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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: Walt Rupprecht

MUSIC: Wendell Meyer/Bill Burk

PIG: Don Winger

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### CALENDAR

April 10 Spring Divisional meeting, Frankenmuth.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

\*\*\*Al Klashak thanked members who helped with the Travel and Adventure Program last week.

\*\*\*Duane Brooks announced a new plan for getting our leftovers to Open Door each Tuesday. He is asking for twelve volunteers so that each person will have the duty for one month during the year. Duane will prepare a schedule next week.

\*\*\*Diane Stevens, representing Young Children Priority One, presented a check for \$300 to Gloria Manary for Project Peanut Butter. Gloria thanked Kiwassee and said the project was started by her son Mark when he was in medical school. Mark was a Fulbright scholar in Africa and saw the extensive problem with malnutrition that existed there. He demonstrated that peanut butter can actually solve that problem, particularly with children up to five years of age. His program was eventually endorsed and supported by the World Health Organization, UNICEF, Doctors Without Borders, and other organizations.

### KIWASSEE BIRTHDAY—FOUR PAST PRESIDENTS REMINISCE

President Jellum introduced Past Presidents Don Winger, Stan Englund, Mike Cronenberger, and Jim Schroeder to share some of their memories of Kiwassee.

Don (1980-1981) remembered attending the convention in Anaheim, California, seeing a Major League baseball game, and meeting an old friend from his father's Church in Iowa. Don's strongest memory of his term as President is signing the agreement with the MCFTA to have our meetings in the Garden Room—which we've been doing ever since. Don's team also engaged Betty Miller to serve our meals, which she did for many years.

Stan (1985-1986) recalls that, during his term as President, women were not yet allowed to be members of Kiwanis clubs (or Rotary). Stan, who personally believed women should be welcome members of service clubs, invited his daughter (a recent law school graduate) to address the issue before the members. She was so effective that Kiwassee members changed their mind and decided they wanted women in the club. He pointed out we've had five outstanding women presidents since—and soon to have a sixth. Stan presented his special “Outstanding in the Field” award to Carol Rumba, Linda Cline, and Renee Yates.

Mike (1995-1996) said that the club endorsed the Kiwanis International Iodine Deficiency program during his tenure. He asked Ginny Morrison to chair the program for Kiwassee, which guaranteed its success. We committed to raise \$22,000 for I.D.D. (\$200 per member x 110 members), which we accomplished in two years. The I.D.D. program is still active and has significantly benefited children throughout the world. Also, Kiwassee was instrumental in connecting Penny Norton and the F.A.C.E. committee with Midland Foundations which resulted in millions of dollars for the F.A.C.E. program. Mike also enlisted a number of new committee chairs which gave us some cross fertilization of ideas.

Jim (2004-2005) remembers a summer meeting at the Historical Center when the caterer forgot the food! It finally arrived at the end of the meeting and it actually turned out well. He also lost his President Elect when Byron Medlock was transferred from Midland. Jim Jocks saved the day by stepping up, and Duane Townley took Jim's place as First Vice President. Jim spoke for all past presidents by saying that serving as President of Kiwassee Kiwanis is an honor, and great and rewarding experience. Finally, he urged all members to serve as a committee chair or in any Kiwassee office. They will never regret it.