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### CALENDAR

<u>Current</u>	Candy and Nut sales at Salvation Army. Store open 1:30 to 5:30 Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. Volunteers needed.
<u>Nov. 29</u>	First Bell Ringing day, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.. Please sign up. <u>Paul Walker</u> .
<u>Dec. 5</u>	Kid's Holiday Party, Carpenter School at 11:45. (No meeting at the MCFTA).
<u>Dec. 5</u>	Travel and Adventure show "'La Belle France", 7:30 p.m. at MCFTA.
<u>Dec. 7</u>	Second Bell Ringing day, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.. Please sign up. <u>Paul Walker</u> .
<u>Dec. 13</u>	Coleman Christmas Party. ( <u>Al Klashak</u> ).
<u>Dec. 19</u>	Club Christmas Party.
<u>Dec. 16</u>	Third Bell Ringing day, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Please sign up. <u>Paul Walker</u> .
<u>Dec. 19</u>	Final day of Candy and Nut sales. No product returns after this date.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*\*\*Jim Rajewski reported we now have about \$14,200 in candy and nut products "out the door", still a long way to go to reach our sales goal of \$30,000. Al Burmester asked for volunteers for the "Nut Store". December 19 is the final day for sales. No product return after this date.

\*\*\*Dick Skochdopole, speaking for Jim Struthers, has tickets for the Zonta Home Walk this weekend. Tickets are \$15 each vs. \$20 "at the door".

\*\*\*Wendell Meyer is accepting (tax deductible) checks for the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation. Our club contributes \$40/member/year to the KMF. Funding comes from our treasury less contributions from individual members. Make checks to "Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation".

\*\*\*Ed Flagg announced there will be another MCTV training session on December 5, immediately after the Kid's Holiday Party, and we will actually tape our first show! Don Winger added that, although this is Kiwassee's program, it will involve both Midland Kiwanis clubs. The program will showcase what we do in the community, and will hopefully bring in new members to both Kiwassee and the Midland Kiwanis clubs.

\*\*\*Don Petersen said the gifts are all in for the Kid's Holiday Party, 11:45 at Carpenter School!!

\*\*\*Jack Higgins reported that Travel and Adventure ticket sales totaled \$15,500, about \$300 behind last year. Fixed costs will also increase, which will further reduce our "profit"

\*\*\*Paul Walker said we have two open bell ringing periods for Nov. 29 (both 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.). Paul reminded members to take the kettle and the bell into the store if relief doesn't show up.

\*\*\*Stephanie LaRue and Adam Clemens, leaders of Dow and Midland High Key Clubs, reported on recent Key Club activities, including fund raising for the VFW Home for Children.

### TOM VALENT TALKS ABOUT MIDLAND'S SANTA SCHOOL

President Brian introduced Tom Valent, who is Dean of the Charles W. Howard Santa School in Midland and has also been our Santa at the Kiwassee's Kid's Holiday Parties for many years. Tom said the original Santa School was started in New York City in 1937 by Charles Howard, the Santa in the original Macy's Parade. The Santa School has been in Midland since 1987 when the Santa House was built. Santa is a spirit, he added, and means different things to different people around the world. There were 85 Santa "students" that attended the Santa School in Midland last summer, coming from various parts of the country and Europe. They teach the history and legends of Santa, how to dress and act, and how to talk to kids. Tom said there was a "Santa Summit" in Greenland in 1995, attended by Santa's from 17 countries. Tom and his wife have visited Santa events in England, Switzerland, Sweden, and other countries.

President Brian inducted Duane Townley as our new President. Brian will be leaving for his new position with the Saginaw Foundation. We will miss Brian and we all wish him the very best in the future.

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