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CHAIR: Ray Senesac **INVOCATION:** Duane Townley **MUSIC:** W. Meyer/D. Winegardner
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CALENDAR

April 25 Adopt-A-Highway, 9:00 a.m. at Community Center. Dick Jellum.
April 28 Junior Youth Committee meeting, 11:30 a.m.. Dick Skochdopole.
May 9 Annual Day of Caring at Pinecrest, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.. Sam Choo.
May 12 Annual PIG Auction. Don Winger.
May 15 Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser, Pohl Cat Golf Course. Renee Yates.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Dick Skochdopole scheduled a Junior Youth Committee meeting for 11:30 on April 28.
***Jack Higgins gave a final report on Travel and Adventure fund raising results. Sales for both Midland Kiwanis clubs totaled \$26,865, including the \$3,000 from sponsorships generated by Cal Hoerneman. “Net income” for both clubs totaled \$13,607, with \$8,805 accruing to Kiwassee Kiwanis. Jack said the good news is that our total compares favorably with past results. The bad news is that the total is on the low end without the \$1,500 from sponsorships. Jack thanked the members of his team for a great job. Kudos to Cal for generating this additional income from the new sponsorships.
***Dick Jellum reminded members of the first Adopt-A-Highway pickup of the year on April 25. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Community Center before proceeding to M-20—and home by noon.
***Sam Choo said the Annual Day of Caring this year will be May 9. Kiwassee volunteers will meet at Pinecrest at 10 a.m. for work on various landscaping projects. Sign up sheet will be circulated next week.
***Diane Stevens reported that “Midland Blooms” will be on May 30 this year. Diane also said that Community Services is helping to plant a tree at Stratford Woods at 5 p.m. this Friday. Diane thanked the “Kiwanis Readers” for their service to preschoolers this year, and added that there may be one more project before summer.
***Renee Yates said the Annual Golf Outing on Friday, May 15 will be here soon! Cost is \$100, less than last year, and WE NEED GOLFERS TO SIGN UP!! Dinner only options are also available. Renee urged everyone to contact friends and family, and get the word out.
***Diane Stevens reported that Al Klashak is recovering from recent knee surgery. Bill Kennett reported that Don Beckwith is doing well and hopes to be back soon.
***President Ray reported that Sam Choo is our new Lt. Governor elect. Congratulations Sam!!

KIWASSEE KIWANIS ANNUAL PRAYER LUNCHEON

Duane Townley began the Kiwassee Prayer Luncheon with the invocation, followed by a special prayer by Bill Lauderbach. Don Winger gave a wonderful Christian witness when our scheduled guest speaker did not show up. Don reminisced about his Father, who was an ordained pastor in the United Church of Christ. His Dad taught him how to prepare a sermon and how to preach—which Don occasionally put to use in his Dad’s church. Don graduated from Olivet College and then attended seminary in Minnesota. However, his interests in sports and his experience as the Sports Information Director at Olivet, led him to his career as Sports Editor for the Midland Daily News. Don, when he made that decision, committed himself to be a dedicated layman in his church. He has done this and he has grown in his Faith. Don’s impromptu message to us was truly inspirational. We were fortunate, as one member said, that the scheduled speaker did not come. Dave Winegardner, with Wendell Meyer at the piano, led the club in singing “This is My Father’s World” and “Amazing Grace”. Duane Townley gave the benediction.