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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: Dick Skochdopole

MUSIC: W. Meyer/D. Skochdopole

PIG: Don Winger

MAILER: John McClellan

EDITOR: John Mier

CALENDAR

June 19 Board of Directors meeting, noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church.
June 27, 28 Eagle Village work projects. Duane Townley.
July 1 “Take Your Pastor to Lunch” day at Kiwassee.
July 8 Annual Pinecrest Picnic, 5:30 p.m..
July 14 3rd 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Dick Skochdopole circulated a card for ex Kiwassee member Chuck Scott.

***Jim Scroeder thanked the 21 Kiwassee members for helping with the Art Fair project last Saturday. Jim also reported that the West Midland Family Center will host a dedication event for the new Kiwanis Pavilion on Wednesday, June 25 starting at 11:30. Lunch will be provided. Please R.S.V.P. at 832-3256 if you plan to attend.

***Duane Townley said that Eagle Village was actually hit by a tornado last week but suffered no serious damage. Duane has eight volunteers to help with two Eagle Village work projects on June 27 and also on June 28. There’s room for more. Let him know if you’d like to help.

***Jim Rajewski, who is a member of the Midland Salvation Army Board of Directors, presented the first place award for Bell Ringing to President Jellum. Kiwassee Kiwanis again won this award, with second place awarded to the Midland High Key Club, and third place to the noon Rotary Club. Jim said Kiwassee volunteer helped bring in over \$9,000 in contributions to the Salvation Army kettles—over 10% of the total.

***Duane Townley reported that Doug Lake is not feeling well, and Bill Kennett reported that Walt Rupprecht is still in the hospital recovering from abdominal surgery. Please keep these members and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

***President Jellum reminded members of the Board of Directors meeting on June 19, “Take Your Pastor to Lunch” day on July 1, Pinecrest Picnic (5:30 p.m.) on July 8, and our Charity Golf Classic on July 14. Renee said we still need more foursomes!! Dick also announced we need volunteers to replace Linda Cline and Don Petersen who have been leaders in our CROP WALK program.

KIM McMAHAN TALKS ABOUT “CAMP INVENTION” AT ADAMS SCHOOL

Jim Schroeder introduced Kim McMahan, who is a teacher at Adams School and also Co-Leader of the annual Camp Invention at Adams (now in its 4th year). Kim thanked Kiwassee for our support of the program, which is used to provide funding for scholarships. Camp Invention is part of a national program. It meets one week during the summer at Adams school (9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) and is open to all Midland children between the ages of 5 and 11. Cost to participants is \$205 for the week and there are 114 children enrolled this year. Classes, which are divided into five age groups, are led by five teachers assisted by a number of counselors and assistants. The goal of the program is for children to learn how to be innovative and creative while having fun. They learn the divergent-convergent rules of brainstorming, and that there are no “bad ideas” during this exercise. They learn how to create new games, how to build things out of everyday items, and how to create art. Actually, they gain confidence in their ability to be creative in solving problems, which is a skill they will use all their lives. And—they really have a lot of fun doing it.