

# Kiwanis

KIWANIS OF HARRISONVILLE, MISSOURI

## NEWSLETTER

December 5, 2011

### MEMBER NEWS

Last week we were joined by Dr. Walter Costner. Dr. Costner is a member of the General Surgery Clinic at the Cass Regional Medical Center. Dr. Costner received a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Samford University and a Master of health services administration from the University of Central Florida he received his medical degree from Saba University School of Medicine and served his residency at University of Missouri Kansas City. Dr. Costner discussed some of the most common surgeries he and his partners handle and Cass Regional Medical Center. 38% of the surgeries Dr. Costner performs are gallbladder removal surgeries, or a cholecystectomy, the vast majority of the surgeries today are done through laparoscopic surgery procedures. Coming in second is hernia repairs with 22% of his practice. No other surgery constitutes over 10% of his services. Those other surgeries include hemorrhoid removal, breast cancer, colon cancer, diverticulitis, acid reflux, ulcers, abscesses, lesions, and thyroidectomy surgeries. Dr. Costner explained that being a somewhat rural clinic means that he sees much more breadth in his surgeries than an inner-city surgeon would see. Dr. Costner also took the time to explain many of the surgeries to the group. Dr. Costner is clearly a valuable addition to the Cass regional medical Center.

Two weeks ago we were joined by Todd Mercer the Harrisonville high school boys basketball coach. Mr. Mercer discussed the upcoming season for the basketball team and explained that he is excited for such a young team.

We were also joined by Cass County presiding judge Jacqueline Cook who drew the name for our first annual snowblower raffle. Congratulations to Cheryl Aston from Raymore who won the snowblower. Also congratulations to Kristie Fisher who sold the winning ticket. Thank you to everyone for your hard work and selling tickets, because of the hard work we sold exactly 300 of our 350 available tickets. This means we had a successful fundraiser but have room to grow next year.

A couple people have expressed an interest in being on a budget committee, if you are interested please shoot me an email. I would like to work through this process in November and get back on track with this.

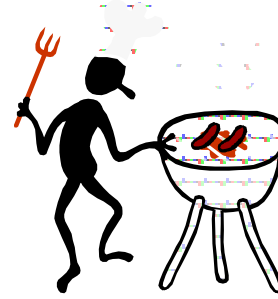
### PROGRAM SCHEDULE

December 6: H'ville City Hall - Mechanic St.	January 3: Open
December 13: Open	January 10: Open
December 20: Students of the Month	January 17: Open
December 27: Open	January 24: Open

# MEAL SCHEDULE



December 6: Hamburgers  
December 13: Ham Steak  
December 20: Chicken  
December 27: Pot Roast



## PROJECTS

As a reminder Salvation Army bell ringing was Saturday, December 3, 2011 and is Saturday, December 10, 2011. The sign-up sheet is attached to this e-mail if you can fill in our holes on the 10th please let us know.

Santa calling is December 6, 7 and 8<sup>th</sup>. We have very few people signed up to work any of those shifts. We can use all people for any of those shifts. We will be making calls from 5:30 PM to approximately 8 PM. Please either let me know if you are available to come help or if you are at the meeting tomorrow you can sign up on the sign-up sheet.

Food for thought backpacks are December 14 at noon at the Harrisonville School Administration Building. This is an excellent opportunity to invite a potential member for a brief experience in one of the many service projects we do for the kids of our town. If you know of anyone who is interested in providing service to the kids of Harrisonville please invite them to the Harrisonville administration building Tuesday, December 14.

We need to be deciding on the club's preference for a Christmas family for this year. For those of you not present John Hoffman informed the club of a young individual in Harrisonville who is autistic and who needs the use of an ipad and a special software to communicate with her family and further needs the assistance of a tricycle for mobility. It is possible for the club to make a donation to cover part of those costs in lieu of the typical Christmas family donation. If you have other options please let us know immediately so that we can make arrangements for those programs to move forward.

We continue to search for 2-4 more people who are interested in helping the children of our community. **THE NEXT 2 PEOPLE TO SPONSOR A NEW CLUB MEMBER WILL WIN A \$20 GAS CARD.**

## CALENDAR

### IMPORTANT DATES

<b>Santa calling</b>	<b>December 6</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Coffelt land title</b>
<b>Santa calling</b>	<b>December 7</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Coffelt land title</b>
<b>Santa calling</b>	<b>December 8</b>	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Coffelt land title</b>
<b>Salvation Army bell ringing</b>	<b>December 10</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Harrisonville Wal-Mart</b>
<b>Food 4 Though Backpacks</b>	<b>December 14</b>	<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Administration</b>

