

CHAIR: Ray Senesac **INVOCATION:** Dick Skochdopole **MUSIC:** W. Meyer/D. Winegardner
PIG: Don Winger **MAILER:** John McClellan **EDITOR:** John Mier

CALENDAR

May 21 Board of Directors meeting, noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church.
June 6, 7 Kiwanis Booth at Art Fair. Volunteers needed!!! Jim Schroeder.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Lloyd Smith asked members to save pop can tabs for the Key Club.
***Jack Higgins reported that Kiwassee received a number of awards at the recent Divisional meeting, including awards for Key Club and youth sponsorships, Kiwanis International sponsorship, and club “point count” for overall participation and activity. He also said that, after some confusion, Kiwassee and Renee Yates won 1st place for the Best Scrapbook.
***Renee Yates reported a successful Golf Outing event last Friday. The weather was cool but everyone had fun. She will have the final results next week. (A number of members gave a huge “Thank You” to Renee for the really great job she did on this fund raiser. It was a LOT of work.)
***Stan Englund reported that 7 Kiwassee volunteers moved 18 bags of clothes from the Presbyterian Church rummage sale to Pinecrest on May 7—in record time!!
***Ginny Morrison said that Judy Harris (Quilting Ladies) asked for donations of used pillow cases to be used for making dresses for young girls in Haiti.
***Bob Davidson read a letter of thanks for the recent donation to MCTV from the Kiwassee Foundation in memory of Ed Flagg.
***Jim Schroeder asked for volunteers to work in the Kiwassee booth (distributing balloons and substance abuse literature) at the Annual Art Fair on June 6 and 7. Jim said this is a tradition for Kiwassee, and we urgently need members to sign up. Jim also announced that volunteers will be needed to complete the ESA playground project that was started last year. The project is tentatively scheduled for June 13 and 14.
***Mike Briggs announced that the Public Relations Task Force will meet at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night (May 20) at the home of Mike and Vicki Briggs.
***Sam Choo said the Day of Caring event at Pinecrest will be rescheduled due to a conflict.
***Dick Skochdople reported that Bob Ralston is still in the hospital following surgery. The family is planning to move him to a hospice location soon. Please keep them in your prayers.
***President Ray reminded members of the Board of Directors meeting on May 21 (noon at the Memorial Presbyterian Church). Ray also thanked Alex Rapanos for the “Kids Against Hunger” meals at the Pig Auction last week. Ray suggested we make this an annual event, and donate the \$400 food savings to “Kids Against Hunger”.

CLUB ELECTION FOR TREASURER

President Ray conducted a special mid-term election to replace Bob Ralston, who recently resigned as Treasurer. Mike Feider was unanimously elected to complete Bob’s term for the remainder of the 2008-2009 Kiwanis year. Mike, in a second vote, was also elected to serve as Treasurer for the 2009-2010 Kiwanis year.

PRESIDENT RAY AND BRUCE VICKEY LEAD MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM

President Ray announced that our scheduled speaker had cancelled, and then proceeded to give us a program that would have been hard for anyone to beat. Most of us know the highlights of how Francis Scott Key composed our National Anthem. However, few of us had ever heard the details of the event and how close our country came to complete defeat. Bruce Vickey then told us about the volunteer work he does with a local church near his winter home in Florida. Bruce teaches a Government/Civics class for immigrants preparing for U.S. citizenship. He told us how much these folks cherish the opportunity to become citizens of our country, and how much they appreciate taking the classes that help them prepare for citizenship. We probably all need to think more about the freedom and democracy we have in this country.