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CALENDAR

May 5 Day of Caring at Pinecrest (9:00 a.m.). Sam Choo.
May 8 ANNUAL PIG AUCTION, Salvation Army. Don Winger.
May 15 Annual Prayer Breakfast, 7:00 a.m. at MCFTA Garden Room.
May 17 Board of Directors meeting, noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church.
May 19 Midland Blooms. Volunteers needed, call Diane Stevens.
June 25 Kiwassee Kiwanis Charity Golf Classic. Renee Yates.
June 26 Annual Cook Out, Emerson Park.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Jim Morgan urged members to remember the Kiwassee web site when ordering gifts for Mother's Day and other occasions. We've received \$41 in commissions during the past few weeks.
***Stan Englund asked for volunteers to transport clothing from the Presbyterian Church rummage sale to Pinecrest at noon on May 3. Call Stan at 832-3920 if you can help.
***Diane Stevens asked for volunteers to help with "Midland Blooms". Planting starts at 8:00 a.m. on May 19. Kiwassee's section is between Sugnet and Clover on Eastman. Call Diane at 832-0051 if you can help. Bring trowel, gloves, and knee pad. Diane also thanked the nine members who helped with the Kiwanis Reading Program this year. About 340 books were given to preschoolers.
***Dan Macek read letters of thanks from the Midland County Child Protection Council and the Doula program for our help on their projects.
***Sam Choo reminded members to sign up for the May 5 Day of Caring work project at Pinecrest, starting at 9:00 a.m.. Bring shovel, rake, and shears.
***Jim Schroeder read letters of thanks from the Memorial Presbyterian Church for our contribution to their summer "Fun Camp", and from the Community Center for camping scholarships. Jim also thanked the five Kiwassee members who helped with the work project at the NMFC last Saturday.
***Ed Flagg announced that the Special Olympics will be on May 19 this year at Midland High. Ed asked for volunteers to help. Also, there will be a Kiwanis MCTV taping today on Fund Raising, with Renee Yates our "star".
***Dick Jellum thanked the eight members who helped with the highway pickup last Saturday.
***Pigmaster Winger reminded members that the Annual Pig Auction will be next Tuesday, May 8, at the Salvation Army. Bring your "treasures"—and your money—and be prepared to have a lot of fun. Also, the Annual Prayer Breakfast will be at 7:00 a.m. on May 15 in the MCFTA Garden room.

MAYOR BRUCE JOHNSON SPEAKS TO KIWASSEE KIWANIS

Ray Senesac introduced Mayor Bruce Johnson, who is in his third term on the City Council and his second term as Mayor of Midland. The Mayor gave a brief "State of the City" summary, emphasizing the significant advantages we enjoy. We are blessed with a collaborative and involved community that works well with the city government. High on the list of our advantages is an outstanding public school system. Many other communities must rely on private schools for excellence. Other assets include a safe, clean, and secure city, a skilled and educated work force, and a relatively low cost of living. Midland is really a great place to live, work, and play. We have good "economic sustainability". The Midland Area Chamber of Commerce and Midland Tomorrow are effective in attracting new industry and services to the community. We have consistently been leaders in the state in the number of "Phase II businesses" (businesses that evolve from start up status to growth phase). City beautification projects continue to improve the downtown area, which has become more attractive and desirable for new business with the new Dow Diamond and Ashman Court expansion. Future plans include traffic improvement on Eastman and projects in the Circle area. The City continues to work on various ways to improve citizen communication and involvement (Citizen Academy, Meeting in a Box, Internet web site improvements, and Master Plan update). Challenges include an increasing senior population but a decreasing number of young families.

