



 $m{A}$ s of 5/25/25, The Kiwanis Club of Sheraden officially has th emost members registered for the Kiwanis International Convention out of any club in the entire Pennsylvania District. Let me say that again for the people in the back: THAT CLUB IS #1! Take a bow, folks. You've already made me proud. But why stop now? From June 25-28, over 2,000 Kiwanians from around the globe are headed to Pittsburgh — and thanks to you, they're walking into a convention hosted by the most enthusiastic, the most represented, the most fun-loving club in the state.

### WHAT'S IN STORE?

Workshops that'll fire up your inner servant leader.

o Inspirational speakers that might make you cry (the goodkind of cry, not the "someone called you a Jaggoff" kind). And for those of you who were excited to see Henry Winkler....TOO BAD...because you can now fawn over Martin Sheen.

• A Large Scale Service Project supporting Caitlyn Smiles that proves we don't just talk about helping kids — we get our hands dirty doing it.

• The Wednesday Kickoff Events, including the Kiwanis Amplify Capstone and early access to the Kiwanis Family Store. (Because we all know Sheraden loves agood merch table.) Let's be real — this isn't just a convention. This is the Olympics of Kindness, and Sheraden is already winning gold. So thank you, Sheraden, for showing up big. Now let's show up loud, proud, and show the world why THAT CLUB is THE CLUB to be apart of. Yours in Service, Spike Region 2 Trustee Chair, 2025 Kiwanis International Convention Host Committee P.S. If we hit 100% club registration, I will personally do the chicken dance at Opening Session. In full regalia. You've been warned.

Shawn "Spike" Smith, Region 2 Trustee & Your Very Sleep-Deprived Host Committee Chair

## SPIKE'S ICON TO-DO LIST:

Take over the David L. Lawrence Convention Center Show visiting Kiwanians what yinz" really means Make sure everyone gets a warm Pittsburgh welcome Keep Sheraden's bragging rights safe we've got the numbers,

NOW LET'S BRING THE ENERGY!!



## Just announced: Martin Sheen is new keynote!



There's more: Martin Sheen is our new keynote speaker! Unfortunately, Henry Winkler is unable to join us in Pittsburgh — but we're thrilled to welcome Sheen, a multiple Emmy and Golden Globe winner who endeared himself to audiences worldwide during his seven-year run as U.S. President Bartlet on NBC's award-winning series "The West Wing." With more than 100 roles since the 1960s, he's known not only for his remarkable career, but also for his passion, purpose and advocacy. Sheen brings a powerful blend of storytelling and inspiration. His keynote will entertain and challenge us to make a difference.

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At the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention, you create the experience that best suits your goals — as a Kiwanian, a leader and an individual. Not only can you choose from more than 30 educational workshops, Kiwanis Launch pads and speaker presentations, but we've curated a lineup of add-on options so you can truly customize your convention.

### **Membership Fair** and Welcome Reception

Looking for innovative recruitment inspiration? Pick up tips from clubs that have been recognized for their growth efforts after using Two For Two, club boosts, open houses, guest days or their own membership drives. Take time during the Welcome Reception to visit vendors. meet officer candidates, and enjoy entertainment and refreshments. New this year: a DJ and door prizes!

#### **Signature Project Breakfast**

Celebrate the best of the best Kiwanis signature projects. The top 10 finalists in each group will be recognized and then the bronze, silver and aold awards for each will be revealed. US \$40

#### **Kiwanis Children's Fund Luncheon -**The Generosity Challenge

During the convention, we'll attempt something monumental: raising enough money through The Possibility Project to impact the equivalent of every child in Pittsburgh, Join fellow Kiwanians for inspiration, entertainment from our guest host, and stories of how your generosity – paired with your Kiwanis service —impacts kids.

#### **Kiwanis Sunset Social**

Join Kiwanians from around the world for this special party on the rooftop of the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Enjoy finger food, a cash bar and entertainment.

