

## Kiwanis Kapers Notes – Tuesday September 1, 2009

Anne E. Walker –Reporter

**Greeters:** George Eidson, and Bill Baker

**Guest:** Macklin Haun, Tecumseh Chief of Police

**Invocation:** Dave Stimpson

**Birthdays:** Wendy Brys, September 5.

**Anniversaries:** None

**Fine Session-** Cal Tuttle- Miscellaneous Quiz questions e.g. First Sport Video taped ?- 1894 Boxing; How old was the youngest Pope?- 11 yrs old; In 1980, in what city were workers suspended for betting on what patient's would die first?- Las Vegas; etc. Very inspirational and uplifting

### **Special Fines- / Happy Dollars:**

- 1) Carlton Cook- for having enjoyed a marvelous vacation with his beloved family in India-“the biggest unfenced dairy and garbage dump in the world”.
- 2) Janis Montalvo, on behalf of Susan Reeder and the CIS Art Affair for everyone who came and had a good time, supported CIS and won an art piece.
- 3) Cal Tuttle for having a delightful time at his 35<sup>th</sup> high school class reunion where he was the only member of his class who hadn't aged at all!

**50/50-drawing** – \$14.50 in today's pot was carried over...as Susan Reeder's number was drawn but she'd left the meeting early. Thanks Susan

### **Announcements/Committee Reports-**

- Wendy Brys reported that the garage sale netted \$1,141.28 for the club and expressed a lot of gratitude to everyone who made donations and worked hard to make this fund raiser very successful. Everyone who worked had lots of fun. A special thanks again to Craig White for the use of his barn for the sale. Kiwanis “Paid It Forward” or Recycled with the donation of surplus items to the Mom's Group, Goodwill, Associated Charities, Habitat for Humanity and the Tecumseh District Library.
- The Kiwanis Banquet sign-up sheet and envelop were passed around. It will be held September 30<sup>th</sup>. Members are free and guests will cost \$16.95 each. Please sign up early and often.
- Please pay up all dues for 2008-09 as the year is fast coming to a close and all dues for this past year need to be paid up PDQ.
- Our next big fund raiser will be the Pie Sale for Appleumpkin on October 10 and 11. Look for more specifics on that in the coming weeks.

**Program** – Mack Haun, Tecumseh's Chief of Police presented a very interesting and entertaining program on Medical Marijuana which he titled “On To Pot” having been inspired by our little coin receptacle. In November 2008, the Michigan Medical Marijuana Coalition successfully passed “The Compassionate Care Act” legalizing the use of marijuana for “qualifying medical conditions” which has all municipalities looking at how to enforce this law. From Mack's standpoint as a law enforcement officer, this is being viewed as a big step toward the legalization of marijuana and places law enforcement officers in a quandary since it still remains a Federal felony misdemeanor with a 90 day sentence if convicted, and anyone possession more than 2 oz can be sentenced up to a year in jail.

He shared that from what little guidelines have been provided with this act, a person wanting to use marijuana for medicinal purposes has to have a written pre-certification from a doctor to qualify. Anyone

can become a medical marijuana dispenser who has **not** been convicted of a drug related felony. The plants have to be raised in a secure, locked facility ( vague wording) and anyone “Health Care Provider” can grow 12 plants for 5 “qualified” recipient. Each 6 ft mature plant is worth about \$1,000 on the open market. Since no one can legally possess more than 2 oz, there is a large concern that the excess “medicinal crop” will end up on street.

Mack has drawn up a city ordinance which he has shared with other law enforcement officers in Lenawee County which would set some limits on where it can be grown and distributed in the City of Tecumseh. Apparently each municipality will have to come up with some type of ordinance tailored to their community needs. What is currently prohibited in the Companionate Care Act is the distribution of marijuana on a school bus, on the grounds of a school or in a correctional facility. The Tecumseh ordinance, if enacted, would restrict where marijuana could be raised and distributed; away from residential areas and schools. So far no municipalities have enacted an ordinance but officers like Mack are obviously putting their heads together to try to find a way to enforce this and make it sane for communities. Obviously it was an interesting topic and stay tuned to City Council for further developments on how our government plans to respond.

**Next Week:**

**Program Chair:** Anne E. Walker with Jan Salisbury and Gary Thompson presenting a program on The TDL Friends of the Library.

**Greeters:** Ken Boyd and Chris Clarke

**Invocation:** Dick Feight

**Fines and Notetaker:** Doug Bird ( Is he going to be out of town?)