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#### CALENDAR

August 6 Pinecrest Pig Roast, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m..  
August 12 Kiwanis night at Loons game, 7 p.m..(tickets are \$9 each).

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

\*\*\*Stan Englund thanked Dick Jellum for arranging the Pinecrest picnic a few weeks ago. Stan also reported that Pinecrest will host a Pig Roast on August 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.. No cost to Kiwassee members and their families.

\*\*\*Penny Ecarius asked members to bring new pillow cases to the meeting next week, to be donated to Midland Quilters. They will make them into dresses for low income children. Penny will also accept cash donations.

\*\*\*Mike Briggs, speaking for the Public Relations Task Force, distributed examples of “elevator speeches” that members can use to tell people about Kiwassee Kiwanis. The Task Force will eventually print final versions on cards that members can carry with them.

\*\*\*Vicki Briggs said today is the last chance to order Kiwassee shirts and caps—at least for now. She will place the order later this week. Call her if you are interested.

\*\*\*Diane Stevens reported that she still has 23 Kiwanis tee shirts available at \$8 each. Diane also said the 600 people, including twelve members of our club, helped plant flowers on Eastman for “Midland Blooms” this year.

\*\*\*Jim Heffel said that ARC of Midland is having a fund raising event at the Dow Gardens on August 15. Contact Jim for tickets.

\*\*\*Alex Rapanos reported that we still have three of eleven INTERCLUBS to complete before Oct. 1. One of them is at Caseville, which the club traditionally combined with a golf outing. Please let him know if you would be interested in participating in such an event.

\*\*\*Duane Brooks reported that Harry Brown is having an emergency eye procedure today in Detroit. Prayers would be appreciated.

#### CAROL RUMBA KICKS OFF 2009 CROP HUNGER WALK

Carol Rumba, Co-Chair for the 2009 Midland CROP HUNGER WALK, announced that the event this year will be on Sunday, October 4. This important fund raising program was started in 1946 by Church World United, and has been gaining momentum for 63 years. The need, however, is greater than ever. There are an estimated 923 million people in the world that are suffering from hunger—to the extent that it has a significant effect on their health. This is greater, Carol said, than the total number of people that live in the entire western hemisphere. A child dies from hunger every five seconds. The Midland CROP HUNGER WALK generated \$46,564 last year, with Kiwassee members contributing \$1,820. Dow High Key Club gave \$1,483 with Midland High Key Club (their first year) contributing \$589. The goal for the Midland CROP HUNGER WALK this year is \$50,000. Kiwassee Kiwanis also contributes money to cover administrative costs for the event. Joe Downey has volunteered to be the “recruiter” for the club this year, and will enlist walkers as well as contributions from members. Also, volunteers will be needed to help administer the event. Carol thanked members for their past support.