#### **Kiwanis SLP Showcase of Service Luncheon**

Ioin us as we celebrate Kev Club International's 100th birthday. That's 100 years of service and leadership, making a difference in the lives of students, and community impact. Hear from Key Club members and alumni — and learn how you can join the Key Club Centennial Celebration and celebrate with us throughout the year. US\$ 40

#### **Kiwanis Roaring** '20s Gala

Get ready for a night of glitz and glamor! Whether you're mingling at the Gatsby-inspired bar or hitting the dance floor. you'll enjoy this night celebrating Kiwanis. Don your finest flapper dress or sharpest suit — or come as you are for our annual closing night gala. The ticket includes dinner. US \$80



# GREETINGS FROM YOUR GOVERNOR-ELECT

Hello THATClub! I wanted to take a few moments to share what has been going on in my planning as Governor-Elect to prepare for my Governor term next year. First, thank you for your support, confidence and belief in me-without you, this opportunity would not have been possible. I am honored to be the first person from our club to serve as District Governor. I also wanted to give my husband and travel companion, Jeff, a BIG shout-out for being so supportive and understanding throughout this journey thus far as well as being my +1 at several meetings and events. I have been active within the district. attending various district committee and board meetings and putting together the District Leadership Team (Trustees, Lt. Governors, SLP Admins and District Chairpersons) for next year. I helped to plan and attended MidYear Conference in Grantville and attended Circle K and **Key Club District Conventions in** March. Jeff and I had the opportunity to attend the 100th Anniversary for



Kiwanis Club of State College in mid-May. I will be attending the Kiwanis Club of Fort LeBoeuf's Spring Fling at the end of May. One of the most exciting things I experienced was being on the Team to open a new club in the Greater Latrobe area in March. This is a VERY dynamic group of people and they will have significant impact in the Greater Latrobe community. This club is in our Region (Region 2) in Division 8. Please give them a warm welcome to the Kiwanis Family! I am really excited for our upcoming International Convention (ICON) in the 'Burgh June 25-28! It is going to be an amazing event and a fantastic opportunity to showcase Pittsburgh to Kiwanians from all around the world! Then Saturday, June 28 (after the ICON House of Delegates/Business Session) will be

Delegates/Business Session) will be the PA Business Session, where I will be formally elected Governor (as well as conduct annual and important business for the district). I hope to see many of you at the Convention Center Downtown!

I am looking forward to the opportunity to lead this Great District next year and share Kiwanis moments throughout PA. I want to hear Kiwanians' why and passion and see and experience the wonderful and impactful things we do everyday to positively impact kids and our communities.
#KidsNeedKiwanis

Barb Carter (Byers) 2024-2025 Governor-Elect

## **Message from the President**

Adaptability. If I had to describe our Club in one word this past quarter, that would be it. Whether it is a power outage, a new service project, competing community activities or the truck rooftop flag hanger, our Club members find a way to adapt to the circumstance and deal with it for the benefit of our community. Other examples are members finding new sources of books for our book giveaways, taking on an additional project at PCA for their end of the school year celebration, reinstating the Prayer Breakfast, all just taken in stride. Even our slate of officers and directors for the 24-25 year is an indication of this, when our newest members are stepping up to take on leadership roles, and multiple volunteers to serve as delegates and alternates for the upcoming International and District annual meetings. If I had to give us grades, the members of the Kiwanis Club of Sheraden would get straight A's: they are Able, Accepting, Amazing, and Adaptable. Maureen Reynolds - May 2025

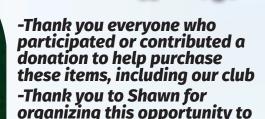




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-About 20 Kiwanis participated in the parade, including our PA governor, Tom Harp

-During the parade, they distributed, icon stickers, pixie sticks, coins, and the most popular item were the flags.



spread the news of Kiwanis club



PITTSBURGH ST. PATRICKS DAY PARADE SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 2025

## MAY 2025 Membership Update



We hosted our annual new member recruitment dinner on May 15 and were honored to have nine guests join us at dinner.

We were excited to meet potential new members Brian and Angelina Dolan who were guests of Sandy Maker. Pastor Matt and Amanda Grubbs came as guests of members Wayne Meyer, Evelyn Novak and Chris Curtz. Sharon Morgan joined us as she had been invited by her neighbor, member Fran Ulrich, and new member Jennie Miller invited guests Dave Lehrman and Shawn O'Donnell. Trevor Fontan attended as a guest of Maureen Reynolds after member Shawn Smith had contact with his mom, a Kiwanis International employee he met last November. And former member Fred ("Buddy") Heinold came as a guest of member Keith Smith. Our program focused on our service to the community with a crossword puzzle and then an enhanced regular meeting agenda with tons of commentary about our current and upcoming projects. Dinner was delicious, as always, and the table linens and decorations made the event extra special. What was most notable was the amount of conversation at the tables with our guests as members found common interests and shared crossword answers. The Membership Committee members asks that members conduct follow-ups via emails and phone calls with all our guests, including a few more who were unable to attend the dinner.



