

CHAIR: Duane Townley  
PIG: Don Winger

INVOCATION: Bob Hansen  
MAILER: John McClellan

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### CALENDAR

Feb. 13 ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DAY PARTY  
Feb. 20 Bring Your Pastor Day. Bill Barnett.  
Feb. 24 Walk for Warmth. Roger Briggs.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*\*\*Dick Skochdopole, representing Junior Youth, presented a \$200 check to the Literacy Council. Penny Ecarius, a Literacy Council Board member, accepted the check and said the money will be used for reading programs at the elementary school level.

\*\*\*Bill Burk said the Kiwanis Band is getting famous and may get a "gig" at Senior Services. Bill suggested the Band be made a part of the Community Services Committee.

\*\*\*Jack Higgins reported that the Kiwanis International publication "Kiwanis Leader" will no longer be in print but can be accessed at the Kiwanis.org internet site. Jack also announced that Kiwassee's membership is now 100, down from 103 at the start of this Kiwanis year. Jack urged all of us to make a strong effort to attract new members—preferably more younger folks.

\*\*\*Bill Barnett reminded folks that Bring Your Pastor Day is scheduled for February 20.

\*\*\*Vicki Briggs read a letter of thanks from the recipient of Junior Youth's contribution to the Salvation Army's Adopt-A-Family program.

\*\*\*Jim Morgan reminded members that Valentine's Day is another good opportunity to shop for gifts on the Kiwanis web site. Jim also said he is preparing a history of Kiwassee Kiwanis on the web site (in recognition of our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary), and will include top accomplishments for each year. He's specifically asking for information about our first female members, and when we first reached 100 members. Please call Jim if you have information that can help.

\*\*\*Jim Rajewski reported (by name!) a few members who area still delinquent on Candy and Nut money. Jim said sales totaled about \$20,000 which generated \$10,000 for community programs. The Lifetime Memorial Trophy for Bill Cook will be available next week.

\*\*\*Roger Briggs asked for volunteers to attend Key Club meetings. He also reported that the Walk for Warmth event will be on February 24. Volunteers will be needed to help.

\*\*\*Sri Kumar, Dow High Key Club member, reported that one of their recent projects was helping with the Book Sale at the Library.

\*\*\*President Duane reminded members that the Valentine's Day Party will be in two weeks. Carol Rumba will talk about volunteer opportunities at the Senior Center.

### KIWASSEE 40<sup>TH</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BEGINS

Past President Mike Cronenberger ('96) said President Duane recently assembled a group of Kiwassee's past presidents to reflect on our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and they decided it would be interesting to share their memories with the club. Mike said 18 are still members of Kiwassee and another two are still in the community. He added that none of our presidents have repeated in the office, which is a great compliment to the talent and vitality of the club. Speakers today are: Max Bottomley ('74), Dick Skochdopole ('84), and Jim Heffel ('93). Max gave great credit to the early leaders of the club as they established Kiwassee in the community and established our character. First President Ben Hines emphasized friendship and fellowship between members but reminded us we are a service club for the community. Max said his objective was to continue and build on the values set by those before him. The all night party at the Community Center (no alcohol) for high school graduates was established and still continues after 32 years. Max remembers some fund raisers (car wash and popcorn sales) that didn't turn out so well, but the pancake supper in Feb., 1974 made \$300. The Dow strike in March caused most Kiwanis activities to come to a halt. Phil Sarnacke led the meetings for Max but they were poorly attended. The strike ended in Sept. Kiwassee had 63 members. Dick remembers that in 1984 the club had grown to 83 members and we were meeting in the MCFTA with Betty Miller serving food. The administrative budget was \$24,000 and the project budget was \$16,000. Nut sales were \$52,000 generating \$11,000 in profit. Bill Cook was the top Nut seller and Norm Hozak the top T&A ticket seller (no surprise). A Resource Directory was prepared for senior citizens, which Dick said we might consider again. Bill Marklewitz led the Coleman Senior Christmas Party and Bill Nekervis led the Crop Walk. Jim said he remembers most of all what a privilege it was to lead Kiwassee Kiwanis. He remembered fondly the leaders that served with him that year, including Mike Cronenberger (Candy and Nut campaign), and Dick Skochdopole (F.A.C.E. Committee). We hopefully launched a new fund raiser with the radio auction, which made a respectable \$3,200. However, it never quite developed the traction to continue. Jim said he was followed by our first female president Michelle Minkel. However, Michelle was transferred out of state in mid term and Jim completed her Kiwanis year.

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