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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 said the MCTV taping of the segment on Kiwanis Foundations was completed yesterday. Call MCTV for viewing schedule.

***Bill Barnett , representing Human and Spiritual Values, presented a check for \$320 to Beverlee Ruttan Wenzel of THE ROCK. Beverlee thanked Kiwassee for our continued support in buying a table at their annual fundraising dinner. THE ROCK, located on Gordonville Road, provides activities for 6-12 graders in a faith based environment.

***Dick Skochdopole announced that the Circle of Health is sponsoring a “Mall Lock In” event on March 31 from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. for youth who are not leaving town on spring break. Volunteers will be needed to help chaperone.

***Diane Stevens reported that Kiwassee will donate Teddy Bears to Officer Tate next Tuesday. She also said that new books are being ordered for the Kiwanis Reading Program at the Salvation Army and the four Head Start locations. Bob Davidson, Jim Heffel, Lloyd Smith, Renee Yates, and Diane are readers.

***Dow High Key Clubbers reported on current community projects.

***Cal Hoerneman reported that the Fund Raising Committee is working with possible sponsors to help underwrite expenses for future Travel and Adventure programs.

***President Duane reported that Duane Brooks' mother passed away recently. Also, Walt Rupprecht is doing well after extensive hip surgery. Memorials for Bruce Campbell can be given to the Kiwassee Kiwanis Foundation or to Hospice of Midland.

***President Duane said the Membership Roundup program on April 10, with Dr. Gary Hughes as our guest speaker, will be a great opportunity to invite prospective new members. He also reported that club elections are six weeks away. “President Elect” and “First Vice President” positions will both be open, and he asked all members who have not served as Kiwassee President to consider this leadership opportunity.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP MIDLAND REPORT

Al Forster, representing Senior Youth, presented a check to Suzii LeCross who has been an adult mentor for the Youth Leadership Midland Program for the past eight years. Suzii thanked Kiwassee for our continued support and commented on the importance of the program in preparing high school freshmen for future leadership roles in school and in life. She then introduced Jillien Oldenburg, Sarah Grey, and Craig Tank. Jillien is a sophomore at Coleman High, and Sarah and Craig are both seniors at Dow High. They are graduates of previous Youth Leadership classes, and they (along with several others) functioned as a steering team in guiding the agenda for the 2006-2007 program. Jillien, Sarah, and Craig said that the Youth Leadership Midland program invites 45 freshmen from Midland County High Schools each year to participate. They learn a number of leadership skills, including team building, goal setting, public speaking, group collaboration, personal responsibility, and self discipline. They commented that most participants start out a little reluctant and shy but quickly become self confident and enthusiastic.