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### CALENDAR

June 2           Kiwassee Kiwanis Foundation meeting, 1 p.m.. Duane Townley.  
June 6, 7        Kiwani Booth at Art Fair. Volunteers needed!!! Jim Schroeder.  
June 9           Annual Cookout at Emerson Park. Duane Brooks.  
June 13, 14     ESA Playground work project (Old Sugnet School), Jim Schroeder.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

\*\*\*Duane Brooks announced that our Annual Cookout will be at Emerson Park on June 9. More details next week.

\*\*\*Duane Townley scheduled a Kiwassee Kiwanis Foundation meeting at 1 p.m. on June 2.

\*\*\*Jim Schroeder circulated a sign up sheet 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 also presented a check to the MCFTA to help fund this project.

\*\*\*Jim Schroeder circulated a sign up sheet for volunteers to complete the ESA playground project (Old Sugnet School) that was started last year. The work project is scheduled for June 13 and 14, and is being done in conjunction with the Midland Kiwanis Club.

\*\*\*Joe Downey gave us another great American History lesson by reading a portion of Whittier's poem about Civil War heroine Barbara Frietchie.

\*\*\*Al Forster presented a check to Jason Krause for support of the Salvation Army's annual Summer Share program. Jason thanked Kiwassee for our continued support, and said the Summer Share program is a Christian Based program for children that operates at four separate sites in Midland during the summer. Jason said the program served 376 children last year but that number will significantly increase this year because of a greater need. Al also presented a check to Eagle Scout Nathan Schell to support his community project. Nathan thanked Kiwassee, and explained that his project involves porch replacement of the Care Giving Network building.

\*\*\*Stu Bender said that Bob Ralston is now in a care giving facility, and that Bob and his family will greatly appreciate cards and letters—and especially prayers. Stu said that visitors are not appropriate at this time.

\*\*\*President Ray reviewed the past Board of Director's meeting, and also reported that Ron Beech has again organized a Kiwanis (District wide) event at the Loons game on August 12. Ron has reserved 250 seats at \$9 each. Finally, Ray reported that Kiwassee has made a donation to Kiwanis International in honor of Bob Ralston, and that Bob is now listed as a member of the Kiwanis Leadership Society. A plaque commemorating this honor was presented to Bob last Saturday with his family present.

### WEST MIDLAND FAMILY CENTER'S SUMMER PROGRAM

Diane Stevens introduced Greg Dorrien, who has been the Director of the West Midland Family Center since 1991. Diane presented a check to Greg to help fund WMFC's summer preschool program, which actually includes over 80 preschool, kindergarten, and 1<sup>st</sup> graders. Greg said that the program has grown to be too large to be accommodated at WMFC's facility, and now utilizes Bullock Creek School District's Floyd Elementary School. The program includes many low income and "at risk" children and also includes a parent component. Greg said it is extremely important to involve "at risk" children in organized programs like this one during the summer—otherwise much of the educational and social development process is lost over the summer months. Greg said it is also critical to involve parents so that they become committed to the value and importance of the educational process. The WMFC summer program also includes a Diagnostic Reading Lab, in which parents participate in reading to their children. Greg thanked Kiwassee for their strong support over the years. WMFC has grown to be an accepted and trusted member of the West Midland County community, with the ability to execute its charter very effectively. This did not happen overnight, and is the result of continued support each year from people and organizations like Kiwassee Kiwanis.