

Cheviot Westwood Kiwanis Bulletin

July 7, 2009

Allen Brodt was banker for this first July meeting and Paul Ward recorded your attendance. 68 actives, 10 seniors, 2 prospective member & 12 guests (Craig, Keith, Tyler Hafer, Ron Deller, Suzanne Charle, Al Wrassmann, Rev. David Young, Scott Griswold, Mike Schroth, and Pete H.) joined together for fellowship, good food and an informative talk about Tom Griffin's FIRST trip to China today. The Presbyterian Ladies treated us to a hot ham and cheese, beans, chips, slaw, pickle and assorted desserts.

Dave Martini called us to order, as **Tim Donovan** offered a blessing following our flag salute.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: If you know potential "business sponsors" for the Harvest Home Fair contact Bill Bray.

See (Resolution-Commitment of VP & Pres on Home Page) for Resolution on Kiwanis officer elections to be voted on by club members at 7/14/09 meeting.

Tom Baumann, Agriculture and Conservation chairman, presented a \$500 scholarship award to accomplished student Lauren McGee (parents Tracy and Terry) who will be attending West Texas A&M this fall.

Club Website – cheviotwestwoodkiwanis.com is where you will find our weekly bulletin. No more by email. If you have internet access and also receive a paper bulletin, please contact Marilyn Ward, so your name can be removed from the snail mail list. mewrew95@yahoo.com.

HEALTH & CHEER: Art Beinkemper is recuperating.

GLADHANDER: Dick Braun presented Ron Roth with a can of OFF for those pesky Cincinnati mosquitoes along with a coolie cup holder.

PROGRAMS:

July 14 – Rudy Miller – The Cincinnati Fire Museum

July 21 – Bob Morgan – Retired Police Officer

July 28 - CEO of the Museum of Natural History (meeting at Harvest Home)

Aug 4 - Kerry Coombs – Ass't. UC Football Coach

SPEAKER: Dr Karl Ziesmann introduced the welterweight champion of the University of Alabama, born in Green Bay, WI, retired Air Force Major, 2007 member of the Veterans HOF, retired accountant since 1983, Kiwanis member since 1973 (sponsored by Russ Witte), our own “oldest member” Tom Griffin. Tom started his talk first recognizing all WWII vets to stand to thankful applause for their service to country. After the 12/41 attack on Pearl Harbor, the USA wanted to retaliate as soon as possible with bad news on all fronts of the War at the time. Jimmy Doolittle and crew accepted an “extra element” of danger in volunteering for a first of its kind attack (launching B25 planes from the deck of a carrier) on Tokyo. All planes made it to Tokyo from 650 miles out (original plan of 400 miles had to be changed to avoid detection) flying at rooftop level and Tom’s plane was able to take out Tokyo Gas and Electric...somewhat by accident. All planes then reached China thanks in part to a godsend helpful wind/storm. Tom contracted malaria, but recovered and was sent home (via Cairo, Africa, Brazil, Amazon) to help sell War Bonds. Then he went back to kick Rommel’s butt. He spent 22 months as a guest of the Third Reich and still thinks very little of the hospitality offered. A great American...Tom Griffin!



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