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**“Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.”**

**CHAIR: Duane Townley**  
**PIG: Don Winger**

**INVOCATION: Penny Ecarius**  
**MAILER: John McClellan**

**MUSIC: B. Ralston/W. Meyer**  
**EDITOR: John Mier**

**CALENDAR**

- May 17 Board of Directors meeting, noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church.
- May 19 Midland Blooms. Volunteers needed, call Diane Stevens.
- May 19 Special Olympics, noon at Dow High. Volunteers needed. Ed Flagg.
- May 29 Election of Officers for the 2007-2008 Kiwanis Year.
- June 2, 3 Art Fair. Volunteers needed. Jim Schroeder.
- June 25 Kiwassee Kiwanis Charity Golf Classic. Renee Yates.
- June 26 Annual Cook Out, Emerson Park.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

\*\*\*Diane Stevens reminded members to meet at Eastman and Clover this Saturday between 8:00 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. for our share of Midland Blooms planting. Brunch will be available at Colonial Villa for volunteers.

\*\*\*Ed Flagg asked for volunteers help with the Special Olympics, which will be held at noon on May 19 at Dow High. Please call Ed if you can help (631-4378)—or just show up. Our presence will be much appreciated.

\*\*\*President Duane announced that the election of officers for the 2007-2008 Kiwanis year will take place at the May 29 meeting instead of the May 22 meeting, so that the required two weeks notice can be given. The slate of new officers recommended by the Board include Dick Jellum as President; Renee Yates as First Vice President; Cal Hoerneman, Penny Ecarius, and JoAnn Glynn as new Directors; and Bob Wise to complete a current term as Director. The position of President Elect will be nominated at the May 22 meeting.

**ANNUAL PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Ginny Morrison, Gene Woodward, and Ed Flagg opened the program with special prayers for pastors, lay people, and Kiwanis. Don Winger then introduced guest speaker Jack Telfer. Jack has been the editor for the Midland Daily News for the past 15 years.

Jack said his remarks today will actually be a story of his own personal faith journey. He was, he said, a Christian in service when he came to Midland 15 years ago, but not in his heart. He was primarily focused on secular matters and on moving up in his profession. That began to change when his neighbor asked him to lead a Bible study. That changed his life. It changed how he treats people, how he views the world, and how he sets his priorities. He began to reflect this in his editorials resulting in a number of critical comments (he was called “Evangelical Jack” by some). He has tempered this somewhat by focusing on the truth. He tries not to preach and attempts to look at issues as he believes God would. He believes Midland is a very involved community. The MDN staff, under Jack’s leadership, tries to provide a forum for healthy debate and discussion on a wide variety of subjects. (Most newspapers in the U.S. are losing circulation, but the MDS is actually growing. Letters to the editor and phone calls are much higher than average). Jack closed by saying he believes it is important to not compartmentalize your life—to not keep your faith separate from work, family, and other parts of daily living. Let all parts of your life be centered in God.

