

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

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CALENDAR

June 21 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.
July 10 Pinecrest Picnic.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Jim Young thanked the seventeen Kiwanians who helped with the Art Fair this past weekend.
***Mike McNulty thanked the nine members and spouses who helped with the Tall In The Saddle program this spring. Mike added that the fall session will start in September and more volunteers will be needed. Training will be in late August.
***Dick Jellum reminded members that the Annual Cookout (Shelter D in Emerson Park) will be on June 26—NOT June 12. The Cookout will be a celebration of Kiwassee’s 40th Anniversary, and spouses and families are especially invited. A “headcount” will be taken on June 19. Dick also announced that the Pinecrest Picnic will be on July 10.

SENIOR YOUTH PROGRAMS

Senior Youth Chair Al Forster introduced Terrie Kaiser, who is Principal of Windover High School. Terrie thanked Kiwassee for our continued support for their program, which she said is very much appreciated by both students and staff. Windover is an alternative high school and is one of the first five charter schools in Michigan. It has graduated 496 students since it started 20 years ago. Leiphart, which is also an alternative high school but is part of the Midland Public School system, will be closing this year which should result in an increase of students for Windover. The Kiwassee contribution helped Ashley Hall to receive her High School diploma this year, and Ashley plans to attend Delta College in the near future. Ashley sent her thanks to Kiwassee for our help and generosity.

Al presented a check to Major McPherson to help with the Salvation Army’s SHARE program this year. The Major said the Midland SHARE program enjoys the reputation of one of the best summer day camp program the Salvation Army has. He thanked Kiwassee for our continued support and said the program (which costs about \$100,000 per year) enjoys broad based support in the community. It provides 400 to 500 children with a faith based camping experience at four locations, and it also provides outstanding leadership experience to 35 to 40 teenagers and college students that serve as counselors and actually run the program. SHARE is administered by the Salvation Army’s Brian Bonotto. The program is in its 25th year.

Al introduced Ben Wackerly, who is a representative from Camp Fishtale in Pinconning. Camp Fishtale provides a summer camping experience for handicapped people of all ages. About 20 campers attend each week for seven weeks in the summer. There is basically a one to one ratio of staff members to campers. The camp was started by Ben’s father in 1993. The original sessions were in a SVSU dormitory. However, a parcel of land was acquired in 1995 from the Bay County Road Commission at basically no cost, and the main lodge was built in 1996. Campers, who come from all over Michigan, play sports and participate in a number of recreational activities. Al presented a check from Kiwassee to Ben, to be used for scholarships.

