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**CALENDAR**

July 4            **NO MEETING.**  
July 11            Annual Pinecrest Picnic. Volunteers needed. Dick Jellum, Stan Englund.  
July 18            Junior Youth Committee meeting. Jim Schroeder. More later.  
Aug. 24-27        Michigan District Convention at Pontiac.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*\*\*President Jim announced that Kiwassee will NOT have a meeting on Tuesday, July 4. The Evening Club will meet at 6:00 p.m. at Northwood on Wednesday, July 5. Please sign up if you are interested in attending.

\*\*\*Jack Higgins said monthly reports are due next week. Jack also commented on the lack of a quorum at the last Board of Directors meeting (which has happened twice this year), thus preventing the club from transacting business. Jack urged officers and directors to take their board meeting attendance obligations seriously, and to get substitutes for meetings when they are unable to attend.

\*\*\*Dan Macek announced the YCPO committee meeting scheduled for July 11 is canceled.

\*\*\*Renee Yates, in behalf of Pete Dzuris and his committee, thanked members for their support of the first "Kiwanis For Kids" golf fundraiser. Renee said there were 50 golfers that participated, and an impressive list of sponsors that supported the event. (The list of sponsors will be communicated to Kiwassee members later). The club gave Pete, Renee, and the committee a robust round of applause for a job well done.

\*\*\*Jim Schroeder scheduled a Junior Youth Committee meeting for July 18.

\*\*\*Bob Hansen reported that Bill Cook is at home and has asked for a six month leave of absence due to illness. Gene Woodward said that Bruce Campbell is being treated for throat cancer in Ann Arbor. Please keep Bill and Bruce in your thoughts and prayers.

\*\*\*Congratulations to Walt Follette for his upcoming 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!!!

**CIRCLE OF HEALTH PARTNERSHIP: MAKING PROGRESS IN MIDLAND**

Jim Schroeder, Junior Youth Co-Chair, introduced Gaye Terwillegar, who is the Executive Director for the Circle of Health Partnership. Kiwassee Kiwanis played a key role in helping to start the COHP in 1991. It's role is to empower the community to develop and implement actions to decrease alcohol, tobacco, and drug use by our youth. It does this through networking and collaborating with other community organizations, including schools and law enforcement agencies. A recent initiative is the START (Students Tackling Alcohol and Resisting Temptation) group. Gaye said she believes this will take the battle against substance abuse by youth to a new level by encouraging young people to be strong advocates and allowing them to become leaders in the cause. There will be a National Leadership Conference in Baltimore this August that will promote this idea on a national level. Future START activities will include a presence at the Midland County Fair and starting SADD groups in local high schools. Gaye introduced Jane Stewart who is a member of the new START group. Jane did a fine job in talking about START in more detail. She described the "contract" that START developed, to be signed by youngsters and their parents, to avoid underage drinking and smoking. Communications to parents is of primary importance. They are the No. 1 factor that determines whether or not young people will drink alcohol, smoke, or do drugs. The students also assisted in retailer training of 65 Midland County alcohol licensees, and will participate in helping to develop alcohol policies for the new baseball stadium.