

CHAIR: Duane Townley
PIG: Don Winger

INVOCATION: Bill Burk
MAILER: John McClellan

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CALENDAR

- March 15 Board of Directors meeting, noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church.
- March 20 Human and Spiritual Values committee meeting, 11:30 a.m.. Bill Barnett.
- March 20 Travel and Adventure Program: Vietnam-A Land of Surprises, 7:30 at MCFTA. Volunteers needed to usher. Al Klashak.
- March 31 “Spring Break Lock In” party for high school students at Midland Mall, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.. Volunteers needed to help chaperone. Dick Skochdopole.
- April 10 Membership Roundup with Dr. Gary Hughes as guest speaker.
- April 12 Spring Divisional meeting, Saginaw.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Al Klashak said the Travel and Adventure program on March 20 is Kiwassee’s responsibility to staff. Volunteers are needed to usher, etc.. Please call Al if you can help.

***Bill Barnett scheduled a meeting of the Human and Spiritual Values committee for 11:30 a.m. next Tuesday, March 20.

***Dick Skochdopole announced that the Circle of Health, The Rock, West Midland Family Center, and the Safe and Sound Child Advocacy organization (formerly the Child Protection Council) are sponsoring a “Spring Break Lock In” party at the Midland Mall on March 31 from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.. The event is for high school students. Live bands, dancing, and entertainment will be provided. Volunteers will be needed to help chaperone. Please call Dick (835-6433) if you can help.

***Mike McNulty reported that the “Tall In The Saddle” program will resume in April. The program provides an opportunity for developmentally disabled young people to ride horses, which improves their self image and self confidence. An orientation meeting (which is mandatory for new volunteers) is scheduled for Tuesday, April 3. Please call Mike if you’re interested.

***Roger Briggs asked for volunteers to attend Key Club meetings. Roger also asked folks to turn in their Walk For Warmth pledges.

***Dick Jellum announced that the first Adopt-A-Highway pickup will be on April 28. Dick also asked members for travel photo programs, videos, etc. that could be used for juvenile programs. Call Dick for further information.

***President Duane reported that Walt Rupprecht’s recent hip surgery was successful, but the physical therapy is painful. He hopes to be back soon. Duane also reported that Diane Stevens will start chemo treatment soon. Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers.

***President Duane reminded members of the Board meeting on March 15, with reports from the nominating committee and the membership committee. The Spring Divisional will be on April 12 at the Horizon Center in Saginaw. Call Duane if you are interested in attending. Duane again mentioned the Membership Roundup program on April 10 with Dr. Gary Hughes speaking about the “State of the Midland Public Schools”. Great opportunity to bring prospective new members to Kiwassee.

MIDLAND POLICE OFFICER CRAIG TATE SPEAKS TO KIWASSEE KIWANIS

Don Beckwith introduced Officer Craig Tate, who is the Public Relations Officer for the Midland Police Department. Don presented a check for \$250 to Officer Tate, to be used for the M.P.D.’s Teddy Bear program. Officer Tate thanked Kiwassee for our continued support. He said the program has been in effect for eleven years during which over 10,000 teddy bears have been given by police officers to children who have experienced the trauma of a home fire, accident, domestic violence, etc., etc.. All Midland police cars have a supply of teddy bears in their trunks, so that they are readily available when needed. Members used most of Officer Tate’s time with us for Q and A, ranging from the recent shooting incident at Dow High to cooperation with other law enforcement agencies to the color of Midland Police Cars to alcohol policies at the Loon’s games to a number of other issues and subjects. Several members complimented the Midland Police Dept. on their professionalism and overall effectiveness in the community. Officer Tate was a gracious and delightful speaker and we were fortunate to have had him with us.

