

CHAIR: Duane Townley
PIG: Don Winger

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CALENDAR

- April 28 Adopt-A-Highway pickup. Dick Jellum.
- May 1 Mayor Bruce Johnson speaks to Kiwanis.
- May 1 Junior Youth Committee meeting, 1:00 p.m., Jim Schroeder.
- May 5 Day of Caring at Pinecrest. Sam Choo.
- May 8 ANNUAL PIG AUCTION, Salvation Army.
- May 15 Annual Prayer Breakfast, MCFTA Garden Room.
- May 17 Board of Directors meeting, noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church.
- June 25 Kiwassee Kiwanis Charity Golf Classic. Renee Yates.
- June 26 Annual Cook Out, Emerson Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ***Jack Higgins announced that the club earned \$8,475 for community projects from the Travel and Adventure program this year. Jack also said that monthly reports are due. E-mails are preferable.
- ***Dick Jellum reminded members that the first Adopt-A-Highway pickup of the year will be on Saturday, April 28. Volunteers (the more, the better) will meet at 9:00 a.m. in room B-059 in the Community Center. Volunteers also needed for the Day of Caring at Pinecrest on May 5.
- ***Dick Skochdopole announced Midland will have three events during the National Day of Prayer on May 3: Prayer Breakfast (\$10) at the Dow Diamond (7-8:30 a.m.), Prayer at Midland County Courthouse (12 noon), and Prayer and Praise at the Dow Diamond (4-6:30 p.m.).
- ***Jim Schroeder scheduled a Junior Youth committee meeting for 1 p.m. on May 1.
- ***Diane Stevens presented a check to Jennifer Kirtz from the Chippewa Nature Center. Jennifer thanked Kiwassee and said the money will be used as a scholarship for their Nature Day Camp.
- ***LaVerne Myers reported that Duane Brooks' wife was recently hospitalized. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.
- ***Alex Rapanos (in full costume) and Carol Rumba previewed the "Wizard of Oz", to be presented by the Music Society at the MCFTA on April 28, 29, May 4, 5, and 6.
- ***President Duane reported that our "Vision Teams" are working on membership and diversity (Jim Struthers), and projects and the community (Dick Jellum). Contact them if you have suggestions. Duane also reminded members that the Pig Auction will be on **May 8** at the Salvation Army, and the Prayer Breakfast will be at 7 a.m. on **May 15** at the MCFTA Garden Room. Club elections will be on **May 22**. Mayor Bruce Johnson will speak to the club on **May 1**, which is a good opportunity to invite guests. Our Annual Cook Out in Emerson Park will be on **June 26** (NOT June 12). The Michigan District Convention will be at the Valley Plaza in Midland on **August 24-26**. More details later.

ANN ROWE IS KIWASSEE KIWANIS'S NEWEST MEMBER

A warm Kiwanis welcome to new member Ann Rowe. Dave Bender performed the induction ceremony with Bill Marklewitz as Ann's sponsor. Ann is a home care physical therapist. She is a native of East Africa and is currently a Canadian citizen, but is applying for U.S. citizenship. Ann is active in the "Tall In The Saddle" program and is looking forward to Kiwanis community activities and fellowship.

BILL MONEYPENNY TALKS ABOUT NEED FOR BUSINESS & EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

Jim Schroeder introduced Bill Money Penny from MITECH, who presented an excellent and very compelling program about the need to educate our young people to meet the needs of a rapidly changing (and increasingly competitive) world. Currently, only 24% of high school graduates in Michigan graduate from college. Only 14% end up in careers that follow their college discipline. Meanwhile, China and India are training and graduating many more scientists and engineers than the U.S.. China now has more English speaking people than any other country in the world. Even health care is now being outsourced with a thing called "medical tourism". Advanced surgical procedures are now available in Asia for a fraction of the cost in the U.S. Professionalism, care, and facilities are top notch. Bill said one strategy to help meet this challenge is to establish partnerships between the education community, business, and parents. (The role that parents play is by far the most important). The purpose of these partnerships is to enlighten our young people about the opportunities and challenges they will have, and to help them understand how they can achieve success. Midland County now has ten programs, coordinated by the Midland Chamber of Commerce and MITECH, that connect businesses with schools and young people. Getting information to parents so they can help their children make the right choices and decisions is very important. Schools need help in getting this done.

