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CALENDAR

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 Jellum thanked the seven Kiwassee members who helped with the Adopt-A-Highway pickup last Saturday. Dick also announced that a club election will be held next Tuesday for three board positions. Al Burmester, Joe Malan, and Mike Feider will be on the ballot.

***Jim Struthers introduced Midland Police Officers Mark Klein and Matt Vorchart, who thanked the club for our support of the recent DARE poster contest and dinner for 5th graders. Officers Mark and Matt displayed the winning posters and talked about the successful event, which is designed to help teenagers avoid drugs and alcohol.

***Renee Yates said golfing registrations are just beginning to come in, but we need lots more! May 15 is only two weeks away! There is a dinner only option.

***Bill Kennett urged members to vote "yes" for the Midland County School Enhancement Millage (1.5 mills) next Tuesday. (The Sinking Fund millage will be reduced by 1.5 mills).

***Sam Choo reminded members to sign up for the Day of Caring project at Pinecrest on May 9. Meet at Pinecrest at 10 a.m. Sam said there will be suitable projects for everyone!

***Jim Morgan asked members to remember the Kiwassee web site for Mother's Day gifts.

***Dave Bender introduced Northwood students Courtney Wallace and Paul Rowley, who are President and Past-President respectively of Northwood's Circle K club. (Paul was recently voted "Outstanding President" by the Michigan District). They talked about recent Circle K activities. A fundraiser for Special Olympics will be held at 6 p.m. tomorrow at the Bennett Center, and another food packaging event will be later this year.

***Penny Ecarius read a letter from the Emergency Food Pantry Network, thanking Kiwassee for our recent gift which provides special food for 0-5 year old children in need.

***Alex Rapanos is scheduling an INTERCLUB for a Prayer Breakfast at Apple Mountain on Thursday, April 30. Meet at MCFTA parking lot at 6:35 a.m..

***Diane Stevens reported that Bob Ralston is recovering from recent hip surgery. Al Klashak and Doug Lake are both doing well.

NORTHWOOD. PRESIDENT DR. KEITH PRIDDY SPEAKS TO KIWASSEE

Dave Bender introduced Dr. Keith Priddy, President and CEO of Northwood University. Dr. Priddy, who was appointed President of Northwood in October, 2006, said that Northwood is somewhat unique among American Universities. It was founded on its core value beliefs in an entrepreneurial, free enterprise society, individual property rights, and individual freedom and responsibility. (It's Mission Statement is "To develop the future leaders of a global, free-enterprise society"). The University is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The original consultants to founders Turner and Stauffer recommended no tenure and no academic union for teachers, which has not changed. A special need for automotive marketing and management was also identified, and has been highly successful. The need for education in fashion management led to the establishment of the Dallas campus. Northwood now has about 7,500 students (including 500 graduate students) in the three U.S. campuses plus six international locations. There is also an adult degree program at 31 locations, many of them at military sites. An associate degree program with Delta Community College and Lansing Community Program is a growing success. Dr. Priddy said current issues are the global economy which could effect enrollment, and the automobile industry decline in Michigan, which could have an impact on the Midland campus.