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## Club Meeting

**Thursday March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Welcome** – Amir

**Guests** – Eliana

**My Two Cents** – Eliana

**Past Events** –

- MBGC Fundraiser - David Willoughby  
Twelve people made it through a blizzard to go to the fundraiser and raise money!  
We raised \$113 and played jenga!
- Polar Plunge - James Edwards  
Polar Plunge was at the Rochester Mills Brew Company. Volunteers stood at the entrance and exit to help out. There was a golden plunger as a trophy! The volunteers had a lot of fun :)
- Candy Land Themed Daddy/Daughter Dance - Mike  
This was at a city in Inkster and the volunteers served food and cleaned up after the dance. The dance was Candyland themed!
- Plarning Mats for the Homeless - Amir  
Members volunteered to plarn (plastic yarn) mats for the homeless.
- Fight for Air Climb - Tedd  
This was a fundraiser done for the American Lung Association where participants climbed 31 flights of stairs to experience what it is like to have lung cancer. Volunteers checked in participants and helped with clean up. James' mom was called "Volunteer of the Year!"
- Division Wide Day of Service - Katie Carbin  
Five clubs and Oakland Circle K volunteered at Oakland Family Services. Some people painted classrooms and some did deep cleaning of classrooms. It was a great experience!

**Birthdays** – Katy

- Stacey Buchanan - March 7
- Keyva Bridges - March 10
- Nikki McEachern - March 29
- Andre Laubach - March 30

**Guest Speaker** – Rebecca Snay (Operations Coordinator), Rainbow Connection

The Rainbow Connection grants wishes to children who have life-threatening medical conditions. Recipients must be between 2 1/2 - 18; have a doctor-verified life-threatening illness; live in Michigan; and not have received a wish before. Their most popular wish is to go to Disney World, where kids stay at Give Kids The World. Kids can also wish to meet someone or receive something. Wishes provide families the opportunity to focus on something other than medical issues. The Rainbow Connection stays in contact with their families for several years after a wish to assist with emergencies (financial and otherwise) and a scholarship program for wish kids who go on to secondary education. Last year they granted 172 wishes. There is no waiting list, so they are always ready to grant a wish. They are always looking for volunteers and fundraising opportunities!

### **Board Update -**

- Board Elections  
Current board members talked about their positions and what they entail. We will have nominations for positions at our April 12th meeting and elections at the May 10th meeting. Please reach out to current board members if you have any questions.
- Winter Wars  
Gold Team: 90.25 Hours; Blue Team: 82.25  
We will have a potluck at B. Nektar Meadery on April 26th. The losing team will have to provide the food!
- Little Free Library  
People who indicated that they were interested in helping to develop this should have received a Doodle today to see when a good time to meet would be.
- Service Survey  
People who took this survey were entered into a drawing to win a \$10 Starbucks gift card. Winners: Rebecca Stockbridge and Emma Huber
- Key Leader Student Sponsorship  
We are still working on securing a student to sponsor. Hopefully a good update will come soon!

### **District Update - Kelly**

- Spring Divisional  
Spring Divisional brings together several divisions and will be at the Troy Community Club. It is 1:00-4:30 on April 7th. People who have volunteered to help should stay after the meeting to go over different tasks with Kelly.
- Dearborn YP Kiwanis  
Coming soon! :)
- International Convention  
This is June 28th-30th and will be in Las Vegas. Early bird registration is \$150 and increases on April 6 to \$225.

### **Upcoming Projects**

- Book Bingo - 3/9  
This is put on by Utica-Shelby Kiwanis at West Utica Elementary school. Kids play bingo and all the prizes are books!
- Fowling Social – 3/10 (9-11 PM)  
We will be fowling at The Fowling Warehouse in Hamtramck.

- St. Patrick's Day Party for Adults with Disabilities – 3/16  
This will be hosted through Oakland County. Keyva will be site leading.
- Circle K District Convention– 3/23 – 3/24  
This will be at the Concorde Inn in Clinton Township. This is a chance for all Circle K clubs in Michigan to come together and recognize their accomplishments.
- Community Center Breakfast – 3/24  
This is hosted by Matrix Family Services and is our first time volunteering with them. It is in the Osborn neighborhood in Detroit.
- Keep Growing Detroit Planting – 3/31  
We will be working in their greenhouse and helping with planting.
- Euchre Tournament - 4/28  
Stacey Buchanan's mom runs euchre tournaments and will help us organize this!  
It will be at Total Sports in Harrison Township. Check-in starts at 6 and we will start playing at 6:45. Entry is \$20 and includes pizza, pop, and entry to win door prizes.

**Closing** – Amir