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

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**CALENDAR**

June 7, 8 MCFTA Summer Art Fair. Volunteers needed for Kiwassee booth. Dick Skochdopole.

June 10 Annual Cookout in Emerson Park, 6 p.m.. Duane Brooks.

June 27, 28 Eagle Village work project. Duane Townley.

July 14 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kiwanis Charity Golf Classic, 12:30 at Midland Country Club.

August 8 Kiwassee Night at the Ball Park (in the “Landing”), meal included.

August 13 Kiwanis night at the Loons. Event for all Michigan Kiwanis members.

**JOINT MEETING OF KIWASSEE KIWANIS AND KIWANIS CLUB OF MIDLAND**

President Jellum of Kiwassee Kiwanis welcomed members of the Midland Kiwanis Club, and President Carl Edmunds of the Midland Kiwanis Club thanked Kiwassee for our hospitality.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

\*\*\*Dick Skochdopole presented a check to Bruce Winslow from the MCFTA and Darla Swales, who is chairing the MCFTA Summer Art Fair this year on June 7 and 8. Darla thanked Kiwassee and said the event will be grander than ever this year with 138 booths, entertainment, and activities for kids. Bruce added that the Summer Art Fair is one of the Center’s biggest fund raisers, generally raising over \$25,000. Dick and Jim Schroeder circulated a sign up sheet for volunteers to tend the Kiwanis booth to “hand out literature and blow balloons”. Assignments will be in two hour increments from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

\*\*\*Don Beckwith commented on the wonderful experience that he, Bob Cook, Mike Merrill, and Stu Bender had last week on the Honor Flight to Washington for WWII veterans. The group visited the new WWII monument, other monuments, and Arlington Cemetery. They also had the opportunity to meet and talk with Senator Bob Dole. Bob, Mike, and Stu also commented on the trip and how much it meant to them.

\*\*\*Duane Townley circulated a sign up sheet for the Eagle Village work project on June 27 and 28. The plan is to take a van load of volunteers each day to power wash and paint cabins.

\*\*\*Jim Struthers reminded members of Kiwassee Night at the Ball Park on August 8. We will have exclusive use of the “Landing” with dinner included. Our minimum is 60 people and we’re a little over 50 now. Tickets are \$32.50 each. Jim also invited members of the Evening Club to join us.

\*\*\*Duane Brooks announced that our Annual Cookout at Emerson Park will be on June 10. This is an evening event so there will be no noon meeting. A head count will be taken next week (guests are invited).

\*\*\*Diane Stevens presented a check to Kimberly Towne, who is President of the 1460<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company Family Readiness Group. Kimberly thanked Kiwassee and said the donation will be used to buy gift packs for children and teens with parents in the military. The packs are in three age groups, and are designed to help the kids deal in a positive way with a military parent on assignment away from home. Diane said the 1460<sup>th</sup> Deployment Ceremony is scheduled for June 24<sup>th</sup>, after which they will sent to a base in Texas for training, and then to Iraq.

\*\*\*Jack Higgins reported results from the 2008 Travel and Adventure program. Ticket revenue for both clubs totaled more than \$31,000, yielding a profit of over \$14,000 for Kiwanis community projects. Kiwassee’s share of this was \$10,015.

\*\*\*Ron Beech has sponsored a Kiwanis night at a Loons game for all Michigan Kiwanians, with 200 tickets allocated for this event. Ron urged Kiwassee members to participate. Ron also asked members to visit the web site letssaythanks.com, which is an easy, no cost, way to send cards to service people.

\*\*\*Phil Sarnacke reported that Walt Rupperecht is back in the hospital for additional surgery. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

\*\*\*President Jellum asked members to complete a membership survey regarding meals. He also reminded members that the Michigan District Convention will be on August 21-24 in Kalamazoo, Michigan.