

Kiwanis Club of Independence
Newsletter
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Dates to Remember

Coming Soon

- Sat., Dec. 6 and Dec. 13; Bell Ringing for Salvation Army; sign up at the next meeting for one-hour time slots.

Birthday

November 24 Sandi Kiehne
November 27 Wayne Shakespeare

Anniversary

November 23 Jim & Carol Schultz

Meeting Preview

Salvation Army majors Jeff Smith and David Womack along with Cindy Isabel, gifts advisor, will speak at the November 25 meeting.

Announcement

Remember to send Joe Donald a new digital picture (head shot) soon if you want to change your picture on your membership directory page.

Brag Bag

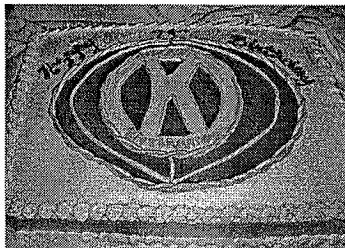
Don Coffman: He reinforced what an extraordinary person George Berkemeier was, at Drumm Farm and as a long-time member of Kiwanis.

Gary Rohr: He commented on his experience going to school with residents of Drumm Farm.

Jim Schultz: He was excited to report having watched the latest space shuttle launch in person.

November 18 Assignments

Set-up Don Coffman
Pledge Leader Diane Montgomery
Song Leader Judy Luffman
Opening Prayer Gary Rohr



Drumm Farm Going Strong

Drumm Farm board member, Dr. David Rock, introduced Kate Schwaller, director of development and labeled her Drumm Farm's 'energizer bunny.' It didn't take long to see why she had earned the title.



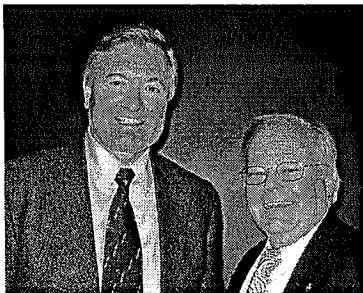
Schwaller expressed her thanks to club members for their assistance at the annual golf tournament and was pleased to report that more than \$37,000 had been raised in support of the institute and its programs. During her presentation Schwaller listed a few key milestones of the

Institute including the following.

- It was founded in 1929 as a home for orphan or foster boys ages 6-18 as a legacy of Andrew Drumm
- Boys went to school half days and participated in a vo-ag program to help run the farm
- In the 1980s the child labor laws changed the work-study focus to just study
- In 1992 a new residential program was inaugurated
- In 1999 the first girl was admitted
- Buildings are being renovated and at present three 'houses' can accommodate up to 8 children and youth each.
- Each house has house parents and the unit functions like one big family.
- Children younger than a year old are now accepted
- Siblings are kept together whenever possible
- The average stay ranges between 3-6 years

- o Youth may stay in residence passed their 18th birthdays if they are working, go on to college, or enlist in the military
- o Residents are placed there primarily by the Jackson County Social Services agency when they need long-term foster care

Kate's enthusiasm for Drumm Farm's mission as a place for foster children and youth to call home was contagious. She stated that she was looking forward to the club's participation in the 2009 Golf Classic.



David Rock and Gary Rohrs visit after the meeting.

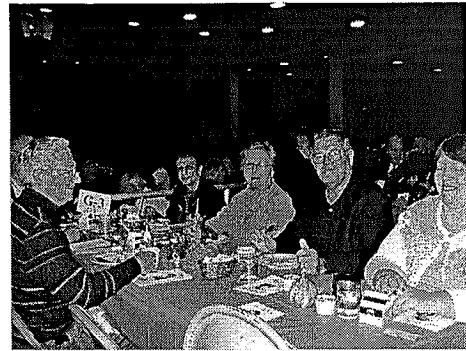
Mayor's Prayer Breakfast Well Attended

A record number of people attended the annual prayer breakfast on Thursday, November 20 which made for crowded seating but warm fellowship. Several club members and spouses supported the event and heard an inspiring speech by former hostage, Gracia Burnham. The ordeal that she and her husband suffered is recounted in her book *In the Presence of My Enemies*.

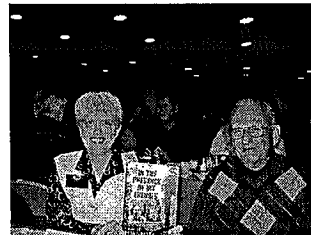
Attendees were Don Coffman, John Freytag, Bob and Joy Haas, Michael and Twyla Hahn, Jeanetta Issa, Barbara Langley, Judy Luffman, Sandy and Bill Naylor, Max Ridings, Scott and Carol Roberson, and Brian Yarbrough.



Hahns, Langley, Robersons



Naylor, Ridings, Naylor, the Haases, Issa



Luffman and Freytag



Coffman and Hahn.

Continue to collect items for the Jamaican health team trip.

Vitamins: children, adults, prenatal
Antifungal ointment
Antibiotic cream
Used suitcases to carry supplies

Member Minute

People join organizations for many reasons: they want to get involved, meet people, make new friends, explore interests, develop leadership skills and have fun. Groups need new members because they bring new ideas and talents, in addition to replacing members who leave. This is true of Kiwanis as well. Inherent in all of these reasons is one that is not specifically listed - participating in a great cause. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time. Our mission is - To serve children of the world! There are many people you know who would join us if all you would do is ask them. So ask! If we ask, they will come.