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CALENDAR

March 20 Travel and Adventure Program: Vietnam-A Land of Surprises, 7:30 at MCFTA.
April 10 Membership Roundup with Dr. Gary Hughes as guest speaker.
April 12 Spring Divisional meeting, Saginaw.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Don Winger announced that the next taping for the Kiwanis show on MCTV will be on Monday, March 5 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.. The subject will be Kiwanis Foundations.

***Jack Higgins reminded members that IRS regulations (2006 and 2007 only) permit people over 70 ½ years of age to donate money from their IRA tax free directly to qualified charities. The donations can be included in required IRA distributions and thus reduce taxable income. Jack suggested members consider the Kiwassee Kiwanis Foundation for this type of charitable gift.

***Dan Macek, representing Young Children Priority One, presented a check for \$300 to Melinda Graves of Family and Children Services. Melinda thanked Kiwassee and said the money will be used to help fund their home safety program for parents of young children.

***Roger Briggs reported that the Walk For Warmth fundraiser was a great success. Roger thanked members who participated and who contributed to the program.

***Jim Heffel reported that Bruce Campbell's condition is critical. Jim added that Bruce had told him how much he has enjoyed being a member of Kiwassee Kiwanis.

***Vice President Dick Jellum announced that the next Membership Roundup will be on April 10 with Dr. Gary Hughes as our speaker. Also, the Spring Divisional meeting will be in Saginaw on April 12.

FIRST MIDLAND AREA BIKE CAMP IS SCHEDULED FOR AUGUST 20-24

Bill Burk, representing Junior Youth, introduced Susan Drumright and Carol Brown who talked about the new Midland Area Bike Camp, which is scheduled to be held on August 20 through August 24. The program is sponsored by ARC of Midland, and is designed to teach developmentally disabled children between the ages of 8 and 18 to learn to ride bikes. Susan and Carol showed videos of a similar Bike Camp they attended last year in Grand Rapids. The success of the program depends on bicycles which were developed by Dr. Richard Kleins especially for this purpose. Dr. Kleins, a mechanical engineer in Illinois, will provide the bicycles and other equipment and will attend the Bike Camp in Midland. The program is 70% successful and is based on developing muscle memory and confidence. Susan said the event will cost an estimated \$12,000, of which \$3,500 has been raised so far. The camp can accommodate 35 children, and will start at 9 a.m. each day ending at 5 p.m.. Approximately 1,000 children have been helped in Bike Camps which have been held in various parts of the country. Between 35 and 50 volunteers will be needed each day. Contributions can be made to the ARC of Midland.

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