "Holiday Fellowship"

Meet at Sinclair Community College, Bldg 12, Room 231

Fellow Kiwanian Ron Knipfer will lead our group in some holiday caroling and we will have time for fellowshiping and fun.



Program Chair: Mark Cooper
Invocation: Bobby Beavers
Introductions: Neal Leffel
Greeters: Chuck Sousa, Jeff Funkhouser



No Meetings on December 22 & 29 - Happy Holidays

Meetings in Review

November 3: Our program on Common Core Education did not show up. We must be jinxed. This was the 4th try to hear them. Perhaps it was meant to be that way.

Our dear friend, fellow Kiwanian, Past President, and committed Treasurer of our club, Randy Kramer passed away just the day before (November 2nd) after a long and courageous battle with sarcoma cancer. His fight included a leg amputation above the knee six years ago and many trips to the OSU Cancer Center as he continued to fight the tumors returning to his lungs. He handled it all with dignity and grace. Our thoughts go out to his wife Teresa, his children and his entire family. In a moment of sincere appreciation, Kelly asked each of those present to offer their thoughts of how Randy had touched their lives, prior to her invocation. After each personal tribute, even those who never knew Randy very personally, felt that they knew him intimately after listening to all the comments.

The rest of the time was spent in fellowship during the meal and a couple of announcements:

- 1) Chuck Sousa reminded us that he is starting to collect board books, and contributions, for the books for the Brighter Futures Help Us Grow program. Last year we were able to present 400 books. Chuck is looking to increase that number to as many as 700 this year.
- 2) Diane Graham thanked those who turned out to pack over 100 boxes of food for Seniors at the Food Bank last week. Since the Kiwanis Breakfast Club joined us for the project, we are eligible for an interclub with them.
- 3) Kelly Brown reminded everyone to hold the date of Saturday, December 5th, at 10:30 am, for our House of Bread Holiday (Christmas) Gift Project.
- 4) Harry Bradbury reminded the members of the Foundation Board of our meeting following today's luncheon.

November 17: Our speaker was Michelle Riley, President & CEO of The Foodbank. The foodbank has 100 member agencies (all non-profits) who come to them for food to distribute to the citizens of the Miami Valley. These member agencies must distribute the food free to the public through food pantries and congregate feeding. The Foodbank became a stand alone agency in 2004 and will be 40 years old next year...it started as part of the American Red Cross.

Announcements:

- 1) Happy Birthday wishes and song went out to Kiwanians celebrating their birthdays in November: Mark Cooper, Neal Leffel and Jeff Funkhouser.
- 2) Harry Bradbury announced that an Eliminate Letter would be going out next week. He then reported that he heard from former Kiwanian Jim Sandegren who is doing well in Iowa.
- 3) Chuck reminded all of the Board Book Collections and suggesting hitting up 1/2 price books, goodwill, and thrift stores.

Service Project at the Foodbank

Member of the Dayton Kiwanis Club and the Dayton Breakfast Club packed boxes of food for those in need at the Foodbank in late October



Annual Book Drive to Benefit Brighter Futures Collecting Children's Board Books



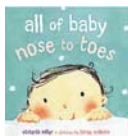
We have begun our 8th annual Board Book collection for Brighter Futures under the Help Us Grow Program. **Collection will take place October 1st—December 15th**

Brighter Futures is a comprehensive nurse home visiting program for low income, first time pregnant women. Specially-trained nurses regularly visit mothers and family members in

their homes during pregnancy and teach prenatal care. After the birth, they emphasize parenting skills and healthy infant and child development.



We will be collecting Board Books for young children to read and enjoy with their parents. Nurses in the Brighter Futures program leave the books during their visits so that parents can share fun learning moments with their children. Last year we collected around 400 books! Can we match or exceed that total this year? **Let's shoot for 700 books to distribute to the children!**



We will be making the presentation of books to Pam Albers, Executive Director of Brighter Futures in January...so we have plenty of time to collect a record number of books. Books should be new or used in good condition.

Board books are the thick cardboard type books for small children. **(No paper pages!)**

Don't want to shop? Then just make a donation to the program and Chuck Sousa and his wife, Sheila will shop for the books for you.

Drop off your books or donations at one of our meetings or at the Kiwanis office.



He Shall Be Missed

Randy Kramer passed away on Monday, November 2 at the age of 51 at Hospice of Dayton after a 6 1/2 year battle with cancer. He joined Dayton Kiwanis on March 22, 1994. He served as Club President during 2000-2001. And then several years later became the Club Treasurer serving in that position until his death. Randy was a true Kiwanian to the end. We offer our deepest sympathies to his family on their loss. We will miss him greatly within our club.

**Do You Have a Good Idea
For a Program?
Then Share it with Laura
call her at 304-7602 or email
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Holiday Service Project at House of Bread

Please plan to serve the children of the world at the House of Bread on Saturday, December 5 for our annual Christmas project! HOB would like for Kiwanians to arrive by 9:45 AM. Our event will conclude at 11:30 but we are welcome to stick around for their lunch service. We will provide gifts for the kids, as well as lead them in 2 craft projects. We will play Christmas music too. HOB will provide a light breakfast for the kids. If you plan to attend and help out with this project please let Kelly Brown know.
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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

December 1	Wrapping Gifts for our Holiday Service Project
December 5	Holiday Service Project at The House of Bread
December 8	Service Week
December 15	Holiday Fellowship & Caroling
December 15	Board Meeting
December 22	NO MEETING—HOLIDAYS
December 25	MERRY CHRISTMAS
December 29	NO MEETING—HOLIDAYS
January 1	HAPPY NEW YEAR
January 5	Erin Wilson, Dakota Center
January 12	Service Week
January 19	TBD
January 26	Service Week
February 2	TBD
February 9	Service Week
February 16	Bing Davis, Artist, "Youth and Art"
February 16	Board Meeting
February 23	Service Week

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