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Chair: Jim Jocks
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Calendar

April 29: Adopt a Highway
May 6: Day of Caring/Pinecrest
May 20: Petunia Planting
June 19: Golf outing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Renee Gates: June 19 golf outing, mailing has been made to Chamber of Commerce.

***Bob Davidson: Committee Chair reports are due

***Dick Jellum : Reminded us of the Adopt a Highway, Day of Caring and Petunia Planting....see calendar for dates.

***Mike McNulty: the Tall in the Saddle program still needs volunteers.

The Rock Youth Center

Bev Ruttan

Bill Barnett presented Bev with a check for \$240 for the Rock Youth Center. The Rock is in it's sixth year. They are targeting 6 to 12th graders but are expanding to serve college students. The goal is to serve the youth of the community with a safe environment for fun and fellowship with no smoking, drinking or drugs allowed. Enforcing this has not been a problem. The facility is an old church building that now houses a gym, a computer lab, a café room with pool tables and a music room for dancing which sometimes has live music. There are 3 Volunteers/staff member. The goal is to have one adult for every 10 kids with no more than 20 kids/adult. The funding is from local foundations, businesses, individuals, and service clubs. The yearly budget is around \$230,000. There are 1,300 youth involved with several hundred attending per week. The Rock has helped our county youth avoid many problems.

The Salvation Army Share Program

Brian Bonotto

The Salvation Army Share Program was started by Major Warren Yoder in 1982. It is a summer day camp program that serves over 400 kids each summer. It includes a daily meal which means over 10,000 meals in a summer. The program has church, foundation and service club support. No child is turned away. The Share Program hires young adults in college or late high school. Feedback from the young adults consistently reports that they benefit from the program as much or more than the kids. One of the sites Share will use this summer is The Rock, which has worked well for all concerned. Kiwassee has supported this program for many years.