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CHAIR: Renee Castellon
PIG: Don Winger

INVOCATION: Vicki Briggs
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CALENDAR

October 13 Community Service Committee meeting, 1 p.m.. Roger Briggs.
October 13 Deadline for gifting Travel and Adventure tickets to charitable organizations.
October 27 Deadline for selling Travel and Adventure tickets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Duane Townley reported that the Eagle Village work project scheduled for October 2, 3, 9, and 10 was cancelled due to weather. Duane thanked the 12 Kiwassee members who had volunteered for the project, and said he'll look forward to their help when the project is rescheduled next May.

***Roger Briggs scheduled a "short" Community Service Committee meeting for 1:00 p.m. on October 13.

***Ginny Morrison announced that Mike Hays will be our speaker next week.

JUDY BAILEY JOINS KIWASSEE KIWANIS

A very warm welcome to Kiwassee's newest member Judy Bailey. Dave Bender performed the induction ceremony and Paul Walker was Judy's sponsor. Judy has lived in Midland since 1957, and is active in the community as well as in her church. She's also an artist and enjoys painting. She's looking forward to Kiwassee fellowship and in helping the community.

NEW OFFICER INDUCTIONS

Division 19 Lt. Governor Elizabeth Peters performed the induction ceremonies for Kiwassee Kiwanis officers for the 2009-2010 Kiwanis year. She made a special point to compliment Kiwassee Kiwanis for being an extraordinary member of the Kiwanis organization, and for the significant contributions this club makes to the Midland community. She thanked Ray Senesac for his excellent leadership, and said his counsel will be valuable as he remains a member of the Board for the next year. Elizabeth thanked outgoing directors Mike Feider, Paul Walker, and Larry Williams for their service during the past three years, and welcomed new directors Al Burmester, Joe Malan, and Bob Wise. She thanked Club Secretaries Jack Higgins and Bob Davidson and Treasurer Jim Morgan for continuing in these roles and for the outstanding service they perform, and she welcomed new Treasurer Mike Feider. Elizabeth then officially installed Penny Ecarus as First Vice President, Vicki Briggs as President Elect, and Renee Castellon as President of Kiwassee Kiwanis. She then turned the gavel over to new "President Renee". Renee first thanked Ray for his great leadership during the past Kiwanis year, and for agreeing to step into the job on short notice. She especially recognized the success of the several initiatives started under Ray's leadership, including the New Member Task Force, the Public Relations Task Force, and the "sweat equity" partnership with the West Midland Family Center's Dow College Opportunity Program, which is under the direction of Terri Malek-Madani. Renee said these are successful programs and she plans to continue them. Membership continues to be a top priority with Kiwassee and with the entire Kiwanis organization, and she would like to see us explore and develop new ways to attract members. Finally, she urged us all to "Walk the Talk" and get involved!! We'll enjoy it!!

