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CALENDAR

July 4 **NO MEETING!!**
July 5 Kiwanis evening club meeting, 6:00 p.m. at Northwood. All invited.
July 11 ROUNDTABLE. Noon at Shirleen's.
July 11 Annual Pinecrest Picnic, 6:00 p.m.. Volunteers needed. Dick Jellum.
July 18 Junior Youth Committee meeting. Jim Schroeder. More later.
July 20 Board of Directors meeting. Noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church.
Aug. 24-27 Michigan District Convention at Pontiac c.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Dick Jellum said the Annual Pinecrest picnic will at Pinecrest Farms on Tuesday, July 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. Six to Eight volunteers are needed to serve food. There will be a noon ROUNDTABLE at Shirleen's.
***Jack Higgins said monthly reports are due today
***Jim Schroeder presented a check for \$500 to Bruce Winslow from the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art. Bruce thanked Kiwassee and said the donation will be used to help support the Picture-Parent Program which teaches art appreciation in Midland schools.
***Dick Skochdopole read a letter of thanks for our participation in the Summer Art Fair.
***Brian Jackson presented a check for \$300 to Brian Bonatto from the Salvation Army. Brian thanked the club and said the gift will be used to support the Army's "Just We Three" program.
***Bob Wise presented a check to the Midland Area Community Foundation to be used for Kid's Day during the River Days celebration. Brian Jackson accepted for the Foundation.
***Al Forster read a letter of thanks from one of the young people Kiwassee sponsored for the Whitewater Seminar.
***Jo Ann Glynn said the Michigan Community Blood Centers are in urgent need of blood. Please call the MidMichigan Medical Center at 839-3490 if you can help.
***Linda Lynch said she and her husband will be leaving soon for their new home in Florida. She wanted everyone to know how very much she enjoyed her experience as a member of Kiwassee Kiwanis. (Right back atcha, Linda. Best wishes to you and your family in the future).
***Gene Woodward reported that Bruce Campbell's throat surgery in Ann Arbor was successful and he's doing well. Duane Townley said Walt Rupprecht is now walking with a cane and we can hope to see him at Kiwanis meetings soon.

SHERIFF NIELSEN URGES SUPPORT OF JAIL BOND ISSUE ON AUGUST 8

Midland County Sheriff Jerry Nielsen is urging voters to support the County Jail Bond Proposal that will be before the electorate on August 8. The proposal will permit the County to secure a bond up to \$25 million for construction of the new jail, which will allow financing at the lowest possible interest rate. No new taxes will be required. The Sheriff also pointed out that payment on the bond issue for the Midland County Services Building will be completed in 2008. Our current jail situation is in crisis. We had inmates "farmed out" to as many as ten counties last year. Housing and transportation costs totaled \$322,000 in 2005 and are estimated to be about \$400,000 this year. This situation also inhibits the effectiveness of preventive and rehabilitation programs for inmates designed to change criminal behavior patterns. Crime rates are increasing, the Sheriff added, much of it driven by substance abuse (both drugs and alcohol). Our current jail, designed for 98 inmates, was built in 1957. It has served the community well for almost 50 years. A new, cost effective, efficient jail is now needed to meet current and future needs of Midland County. Moving the jail to a new location will also allow the historic Courthouse to be expanded and remain downtown, and will permit further recreational development along the river.