



KIWANIS QUIPS

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AGENDA FOR 16 MARCH 2010

Song Leader:	TBA	THE PROGRAM Brad Belk, Director of Joplin Museum Complex
Pledge of Allegiance:	Bob Laptad	
Meet and Greet/Ticket		
Sales:	Judy Hayek	
Program Chair:	Marshall Hogue	
Collect money for meals	John Hayek	

MEETING OF 09 MARCH 2010

GUESTS

Senator Gary Nodler was the guest of Charles McGinty.
Elinor Gruber and Lori Good were the guests of Larry Gruber.
MacKenzsee Roberts and Karisa Boyer of the JHS Key Club.

MEMBER RECOGNITION

Laveda Norton has had her gall bladder removed and is doing better now. Keep Laveda and Richard in your thoughts and prayers.

CLUB BUSINESS

- Mark your calendar!. Our pancake feed is coming up. It will be Friday, March 26th. Emily Stanley urged all to sell those tickets. Or if you would rather, just buy them yourself and give them to friends and family. Either way we win. Preparations are coming together well this year. Public Service Announcements have been provided to TV and Radio stations. Also, each year we have made a donation to St. Phillip's Episcopal Church for allowing us to use their facilities, and to help pay for cleanup afterwards. We have learned that their youth group is planning a trip to Washington D.C. for an Acolyte Festival, and is involved in raising funds to support that endeavor. We are contemplating making our donation to that youth group this year. After all, Kiwanis is all about kids. If you haven't brought your \$50, be sure to do it next week. And get out and sell more tickets. Emily has lots more if you blow through your first ten. So far we have had \$1265 turned in!
- Tim Holder is the Administration Committee chair for this year. He is looking for a few good members to be program chairs for the months of June, August, and September. George Bostick has volunteered to do May. Give Tim a call at the Joplin Globe if you can help out.
- Steve Doerr made his pitch for members to sign up for meeting assignments. Do your part and be a part. Sign up.

- Bill Eichmann introduced MacKenzsee Roberts to the club today. MacKenzsee is the current Key Club Lieutenant Governor, and is one of the recipients of an Earl Collins Scholarship. Congratulations, MacKenzsee! And congratulations to Karisa Boyer, Key Club Sponsor. The club and its members have done outstanding things under your leadership.
- The Club Administrative and Foundations Boards met yesterday. At the meeting it was decided that Chuck Lonardo, Scott Pennington, and Larry Gruber would be our delegates to the Region 3 conference to be held in Bolivar on March 27th. Gene Denham is the alternate.
- Another item discussed was a membership drive. It was decided to bribe members with cash. Starting today, and ending April 30th, each time a member turns in a membership application, his or her name will go into a pot. At the end of the contest period, the person who submitted the most applications will win \$100. Following that, a name will be drawn from the pot. That person will also win \$100. So invite guests, ask them to join. The more you invite the greater your chances of winning! The prizes will be awarded the first Tuesday in May.



THE PROGRAM

Gary Duncan of Freeman Health System was our speaker today. Gary has been with Freeman since 1975, and has been President and CEO since 1996. Under Gary's leadership Freeman has added: Freeman Heart and Vascular Institute, Freeman Wellness Center, Freeman SW Family Y in Neosho, Freeman Cancer Institute, Freeman Nephrology and Dialysis Center, Freeman Wound Care and Hyperbaric Medicine, the six-story Gary and Donna Hall Tower at Freeman West, the Freeman's Women's Center, The McIntyre Medical Education Center, the Freeman Center for Geriatric Medicine, and more.

Gary's theme today was that "Strong Hospitals make Strong Communities." The healthcare business in this community contributes significantly to the overall economy. Missouri hospitals are a huge part of our economy in the area of jobs creation.

Gary presented many interesting slides and graphs, which I can't reproduce here.

However, one quote worth focusing on, "President Obama's proposal would be an unmitigated disaster." That remark was made by Senator Nodler.

A very good report by Gary Duncan on a very current topic. Thank You, Gary!

DRAWING WINNER

Bruce Finley held the lucky 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 \$34. Thanks to all who participated.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men."

-- Frederick Douglass