

Bettendorf Kiwanis

MAY 4, 2011

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Minutes from the April 26 and May 3

Meeting on April 26, 2011

Maria led the meeting in Jim's absence. Wally offered the prayer. Gary Kamp and Tom Dryg are celebrating birthdays this week.

Our next service project will be at Thomas Jefferson School in Bettendorf. They need help boxing up books in their library so the shelves can be painted. Volunteers will meet at the school at 5pm on Tuesday, May 10. When the work is done either pizza or a pot luck will be serviced. All volunteers are asked to bring copy paper boxes to use to store the books.

Wally reported the club sold 390 roses. He thanked everyone for their efforts and thanked Mel Foster Co for letting us use their facility.

Doug won \$2 in the raffle and Steve won nothing despite pulling out a handful of black marbles.

Wally introduced our speakers, Bill and Judy Rands. They are members of the

Bettendorf Christian Church. Judy was on a mission trip to Haiti with the church when the massive earthquake hit. The event changed her life forever.

Judy said the majority of the homes in Haiti are made of sticks and any home with



wood or windows is very "upscale". The Lifeline Mission is a nonprofit organization to benefit the citizens of Haiti in spirit and body. The original plan for the women was to educate and hold a "Ladies Day", conduct a church service, Bible lessons and a meal. They were also going to visit the children they had been sponsoring. The Rands have sponsored a child from Haiti for 6 years. Another ministry is to provide shoes. Judy's church collects sneakers and then donates

them to the children of Haiti. Every year the children receive a new pair of shoes and a new pair of socks. So far over 3,000 pairs of shoes a year have been donated.

January 12, 2010 started out like an ordinary day. The women had plans to deliver gifts that day. The expectation was for a very exciting day. After dinner that night as Judy was gathering supplies, the 7.0 earthquake hit. Judy saw a friend being thrown from the building they were just at. Darkness settled in and they spent the night in an open field on the grounds of the mission. Many tremors continued after the earthquake.

As the tremors shook they could hear people crying out to Jesus. Afterwards people wandered around in the dark. The dead were carried away. The women modified their mission and give out clothing, tend the wounded, talked to the people about their losses and tried to comfort them. People continued to come to the mission by the thousands

The women were far out of their comfort zone. Those without training delivered babies with some mothers losing their lives in the process. They used wood from the

Program Chair for May: Kristin Crawford

May 10- George Carizey, United Way, Imagination Library

May 17 - Barbara VenHorst, Junior Achievement Update

Program Chair for June: Tom Dryg

*Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass...
It's about learning how to dance in the rain.*

- Vivian Greene

woodshop to make splints. Judy's friend Peggy was seriously injured in the earthquake. After 5 days a helicopter was able to land nearby and take Peggy to an aircraft carrier.

Six weeks after the earthquake hit, the 58 mission women left during the night and rode an old bus. They were told to bring nothing with them. The 3 hour trip took over 6 hours. At places they had to get out and walk. They were taken to an air force base to wait and were finally loaded in cargo plane with no seats.

Judy ended with a verse from Hebrews to Glorify God – "I will never leave you regardless of the circumstance."

Meeting on May 3, 2011

There were 24 in attendance with Jim leading the meeting and Wally offering the prayer. J.R. announced that Steve Hamilton will celebrate his birthday on May 6. Dave told everyone that his daughter has graduated from UNI. She will begin classes at Palmer Chiropractic in September.

Jim brought cupcakes for the club to celebrate a successful rose campaign. Wally said we sold 395 dozen roses. Half of each dozen is profit to the club. Our newest member, Jen Carpenter, sold 17 dozen!

Rosa presented a financial report. She moved \$1,000 from the general fund to the special fund to pay back what was borrowed. She has \$1,000 more to move next month. Rosa has a new email address. It is rosa@netexpress.net. Everyone should have received a quarterly invoice. If you haven't received any emails from Rosa, please contact her.

Jim said that fundraising has been good this year. Our fundraising efforts have us right at budget. However, we are not able to grant any new requests.

Dave said that three scholarships have been awarded. The recipients are either former or current key club members.

Jim passed out thank you notes from Scott County Family Y, Child Abuse Council, and Hand in Hand. Rex said the Shooting Stars group finally got to go to their field trip to Circa 21 after having it canceled this winter due to bad weather.

Chad said he hasn't had any contact from the folks at Davenport regarding our assistance with the District Convention. The convention is August 6. Jim and Janet will be our delegates representing the club. We need one more delegate to attend the Saturday session.

Jim said the nominating committee, himself, Chad and Maria, will meet this week to select the slate of officers for the next term.

Maria reminded everyone that our next service project is next week, May 10. We will be boxing up books at Thomas Jefferson School. They plan on painting the book shelves and need the books removed. Everyone is to meet at the school at 5:30. Pizza and pop will be provided. The Victory Dash is May 14. They are looking for volunteers. Maria will send out the information and if anyone is interested in helping they can contact the Victory Dash organizers.

Eric said that he had four members attend the Camanche Kiwanis meeting. They were himself, Ron, Bill, and Rosa.

Missy won \$3 in the raffle and Rosa drew a black marble. Next week Jen will be inducted into the club.