

THE NORTH STAR

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GRAND RAPIDS NORTH KIWANIS
MEETS TUESDAYS, 12:05 P.M. AT THE RADISSON
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“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.” Albert Einstein

As I put this newsletter together, we are having a good old fashioned winter, with lots of snow and very cold temperatures. I sure am glad that we are not experiencing Global Cooling.

The annual golf trip to Florida is about to get underway as many of our golfers try to shorten the winter. Best of luck to all and have a great time.

We have a couple of new members Jennifer Bystry an AVP with Select Bank who transferred from the Caledonia club and Mark Thomson, president of St. John's Home. Please take the time to introduce yourself to these great new members.

Remember Ed Herremans, well he visited us a couple times this fall, and we just so happened to have his 30 year Legion of Honor award so that President Linda could present him with it. For those who remember Ed, he has not lost his sense of humor.

CLUB BUSINESS:

President Linda will be looking for members to help with programs. She will be asking for people to take one month, and coordinate programs through VP Travis. We are confident that this will help us improve our weekly programs.

Again this year we will be involved with the Dictionary project where we have donated \$1000 toward the purchase of dictionaries for Grand Rapids school children. Last year this was the Michigan District Governor's program and it was so successful that it is being continued this year.

Mary Kay Goodhood was here in early December to tell us about the Kid's Food Basket program that she has been so instrumental in creating. For those who do not know Mary Kay, she is completely paralyzed, and an absolutely remarkable person doing an absolutely wonderful thing for the children in Grand Rapids. We are supporting Kid's First again this year.

Bill Weitzel is coordinating a program to work with Palmer School. President Linda is helping to set up a Weather Station at the school funded by us. John La Porte is coordinating a mentoring / tutoring program similar to what we did at Grand Rapids Montessori. We need a person one morning each week for thirty minutes. All those who want to be involved need to get clearance

forms from John. We will also be sponsoring Terrific Kids at the school. In April we will be helping with a Saturday cleanup at the school. On the evening of May 20th we will help the PTO for a couple hours.

CALENDAR:

Feb 12 – Rick Singleton – Injured Soldier – 231-690-9332, Board meeting.
Feb 19 – Sharon Zinnah – RN Spectrum Heath – Urban Health Dept.
Feb 21 – Division Council meeting in Hastings.
Feb 25 - Laura Castle – North End Community Ministry — 454-1097
March 4 –
March 11 – Board Meeting
March 18 – Doctor – per Roger Anderson
March 25 - Dr. James Resau, Deputy Director Van Andel Research Institute
April 8 – Board Meeting
April 15 - Rosemary Ramos - Outreach Coordinator for the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired

BI RTHDAYS:

FEBRUARY

20 RON KARELSE
21 ROGER BROOK
28 RICK ZWEERING

MARCH

9 NORM GINEBAUGH
21 LINDA PAIGE
22 FRANK ARCHER

ANNI VERSARIES:

FEBRUARY

26 CHERYL & BILL WEITZEL

MARCH

10 BETTY & REID MCCLELLAND

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The pastor asked if any one in the congregation would like to express praise for answered prayers. A lady stood and walked to the podium. She said, "I have a praise. Two months ago, my husband, Jim, had a terrible bicycle wreck and his scrotum was completely crushed. The pain was excruciating and the doctors didn't know if they could help him."

You could hear an audible gasp from the men in the congregation as they imagined the pain that poor Jim experienced. She continued, "Jim was unable to hold me or the children and every move caused him terrible pain. We prayed as the doctors performed

a delicate operation. They were able to piece together the crushed remnants of Jim's scrotum and wrap wire around it to hold it in place."

Again, the men in the congregation squirmed uncomfortably as they imagined the horrible surgery performed on Jim. And the wife continued, "Now, Jim is out of the hospital and the doctors say, with time, his scrotum should recover completely." All the men sighed with relief.

Thunderstruck by the wife's account, the pastor slowly rose and hesitantly asked if anyone else had anything to say.

A man rose and timidly walked to the podium. He announced, "Hi, I'm Jim and I want to tell my wife, ONCE AGAIN, the word is STERNUM