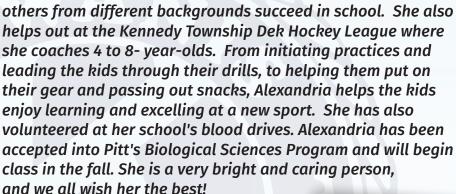


## **Foundation Scholarship**

On May 8th, Alexandria Essel and her family joined the Club for dinner, and she was presented with a \$1,000 Scholarship from the Kiwanis Club of Sheraden Foundation. After dinner, she read her essay to the room, and it was clear that she is a very deserving student for this award. Not only does she have top marks in all her classes, but she has also kept herself busy volunteering for her community.



Alexandria has participated and led some local tutoring programs to help



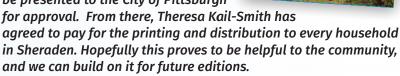


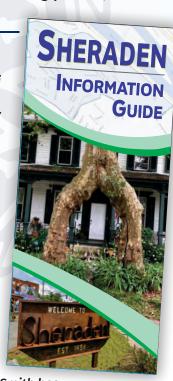
## Our Brick Sale is going well

Aimee Wysocki has been amazing leading the charge on this project and has placed the first order for the commemorative bricks for Kiwanis Korner. We will be using the bricks as part of our efforts to make the property more attractive and inviting to the community. This has been the site of many community events and we want to continue to make improvements. We will also be exploring the best way to do routine maintenance, such as snow removal and grass cutting. We have received a bid to do the work and will be considering the proposal at our next meeting.

## **Community Brochure**

Over the past few years, Aimee Wysocki has been pushing for a brochure for Sheraden. Even with all the technology available to us and posts out on Facebook, there is a need to get basic Sheraden information out to the Community to both new and long-term residents, and a brochure could be the perfect tool for that. With the help of Doug Woods, that brochure is closer than ever to becoming a reality. He has used his impressive computer and graphic arts skills to put together a prototype that features important recurring dates, community outreach groups, a map of the area, and more. With a little more editing, it will soon be presented to the City of Pittsburgh















## **Langley Builders Club**

Kiwanis Terrific Kids 2024/2025

Kiwanis Terrific Kids is a student recognition program that aims to promote character development, self-esteem, and perseverance. It encourages students to define what "terrific" means to them and to develop personal goals for improvement.

The local Terrific Kids program is an attendance recognition program, that provides encouragement and incentive to the kids by providing a monthly reward for their efforts toward perfect attendance.

At the beginning of the school year Kiwanis recognized around 100 Terrific Kids each month at Langley K thru 8. The treats Kiwanis provided were distributed during their month-end celebration day where they either watched a movie, had a guest speaker or had a game day.

Starting in January 2025, Kiwanis also started a recognition program at Pittsburgh Classical Academy. Kiwanis is recognizing around 100 Terrific Kids each month with the treats being distributed during the month-end school celebration day.



### **PCA Builders Club**

The 2024-2025 PCA Builders Club is off to a good start. We have Di Stoehr, Karen Byerly, Maureen Reynolds, Tracy Smith, Marianne Muraska and Keith Smith helping out this year as each is able. We are meeting bi-weekly if the school and our schedule allows. Besides our members, there are usually 3-4 teachers to help out also.

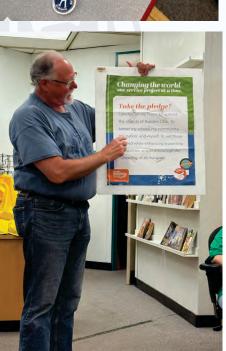
We have approximately 17 students participating and they are very excited that we are continuing to have a Builder's Club again this year.

Most of the projects we are doing include some type of artwork or cutting and pasting of items on cards, posters or other items as we see fit at each meeting. Our projects so far have been Thanksgiving cards, Christmas cards, welcome back posters, holiday placemats, Snowman soup bags, Veterans cards, etc. These items are distributed to the Meals on Wheels program or the VA Hospital and to some of the early learning childhood students.

Each time we do a project with the students, we also provide them with some type of snack/candy at the end of the workshop. (Which they looks forward to)

In addition to these activities with the Builders Club, the Social Worker at the school has asked us if we would be able to participate in a program for other students which we have decided on a "Terrific Kids" program. We are working out the details, but hope this will help promote perfect attendance, the school as it is at Langley PreK-8 school.











