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#### **CALENDAR**

Jan. 15 "Taste of Diversity", 6:30-9:00 p.m. at MCFTA. Dick Skochdopole.  
Jan. 18 Board of Directors meeting, noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church.  
Jan. 23 Travel and Adventure Program "Alaska", 7:30 p.m. at MCFTA.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*\*\*Bob Davidson read a letter of thanks from the Shelter House for our \$1,300 donation. Bob also announced that members contributed \$7,000 to the Kiwassee Kiwanis Foundation during 2006 with 40% member participation. Says something really good about our club!  
\*\*\*Stan Englund reported on three letters received from Pinecrest, thanking Kiwassee for T&A tickets, Christmas cashews, magazines, etc. One of the letters was from Carol Speltz, previous Pinecrest Administrator, thanking the club for our support over the years.  
\*\*\*Dick Skochdopole announced that the Taste of Diversity event will be 6:30-9:00 p.m. on January 15 at the MCFTA. This is the annual fundraiser for the Circle of Health Partnership. Tickets are \$30 each with \$15 representing a contribution to the Circle of Health. You can feast on the cuisine from 17 Midland Restaurants, listen to live music, and bid in the silent auction. Tickets are available from Dick or at the door.  
\*\*\*Ed Flagg reminded members that the next Midland Kiwanis video taping will be January 16 from 2 to 4 p.m..

#### **ALDEN B. DOW MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND ARTS OFFERS MANY PROGRAMS**

Al Forster, representing Senior Youth, introduced Nancy Brooks-Seifert who is the Director of the Educational Outreach Program for the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Arts. Nancy briefly reviewed the many excellent programs that the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Arts offers to children, youth, and adults in the Midland community and the Mid- Michigan region. The Project Art Museum program normally provides museum tours and programs for about 600 fifth graders from the Midland area, but this program is suffering because of school budget cuts. Studio tours for children provide rich new experiences for children and make a connection between art and the artist. The Picture Parent program takes place once per month and is very popular. Family Discovery programs expose folks to interesting experiences, such as seeing and interacting with a blacksmith at work. A glass blower is scheduled for January 25. Nancy said that a \$250,000 technical upgrade to the Hall of Ideas was completed this summer, which made the "hands-on" exhibits even more fun for kids and adults alike. Nancy encouraged everyone to take full advantage of this wonderful facility and of the events, lectures, and demonstrations that are available. A Frank Lloyd Wright exhibit is scheduled for February and March. Nancy's presentation stimulated discussion about how Kiwassee might provide funding assistance for the Project Art Museum project.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Song leader Bill Burk, after leading the club in a rousing rendition of "Wait 'Till The Sun Shines, Nellie" notified the Smoke Signals that the sun did indeed come out at 3:00 p.m. this afternoon. Wow! This is powerful stuff. (Of course, it snowed again at 3:30).