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CALENDAR

May 10 Day of Caring, 10 a.m. at Pinecrest. Sam Choo and Stan Englund.
May 13 **Annual Kiwassee PIG AUCTION at First Baptist Church. Don Winger.**
May 17 "Midland Blooms" petunia planting. Meet at 8 a.m.. Diane Stevens.
May 17 Special Olympics, noon at Dow High. Volunteers needed. Ed Flagg.
May 20 Club elections.
May 22 Board of Directors meeting, noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church.
July 14 3rd Annual Kiwanis Charity Golf Classic, 12:30 at Midland Country Club.
MCTV: May 8 at 12:30 p.m., May 12 at 7:30 p.m., May 15 at 1:30 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Duane Townley thanked members for their support of the Eagle Village fund raising dinner. Duane said he will be forming a team for an Eagle Village work project in late June. Let him know if you'd like to help. Duane also asked that anyone interested in serving as a club officer (vice president) to contact him this week.

***Jim Morgan reminded members that our kiwassee.org web site can direct them to over 50 retailers to buy a selection of great products on line—including Mother's Day gifts. Kiwassee gets good commissions for this.

***Diane Stevens thanked the ten members who participated in the Kiwanis reading program this year, which was a great success. Diane also announced the "Midland Blooms" planting will be on May 17. Kiwassee volunteers will meet at our regular spot at 8 a.m.. (Call Diane if you don't know where that is). Bring gloves and trowel. She also reported progress on a support program for our armed forces in Iraq, with an initial program to provide special books for children of Midland's 1460th unit that will be leaving in June.

***Stan Englund urged members to help with the Day of Caring at Pinecrest, 10 a.m. on May 10.

***Jim Schroeder thanked the eleven members who helped with the successful West Midland Family Center work project. Kiwassee volunteers contributed over 80 hours of work to erect a new picnic shelter.

***George Fromhold reported that 48 tickets have been sold for the Loon's game on Friday, August 8 (which is a fireworks night). Cost is \$32.50 per head which includes dinner. Room for lots more. Don't wait too long to buy.

***Dave Bender reported that the Northwood Circle K club is off to a great start with a program to combine incoming freshmen orientation with a "Kids Against Hunger" work project assembling 25,000 food packets.

***Ed Flagg asked for volunteers to help transport clothing from the Presbyterian Church rummage sale to Pinecrest on Thursday, May 8. Meet at noon. Ed also asked for volunteers to attend the Special Olympics at Dow High at noon on May 17.

***Bob Nankee reported that Ron Keller is recovering from a leg injury and will be on crutches for six weeks. Also, a warm welcome back to Don Petersen from his recent hospitalization for abdominal surgery.

***President Jellum reminded members that our **Annual Pig Auction will be at our regular time next Tuesday at the First Baptist Church.** Bring your "stuff" for auction and **let's make some money for the club!!** Dick also said that club elections will be on May 20, and the Board meeting will be on May 22 instead of May 15.

GREAT PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY SENIOR YOUTH

Senior Youth Co-Chair Al Forster introduced Carol Berger from Windover School, Terry Malek-Melani from West Midland Family Center, Donna McGellen from Camp Fish Tales, and our own Major McPherson from the Salvation Army. He presented checks from Kiwassee Kiwanis to each of them. Following are their comments:

Carol said that Windover is an alternative high school that has been in existence for 21 years. They've received great support from Kiwassee for the past ten years which they very much appreciate. They have about 110 students and 6 qualified teachers that use the new state curriculum and the same calendar as public schools. A culinary class is also taught. Most students come to them at least a year behind. The gift from Kiwassee is used for Senior Student Recognition.

Terry directs the West Midland Family Center College Preparation program which helps high school students from low income, rural families to gain admission to college. There are currently 20 students in the program, and 6 or 7 new students are added each year. The program is highly successful with virtually 100% of the students in the program gaining acceptance to a college. Not all finish for various reasons, but most do. The program includes such things as teaching social skills, public speaking, travel, and 100 hours of community service. These young people are usually the first in their family to have any kind of college experience.

Donna said that Camp Fish Tales provides a summer camping experience for special needs people between 5 and 67 years of age. The camp is located in Pinconning and was started about 15 years ago. It operates about 8 weeks during the summer with specific time periods for different age groups and types of special needs. Between 125 and 150 people attend each year. Donna thanked Kiwassee and said our gift will be used to construct a new nursing station in the Medical wing.

Major McPherson thanked Kiwassee for our continued support of the annual summer SHARE program. He said the program was started 26 years ago by Major Warren Yoder, and is one of the best and most successful Salvation Army summer programs for children that the Salvation Army has. An eight week day camp experience is provided for about 400 children at several different locations. The program receives strong financial support from Midland churches, who also provide youth counselors who actually run the program.