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CALENDAR

February 5 Junior Youth Committee meeting, 11:30 a.m.. Jim Schroeder.
February 12 Club Valentine's Day Party.
February 18 Circle K Charter Night at Northwood, 6:45 p.m. Dave Bender.
February 23 “Walk For Warmth”, 7:30 a.m. at the Midland Mall. Roger Briggs.
April 10 Spring Divisional meeting, Frankenmuth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Duane Brooks asked for volunteers (sign up sheet) to deliver lunch leftovers to the Open Door each Tuesday. Duane says we now have five but need twelve people so that each volunteer will be responsible for one month.

***Ray Senesac renewed an old tradition by recognizing members who joined Kiwassee Kiwanis in the month of January.

***Diane Stevens alerted members that we will help plant petunias along Eastman Road on May 17.

***Jim Schroeder announced a Junior Youth Committee meeting at 11:30 a.m. on February 5 (next Tuesday). Jim also read a letter of thanks from one of the families Kiwassee helped last Christmas. He, in addition, read a very moving letter from the Salvation Army addressed to sponsors of the “Adopt A Family” program, commenting on how many families in our area needed help last Christmas (and still do).

***Dave Bender announced that the Charter Night for the Northwood Circle K club is scheduled for Monday evening, February 18, from 6:45 p.m. to 8:00 p.m... The event will be at Griswold Hall. Dave said all Kiwanians are welcome. Please let him know if you plan to attend.

***Paul Walker read a letter of thanks from Major McPherson, thanking Kiwassee for our help in Bell Ringing last Christmas. The Salvation Army received almost \$10,000 in contributions during our watch. The Major's letter also commented on the severe needs many families in our area are currently experiencing. The S.A. was able to help 840 families over the Christmas holidays.

***Penny Ecarus thanked members for their contributions to the “Teddy Bear” program. She also read a letter from Dick Dolinski, thanking Kiwassee for our \$200 contribution to the Legacy Center for Student Success.

***President Jellum reminded members that the Club Valentine's Day party will be on February 12. Gary Skory, Director of the Midland Historical Society, will be the guest speaker.

SHERI TARRANT TALKS ABOUT “WALK FOR WARMTH”

Roger Briggs introduced Sheri Tarrant, Midland County Coordinator for the Mid Michigan Community Action Agency. Sheri explained that the Agency, which is headquartered in Farwell, actively assists families in need through a variety of programs in mid Michigan counties. Her focus today, though, was to talk about the Annual Walk For Warmth which, this year, will be at the Midland Mall on February 23. Registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., and the Walk will start at 8:30. Sheri said that all donations and contributions associated with this event will remain in Midland County, and none will be used to cover administrative costs. Sheri talked about the tremendous need for housing and heating assistance for families in Midland County, and that new funding is urgently needed. There are actually many people who do not have heat in their homes. The Midland County “Walk For Warmth” goal has been \$13,500 the past few years, but Sheri would like to exceed that. Sheri said her agency coordinates and works with the United Way, Salvation Army, various churches, and other agencies to help meet the needs in the County. They rely on each other and help each other. Sheri thanked Kiwassee for our help and support.

Roger added that he will need volunteers to help with registration, etc.