

Cheviot Westwood Kiwanis Bulletin

March 16, 2010

Attendance

Actives 59

Seniors 10

Speaker Kathy Collins, Children's Dental Care Foundation

Guests 3

Food – WFP ladies served the bulletin writer's favorite Kiwanis lunch – mini-meatloaf, low fat / low calorie noodle casserole, and mixed veggies with the usual trimmings of rolls, juice and assorted delicious desserts.

Invocation given by – Bob Hastings

Gladhander(s) - Ron Dabney and Walt Varland gave prizes to Sharon Christopherson and John Murphy.

Announcements –

- Youth Services meeting in Boardroom after regular meeting today.
- Lenten Breakfast Series tomorrow, 7:30 a.m. at Twin Towers
- Community Services Committee meeting – Tues. March 23 at 11:00 in the Boardroom

Health and Cheer - Laureen welcomed



Jack Butcher back again.



Tony Michel is back despite a broken leg.



Don Clark and



Jim Egger have right and left rotator cuff injuries.

Program - Dr. Larry Tepe introduced our speaker,



Kathy Collins of Children's Dental Care Foundation. Ms. Collins is the only paid staff member of this affiliate of Children's Hospital with other participants being residents at Children's and employees of Children's Dental Clinic. CDCF originally was started in 1995 to service children with specific medical and dental needs. Now, CDCF focuses on underserved children in our community, and is currently undergoing strategic planning for the future with the goals of helping children with immediate, specific needs, as well as helping the public understand the importance of good oral health to the overall health and well-being of a child.

Some interesting and rather alarming statistics that Ms. Collins laid out for us:

1. In Ohio, Dental Insurance is the #1 unmet health care issue / need, with an estimated 39% of Cincinnati's population that is uncovered.
2. 51 million school hours are lost nationally due to oral pain.
3. Dental-related pain is the #1 reason that school nurses see students and dental issues are often the most difficult to resolve.
4. Dental disease in children can cause a wide array of problems from low self-esteem to sleep deprivation, and poor nutrition.
5. Charges generated from ER visits due to dental pain are 3X greater than regular dental care would be.

CDCF is a 501(c)3 corporation that relies on fundraising (there is an upcoming golf outing at Kenwood CC in September, and a motorcycle event annually that funds sending kids to Camp About

Face) and 2 Annual campaigns that traditionally were geared towards the dental community. In kind donations by private dentists help to stretch their budget dollars. There is a residency program at Children's that is hoped to keep the program growing and moving to other parts of the city and country.



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