

Kiwanis Downtowner



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Kiwanis Club of Dayton, Ohio

December 1, 2016

**Happy
Birthday**



**December
Birthdays**

30th Ron Knipfer

Upcoming Meetings

TUESDAY, December 6, 2016

PROGRAM: "Holiday Wrapping"

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 17th. 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.

Program Chair: Kelly Brown

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 13th - Service Week

TUESDAY, December 20, 2016

PROGRAM: "Holiday Fellowship & Caroling"

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. Bring your Holiday Spirit!

Program Chair: Ron Knipfer

Invocation: Kelly Brown

Introductions: Bob Buescher

Greeters: Jeff Funkhouser, Mark Cooper



No Meeting on December 27th - Happy Holidays

Meetings in Review

November 1: Our speaker for the day was Jill Kingston, Executive Director at Brigid's Path, a 501C3 non-profit organization here in Dayton that will be opening a Newborn Recovery Center in late Spring in Moraine. They will be providing inpatient medical care to drug-exposed newborns in a home like

setting, non judgmental support for mothers and educational services to improve family outcomes. This idea for this venture began when Jill began fostering drug exposed babies in her home and thought what more can she do to help other families facing these challenges. She began researching and putting all the resources together hired a medical director, they received the donation of a facility that is currently being rehabbed through many generous donations. It has taken 6 months for licensing and funding to come through and they should be open in late Spring 2017. Brigid's Path will be an alternative to the traditional hospital setting for newborns and their families while they withdraw. The average hospital stay for a newborn is 20 days. The effects of the withdraw include shaking which is aided by swaddling them to help them feel secure, they also cry a lot because of the pain they are experiencing. They also suffer from vomiting and diarrhea and frequent sneezing is also another side affect they have high pitched screams in comparison to other newborns. To aid in their withdraw they are given methadone or morphine for 16 days. Brigid's Path will be licensed as a crisis care facility so the baby can stay longer if needed. They will have a full nursing staff, family advocates and programs to work for these families so they can move forward to get healthy and create a healthy family. The babies will go home with mom in a majority of cases but on a safety plan or sometimes with the grandmas. Often times foster families will be involved. They are currently working on getting a Medicaid number which will help for those who cannot afford the care. The building is 12,000 square feet and will have 4 pods with 6 nurseries in each and each pod will also have a living room type area as well for a sense of community and family. The building will also have a chapel and they will have ministers come in that can work with the families and churches or groups will volunteer to bring in food for the families. When asked about service opportunities Linda responded with the following: they need help with laundry, baby rocking (#1 therapy for this babies), cleaning, landscaping and weeding, fundraising events. They are currently involved in a paver campaign to continue to raise funds where you can engrave a paver that will be placed outside the building. They also have a naming opportunity for parts of the building. Another way to help is to hold a supply drive for diapers, clothing, soaps and baby wipes. **K-Donations:** From Kelly Brown.

November 15 : Our speaker for the day was Katie Neubert, Chapter Manager for Miami Valley Chapter Prevent Blindness Ohio. The Dayton office has been open since 2000 but Prevent Blindness Ohio was started in the 1950's. The need was so high in this area that they recently made the Dayton office a full Chapter and was renamed the Miami Valley Chapter. Katie spoke to us about their Wise About Eyes Presentation that are given to preschoolers about caring for their eyes which include a science experiment on their level to show the impact of trauma to their eyes. When you impact that child and his/her knowledge of caring for their eyes you also impact the rest of their family. Other events that they participate in to spread awareness is a Halloween event, distribution of safety goggles, speaking about UV awareness and in impact on the eyes (on the local program Living in Dayton). Their biggest goal is early detection...as 50% of all blindness is preventable. When babies are born they get drops in their eyes to keep them from getting infections...back in the early 1900's this wasn't happening and many youth went blind from the infections in their eyes. Their screening start around 3-4 year old in preschool but they also serve the elderly as well who are challenged with glaucoma—if this is caught early it can be sight saving. Prevent Blindness is the 2nd oldest non-profit health and advocacy organization the 1st is the American Red Cross. They are able to reach their potential clients through working with partner organizations who are helping those individuals who need assistance. Katie then demonstrated a new app that will allow individuals to see through the eyes of individuals suffering from different eye diseases showing what their world looks like. She also stressed how important it is to receive dilated eye exams and told the story of a woman who was having an eye exam and the doctor discovered she had a brain tumor by what he saw on her examination and about another lady who was in the middle of having a stroke and was discovered through the exam. Prevent Blindness is funded through grants, private donations and fundraisers including their annual People of Vision luncheon.

K-Donations: From Harry Bradbury for announcing that we made our goal for the Eliminate Project as a Model Club.



Holiday Service Project—December 17th at 9:30 am

We will once again be conducting our Holiday Service Project for the children at the House of Bread on December 17th. We will meet around 9:30 at the House of Bread located at 9 Orth Avenue (45402). We will conduct a Holiday Party for the children who come to the House of Bread with their parents and will have gifts to hand out to them and some craft activities for them to participate in and breakfast will be served. The Party will take place from 10 am – 11:30. Be sure to wear your holiday attire. If you can attend and help celebrate the holidays with these children then please let Kelly Brown know to expect you. kellybrown1018@yahoo.com. We will also be handing out toilet-ry bags for the adults.

Foundation Check Presentation



Foundation Past President Bobby Beavers presented a check to Katie Neubert from Prevent Blindness Ohio for \$900 to help with the funding of their Early Detection Screenings for children.



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

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO BRING IN YOUR BOARD BOOK DONATIONS—WE WILL BE WRAPPING THIS UP AT OUR LAST MEETING IN DECEMBER.

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.

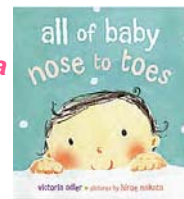
We will be collecting Board Books for young children to read and enjoy with their parents. Nurses in the Brighter Futures program leave the books during their visits so that parents can share fun learning moments with their children. Last year we collected around 800 books! Can we match or exceed that total this year? **Let's shoot for 1000 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 of your books or donations at one of our meetings
or at the Kiwanis office



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UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

December 6	Wrapping for the Holiday Service Project at the House of Bread
December 6	Foundation Board Meeting at 1:15 p.m.
December 13	Service Week
December 20	Holiday Fellowship Meeting
December 20	Board Meeting 1:15 p.m.
December 27	Happy Holidays— NO MEETING
January 3	Don Wiggins, Flying Horse Farm
January 10	Service Week
January 17	Kelli Sharp, Stay Ahead of the Game, Dayton Children's
February 7	Steve Topp, Better Business Bureau "How to Avoid Being Scammed"
February 14	Service Week
February 21	TBD
February 21	Board Meeting 1:15 p.m.
February 28	Service Week
March 7	TBD
March 14	Service Week
March 21	TBD
March 21	Board Meeting 1:15 p.m.
March 28	Service Week

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