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Downtown Ann Arbor Kiwanis Meeting

By Nick Hoffman

On Monday, January 10, Suruchi Lall, Nguyen Tran, Lisa Slominski, and myself began the trek over to the Kiwanis building just on the other side of Main Street. Every week, just like Circle K, the Downtown Ann Arbor Kiwanis Club gets together for their meeting. Lucky for us, they also serve a great lunch at their meetings as well!

We arrived a few minutes late, and the meeting was in full swing. It's really encouraging to see around a hundred community members so dedicated to service and to Circle K. At this particular meeting, Kiwanis gave Circle K our annual donation for their club. With this money, we are able to pay for our club members to go to our District and International Conventions, host leadership and committee retreats, as well as afford a number of other administrative activities. We certainly are thankful for all their generosity. In addition, Lisa Slominski, Circle K President, stood up and gave a speech about what Circle K has been doing over the past year and how we deeply appreciate and need Kiwanis's support.

The meeting continued with a number of other speakers. The Dean of Ann Arbor's Community High School, an alternative high school, talked about their program and how it offers so much for so many talented students in the area. Upcoming events were also discussed. An exciting program that Circle K is participating in is the Tsunami Relief efforts that Kiwanis is initiating. Kiwanis will match any donations given by Kiwanis members or affiliated clubs (that's us). Because of this, Circle K is donating \$100 for the Tsunami Relief.

By far the best part of the meeting is the Happy Dollars time at the end of the meeting. Kiwanis members can get up, put a dollar in a jar that funds certain service programs, and they get the microphone to say something that they're thankful for or happy about. It's always so inspiring and sometimes downright funny to witness. One member was happy that he realized he'd picked up the wrong coat the other week. Don Kossick, our Kiwanis Advisor, was happy because someone returned his coat! Many Kiwanians were happy to see Circle K-ers at their meeting and looked forward to seeing more of us in the future.

Kiwanis Meetings are every Monday at noon. Lunch is provided for those who attend. If you are interested in going, contact K-Family Chair Katrina Rowley at kmrowely@umich.edu

Two Long-Johns, one ski mask and 12 Circle K-ers To Go: Ski Trip

By Kelly Cobb

On Friday, January 7th, a group of twelve Circle-Kers set out to tackle the snow at Boyne Highlands. Armed with skis, poles, and snowboards, they took 4 separate cars and drove for four hours up to Petosky, Michigan, where they would stay the night at a local hotel before making their way to the mountain the following morning. The entire caravan arrived at around 10:30 pm and everyone gathered into one of the three hotel rooms they had rented. They told jokes, watched family guy, played cards, and stole Eric Machak's pizza that he ordered at 2:00 in the morning until, finally, after much fun and games, everyone decided it was time to sleep if they were to get up bright and early the next morning to hit the slopes.

At 7:45 am the alarms went off and everyone got ready and met for donuts and coffee in the hotel lobby. They were on the road at 8:30 and made it to the hill before 9:00, so that the people who rented skis could pick up their equipment. For the first run, the 5 or 6 Circle-Kers who had never skied before made their way to the bunny hill to be taught by friend and fellow Circle-Ker, Nick Hoffman....

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