

Cheviot Westwood Kiwanis Bulletin

APRIL 27, 2010

Attendance

Actives 58

Birthday Kids 8The average age of the kids: 80

Seniors 11

Speaker 1

Guests 1

Invocation given by -----

Ron Grimmer offered the invocation.

Announcements: Long Range Committee meeting May 11, 2010 at 11:30 AM in the Board Room!

Our July 6th meeting location will be changed as our usual meeting location will not be available. The new meeting location will be announced in the near future.

The four people, who were elected to the Board of Directors, are as follows: Ted Price, Dan Roth, Cindy Smith and Bob Westendorf. Tony Upton said that he voted for all 8 candidates... and voted 4 times.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE BORN IN APRIL!

The upcoming guest speakers for the month of May are as follows:

May 4: Lynn Kitchen, Dir of Development for the Fernside Center for Grieving Children.

May 11: Key Club reports from Mercy, La Salle and Western Hills HS.

May 18: Caroline Stratkus, Director of Development for the City of Cheviot.

May 25: Pat Homan, "General Lytle of Cincinnati", Cincinnati Civil War Roundtable.

Health and Cheer: Marilyn's daughter has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She had a lumpectomy and will be receiving chemotherapy treatment. Please keep her in your prayers.

Laureen thanked everyone for their prayers and support during these hard times that her mom is undergoing.

Glad hander: Tom Baumann remembered to bring the gladhander gift today! He presented the lucky person with a \$5 Graeter's gift certificate. I think that the 20 lashes that he got last week helped him remember 😊

Special Presentation: Dave Martini was presented with the Distinguished Past President certificate and pin. Marilyn was presented with the Distinguished Secretary pin.

Brittany Troescher from the Girl Scouts was present and asked our members to consider volunteering their time with the girl scouts. She said that they accept male and female volunteers. Tony Upton immediately volunteered saying that he said that he looked good in a Brownies uniform 😊



Program: Attorney Harry Riggs was our guest speaker today. He is a licensed pilot who specialized in aviation litigation and licensure defense of pilots and is admitted to the Bar in Ohio, Kentucky, the Federal Courts and the United States Supreme Court. He is the past president of the NTSB Bar Association.

He stated that the NTSB has the ultimate authority in investigating any public transportation incident – not just airlines. He said that the NTSB often defers to the FAA for minor incidents involving non-commercial aircraft.

He told us a humorous story about a pilot who decided to moon some National Guard members who were having a mock disaster drill at an airfield where the pilot was landing. Unbeknownst to the pilot, there were a group of girl scouts who were acting as victims at the mock disaster. A mother of one of the girls as well as a film crew saw and recorded what the pilot had done. As a result, the mother filed a complaint with the FAA to have the pilot's license revoked. Tom was able to have the complaint dismissed at trial.

When an incident occurs, a NTSB response team mobilizes and responds to the scene. Within that team are specialized groups that have specific duties.

He stated that all NTSB incident reports are public record and can be found at www.nts.gov

He said that pilot error is involved in 99% of incidents in some form.

Finally he said that due to pilot errors, the FAA now has the “sterile cockpit rule.” This means that the pilots may not have any conversation that does not have direct relation to the operation of the plane while it flying under 10,000 feet or while parked.



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