There are many people who offer a lot of support to community organizations. As a Kiwanis club, we established the Above and Beyond Award to acknowledge their contributions to our community and to our club. We have invited them to dinner to recognize them in front of our club members and presented them with a certificate and a few tchotchke Kiwanis items.

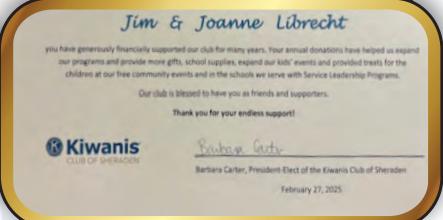
In the months of March and April 2025, we contacted two different families who have gone out of their way to support our club, whether it was a cash donation, sponsorship for our golf outing, making a raffle basket for one of our events, or supporting the members of our community.

The members of both of these families were grateful of the invitation and for the recognition. We would like to express our gratitude to Jim and Joanne Librecht and to Mike Perry and his sister, Mary Jo for their contributions to our club and to our community.



This special recognition is made to members of the community who through their dedication to service for others is outstanding. Each month we look to members of the community who are not members of our Kiwanis Club of Sheraden and exemplify service. The following people were recognized by our club this Kiwanis Year.







## **Foundation Updates**

Shawn Smith has applied for a grant to do some improvements to our property. We want to make Kiwanis Korner a welcoming space for the community and we need to make some improvements to both the pavilion and the lot, itself. We will be planning a work day for anyone who wants to be involved!

At the election last week, Fran Ulrich was elected to serve on the foundation board. A huge thank you to all the work Kara Whitfield has provided in her time as a board member. Her input has been invaluable and very much appreciated by the entire board. Welcome to Fran and we all look forward to his contributions to the board as we continue to move forward.

Foundation President Debbie Whitfield









## The Great Sheraden Garbage Derby

On April 5th, the Sheraden Community showed up in force and got their hands dirty! Sheraden Neighbors and the Sheraden Community Council held their annual Earth Day Community Cleanup, and many Kiwanians joined in to help out. Despite the heavy rain that morning, there was an outstanding turnout of over 80 people who took over Sheraden, street by street, and gathered up piles and piles waste. People walked the streets and picked up random trash, many alleyways were cleaned up of large debris, and also a huge pile of old tires were cleared out and disposed of properly. All this hard work helped the neighborhood shine a little brighter. Afterwards, a pizza lunch was provided at the Sheraden Healthy Active Living Center to thank those who participated. It was a great event, and it was so nice to see the wonderful turnout of helpers to get the job done!







# Gardening in Sheraden

During the year, some of our club members join in several community efforts to help perk up our community of Sheraden. Whether it's the



community cleanup in the fall, the Pgh Garbage Derby in the spring or planting flowers in the Sam Palombini Garden, we try. On May 3, Doug and Cindy Woods, Maureen Reynolds and Aimee Wysocki joined in with members of the community to clean out the garden area. They cut down shrubs, dug up dead growth, and weeded the garden beds. A dirty job, but someone has to do it. It also helps if you like to garden!!

On May 17, Aimee Wysocki, Jan Schubert and Marianne Muraska joined another group of community members to plant flowers and perennials donated by Lamar Advertising, the Sheraden Community Council, and from our club. Some new garden lights were added, as well as American flags to add a finishing touch. We have already received a lot of positive comments on our Facebook page and other Sheraden related Facebook pages. Thank you for your muscle to get the garden finished again this year.





# **Kids Day Health Fun and Safety Fair**

On Saturday, May 10, the 18th annual Kid's Day: Health, Safety and Fun Fair was held at Langley School. The weather was sunny and spectacular! We had over 30 vendors that included: first responders, law enforcement, environmental resources, literacy, local government, football sports teams, local agencies for families and health providers. Kids were professionally fitted for bicycle helmet. There was also an air brush tattoo artist. Lunch was served and kids were able to get a "grab bag" gift and make their mothers cards and choose Mother's Day gift. Each child received a "swag bag" for the items they gathered.

Donations were received from some of our Kiwanis Club members, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Magistrate Nick Martini and Eat 'N Park. A good time was had by all and we are looking forward to next year!











## Message from Lt. Governor Wayne Meyer



Since Christians have just celebrated a season of "resurrection" I thought it would be appropriate to inform you of the resurrection of the Pittsburgh Club. This is not to say that the club died completely, but it was teetering on a fine live. However, bring in Doug Turner and Jeff Heald. Two men who have come to work diligently to resurrect one of the oldest clubs in Kiwanis.

