

Kiwanis Club of Bay Village, Ohio



Meets Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Bay Methodist Church

Corner of Lake and Bassett

Chester MontyPresident

To Make/Cancel Reservations, call Don Brasted, 871-8521

November 15, 2009

FUTURE EVENTS

November 17 – Sara Chen and Peter Kennert, 2009 Girls and Boys State attendees from Bay High School, will talk about their experiences.

November 19 – Division Council meeting will hear about The Gathering Place, a volunteer group ministering to cancer patients and bereaved ones. Meetings are in Room A of Westlake's Porter Library at 6:30.

November 21 – Delivery of Christmas Trees is scheduled for about 11:00 AM this Saturday. **John Solomon** says six or seven able bodied workers will be needed to unload the trees and put them in the lot. A couple of less able bodied seniors could help with the tagging and sorting. Let John know if you can help for a couple hours (835 8066 or 440 725 7211). Without the long hours our friend **Tom Johnson** devoted to this difficult project in previous years the work load on other members will be greater, so be prepared to spend some time in the cold.

November 24 – Monthly Board Meeting.

December 1 – The assistant to **George Burns** on the Burns and Allen TV Show will be our speaker.

December 8 – Our Christmas Party will be at Arrabiata's again this year. The Choraleers will entertain. Bring non-perishable food items, which will be combined with the Middle School Builders Club's collection and given to **Debbie Bock** for distribution to Bay's unfortunate.

December 15 – No program scheduled yet. We need a program chair for December. Any volunteers?

December 22 – No Kiwanis meeting

December 29 – December Board Meeting.

KIWANIS FOUNDATION INVESTMENT POLICY

The following is a summary of the Foundation's investment policy as made available for members' understanding by **Maynard Bauer**.

1. Foundation funds will be made available to cover our planned grants and gifts should income from a major fund raising activity fall short of expectations.
2. For current projects, investment interest and dividends up to 6% of the Fund's value will be transferred annually to the club's Welfare balance.
3. Investment goal is to maintain inflation adjusted growth of the corpus.

Investment allocation of Foundation Funds will be:

1. 55% - 60% in Stock Mutual Funds
2. 35% - 40% in Bond Mutual Funds
3. 0% - 5% in cash.

EDUCATION FOUNDATION GRANT

Each year Bay Kiwanis is allowed to choose one or two projects for funding, with cost not to exceed around \$2,000, from the whole of applications submitted to the Bay Village Education Foundation. This year **Maynard Bauer** says "Celebrating Bay's Bicentennial", submitted by Westerly's 3rd and 4th grades, has been chosen. First of each month up to October 10, 2010, a close-up of an architectural feature of a Bay Village landmark will be posted to Smartboard at Westerly with a clue as to its identity. Students are to conduct research and identify the actual landmark site. On the 10th of the month the mystery will be revealed and a picture of its entirety will be placed on permanent display at Westerly School. Historic information about it will be shared with students. The project involves the entire school and increases student pride and knowledge about their community.

RECENT MEETINGS

November 3 – On this election night the turnout of Bay Kiwanians to hear our interesting and informative speaker was disappointingly small. Our small turnout, compensated for by three Interclubs; Lakewood, North Olmsted and Rocky River; was a recent record breaker of 30 diners, sending **John Black**, acting in the absence of vacationing **Don Brasted**, scurrying to alert caterer **Leslie** about the big attendance. We learned that **Chuck Cowell's** Williamsburg Cleaners Store is up and running. Our Program speaker was **Jim White**, introduced by his friend **Sue Nelson**, whom most of you have met. She said that Jim is Executive Director of the Remedial Action Plan of the Cuyahoga River Community Planning Organization. In 2006 Mr. White received the Lake Erie Award from the Ohio Commission for his creativity and leadership in problem solving. He is the proud father of two sons, both of whom are soldiers and have returned safely from Iraq. His Kiwanis presentation focused on the U-shaped Cuyahoga River Basin which drains 813 square miles and includes 1,220 stream miles spanning parts of 83 local jurisdictions and parts of six counties. The Cuyahoga is one of 14 American Heritage Rivers. The river's headwaters are up in northeast Geauga County and flow southward to Akron, which has preserved 19,000 acres of Cuyahoga-fed lakes for drinking water. From Akron the river flows generally NNE until it empties into Lake Erie. The lower river is one of the most densely populated and industrialized urban areas in the state. This affects the health and habitat of fish and other aquatic life. The primary factors are organic and nutrient enrichment, low dissolved oxygen, toxicity, sedimentation and habitat degradation. Sources include sewer overflows, industrial discharge and storm water runoff. Bay is not part of the Cuyahoga basin because we have our own creeks; principally Huntington, Cahoon, Porter, Wischmeier; which drain directly into the lake. Mr. White's concern is water quality and aquatic life preservation and he said an understanding of Physics is crucial here. He stressed the importance of preserving wetlands, stream meanders, riparian (riverbank) vegetation, The impacts of urban growth – greater paved and roofed areas, loss of trees and natural vegetation with replacement by lawns (more fertilizer is used on lawns than in growing food crops) can't be reversed but can be mitigated if the problem is understood and addressed. Mr. White gave a fine program which included his informative remarks supplemented by comprehensive Power Point pictures and charts.

November 10 – These days it's nice to hear from a group that's doing well and we did so November 10, listening to **Nancy Heaton**, Executive Director of BAYarts, and **John Jefferson**, their Board President. After their introduction by **Jim Potter** they described BAYart's passion and vibrancy under new management. They were gracious in acknowledging Kiwanis help in building their new stage risers and help in painting and repair work at the Fuller House. With big grants from the State of Ohio and Metroparks plans are being developed to turn the entire Fuller House first floor into gallery space and to have the work done by October 10, 2010. There is an opportunity for Kiwanis in this, namely providing labor to stretch out what can be accomplished with grants money. They are doing well financially – Light Up the Night Gala was a big success – and revenue from gift shop sales of art, ceramics and sculptures from the area's best artisans; dues from a membership of about 600 are factors. They have about 100 volunteers who chose to do what they know best. They want to imprint a campus concept in the public mind to include the Lake Erie Nature and Science Center, Huntington Playhouse and Metroparks, with Fuller House and the depot building snack shop. The public should enjoy a walking tour down Porter Creek from LENS to Fuller House. Their workshops for children and adults are extensive and popular. Some of the kid's classes are sold out. Adult classes include YOGA as well as instruction in all forms of art expression. They are very proud of the high quality of the teaching staff. They are planning to expand the already significant outdoor musical and performance series (which utilize the Kiwanis-built risers). BAYarts is a quality, energetic group which contributes to the good life in Bay. Their mission statement is worth a read: "The mission of BAYarts is to provide a welcoming Lakeside environment to stimulate, encourage and support professional and aspiring artists of all ages through collaboration, education and exhibition."

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