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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Jack Higgins needs monthly reports NOW. He is leaving town for a while
- Bill Barnett announced Human & Spiritual Values is sponsoring a table at The ROCK on March 3. Please contact him if you would like some FREE tickets to attend.
- Ed Flagg said the next taping for the series on Kiwanis in Midland will be March 5 from 1 to 4:00 pm. It will be on Kiwanis Family Foundations.
- Roger Briggs reminds us of Walk For Warmth this Saturday. Volunteers are needed to register walkers. Please be at the Midland Mall at 7:15 a.m. to help. Roger is also seeking sponsors for his own planned walk to raise money at this event.
- Duane Townley announced April 12 is the Spring Divisional. April 10 is Bring a Guest day.

#### **SPECIAL INFORMATION**

- February 22nd will be the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Kiwassee Kiwanis. We received a nice card to honor that event from our sponsoring club, the Kiwanis Club of Midland.
- Here are some upcoming broadcast times of Kiwanis in Midland on MCTV. February 18th and 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. February 20 thru 23, each day at 9:00 a.m.

#### **PROGRAMS**

Bill Barnett introduced Barbara Cohen of SVSU. She was formerly the director of foreign language learning laboratory at that school. She has ten years of experience both preparing students to attend a study program of higher education at foreign colleges and universities and helping foreign students assimilate here. There are currently over 300 foreign students at SVSU representing some fifty different countries.

Barbara told us that students who have foreign study experience have the qualities of being serious about what they do; are intelligent; have the courage to step out of their comfort zone; are sensitive to other cultures and their differences from our own.

Barbara is a native of Cass City who even as a youngster was interested in learning about foreign countries and early on set her sights on relating to them and traveling to some. She first began helping foreign students when she herself was attending SVSU. She subsequently married an SVSU professor and they have lived in Japan and England for teaching stints. She is currently a teacher in the "English As A Second Language" program and has been instrumental in bringing teachers here from Arabia, China and Japan to teach our students their languages.

One of the young teachers Barbara has mentored is Abdulfattah Fattah of Saudi Arabia. He is teaching Arabic at SVSU under the auspices of a Fulbright grant. He spoke a few minutes about some of the cultural differences between the Middle East and the U.S. and particularly the slanting of perceptions offered in both areas by the respective media and politicians.