



Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

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Everyday, they continue working to stop the generational cycle of dysfunction and create healthy families in the Tri-State. Each child comes to us, a victim of family conflict. Parenting Time Center gives them a voice and knowledge of how to have a healthy relationship with their parent. They offer 2-hour classes to parents for 8 weeks to teach them how to get along with each other in a civil way. Kathryn stated some shocking statistics that Indiana ranks #2 in domestic violence in the nation and Kentucky is #1. She also stated that child abuse has risen during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Ron then updated the members on events discussed at the last board meeting.

- He mentioned that the 100th Anniversary celebration had been push back to September, October, or November due to the virus.
- Ron also had a discussion with Larry Neisen with the East Side club and we agreed to not have a Youth Appreciation Week celebration until November of this year.
- Rich is working on February speakers.
- We donated \$2800 to the Santa Clothes club.
- Ron also mentioned that the club had purchased a one-year subscription for Zoom to conduct meetings with unlimited length.
- He also said that we are soliciting Essay Contest participants again and have contacted several local high schools.
- Next meeting on February 10th will be a Zoom meeting again. Ron will send out a Zoom link to join.

Hang in there!! Be safe. Don't forget to wear your mask!!

Ron Eberhart – January Newsletter writer









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