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The Kiwanis Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills

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Notes from the Kiwanis Club of Crestwood-Sunset Hills Meeting on 3/11/10

Announcements:

Golf Committee: Needs everyone to work on foursomes. We absolutely need 25 and there is some concern about that at this point. Next Meeting, **Wednesday, March 24 at 8:00 a.m.** at Wired Coffee.

Board Meeting: The Board met after the Club Meeting. The Major Gifts Committee will be chaired by Mary Meyer. Applications must be submitted to the Committee no later than June 30. The Nominations Committee will be chaired by Ted with assistance from Marvin. Debbie Rhodes will handle fundraisers/socials at area restaurants. Jerry reminded us that he will not issue a check without a written request.

Tree Planting with K-Kids: Saturday, March 27 at 10:00 a.m. at the Claire Gempp Davidson Memorial Wildlife Area on Sappington Rd (near Southview School). In addition to the Kennerly K-Kids, this year we will be joined by the Sappington K-Kids.

Camp Wyman Appreciation Dinner, Tuesday, April 6, 2010.

Kiwanis Regional Meeting/Camp Wyman Work Day: Saturday, April 10 at 8:00 a.m. at Camp Wyman. The work day is expected to last through lunch after which any members who are interested can join with the Cottleville Kiwanis to package food for Kids Against Hunger to be sent to Haiti.

We still need Speaker Chairs for April, May and July.

Scam: Clay

The "magic card" is still the 10 of diamonds and the jackpot is up to \$127.

Attendance: Appel, Baxter, Benson, Bild, Clay, Hawkins, Reid, Rhodes, Sayler, Schloss, Stedman, Stewart, Witbrodt, and Zim.

Future Programs:

March 18: Alzheimer's Association

Program:

Mary Hosto and Sarah Davis from Alternative Opportunities informed us about their agency and the services it provides. Alternative Opportunities is a not for profit agency that works with the disabled and with employers to provide employment opportunities. Alternative Opportunities receives funding from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and receives its clients through referrals from Voc Rehab, the VA and similar sources. When a Vocational Rehab counselor refers a client to AO, Sarah is the first person that they will work with. Her goal is to match a person's skills and qualifications with a job the person can succeed at. She will only send people on to the next step who can do the job. Before sending clients on, they observe clients working at real jobs. Mary's role is to get the clients back into the work place and give them the confidence to re-enter the work force. She has worked with people who were in the middle of a successful career and were either injured or became ill and basically need to start back over. Mary reminds employers of the 40% tax credit available for hiring the disabled, but more importantly, she is able to stress that hiring the disabled is good for the employer's business and good for the community. As AO does the screening, background checks, reference checks, and skill assessments, the employer does not need to do those things. Employers trust Alternative Opportunities because they know that they will only send them people who can and will do the work.

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