

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

CHAIR: Dick Jellum **INVOCATION:** Walt Rupprecht **MUSIC:** Bill Burk/Bob Ralston
PIG: Don Winger **MAILER:** John McClellan **EDITOR:** John Mier

CALENDAR

November 6 Junior Youth Committee meeting, 11:30 a.m.. Jim Schroeder.
November 6 NUT house opens for business. 1:30 p.m..
December 4 Kiwassee Kids Holiday Party at Eastlawn School, 11:45 a.m..

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Al Burmester said that product will be transferred to the NUT house this Friday starting at 2:00 p.m.. Sales will begin next Tuesday (Nov. 6) after our regular meeting.

***Jim Schroeder presented a check to Maggi Steele, 1st grade teacher at Adams School, for her Post Card Project. Maggi said the project is in its ninth year. Her students send 100 post cards each year to schools around the country—and receive responses. Her students also read each day to an audience of grandparents, and she invited any interested grandparents to attend. Jim also scheduled a meeting of the Junior Youth committee for 11:30 a.m. on November 6.

***Bill Burk invited new members to join the Kiwanis Christmas Band. Call Bill at 832-9453.

***Diane Stevens announced the Kiwanis Reading Program will start in November. Please let her know if you would like to participate. Diane also announced our support of the Kids Against Hunger program, which began 20 years ago to provide high protein food to undernourished children. She needs volunteers to spend 2 hours in Okemos (near East Lansing) on November 10 helping with the food packaging operation. Fifteen dollars will provide sixty meals.

***Stan Englund urged members to vote in the election next Tuesday (Nov. 6), and to support the funding for Pinecrest. This is a critical issue, he said, for Pinecrest's continued existence.

***Al Klashak announced the Coleman Senior Christmas Party will be on December 12.

***Gene Woodward announced that Travel and Adventure ticket sales exceeded last year! Details later. He also asked members to PLEASE return all unsold tickets as soon as possible.

***Don Petersen announced that the Kiwassee Kids Holiday Party will be on Tuesday, December 4 at Eastlawn School, starting promptly at 11:45. Don emphasized that it is Kiwassee tradition that all members provide a gift for Eastlawn's 1st and 2nd graders in the \$20 to \$25 price range. Each member will receive a letter this week with detailed instructions, including a student's name and suggested gift. Members will bring the wrapped gift to one of our regular November meetings, with the student's name clearly displayed (Don suggests the best way to do this is tape the name from the letter to the package). The wrapped gifts will be collected by Don and Duane (Chief Elf) Townley.

***President Jellum reminded members that all ten Committee Goals will be presented at the Nov. 6 meeting. The Nov. 13 program, led by Max Bottomley, will be dedicated to Kiwassee's Veterans.

IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS FOR GROWING KIWASSEE KIWANIS

President Jellum said that growing Kiwassee and attracting new members is one of the more important issues before us, and he dedicated the rest of the meeting to an open discussion of this subject. Jim Struthers suggested we make membership a more visible part of each meeting. Dick Skochdopole encouraged members to not hesitate in asking people if they want to join. Wendell Meyer suggested we consider more husband/wife memberships. Bob Wise suggested we think about how to make the club more attractive to younger members. Al Klashak had several suggestions, including making it a priority for each Kiwanian to bring in new members and inviting past speakers back to a Membership Roundup meeting. Don Winger suggested showing the recent Kiwanis MCTV tape, which has some good information and good discussion, to the membership. Don Beckwith suggested having an open house for new prospects. Several other members had additional comments, ideas, and suggestions. Dick thanked the club, and urged everyone to call or e-mail him with additional input on this subject.