



Week of November 30, 2008

Kiwanis Club of Independence
Newsletter
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Dates to Remember

- Dec. 2, Bring Donations of anti fungal ointment, antibiotic cream, and vitamins to the meeting
- Dec. 6, Bell Ringing for Salvation Army at Sam's Club, Independence
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- Dec. 16, Silent Auction during luncheon meeting; an ensemble from Van Horn H.S. will provide entertainment

Preview of Next Meeting

Jeana Wilcox, PhD, RN, CNS, will tell about her experiences leading a team of nursing students to Jamaica to bring basic health care to some of the poorest people in that island nation. Her next trip is scheduled for January 2009. The vitamins and topical medicines that club members and others donate will help stock the 'pharmacy.'

Next Week's Assignments

Set Up Volunteer needed
Pledge Leader Jim Schultz
Song Leader Judy Luffman
Prayer Barb Bellew

Announcements

- Items are needed for the silent auction on Dec. 16. If everyone brings at least one special item, the auction will be lots of fun and help raise money for the administrative fund.
- CAPA and the Independence School

District both have needs for people and organizations to adopt families during the holiday season. Contact the respective groups to learn how to help.

- Thursday, Dec. 4, Gifts for Christmas event around the Square. Bring a toy or gift for a needy family and merchants will have something for you. If you can't do it in person, bring your item(s) to Barbara Langley at the Dec. 2 meeting. She will deliver things to the merchants and collect what the merchants are handing out which will be added to the silent auction offerings.

Change in Club Leadership Approved

Due to personal reasons Brian Yarbrough resigned as president-elect of the club. At the Nov. 25 meeting Tawna Noftzger was elected president-elect and Brian was elected vice president. The change went into effect following the vote of approval.

Salvation Army Marches On

Major Jeff Smith, a long-time officer in the Salvation Army, helped club members understand a bit more about the denomination's mission and message during his presentation on Nov. 25. Smith received his seminary education at the Nazarene Theological Seminary in Kansas City. He stated that he has been a pastor

and continues to serve with a pastor's heart.

The parable of the *Good Samaritan* with its lesson about just who is a neighbor forms the basis for the types of ministries the Salvation Army has offered over the last 143 years. While the Salvation Army is a Christian denomination, people who receive their assistance during disasters, or short term interventions, or long-term support are free to worship with them or not as they choose.

In the greater Kansas City area, there is a strong emergency assistance program for short term needs such as utility or rent assistance for a month or two, or overnight shelter. There are addiction treatment and work therapy programs for those with long term needs. They also offer a supportive housing program for some of the homeless who are unable to live on their own.

In addition, programs that address preventive strategies are important. Such things as after school activities for children, recreation leagues, and camps for kids with incarcerated parents help children and youth learn that someone cares about them. In the end it's all about hope.

Major Smith stated that an ambitious goal of raising 7 million of the annual \$21 million budget has been set for this year through charitable donations. Club members who help ring bells during December will be doing a small part in realizing that goal.



Majors Marina and David Womack, Major Jeff Smith, and club president Michael Hahn during the presentation of a special donation to the Salvation Army.

Member Minute

Mother Teresa had a saying she often shared with others seeking her counsel about caring for others. *"The fruit of silence is prayer, the fruit of prayer is faith, the fruit of faith is love, the fruit of love is service, the fruit of service is peace."* Even if we are not very religious, we are all desirous of having peace in our lives. Kiwanis is dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. If we can change our world, especially by giving service to our children, we can have peace - peace in our communities, and peace in our personal lives - inner peace, if you will. Invite others to join you in your quest for peace.

