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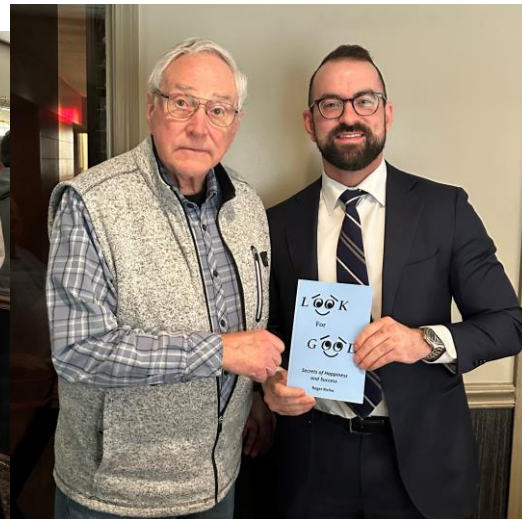
BIRTHDAYS

2/14 Jim Crooks
2/21 Jean Eckrich

ANNIVERSARIES

2/20 Paul & Paula Eckrich

OUR EXCELLENT JANUARY MEETING SPEAKERS



1/10/24 Eve Brendes of Affton Community Food Pantry advised updates to the pantry operations. Roger Richie presented her the Looking fir Good book

1/24/24 David Large of Investors Title Presented a very interesting program and took questions. Jim Crooks presented him the Looking for Good book gift,



Lutheran High School South **KEY CLUB** project was to make Valentine bags for CFNA (Christian Friends of New Americans) children. Bags were decorated and filled with goodies.



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OUR MO-ARK Baetrice Johnson Kiwanis Youth Kamp: Dedication of the Education Center Building

Members Jim Fritz, Laurie Leupold (and Don), Carla & Dave O'Brien were in attendance. Jim Fritz spoke on behalf of MO-ARK as our Governor Elect, as Governor Paul Sherman was unable to attend because he had Covid.



The Education Center Building (above and to the left)

The formal ribbon cutting of the Education Center was February 3rd. It looks fantastic outside and in. It has a large meeting room, kitchen, restroom and storage closet. We also have drop down steps to attic storage, If you note to the left side of the building there is an ADA ramp as well. **(Below)**

(L) Jim Fritz addresses the group at the pavilion

(R) Vault toilets, an earlier improvement



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BOARD MEETING NOTES**Treasurer** – Carla Obrien**President** – Karl Grattendick**Co-Secretary** – Carla OBrien/Marisa McCluer**President-elect** –**immed Past Pres:** Jean Eckrich**Board of Directors:** Ken Bennett, Lorin Dressel, Paul Eckrich, Roger Richie

Also present was: Jim Crooks

Secretary's Report (Carla OBrien) – Motion to accept the December minutes as presented in the January Newsletter by: Paul Eckrich seconded by Jean Eckrich Call for vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Treasurer's Report (Carla O'Brien) –

Charitable account is at \$ 11,517.21 and Administrative account is at \$635.75, totaling \$ 12,152.96. Any questions? Motion was made to accept the financial report by Lorin Dressel, seconded by Ken Bennett. Call for vote: All in favor, none opposed.

Committee Reports - Administrative:

Education (Jim Crooks) – Bi-monthly questions continue.

Flying Squadron (Jim Crooks) Date:2/21/24 Visit to South County Kkiwanis, Frailey's at Noon. Jim, Karl and Roger are going, please contact Jim Crooks if you'd like to join!

House Comm. (Karl Grattendick) – We continue meeting at Bartolinos South in either the front or back meeting rooms

Program (Mary Schaefer) –Go over all programs as scheduled for December, and place at end of newsletter

Membership Development (Jim Crooks) **After attrition, it appears that we'll have 28 regular members. Plan a campaign.**

Nominating (Jean Eckrich & last 4 pres.) -. Still need a President Elect

Sick/telephone (Don Sabbert) – Ken Haller is doing better, and may be able to go home soon. Doug Kirberg passed away on January 26th. Our sympathy to his family, no service is scheduled to our knowledge....

Committee Reports - Community Service

Camp (Paul Eckrich) – no report

Community Service / Welfare (Paul Eckrich) – no report

Fund Raising (Allan C, Ken B, Ginger C, Jim C, Mike H, Robert H, Roger R):.Roger suggestedpPlanning a "dining out" fundraiser in April. The system at 3 Margaritas in Fenton seems convoluted, so we will look at Bandanas or Texas Roadhouse..

Scholarship (Carla Obrien & Jim Fritz) –Done: **LHSS, Hancock, and Affton students - The Earl Collins application has been received one each from Affton and LHSS. They were turned in timely to our ECF Trustee, Jim Fritz**

SLP – High Schools (Jim Crooks) –

Hancock: (Nicole Herman)- They are meeting.

Affton: – (Jason Buck) They are meeting

Lutheran South: (Debbie Davis & Laura Maschhoff) They are meeting and doing Valentine projects

Bayless High School – Need to make new connection

Grade Schools (Carla Obrien)

Mesnier – Next reading Cancelled till next year

Gotsch – Principal Christine Powers is interested but will be next school year

We gave an ad for the Key Club convention in March



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Tilles Lights (Karl Grattendick / Carla OBrien) – Not held 2022 and 2023.No app received for 2024

Young Children Priority 1 (Don Leupold, Ann Fritsch and Ginger Crooks) – o report

Committee Reports - Fund Raising

Steak Raffle (Paul Eckrich) – Starting up, drawing on May 22,2024

Sewing Machine Project (Lorin Dressel) You can contact Lorin with pick up

Trivia (Carla & Jean) – **Booked the Crestwood Community Center for March 23, 2024. Please begin selling sponsorships and ads, and lining up friends and relatives to attend.**

NEW BUSINESS

SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE MONTH OF FEB: Cpt Marisa will advise what we can do for Salvation Army in February.

IMPORTANT DATES UPCOMING

February 14 Speaker– LTG Teri Jacob visits our club, Marisa McClure, Salvation Army will give a program on LOVE, **Bring your LOVE to the meeting!**

February 28 Speaker – Mary Saputo of OASIS Community Outreach

March 9 – Our Little Haven Trivia Night at Chaminade, begins 8:00pm \$240/table of 8

March 21-23 MO-ARK mid year Retreat in N Little Rock, Wyndham Hotel

March 23 - Gravois Kiwanis Trivia Night, Crestwood Community Center

July 3-6 – Kiwanis International Convention in Denver CO

August 16-17 – MO-ARK District Convention in St Louis at Doubletree Westport

Meeting place

The next Board Meeting for is March 6 @ 7:00pm at Gateway Citadel Salvation Army, 824 Union Rd

Adjournment – at 8:23pm



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