



# KIWANIS QUIPS

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### AGENDA FOR 7 FEBRUARY 2012

<p>Song Leader: Pledge of Allegiance: Invocation: Meet and Greet/Ticket Sales: Program Chair: Collect money for meals:</p>	<p>George Bostick Jim Hicklin Hal Roper Debbie Franks Don Miller Bill Duke</p>	<p><b>PROGRAM</b></p> <p><b>Mark Musso, President &amp; CEO, Special Olympics Missouri</b></p>
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### MEETING OF 31 JANUARY 2012

#### **February Birthdays**

- 2 - Chuck Killinger
- 6 - Max Basye
- 12 - Charles McGinty
- 19 - Dan Brothers
- 21 - Brian Moritz
- 23 - Jimmie Jones
- 25 - Lee Allphin
- 28 - Maryann Mitts

#### GUESTS

Joplin HS Key Club was represented by Laela Zaidi, Drew Cox, Mary Jean Miller, Sarah Kessler and Danielle Campbell.

#### CLUB BUSINESS

- Don Miller announced interclub meetings are going to happen again. They are going to start off with February. Generally speaking, it will be the 3rd week of the month. The first meeting will be at Carthage. In order to qualify as an official interclub event we need to have a minimum of 4 members participate. However,

more than four is better. The Carthage club meets on Wednesday, so the 15th of February is the date. Mark it on your calendar. If you want to go with the group be sure to let Don Miller or Loren Smith know. Pittsburg is the destination for March. New members please take note - there is a requirement for all new members to attend at least one interclub during their first year.

- Larry Shumaker passed the meeting assignment sheet around again today. He still has one opening in February and several in March. Be sure to get your name on the list.
- Emily Stanley reported that the March 30th date for our annual "Pancake Event" is now firm. You can mark it in your calendar with ink! Location will be the same as last year -- St Philip's Episcopal Church at 7th and Byers. The signup sheet made its way around the room today.
- Reminder - NALA would still like to have a team from Kiwanis compete in the March 27th SPELL BALL. Each team consists of 3 players. Entry fee is \$150 per team. If there are any Kiwanians who might want to represent Kiwanis as a team, please contact Bill Eichman. Warning! The words are tough! However, they do provide a list of words that can be studied in advance.
- The nominating committee provided three candidates for Board of Directors positions for the Art Barnett Memorial Foundation. Those three are Chris Killinger, Ben Slawson and Loren Smith.

President Bill Eichman then asked for nominations from the floor. None were forthcoming. Since there were three positions to fill and three candidates, Steve Doerr moved that the three nominees presented be elected by a voice vote of the members present. That motion was seconded by Bill Duke. Motion carried unanimously. Chris Killinger, Ben Slawson and Loren Smith will serve on the Foundation board from now until 12/31/2012.

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## **THE PROGRAM**



Al Johnson, of Stronghold Data, presented the program today.

Al started off by defining the "Cloud." We've all heard of the cloud, but most of us don't really know what the cloud is. Al's definition of the cloud is "not here." If your data is in the cloud it is not here; it's somewhere else. Right now there are thousands of companies out there willing to store your data for prices ranging from almost nothing to very very expensive. All of it goes somewhere. The question is "Who are you going to talk to when you need your data?"

Stronghold has been in business ten years as a data storage company. Stronghold has been in this area for 24 years. (The original company was Computers and More.) Years ago the company began to be contacted by their customers who were looking a place to store their data. A great deal of thought went into deciding where the data should be stored. Most sites are highly vulnerable. Think tornado. Think burglary. So after quite some research they went to Carthage and opened their first data center in the Carthage underground. They kept that data center until last year. The Carthage facility offered great security, but it was a damp location. Also, there was only one internet data connection to Carthage. So they relocated to a similar facility in Springfield, MO. The Springfield facility is also underground, but has several important advantages over the Carthage facility. First, the Springfield facility is carved out of limestone, so humidity is not a problem. Second, there are four internet connections.

They have created a "state of the art" data facility in Springfield. Access is via guarded gates, card readers, fingerprint scanners, and account passwords. The physical plant includes back-up generators, huge batteries, air conditioning equipment, etc. Just about anything you can imagine. The actual data storage units are the best available. Everything is redundant. In short, your data is safe in their hands.

Very good program, Al. We all enjoyed the video of the facilities. It's a shame I can't reproduce it here. However, if anyone wants to see it, just go to <http://www.strongholddata.com>. It's really quite an installation.

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## **DRAWING WINNER**

Don Miller held the winning ticket in today's drawing. He won a \$10 gift certificate to Mythos, courtesy of Lee Radcliff and *Show Me the Ozarks*. Ticket sales today totaled \$30. Thanks to all who participated. The Key Club appreciates your support.

## **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"Why pay money to have your family tree traced: go into politics and your opponents will do it for you."  
-- Author unknown