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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: Dick Jellum**INVOCATION:** Dick Skochdopole**MUSIC:** W. Meyer**PIG:** Don Winger**MAILER:** John McClellan**EDITOR:** John Mier**CALENDAR**

October 30 Community Services Committee meeting, 1:00 p.m.. Roger Briggs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Dick Skochdopole asked for volunteers to help chaperone the “Rock the Mall” Halloween event for teenagers at the Midland Mall on October 27 (8:30 to midnight). Chaperones report for training at 7:00 p.m.. Sponsors are Circle of Health, The Rock, and West Midland Family Center. Dick says they really need help

***Mike McNulty is selling tickets (\$5 each) for the Time of Giving event at the Mall on Nov. 18. Ticket proceeds all go to Kiwasee Kiwanis. Good discounts will be available at stores in the Mall.

***Bill Burk invited new members to join the Kiwanis Christmas Band. More details later.

***Carol Rumba said the new brochures are now available (check your listing). Thanks Carol.

***Max Bottomely said that Sam Choo had suggested a special Veterans Day program with Kiwasee’s WWII vets commenting on their experiences. Please let Max know if you would like to participate. The program is scheduled for Nov. 13. (Great idea! We will all look forward to this).

***Jim Rajewski reported Candy and Nut price listings are now available. He will need volunteers to help move product into the Nut store on November 2. Call Jim if you can help.

***Gene Woodward reminded members that the initial Travel and Adventure program is tonight.

***Don Beckwith presented a check for \$150 to Officer Mathew Dertcher of the Midland Police Dept. for the Teddy Bear Program. The Teddy Bears are given by police officers to children involved in accidents or family trauma. Don also gave \$100 to Threna Winan Bagnall from the Historical Society to be used in their “Read and Feed” program for youngsters.

***Dave Bender reported that the new Circle K program at Northwood is getting started with at least 20 students signed up so far. Charter night will be in a couple of weeks. Dave will also be the Northwood advisor assigned to the program.

***Roger Briggs circulated sign up sheets for members to attend Key Club meetings during the next few weeks. Roger also scheduled a meeting of the Community Services Committee for 1:00 p.m. next Tuesday, October 30, following the regular meeting.

DUANE BROOKS AND DUANE TOWNLEY TALK ABOUT BOLIVIA MISSION TRIPS

Ginny Morrison, in behalf of the Human and Spiritual Values Committee, introduced Duane Townley and Duane Brooks to talk about their recent mission trips to the Colorado School located in a relatively isolated part of Bolivia. The school is attended by about 250 students of middle school and high school age. Most of the students actually board at the school during the week. Duane T. made his first mission trip to the Colorado school in 2003 and Duane B. in 2005. Each have now been there several times. Duane T. pointed out that the work both men have done at the Colorado school are consistent with everything Kiwanis stands for. Duane B. presented a number of slides that showed in detail much of the work that the men have accomplished on their missions. The school work shop originally had a dirt floor and was very poorly equipped. It was converted to a concrete floor shop equipped with new, state of the art tools. The two men arranged for over \$5,000 in cash, tools, and equipment to be sent in two container loads from the U.S. to the school in Bolivia. Other projects were completed including the installation of a beautiful stained glass window in the sanctuary. Duane T. is putting together another mission team to visit the school in 2009.