

Cheviot Westwood Kiwanis Bulletin

MAY 4, 2010

Attendance:

64 Actives

14 Seniors

1 Prospect

5 Interclubs

1 Guest

1 Speaker for

Grand Total of 86

Invocation given by Doc Gerhardt

Announcements: Ray Kroner will have the Key Clubs visiting next week to update our members on their activities. This includes LaSalle, Mercy Western Hills University High School.

Membership Committee will meet Tuesday, May 18 at 1:00 pm in the Board room to complete orientation/ training of our newest member.

The Election Committee thanked all members who participated in the recent election, especially Paul Brettschneider, Dick Klaus, John Murphy and Jim Wollenhaupt who are now entering local politics.

Greenhills-Forest Park Kiwanis Club had the following members attend our meeting today as part of their Interclub: Dave Diebel, Peggy Dollar, Jim Hadley, Bill McMillan and Bill Nolland. Afterwards, they were busy signing our speaker up to visit their club.

Future Programs:

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:

Ted Price will be a 2010 inductee into the Greater Cincinnati Basketball Hall of Fame. Russ Witte will be competing in three events for Ohio state Senior Olympic swimming championships. Karl Ziesmann is now home after three weeks in the hospital and should be at next weeks meeting. Roger Miller is home after open heart surgery and thanks everyone for their cards and prayers. Ray Boehringer is home and recovering from chemotherapy and radiation. Art Beinkamper is also recovering at home and doing very well. Please keep them in your prayers.

Gladhander: Jim Eger presented Clint Seitz with a Graeter's gift certificate.

Program:

Pete Minges, in Pete Rebold's absence, introduced Lynn Kitchen, Director of Development for the Fernside Center for Grieving Children. This is a non-profit organization offering support and advocacy to grieving families who have experienced a death. Fernside is the second center of this type in the nation with the first starting in 1982 in Portland, Oregon. In August 1981, 13-year old Dougy Turno who was suffering from an inoperable brain tumor, wrote Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross asking why no one would discuss death or dying with him. Registered nurse Beverly Chappell, who had worked in the area of death and dying since 1974 was well aware that people were uncomfortable discussing death and grief. She organized a group which met in her basement family room to deal with this situation. Soon a board of directors was recruited, volunteer facilitators were trained, and The Dougy Center entered a phenomenal period of growth. They now serve 380 children and their 250 adult family members each



month.

Fernside was established in 1986 and remains today as a national leader in providing grief support services and outreach and education to the community. They are an affiliate of Hospice of Cincinnati by addressing the unique needs of over 1,000 children, teens and adults annually. Camp Erin provides summer camp and retreat experiences. Volunteers are the heart of the Fernside program. They come from a variety of backgrounds and life experiences. Most of all, they are caring individuals who understand the importance of providing support to grieving children and their parents/guardians.

Lynn is originally from Lincoln, IL which is in the middle of the state just off I-55. She lost her first husband who suffered a fatal heart attack at a young age. She had a four-year old son and

was pregnant at the time. Her son, now twenty, is still grieving which confirms this is a life-long process. There are a number of meeting locations in the Cincinnati area with Lynn being responsible for Blue Ash, Liberty Township and Western Hills. Groups meet twice per month, usually with 6 – 8 in a group. Each location may have 45 – 50 children who meet in a church or public place. Fernside is generally involved for only one year. Lynn also works to increase community awareness like her visit today.



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