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“SAVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD”



From the Desk of Mary Lou McFadden

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Dear Kiwanians,

Well it looks as though we may not be meeting for a while unless we figure out a way to meet via another method, ZOOM perhaps.

Let's just sit tight (which we have been doing these many weeks)

and see what our Governor has in store for us as well as our meeting places. As of May 21st, only 10 people can be together and must adhere to Social Distancing.

With that being said we just must wait our turn as to when we can be together as a fully functioning organization! We all miss seeing one another and enjoying conversations! It has been one heck of a few months for all of us!

The Kiwanis Board has been meeting via conference call and on May 20th our first attempt at a ZOOM Call. Worked quite well thanks to Chandra. She got it going for us! We as a board discussed where the needs are in the community and of course there are always needs especially at the food banks. Dave Mahon mentioned, due to his work with the food banks that recipients are getting EBT cards from the state and with those prepaid cards they can go to the grocery store and purchase food.

Our summer programs this year are not going to happen. The Splash Pad has been closed by the Jackson Parks Dept the Michigan Theater has canceled all programs until August!

One GOOD thing, Jim Philo reported that as of May 20 we have 1,108 flag applications! WOW! He stated that Beth has made numerous calls to people that we haven't heard from this year either forgot/misplaced their applications! Thanks Beth! Those calls resulted in a few more flags. Special thanks to all who have routes and planted flags. We need those flags up and flying now more than ever. Also thanks to the couriers that are seeing that Chandra gets the flag money in a timely manner.

Mike is still selling nuts, so don't forget to contact him!

Our Lt Gov, Chris Holbert would like to visit our club when/if we meet! The Michigan District Convention in Flint, scheduled for August has been canceled!

This seems to be the new normal.

Please stay safe and well!

I hope and pray we can get together soon!



KIWANIS FLAG PROJECT

REMINDER: the flags will be staying up until after Flag Day. They can be removed starting on June 16th. Be sure they are dry before storing them.

Most importantly, I want to thank everyone for making this one of the smoothest plantings we have ever had. There have been only a handful of calls for missed flags. Your dedication is greatly appreciated. I also want to thank you for being flexible during this first planting. We are still receiving renewals and new flags as we speak so it is possible that there will be additional flags for you to pick up after Flag Day. I will send you the latest route sheet a few days before June 14th. Please use this to insure all the flags are picked up. In driving around I've also noticed that the flags are straight and standing proud. When you go to pick up the flags, take some of the rocks from the storage shed to wedge alongside the sleeve to straighten it. I've found that a hammer and either a screwdriver or small piece of pipe can be used to pound the stone about halfway down the sleeve. With the ground being soft, it is likely that some will be leaning when you pick them up.

We currently have planted 1130 flags. This compares to 1221 flags at the end of last year. There are 45 new flags this year compared to 65 last year. The revenue from this is nearly \$42,000 with donations of \$2495. There are still a few customers we are waiting to hear from, so I expect this to go a little higher. Some of you may have noticed the flags missing at Allegiance Health. With the construction taking place in front of the hospital, the hospital decided to not have the flags this year. Hopefully they will return next year.

Again thank you for all your hard work, especially those who help with the background work such as Pat Kiessling for processing the applications that come in the mail, Jeff Sekerke and whoever may have helped him for replacing worn flags, Cal Schuch for making the sleeves and setting new sleeves, Lynn Seamans, Glenn Pascoe, Mike Zuchowski, Bob Johnson, Andy Johnson, Dick Hitch, for setting new sleeves, and the crew of Dick Hitch, Mike Zuchowski, Glenn Pascoe, and Dave Mahon who walked thru the parks to locate and check the sleeves before Memorial Day. A special thanks to Beth who contacted the customers we had not heard from prior to Memorial Day.

LEE ZIMMERMAN MEMORIAL SERVICE

A reminder that the Memorial Service for Lee Zimmerman has been rescheduled for October 3 at 12:30 at the First United Methodist Church followed by a luncheon at Vista Grande Villa. They would like all Kiwanians to attend!

NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2020 -2021

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7 – Nathan Mahan

11 – Don Schroader

16 – Nels Oman

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