



## Future's Hope

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### Program: Ms. June Arrowod, Future's Hope

Prez Tom introduced Ms. June Arrowod as our program presenter for the day. He asked that the club be gracious/kind to June as this was her first presentation! (There was no vote taken to assess agreement with this request...it probably wouldn't have passed anyway!)

Ms Arrowod was promoting a program entitled "Future's Hope", a mentoring program which is being started for the residents of "Beginnings" Group Foster Homes. There are three facilities,

each housing eight young people in group foster care. One (Phoenix House) is for girls, the other two are for boys (Beginnings and Turning Point) between the ages of 13 and 18.

The mentorship program is a way to help kids build on their own skills and to be in a positive relationship with an adult. Most of the young people in foster care have been placed there by the court system. It is always the hope that these young people will be able to return to their own families or to become part of a foster family. In the meantime, they learn living skills in community at the various group homes.

Ms. Arrowod is asking for mentors to volunteer 1-2 hours per week. They would like each young person to have a mentor for some solid one-on-one time. Mentors will have the flexibility of times and activities with the young person. For privacy reasons, mentors will not be given the personal background information of the young person, though the young person may choose to share the information if they would like.

To volunteer as a mentor, a person must be over the age of 18, have a driver's license, go through a background check, and interview with the staff of Beginnings. Making a difference in the life of a young person is what it is all about. (Sounds like a Kiwanis key point to this reporter!) A number of questions came from the group as Ms. Arrowod concluded a fine "first-time" presentation!

If you are not interested, tell a friend about this possible opportunity to serve!.

### Guests:

A light crowd of around 20 members gathered at the Elks club; no guests for this summertime meeting.



### Ace of Hearts Drawing:

Linda was kind enough to draw the 6 of diamonds. (she probably wouldn't have even purchased tickets if she'd known the pot had been won two weeks ago! The pot rolls over to next week.

### Announcements:

1. President Waller had only one announcement. "KIWANIS AFTER FIVE" gathering will be held on Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-7:00p.m. at the offices of Dr. Kevin O'Leary. (2004 W. Court Street) The intent of this gathering is to give a more in-depth orientation for our new members as well as to provide some socializing time between old and new members. Beverages and snack-food will be provided. Please make an attempt to come for at least a little while to get to know one another more personally. Our hope is do this type of an event a few times a year...as new members are inducted. (Committee chairs might find this a terrific way to incorporate new members into the

various activities of the club!) NOTE: MICHELLE JONES AND LINDA BOLIN HAVE OFFERED TO BRING SOME SNACK FOODS. ANYONE INTERESTED IN DOING THIS SHOULD BE IN CONTACT WITH DR. O'LEARY.

2. George Mark had a "paid" announcement regarding some vacancies in his rental properties.



### Happy Dollars:

1. Linda...happy that indeed the Fest-of-Ale postcards had been mailed. Responses from breweries has been slower than last year. We think/hope that is due to the holidays.
2. Dr. VanRoo...happy that his wife was totally understanding about the wallet-full of dollar bills he brought home from the drawing of the Ace of Hearts raffle. She believed he actually had won it.
3. Randy Borman is very happy to have received the news of a granddaughter to be born in the near future. This will be a great balance...since he already has a grandson.
4. Dr. Jack Damrow was happy to see the banner hanging up front after a long absense!

**Thank you to Rev. Judi Huseth for taking meeting notes. Members having information for future newsletters can email [editor@janessvillekiwanis.org](mailto:editor@janessvillekiwanis.org).**

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