# Kent County Central Office

## Newsletter

August 2022

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## The Birthday Club

Mike W - 29 Jan 2004
Tom W - 30 Mar 1980
Ed B - 29 May 2010
Ben S - 5 Dec 1978
Sharron S 12 April 1984
Jim H - 5 Jul 2005
Anne S - 30 Aug 1981
Steve C - 14 Aug 2018
Dave P - 18 Nov 2007
Pamela W - 20 years
Wanda W - 33 years

If you'd like your name, or that of someone you know, to appear on the Birthday Club list just donate an amount equal to your number of sober years. Your name and date will appear here all year.

If you want to get the KCCO newsletter send an email to KCCONewsletter@gmail.com include your email address

**KCCO desperately needs volunteers for the 24-hour AA hotline.**
**We need a one-month commitment of 4 hours every week.**
**Morning and afternoon shifts available.**
**Call Steve 616-913-9216**

**KCCC Business Meeting**
**July 21, 2022**
**Minutes**

**Present:** Mary Beth R., Secretary; Mike W., Trustee #3; Steve C., Office Manager; Jim H., Area 34 Delegate; Lisa D.; Jim S.

**Absent:** Susie J., Chairperson; David P., KCCC Treasurer; Jeff O., Webmaster Chris B., Trustee #2; Jim S., District 7/KCCC Liaison; Ed B., Area 34 Alternate Delegate.

The meeting opened with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer at 6:05 pm.

**Reports:**

- Minutes, Financial, and Telephone report, were submitted and approved.
- No Website or District 7 Reports were submitted. Next District 7 meeting is being hosted by the Comstock Park Group, on Aug. 6th at Grace Fellowship Church (on Buth Drive).
- Monthly Newsletter posted on website.

**Roundup Business:**

- Discussed venue for 2023 Roundup. St. Peter and Paul available for same price. Susie spoke to Lisa D. at the N. Club. Lisa D. present to discuss N. Club as a venue option. A **Motion** was made, seconded, and passed to discuss N. Club as a venue option for 2023 Roundup, at the August Business Meeting.
- Mike W. confirmed Chris R. as main speaker with date of April 22, 2023.
- Billy K. is retiring but still willing to cater event if asked.
- Discussed 2024 Main speaker options. Suggested: Earl H., Theresa F., and Quincy W. Please listen to recordings of the suggested speakers. Bring to groups and get suggestions for the committee.
- Discussed theme. Past themes shared Please bring ideas to July Business Meeting. **Tabled.**

**Old Business:**

- Mike W. shared an amended version of bylaws after receiving feedback from June Business Meeting. The proposed, updated bylaws will be posted in the KCCO and on the website with a message that the KCCC will be voting on the new bylaws at the August Business Meeting. Steve C. will email to KCCC. Contact Steve C. if you would like a copy to review.
- A2-Posting of KCCO content and speakers discussed. **Tabled.**
- Discussion about lease renewal vs. relocation of KCCO location: Current lease is up 10/31/22. Steve C. followed up with current landlords about their other properties that are comparable. Currently nothing opened and cost is higher at their other locations. Steve C. to bring figures to renew current lease to next business meeting. **Tabled.**
- Answering Service/ 12 Step Call List discussion: Steve C. continues working on updating the call list. Share at meetings that the list is being updated and more volunteers needed. Contact Steve C. to be added.

- Discussion about website- District 7 administrator given rites to update their content to the website. Any updates need to be submitted to the KCCC.
- Friday Night Speaker Meeting: Need list of August Speakers in order to publish.
- Discussion about KCCC open positions. Trustee #2 and Trustee #3 positions have expired. Vice - Chairperson position is still open. Please bring to groups. **Tabled.**
- Literature: Big Books are stocked.

**New Business:**

- Zoom link needs to be listed in minutes. See information below for zoom link information.

Please announce at your individual meetings that volunteers are always needed to answer the 24-hour hotline. Have them call Steve at KCCO, 616-913-9216. Thanks!

Next meeting 6:00 pm, Thursday, August 18, 2022, at the KCCO office, 4920 Plainfield Ave NE, Suite 19, Grand Rapids 49525, phone 616-913-9216. Option to attend **via Zoom**, hosted by District 7. Zoom link: Meeting ID - 881 7063 2218 Password - 235257

**Send your GSR or someone to represent your group and have a voice in how your Central Office is run!!!**

7th Tradition: Passed the Basket.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Beth R.

# GROUP DONATIONS

"Thank You" to all of the Groups who donated in July, 2022

AA On The Hill

N Kent Bible Sunday Night

Third Tradition

First Step House

AA In The Country

Friday Morning Step

And all the individual donations that came in via PayPal too! We know many of these were from groups and if you'd like your group to be credited for these donations please call the office at (616) 913-9216.

# FRIDAY NIGHT FUNDRAISER
# SPEAKER MEETING

**LOCATION: THE NORTH ALANO CLUB**
1020 College Ave, NE, Grand Rapids, MI (Lower Level Balcony)
Phone 616-456-5709

**Friday, August 5, 2022, 7:00 pm**
**Speaker: Steve E**
**Home Group: MCYPAA**

**Friday, August 12, 2022, 7:00 pm**
**Speaker: Karina S**
**Home Group: MCYPAA**

**Friday, August 19, 2022, 7:00 pm**
**Speaker: Katie F**
**Home Group: MCYPAA**

**Friday, August 26, 2022, 7:00 pm**
**Speaker: Erica M**
**Home Group: MCYPAA**

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