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CHAIR Ray Senesac **INVOCATION:** Diane Stevens **MUSIC:** Dave Winegardner/Bob Ralston
PIG: Don Winger **MAILER:** John McClellan **EDITOR:** John Mier

CALENDAR

February 26 INTERCLUB, Saginaw Downtown. Davenport Inn at 12:14. Alex Rapanos.
February 28 Walk for Warmth, 7:30 a.m. at Midland Mall Food Court. Roger Briggs.
March 3 Club News and Publicity Committee meeting, 1 p.m.. Don Winger.
March 10 Travel and Adventure Program, "On the Road to Mandalay", 7:30 p.m..
March 31 Membership Roundup.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Lloyd Smith, speaking for Jim Struthers, asked for volunteers to usher at our final Travel and Adventure program on March 10. Lloyd reminded members of the high quality of these programs.
***Don Winger scheduled a meeting of the News and Publicity Committee for 1 p.m. on March 3.
***JoAnn Glynn (speaking for Carol Rumba) and Roger Briggs circulated pledge forms for members to sponsor Carol or Roger at the 18th Annual Walk for Warmth, which is scheduled for Saturday, February 28, at the Midland Mall Food Court. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and the Walk begins at 8:30 a.m.. Roger also asked for volunteers to help with registration (7:00 a.m.). The Walk is sponsored by Mid Michigan Community Action.
***Alex Rapanos scheduled an INTERCLUB at the Saginaw Downtown Club, which meets at the Davenport Inn at 12:15 p.m.. Cars will leave the MCFTA parking lot at 11:15.
***Max Bottomley reported that Doug Lake continues to recover from a recent stroke. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.
***President Ray said the next Membership Roundup meeting will be on March 31. Great opportunity to invite potential new members. Also, Ray reported that "K-1 Day", sponsored by Kiwanis International, will be on April 4. Our District is planning to observe this by organizing a meal packaging event for volunteers in Mt. Pleasant. More about this later. In addition, Ray said the Spring Divisional meeting will be on April 16 at Bay City.

JAN LAMPMAN REVIEWS PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY ARC OF MIDLAND

Mike McNulty, in behalf of the Junior Youth Committee, introduced Jan Lampman who is the Executive Director of the ARC OF MIDLAND. The ARC is an organization that works with people of all ages that have developmental disabilities. Their goal is to help people with disabilities to live independently as contributing members to the community. Jan first talked about their program "Growing Up Independent" for children, which is a wide ranging program that emphasizes education but also includes the importance for children to socialize and learn from each other. It also included a "Bike Camp", which was held two years ago and is scheduled again for this summer. This program successfully teaches disabled kids to ride bikes. Jan also mentioned that they used twelve youngsters from the Juvenile Care Center to help, which was a very positive transformational experience for them as well. The "Count Me In" program utilizes 500 volunteers to teach Midland school children about kids with disabilities. The "Project Life Saver" program is a partnership between ARC, Senior Services, and Midland law enforcement agencies to provide an ankle or wrist device to children with autism or adults with dementia, so they can be located if they wander off or become lost. The "Personal Services" program helps adults with developmental disabilities to manage their financial and health affairs, and to live independently. ARC is also heavily involved in the Annual Special Olympics program. Volunteers are always needed to help with these programs. The "Count Me In" and "Personal Services" programs, currently, probably have the greatest need for more volunteers. Jan thanked Kiwassee Kiwanis for our continued support in making Midland a leader in allowing people with developmental disabilities to live independent lives.