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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Jim Morgan presented a check for \$220 in royalties as a result of members making internet purchases through our website.
- Ed Flagg announced the next taping for the series on Kiwanis in Midland will be January 16 from 2 to 4:00 pm. Contact Don Winger if you are interested in participating.
- Al Burmester and friends are still rounding up a few stragglers with Nut money outstanding.
- Bob Cook told us a past president, Tom Houtman, died recently.
- Duane Townley suggested contributions may be made to the Kiwassee Kiwanis Foundation in memory of Walt Follette.
- Next week's program will be brought to us by the Senior Youth committee.

SPECIAL INFORMATION

- February 27th will be the 40th anniversary of Kiwassee Kiwanis.
- The first taping of Kiwanis in Midland appears at various times on MCTV. Here are a few scheduled times: Dec. 5: 7 a.m. and noon; Dec. 6 noon; Dec. 7 noon and midnight; Dec. 8 9 p.m. and midnight. Jim Morgan is putting a more complete schedule on the Kiwassee website.

PROGRAMS

Dick Skochdopole introduced Major Pat McPherson of the Salvation Army. He "grew up" with the Army, participating in many of their programs as a youngster, doing lots of "kettle time" and playing in the band. First and foremost, the Army is a church and its many social services are a reflection of its commitment to do the work of Christ. It was founded in 1865 in England by William Booth who was a Methodist minister who set out in a new direction. One of his innovations was the introduction of the uniform so there is no sense of caste in the organization.

The Major said the Midland Corp is a very typical location in the services it provides. Among these are the SHARE program; the Adopt A Family Christmas program; feeding 600 people at Thanksgiving. They also address many of the social services other churches do such as helping folks with utilities, rent, food, and transportation costs throughout the year. The local Corp is supported by Christmas collections, United Way, individual contributors, church service collections, and foundations. It has a local advisory board whose members provide active, hands on kinds of support. Our own Jim Rajewski is a long time member.

The Salvation Army stores are all run separately by its Adult Rehabilitation Center and they are manned by people in recovery. That program is supported entirely by the proceeds it generates.

The smaller portion of today's program was devoted to Kiwassee members sharing a few stories about their experiences as bell ringers. These are always good for a chuckle and a warm remembrance.