Each of these men have met for the last three months with Shawn, Keith and myself in the hope of reviving this club. They have already contacted former members, members who are not active and even sent out candy bars in a hope of attracting these members. They have already held an election and Doug Turner is the president and Jeff Heald is the secretary. They are energetic and determined to revive this club. They are always open to new ideas and ways in which they might achieve their goals and have shared many of their ideas with us.

Please keep this club in your thoughts and prayers as they face a difficult task and if you have any ideas for the club, please let Shawn, Keith, or myself know. Let's help to keep this club afloat!!!

In Kiwanian Service, Rev. Wayne D. Meyer Lt. gov. Division 5 District Chair, Human and Spiritual Values





# Autism Awareness Day at Langley School

On Thursday, April 10, Langley pre-K-8 school held their annual autism walk at the school. Normally it is held outdoors, but mother nature had her own plan for the day. So the festivities were transferred indoors to the school gym. Students from various classes

paraded through the gym as others cheered them on.



They were several activities for the students to engage in during their lunch breaks. This event is held each year at the school to raise awareness of autism and acceptance. National Autism Day is officially celebrated on April 2nd.





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On April 12th
Was a huge success with
about 75 children participating.
Nice turn out of parents
and guardians to support
the event.

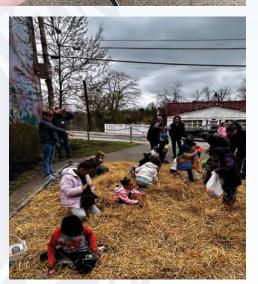
Kids were divided into three age groups to have some equity and gathering eggs.

Each child received a stuffed animal and a game and were able to make a craft. They also received a snack and a bottle of water.

Easter bunny was a huge hit and many of the kids took pictures with him.















# **Reading Event**

We had our very first reading event at Chartiers Early Learning Child Center in Windgap on Monday April 28th with 7 of our club members! We read Pete The Cat Scaredy Cat to the students and then donated the book to each class! The kids along with their teachers were very receptive! Each club member

had their own experience and we shared them with each other!
Thank you to Rob Bott for spearheading this project! We will talk about having this project twice a year at the school! Club Members included Wayne Meyer...Rob Bott...Keith and Tracy Smith (President) Maureen Reynolds Karen Byerly....and missing from the picture...Evelyn Novak (who stayed at the school a little longer to play with the kids)!



## Kids' Books: Recycled and New

This is the first year we are low on free books to give to kids at our events... whether new or old. We have finally exhausted our supply of books for younger kids, while we still have some for older youth. Jean Harkins always took care of finding books for our recycling program while others took advantage of the Scholastic Book Warehouse Sales twice a year.

After a discussion at one of our club meetings in March, members were asked to check with family, friends and neighbors to see if they were cleaning out their kids' libraries. Jennie Miller took it a step further and went on Facebook and searched for books at low cost. She connected with a woman in Squirrel Hill and was able to secure 91 very gently used books for the bargain price of \$20. Bessy Miller dropped off some books on Marianne's porch. Susan Grab gave Jennifer some books from their church flea market. Melisa Cardillo talked up the project with friends and was given over 125 books to add to our collection. Scholastic Book warehouse finally opened their doors (first time since COVID) to in person shopping. So Maureen and Marianne made a trip to Homestead, took advantage





of the "Build a Box" section and filled 4 boxes with assorted titles for \$30 a box.

We now have a4 supply of children's books to share with the youth in our community. But it doesn't end here! Melisa Cardillo has agreed to pick up where Jean left off and to continue collecting the books and labeling them with our Kiwanis sticker. It takes a village... so be a part of the village and continue the collection effort!!





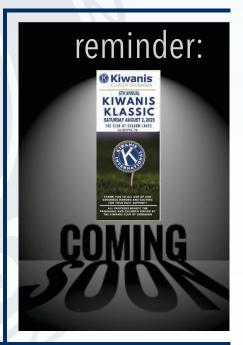
## **Pasta Dinner**

Our Annual Pasta Dinner was held on Sunday, March 23 at United Presbyterian Church in Ingram. It seems that a lot more people are looking for dinner out on a Sunday, so we provided that opportunity from 2 to 7 PM. Community engagement is one of our club goals and it seems that "breaking bread together" is a great opportunity to bring people together. Reverend Wayne is the master Chef who makes his special sauce for the pasta. Our club members served the yummy meals to our guests from salad and beverage to the main course and finally a dessert. We are grateful to the Community for supporting this fundraising event for our club. Our fundraisers continue to support our efforts with the providing service leadership programs in the schools, our free community events for the children and the annual community picnic. At the end of the evening, our members were able to sit down together and enjoy this special meal.











