

CHAIR: Jim Jocks

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CALENDAR

March 31 Michigan Key Club Convention at Valley Plaza, hosted by Dow Key Club.
May 9 Kiwanis International President will visit Kiwassee Kiwanis.
June 19 KIWANIS FOR KIDS Charity Golf Classic. *Support this new fundraiser!!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Al Klashak still needs volunteers to usher at the final Travel and Adventure program on March 28. Please call him at 835-3350 if you can help.

***Mike McNulty reported that the "Tall In The Saddle" program will start up again in April but will be at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday evenings. Orientation meeting (required) will be on April 4. The program is for developmentally disabled youth. Mike circulated a sign up sheet for volunteers.

***Roger Briggs asked for volunteers to help with the Key Club convention on April 1 and 2. Roger circulated a sign up sheet for the various jobs—primarily general supervision of the event.

***Bob Davidson: Monthly reports are due. E-mails to Jack Higgins and written reports to Bob.

***Dick Skochdopole announced that a Town Hall Meeting, "Underage Drinking: A Family Matter" will take place on April 4 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Midland Community Center.

The event is for parents and grandparents to address the challenging issue of underage drinking.

***Stan Englund introduced Mark Royer who is the new Pinecrest Administrator. Mark thanked Kiwassee for its continuing support of Pinecrest. Pinecrest is the County Nursing Home and is also a licensed adult foster care facility. They accept people age 18 and over including developmentally disabled and mentally ill people. Mark added that their current goal is to convert the facility, which was built in 1970, to all single and double occupancy rooms.

***Dan Macek presented a check to Jen Rapanos from Family and Children Services. Jen thanked Kiwassee and said the funds will be used to support a 12 week educational program for new parents.

***Lloyd Smith asked folks to put used batteries in the green recycle containers. (More later).

***Mike Merrill reported that Max Bottomley continues to make slow progress at home. Max is still requesting no visitors but thanked members for their cards and notes. Dan Macek said former member Mike Cauchy is being treated for cancer, and Jim Rajewski announced that Dick Waterman is being treated for cancer in Arizona. Doug Lake said Ray Ohle recently had a stent procedure. Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers.

LANA ROTEN IS KIWASSEE KIWANIS'S NEWEST MEMBER

A warm Kiwanis welcome to new member Lana Roten. President Jim performed the induction ceremony with Dave Bender as Lana's sponsor. Lana works for LaSalle Bank and has three children. She's looking forward to Kiwassee fellowship and contributing to the community.

TERRY DUSSEAU TALKS ABOUT BIG BROTHERS-BIG SISTERS PROGRAM

Dick Jellum introduced Terry Dusseau, who is the Executive Director for Midland County Big Brothers-Big Sisters. Terry said Big Brothers has been in Midland for 51 years and has been on the national scene over 100 years. The program primarily matches children and youth in need of good adult role models with caring adults. There are currently 230 children being served with another 62 waiting to be matched with adult volunteers. The community based (original) program consists primarily of children from single parent homes. Some are referred by churches, etc., but most are referred by parents themselves. There is a continuing urgent need for adult volunteers—primarily men because there are more boys than girls in the program and on the waiting list. A one year commitment is required and the adults usually see the children two or three times a month. The adults are encouraged to not "make time" for the youngsters, but rather to just include them in every day activities. There is also a school based program which is currently in most elementary schools in Midland County. This program matches children identified by teachers as needing special attention with high school students who volunteer to mentor the kids. There is also a program sponsored by the Sunrise Optimist Club that teaches young children to play baseball. Terry added that funding is also needed for camping scholarships and other costs.