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#### CALENDAR

March 10            Human and Spiritual Values committee meeting, 1 p.m.. Ginny Morrison  
March 10            Travel and Adventure Program, "On the Road to Mandalay", 7:30 p.m..  
March 19            Board of Directors meeting, noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church.  
March 31            Membership Roundup.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

\*\*\*Diane Stevens, speaking for Young Children Priority One, announced that Kiwassee will be giving books to preschoolers as part of the Kiwanis Reading Program. She also needs a volunteer to read on March 10. Please call Diane if you can help.

\*\*\*Renee Yates announced that it's time to start working on the Annual Golf Outing. She reported that the Midland Country Club course will still be under construction, so we will partner with the Railway Family Center this year to co-sponsor the golf outing at the Pohl Cat Golf Course in Mt. Pleasant. A firm date has not been established yet, but it will probably be in mid-May. Cost to participate may be reduced from \$125 to \$100 per golfer. Please contact Renee if you're interested in helping with the project.

\*\*\*Jim Struthers asked for volunteers to usher at our final Travel and Adventure program on March 10.

\*\*\*Jim Schroeder read a letter from the Midland County Emergency Food Pantry thanking the club for helping to fund their program for providing food on weekends for low income school children.

\*\*\*Ginny Morrison scheduled a Human and Spiritual Values committee meeting for 1 p.m. on March 10.

\*\*\*Carol Rumba and Roger Briggs thanked members for supporting the Walk for Warmth last Saturday. Roger said the fund raiser was very successful, setting a new record for donations.

\*\*\*Dave Bender reported that five members will have March anniversaries as Kiwanians.

\*\*\*Diane Stevens announced that the Memorial Service for Del Asher will be at 2 p.m. tomorrow (March 4) at Ware Smith Funeral Home. Visitation hours will be 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. tonight and 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. tomorrow. Kiwanians should meet at 1:30 p.m. prior to the service.

\*\*\*President Ray reminded members of the Membership Roundup on March 31.

#### STEVE WITT IS NEWEST MEMBER OF KIWASSEE KIWANIS

A very warm welcome to new member Steve Witt. Dave Bender performed the induction ceremony with Sam Choo and Bill Lauderbach as sponsors. Steve is a native Midlander. He graduated from Midland High School and later from Ohio State University. He and his wife have three young children (ages 7, 5, and 1). He manages a State Farm Insurance Agency in Midland and coaches hockey in his spare time. Steve said he is looking forward to being a member of Kiwassee Kiwanis.

#### SENIOR YOUTH PROJECTS

Al Forster, Co-Chair of the Senior Youth committee, introduced Midland High Key Club members Natalie Fort (Club President) and Elaine Vo. Natalie reviewed the many community projects that Midland High Key Club members are involved in, which included participating in Walk for Warmth, CROP Walk, Blood Drives, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, freshman indoctrination programs, and others. Senior Youth Co-Chair Terri Malek-Madani reviewed the Dow College Preparation Program which she personally directs at the West Midland Family Center. The program is designed to help high school students from low income, rural families to gain admission to college. The program was started in 1989, and usually has about 20 students involved at any one time—with 6 or 7 new freshmen added each year. The program includes such things as teaching social skills, public speaking, travel and college visits, attendance at cultural events, and 100 hours of community service. The program is highly successful with a high percentage of students gaining acceptance to college---and many are the first in their family to have any college experience. Students are also coached on career choices and scholarship applications. Terri introduced Erin, a freshman at Bullock Creek High, who spoke highly of the program, and her community service work at the Arnold Center.