**Barb Carter** created a Zoom link for our club meetings. This will give the opportunity for members not able to attend in person at the meeting to participate virtually. The same link will be used for each club meeting.

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89332550179?pwd=FGAaaQBJ3EFxm1QIASengaliAgrRco.1

Meeting ID: 893 3255 0179 Passcode: 300658

Please feel free to contact Barb with any questions via email or phone (412-337-9656)



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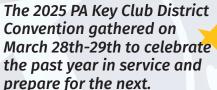
## DISTRICT KEY CLUB















The weekend began on Friday with a "meet-and-serve" where young leaders had a chance to meet other high schoolers while making dog toys to donate to a local animal shelter.

On Saturday, students had the chance to attend officer training workshops and hone their skills on public speaking and service event planning. Club delegates elected their new District Governor, Secretary/Treasurer, and Editor. At an awards ceremony, we recognized outstanding service projects, Key Club members, and advisors.



The convention's keynote speaker, Rania Zuri, spoke about The LiTEArary Society, Inc., an organization which has donated over \$1,000,000 worth of picture books to disadvantaged preschool children in Head State programs in all 50 states. The LiTEArary Society, which Rania founded when she was a high school student, was announced as the PA district's focal "Youth Serving Youth" project for the year.





### Kiwanis Club of Sheraden SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE 2025 as of May 29, 2025

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June 5	Marianne Muraska	JD's JOINT	(Kenmawr Plaza) 15136	412-841-6817 mmuraska@comcast.net
		Formerly Bobby D's	(Kellillawi Flaza) 15156	IIIIIdraska@comcast.net
June 12	Karen Byerly	Rockefeller's	1834 McKees Rocks Road 15136	412-721-3819
June 19	Tracy & Keith Smith	At their home	213 Church Drive	412-398-6405
	•	Regular & Board Meeting	Coraopolis 15108	tracy_smith917@yahoo.com
June 26	INTERNATIONAL	CONVENTION IN	NO MEETING	PITTSBURGH
July 3	HOLIDAY	WEEKEND	NO MEETING	
July 10	Jan Schubert	Angelia's Italian	12 Fairhaven Road McKees Rocks 15136	412-580-4477
		Grill		janiceschubert@comcast.ne
		Formerly Stroll Inn		
July 17	Maureen Reynolds	At her home	2706 Toledo Street	412-720-4474
July 22		Regular & Board Meeting	15204	moseymo122@gmail.com
July 24	Wayne Meyer	At his home	824 Chalmers Place	412-874-9640
			15243 (Mt Lebanon)	wdm21582@gmail.com
July 31	Jennie Miller	TBD		
August 7	Crafton Ingram Rotary Bar B Q Festival	Crafton Park	Dinner tickets will be Available pre-purchased	Concert in the Park
				7pmbring a chair
August 14	Cindy and Doug Woods	At their Home	251 Sewickley Oakmont Road 15237	412-766-4982
		<b>Carpooling suggested</b>		cindydonis123@yahoo.com
		<b>CLUB Budget proposals</b>		
August 21	Maureen Reynolds	Maybe bowling		
August 28	Carol Schwartz	At her home	328 McKenzie Road	412-977-7665
-		25-26 Calendar	Clinton 15026	gannyc10@yahoo.com

lection Results:		Board of Directors	Carol Schwartz
President	Maureen Reynolds		Jan Shubert
President-Elect	Jennie Miller		Tracy Smith
Treasurer	Jodi Welser		Fran Ulrich
Secretary	Karen Byerly	Foundation Board of Directors	Iain Gillespie

### The Kiwanis Mission & Vision

Kiwanis empowers communities to improve the world by making lasting differences in the lives of children. Kiwanis strives to be a positive influence in communities worldwide — so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive. Our Kiwanis club fulfills the Kiwanis mission by serving our community through community service projects.

Interested in helping our children and our community or just learning more about what we do as Kiwanians?

Contact us by phone, letter, E-mail, or simply visit our Facebook page!

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