

Kiwanis

Mankato Kiwanis Diversity Club

NEWSLETTER

December 6th, 2007

Happy Holidays!

Come join your friends and fellow Kiwanis Members this Thursday, at noon, for a hot lunch and a fun presentation by Liz and Stewart Ross.

Find out just how much you know or don't know about Chanukah--the most unimportant-important Jewish holiday of them all!

Liz and I will present some background on this minor holiday on the Jewish calendar and will also demonstrate some of the activities typical for Jews celebrating. Being an 8-day holiday we will be celebrating this holiday on Dec. 4th and the club can play a game of dreidl or two with us!

Future meeting speakers include:

December 13th: Our Guest Speaker will be Scott Fee.

Title of Presentation: Building Eden: Africa's First Green Business School.

The school's mission is to show students from surrounding communities how to start, run and create wealth from small, sustainable entrepreneurial enterprises while practicing responsible stewardship of the natural environment.

December 20th: Our Guest Speaker will be Shelly Schulz.

She will discuss the benefits of the on-line City News Email service available to all of us.

Shelly has 30 years of local government experience having worked for the City of Mankato, Mankato Area Public Schools and Blue Earth County. The City of Mankato and Mankato Area Public Schools partner in public information to avoid duplication, share costs, to solve problems common to both organizations, to promote together the value of education and city services and to become more efficient by being better informed about each other's issues. Schulz works with staff to communicate city and school messages through a variety of methods.

Head Start Reading Project... There is still room for you to be a volunteer!

A small group of members took basic training from the Director of our local Head Start program after our November 1 meeting. We will each be spending a few hours over the course of the next semester reading to small children in their Head Start class room. **If you are interested in volunteering a few hours over the course of the school year, email or call Brian Jones our Service Committee Chair.**

Membership Dues are due the first week of January!

Yvonne sent out notices via email to all of us, and also a hard copy was provided at our last meeting that outlines the cost and the payment options as well as an option to provide additional financial support of some programs. If you did not receive a copy, please check your email or contact Yvonne.

See you all on Thursday! Nancy Pehling

