

Official Publication of the St. Anthony Kiwanis Club of St. Anthony Village

THE VILLAGER

Meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month at noon and 3rd Wednesday of Month at 7:30 a.m. Board Meeting on 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m.
All meetings held at Culver's St. Anthony, 4004 Silver Lake Road

Dave Abrahamson	
Bill Behrenbrinker	X
Bonnie Brever	
Tom Brever	
Mark Casey	
Mike Cylkowski	
Mary Dierbeck	X
John Dierbeck	
Carol Dunn	X
Rick Dunn	X
Dennis Fagerlee	
Linda Foster	X
Mary Gaspers	
Dale Gunderson	X
Michael Hamann	
Todd Hanson	
Jay Hartman	
Ted Holsten	X
Sue Holten	
Dayton Hultgren	X
Carol Jensen	
Jan Jenson	
Joan Jurichko	X
Joe Kasel	X
Jack Kiefner	
Michael Kirschling	X
Chris Ledbeter	
Cyndi McReavy-Seitz	
Cyndy Mezzenga	
Tim Mezzenga	
Tom Miller	X
Kari Page	
Kim Pavelka	
Joan Petersen	
Glenn Puncoschar	
Tom Rapacz	
Paul Redlinger	X
Dianne Sparks	
Randy Stille	
Paul Stroom	
Barry Tedlund	
Wayne Terry	
Derek Theis	X
Gene Uhlenhopp	X
Wendy Webster	
# PRESENT:	15

MEETING DATE/ START TIME: Wednesday, October 25, 2017
Meeting called to order by President Michael Kirschling at 12:00 pm.

SONG/PRAYER: Prayer by Carol Dunn.

ELIMINATE PROJECT: Members present contributed a total of \$14.18.

GUESTS: None.

PROGRAM: Joe Kasel introduced our speaker, Fuyei Xaykathao, who is Associate Director of Saint Paul Urban Tennis. Fuyei told us how, as a first-generation US citizen of Hmong descent, how he started playing tennis. His parents immigrated from Southeast Asia to California, and Fuyei was the first of his family to be born in the USA. He got into a lot of fights at school because he was bullied. A stranger at a public park introduced Fuyei and his family to tennis, and he was mostly self-taught by watching tennis videos they checked out from the public library. Fuyei went on to be captain of both his high school and college tennis teams, and he believes that tennis saved his life because it gave him an opportunity to make something of himself.

Because of that background, it was an easy decision for Fuyei to put his IT consulting business on the “back burner” and get involved with St. Paul Urban Tennis (SPUT). SPUT is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has been in existence for 25 years. SPUT teaches both tennis and important life skills to over 2,400 urban youth at sites across St. Paul during out-of-school time. SPUT employs 80 part-time coaches, 75% of whom are graduates of the SPUT program. SPUT also has 40 volunteers who contribute 1,200 hours per year of supervised reading time with SPUT students.

Finally, SPUT teaches their students weekly life lessons using the acronym SPIRIT:

- S Service**
- P Perseverance**
- I Integrity**
- R Responsibility**
- I Imagination**
- T Teamwork**

A Q&A session followed Fuyei’s presentation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Carol Dunn reported that 40 students attended that morning’s K-Kids meeting. K-Kids will be Trick or Treating for UNICEF, and the money collected will go to the Eliminate Project. K-Kids will also start their monthly visits to the St. Anthony Care Center in November.

Linda Foster reported that 17 Builders Club members had stuffed bags for the ECFE Fall Carnival, and some will be volunteering at The Sheridan Story on October 28. They will also deliver bags to the community on Saturday, November 11.

Official Publication of the St. Anthony Kiwanis Club of St. Anthony Village

THE VILLAGER

*Meetings 2nd and 4th Wednesday of Month at noon and 3rd Wednesday of Month at 7:30 a.m. Board Meeting on 1st Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m.
All meetings held at Culver's St. Anthony, 4004 Silver Lake Road*

Ted Holsten reminded members of the upcoming project to get the flyers bagged. This is scheduled for November 2 between 2:00 pm and 6:00 pm. We'll need help at the same time on Friday, November 3 if we don't finish on Thursday. Ted also needs drivers for the Builders Club kids on Saturday, November 11.

Mary Dierbeck reported that all of the slots to serve pizza at the ECFE Carnival have been filled!!

Dale Gunderson reported that Joan Jurichko is now involved with the Key Club. Key Clubbers will also be volunteering at the Kiwanis One Day event at The Sheridan Story and at the bag-stuffing.

Tom Miller gave a report on peanut inventory, and said that he is saving 5 cases for distribution at the 2018 VillageFest Parade.

BIRTHDAYS: None.

HAPPY DOLLARS: Members present contributed a total of \$52.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

November 1 – Board Meeting at 7:30 am All club members are welcome to attend

November 8—Club meeting at 12:00 pm Mary Gaspers is responsible for the program

November 15—Club meeting at 7:30 am Joan Petersen is responsible for the program

November 22—Club meeting at 12:00 pm Sue Holten is responsible for the program

November 29—NO MEETING, as it is the 5th Wednesday of the month.

UPCOMING SERVICE PROJECTS:

Third Wednesday each month (from 11:05 until noon) – Deliver Meals on Wheels

Wednesdays or Thursdays – Coordinate a 5th grade book club at Wilshire Park

October 27—Serve pizza at the ECFE Fall Carnival

October 28 (9:30 until noon)—Kiwanis One Day – The Sheridan Story at 2723 Patton Rd, Roseville

November 2 (and possibly November 3)—Stuff bags at Autumn Woods

November 11—Drive Builders Club members as they deliver bags to the community

President Michael Kirschling adjourned the meeting at 1:09 pm.

**Respectfully submitted,
Rick Dunn**