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CALENDAR

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 17 Community Service Committee meeting, 1:00 p.m.. Roger Briggs.
March 31 Membership Roundup.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Diane Stevens presented a check for \$200 to Sharon Mortensen, Director of Shelter House. Sharon thanked Kiwassee, and said the donation will be used to purchase storage containers for residents.

***Jim Struthers reminded usher volunteers to be at the MCFTA at 6:45 this evening. This will be the final Travel and Adventure program for the year.

***Roger Briggs scheduled a Community Service Committee meeting for 1:00 on March 17.

***Don Winger announced the need for two volunteers to help produce our monthly Kiwanis show on MCTV. A short training session will be required. Don said we also plan to recruit additional volunteers from the Dow and Midland High Key Clubs. Please call Don if you are interested.

***Diane Stevens reported that Larry Williams is having surgery this week in Ann Arbor. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

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

PINECREST FARMS NEW EXPANSION

Stan Englund introduced Jean Senninger, who is the Administrator at Pinecrest Farms. Jean said her purpose today was to talk about the new expansion of the Pinecrest Farms facility, which has been authorized and approved by the Midland County Board of Supervisors. Funding is based on a mileage approved by Midland County residents in 2007. Jean said the “expansion” is actually a new building, since it was determined that the cost of a completely new building will be about \$1.5 million cheaper than renovating the existing structure. Pinecrest is an adult foster care facility, serving mentally ill, developmentally delayed, and elderly residents. Current population is 48 adult men and women. The existing building was built in the early 70’s with four bed wards and community bath rooms. The new building will be a residential style facility with eight private rooms and twenty six double rooms—all with private bathrooms. There will be separate wings for women and men, with a total capacity of 60 adults. The new structure will be energy efficient and will utilize geothermal heating. Dining, recreation, gathering areas will also be included. Various use options for the existing structure are being considered with feasibility studies underway. Cost for the new facility will be \$6.1 million with completion scheduled for May, 2010.