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CALENDAR

January 17: Board of Directors, noon, Memorial Presbyterian Church
January 22: Circle of Health special dinner at the Center of the Arts.
January 25: Old Presidents reminisce
April 10: Spring Divisional meeting, Frankenmuth

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Duane Brooks: There is a need for volunteers to deliver food to The Open Door after Kiwanis meetings. See Duane.

Penny Ecarius; Penny would like to have more stuffed animals for the Law Enforcement Group for policeman to have in their cars.

PROGRAM: The Legacy Center for Student Success

Penny Ecarius introduced Richard Dolinsky, the founder and leader of "The Legacy Center for Student Success," which was founded in August, 2004. Richard described the "The Legacy Center for Student Success" as an organization that determines how the environment outside the classroom affects the performance of students from birth to age 18. The organization is data and evidence driven. It designs and develops interventions, provides interventions, and measures whether interventions have effect. Some current projects include:

- Pre-kindergarten preparation experience
- Court sending counselors to families with troubled children
- Math monitoring for children having math problems
- Youth Community Choir

Early childhood is the most critical time for learning. Ability 80 to 85% of a persons cognitive ability is formed by age six. Tool Totes contains \$50 of school supplies for economically disadvantaged children beginning at age 3. Studies have shown that \$1 invested in early childhood returns \$17 in savings from avoided problems. Richard Dolinski says, "Get 'em early!" If you want to help, make monetary contributions to the Legacy Center.