



# Kiwanis®

## **Metro Detroit Young Professionals General Member Meeting** **Thursday, May 12, 2016**

**Members present (17):** Robert A. Joseph B., Katie C., Kalie C., Kelly D., Peter E., Tracey G., Matt G., Andre L., Niranjana R., Nicole S., Amir S., Rebecca S., Katy T., David W., Kiley K., Jenny S.

**Guests (3):** Marian O'Higgins, Jessica Ayou from Forgotten Harvest, Eliana Ungar

**Guests** introduced by Nicole S.

### **My 2 Cents run by Tracey. Notably:**

David regrettably cannot attend the Peanut Sale on the weekend so he is donating a check to My 2 Cents for an undisclosed amount and hopes we have fun!

Peter just got back from a 4 day road trip!

Kalie reminded us all it's Jenny's birthday!

Matt reminded us all of the peanut sale!

Kelly was excited an old coworker visited her today at work!

Katy-Got 3 cake pops for the price of 1!

Nicole-Graduated and is a doctor now!

Kiley and Jenny are excited to be members now! Jenny is running her first ½ marathon soon, too!

Rebecca finished physical therapy!

Robert BOUGHT A HOUSE.

Andre got ENGAGED AND BOUGHT A HOUSE

Eliana-this is her 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with us! (She just graduated from UofM!)

Marian is glad she is here today!

Joe went to Austin, TX

Amir changed where he sat and he's still the last to get the 2 cents jar.

### **Birthdays**

Jenny M., Kristen B., Josh K., Ashley H., and Marie N.! None were here today so we didn't play the birthday game.

### **Forgotten Harvest Speaker-Jessica Ayou**

70 million lbs of food are wasted annually in the US. 1 in 5 people are food insecure, not knowing when their next meal will be. Founders of Forgotten Harvest drove to events and caterers to get leftover food. Now they have 34 refrigerated trucks and 280 recipient agencies. They have a summer feeding program for children. There are only 6 of these food rescue organizations in the nation! In 2013 Forgotten Harvest launched a farm to grow their own produce and have control over nutritional value. We will be volunteering with them there! We can also choose for the Detroit Freep Marathon to donate money to Forgotten Harvest! They also are an official charity partner of the Container Store in Novi so 10% of profits made opening weekend goes to them! So Go!

If you have leftover food from a work event or something you can call them and they'll help organize a way to pick it up!

## **Nominations by Robert's Rules from Last Month and What Occurred at Meeting**

### **President**

*Kelly Dougherty*, nominated by Nicole second by Andre. Accepted

### **Vice President**

*Katie Carbin*, nominated by Kelly second by Andre. Declined.

*Peter Evans*, nominated by Tracey, second by Jenny. Accepted.

*Nicole Saghy*, nominated by Katie, second by Andre. Accepted.

### **Secretary/Treasurer**

*Amir Shahidi*, nominated by Nicole second by Kelly. Accepted.

### **Service Director**

*Robert Allen*, nominated by Peter second by Andre. Accepted.

*Nicole Saghy*, nominated by Robert second by Andre. Declined.

*Peter Evans*, nominated by Robert, second by Katie. Declined.

### **Development Director**

*Nicole Saghy*. Nominated by Kelly second by Amir. Accepted.

*Peter Evans*, nominated by Robert second by Katie. Accepted.

*Matt Gross*, nominated by Kalie second by Robert. Decline.

### **Social Director**

*Robert Allen*, nominated by Peter, second by Tracey. Declined.

*David Wechsler*, nominated by Katie second by Robert. Accepted.

## **Elections**

**President**-motion to vote by hand from Andre, second by Joe.

Unanimous-Kelly Dougherty.

**Vice President**- Ballots counted by Katy Tylus and double checked by Marian O'Higgins.

Nicole Saghy.

**Secretary/Treasurer**-motion to vote by hand from Andre, second by Joe.

Unanimous-Amir Shahidi.

**Service Director**- motion to vote by hand from Andre, second by Joe.

Unanimous-Robert Allen.

**Development Director**- motion to vote by hand from Andre, second by Joe.

Unanimous-Peter Evans.

**Social Director**- motion to vote by hand from Andre, second by Joe.

Unanimous-David Wechsler

## **Past Projects**

### **Take Pride in Livonia Day**

Peter talked about how we went outside and cleaned up a park in questionable weather but there was pizza and donuts and we were celebrating the 35<sup>th</sup> club anniversary of Livonia.

### **Greening of Detroit**

Katie and David talked about how we learned how to plant trees (which is pretty complicated), David got separated from us in the beginning but was ok and socialized with the other volunteers. They have their own nurseries to grow trees in and have a lot of man power and volunteers to plant trees but they are limited in money.

### **Fowling**

Andre talked about Fowling and said it was so much fun and that everyone should go if we make it a social again because it's good relaxed fun in a nice open atmosphere! EVERYONE SHOULD GO NEXT TIME!

### **Key Leader**

Robert talked about his first time being a Key Leader facilitator. He learned a lot about leadership and saw the impact it made on the students, too. It focuses on leadership, integrity, growth, respect, excellence, and community. Highlights of the event were obstacle courses where he saw some creativity come from the groups in how to complete them.

We were lucky to have Marian O'Higgins, one of the organizers of Key Leader, at our meeting too so she chimed in from her perspective! Key Leader is open to high school students as a leadership weekend camp. It is \$250 if they are not in Key Club and \$225 if they are in Key Club. Clubs can sponsor high school students to go and Robert encouraged our club to do so. Members received it positively and we're going to see how we can make that work!

### **Tshirt Update**

Tracey has the orders in and we should have them by next meeting. We will have extras for \$15 and still have long sleeve shirts for \$20.

### **Upcoming Projects**

Girls on the Run May 22

World Medical Relief June 4<sup>th</sup>

Brunch Social June 12<sup>th</sup> location TBD

Rochester Tap Room June 13 benefitting Focus:HOPE

Peanut sale is this coming Saturday!

Zoo social May 21<sup>st</sup>!