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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:** Jim Morgan

**MUSIC:** Bob Ralston/Bill Burk

**PIG:** Don Winger

**MAILER:** John McClellan

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### CALENDAR

January 17 Board of Directors meeting, noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church.  
January 22 Club Birthday, past presidents reminisce.  
April 10 Spring Divisional meeting, Frankenmuth.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

\*\*\*Jim Rajewski reported that Candy and Nut sales exceeded \$29,600. There is still about \$9,000 that has not yet been received by the club.

\*\*\*Dick Skochdopole announced that the annual Circle of Health Partnership fundraiser will be held on January 21 at the MCFTA. Tickets are \$35 each, with \$20 of the ticket price qualifying as a tax deductible donation to the Circle of Health. Participants will enjoy good music and great food. Dick will have tickets available for purchase at our January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

\*\*\*Al Klashak thanked members who helped with the Coleman Christmas Party on December 12. Kiwanians distributed food and gifts, and Bill Burk's Kiwanis Band provided music.

\*\*\*Stan Englund thanked members who provided candy and nuts to Pinecrest residents over the holidays. Stan also said Pinecrest folks greatly enjoy the magazines that Kiwanians donate, and he urged us to continue.

\*\*\*Diane Stevens announced a new program to send “care packages” to our troops in Iraq. She asked if any Kiwassee members have family members currently serving there.

\*\*\*Al Forster presented a check to Bruce Winslow from the Alden B. Dow Museum of Science and Art to be used to support “Project Art Museum”. Bruce thanked the club for our support, and said “Project Art Museum” allows all Midland 5<sup>th</sup> graders to participate in organized tours of the exhibits and art studios, and to attend a workshop.

\*\*\*President Jellum announced that the Spring Divisional meeting will be on April 10 in Frankenmuth. Dick reminded members of the Board of Directors meeting on January 17. Also, MCTV will show Kiwassee's Nov. 14th Veterans Program at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 10, and at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, January 14.

### KIWASSEE KIWANIS SUPPORTS YOUTH PROGRAMS

Al Forster presented a check to Cathy Devenforf for the Midland County Youth Leadership Program. Cathy thanked Kiwassee and said the program provides a leadership seminar each year for 45 ninth graders from Midland County High Schools. She then introduced last year's participants Kevin Roach, Katrina Katsoulis, and Anne McElgunn to explain the program. Youth Leadership teaches skills in team building, goal setting, public speaking, decision making, and personal responsibility. It also exposes the high school freshmen to the community and to the value of volunteerism. The young people said the program opened their eyes to the community, and taught them how to get along with others to more effectively accomplish goals—and, they said, they had fun.

Al then introduced Saginaw Valley State University students Laura Farrell, Brigget Sobek, Meggan Olsere, and Bryant Barnes, who discussed the “Model United Nations” event they recently attended in Chicago. The students thanked Kiwassee for our support, which they said covered over 15% of their cost. They said this is a new program for SVSU students and it is gaining support. They enjoyed the event in Chicago immensely, and learned a great deal about other countries and other cultures. They also, of course, gained a better understanding about the purpose of the United Nations, how it operates, and the nuances of international diplomacy. They hope to establish a similar program at SVSU for local high schools.