

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

CHAIR: Dick Jellum **INVOCATION:** Diane Stevens **MUSIC:** Bill Burk/Wendell Meyer
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CALENDAR

April 26, 27 West Midland Family Center work project. Jim Schroeder.
April 28 Eagle Village fund raising dinner, 5:45 p.m. at the Dow Diamond.
April 29 Annual Kiwassee Prayer Breakfast, 7:00 a.m. at Salvation Army. Roundtable will be at Shirleen's at noon.
May 10 Day of Caring, 10 a.m. at Pinecrest. Sam Choo and Stan Englund.
May 13 Annual Kiwassee PIG AUCTION. Don Winger.
July 14 3rd Annual Kiwanis Charity Golf Classic, 12:30 at Midland Country Club.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Sam Choo announced the Day of Caring is May 10 at Pinecrest. Members will meet at 10 a.m. to work in the garden, groom the trail, and trim trees.
 ***Jim Schroeder reported a successful work project at West Midland Family Center on Monday. Volunteers are needed Saturday and Sunday afternoons (4/26, 4/27) to complete the project. Jim, representing Junior Youth, also presented a check for \$500 to Renee Yates from the Midland Community Center. Renee thanked Kiwassee and said the donation will be used to support scholarships at the MCC's summer camping program at Camp Neyati.
 ***Renee Yates reminded members to sign up for the Annual Golf Outing on Monday, July 14 at the Midland Country Club. Shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.. Registration forms are available as well as sponsorship forms. All Kiwassee members need to support this important fund raiser.
 ***Stan Englund read a letter of thanks from new Pinecrest Director Jane Senninger for Kiwassee's continued and significant support.
 ***Dick Jellum thanked six Kiwassee members and three Key Club members for a successful Highway Pickup last Saturday. (Dick contributed the \$20 bill they found to the PIG).
 ***Four Dow High Key Club members reported on the Annual Key Club convention held at Boyne Mountain. They conducted District business, heard a good motivational speaker, helped package food for "Kids Against Hunger", and had fun. Midland Key Club member Lydia Mortensen was elected Vice President of District 3.
 ***Duane Townley said tonight is the reservation deadline for the April 28 Eagle Village fund raising dinner.
 ***President Jellum reminded members that our Annual Prayer Breakfast will be at 7 a.m. on April 29 at the Salvation Army. Dr. David Pierce, Senior Pastor at Memorial Presbyterian, will be our speaker. There will be a noon Roundtable at Shirleen's.

COACH JULIE OAKLEY TALKS ABOUT M.P.S. MIDDLE SCHOOL ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

Bill Burk, representing Junior Youth, introduced Julie Oakley who has been a physical education teacher and coach for the past nine years at Jefferson Middle School. Julie brought members up to date on middle school athletic programs for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. Midland M.S. teams with 7th and 8th grade students do compete with teams from other middle schools in Saginaw and Bay City. Most M.S. teams have a "non-cut" policy. Those that don't field a "red" team and a "white" team that compete with similar teams from other schools. Julie's philosophy is to let every team member have "quality playing time" so they can all learn the sport. Her 8th grade girl's volley ball teams have had outstanding records. The programs have had severe challenges this past year with the need for significant budget cuts. Several committees of teachers, coaches, and parents were formed to deal with the problem. Decisions were made to reduce the number of after school sporting opportunities from 15 to 8 with the elimination of tennis, softball, baseball, gymnastics, and the cheer and pom squads. These cuts allowed the reduction of over \$5 million in expenses. Midland middle schools, in order to help alleviate the impact of the cuts, have partnered with the Community Center, Midland Dolphins, and other sports clubs and organizations to provide other sporting opportunities for students. The committees and the M.P.S. District decided against a "pay to play" approach because of the inequities it would cause. Physical education classes are no longer required after the 5th grade, and there are no intramural programs provided. Julie said the budget cuts were difficult, but the key goal was and is to protect the core academics in the Midland Public Schools.

“Kiwanis in Midland” MCTV viewing schedule:

Circle K program: April 24 at 12:30 p.m., April 28 at 7:30 p.m., May 1 at 12:30 p.m., May 5 at 7:30 p.m., May 8 at 12:30 p.m..

Golf Tourney & Renee Yates interview program: May 12 at 7:30 p.m., May 15 at 1:30 p.m..