

CHAIR: Renee Castellon
PIG: Roger Briggs

INVOCATION: Penny Ecarius
MAILER: John McClellan

MUSIC: Unbelievable!!
EDITOR: John Mier

CALENDAR

October 15 Board of Directors meeting, noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church.
October 20 Kickoff for Candy and Nuts fund raiser. Jim Rajewski, Al Burmester.
October 27 Deadline for selling Travel and Adventure tickets.
October 27 First Travel and Adventure program: "Etched in Stone: Scotland Provence".

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Jim Morgan reported Kiwassee contributed to over 70 charitable organizations in our community during the past year, and that we should be very proud of that. Jim also said we gained \$300 in commissions from member purchases through our web site, and urged us to do more. He has recently added three new Michigan companies (one Midland based). Let him know if there is a company you'd like to buy from and he'll try to add it to our site.

***Al Klashak announced that the Coleman Christmas party will be on December 9.

***Al Burmester reported that the Candy and Nut fund raiser kickoff will be next week. Initial transportation of product will be on October 30. Volunteers are needed.

***Joe Downey thanked the 38 members who contributed to the CROP WALK. Kiwassee contributions totaled \$1,605—ahead of last year.

***Penny Ecarius has another project to help the Haitian children. She asked members to bring large buttons which will be made into toys.

***Paul Walker said the Bell Ringing schedules will be out soon. Afternoon shifts beginning at 3 p.m. will be added to the schedules.

***Bob Davidson said we've been getting a little lax in reporting meeting attendance.

***Gene Woodward reminded members that October 27 is the deadline for T&A ticket sales.

***Al Burmester, who recently recovered from thrombosis in the leg caused by a long plane ride, led an interesting discussion about this disease—which is not uncommon and can be very serious. One recommendation: take an aspirin before long plane or car trips.

***President Renee reminded members of Board meeting this Thursday, October 15.

JACK MILLS AND BILL SPAULDING JOIN KIWASSEE KIWANIS

A very warm welcome to Kiwassee's newest members Jack Mills and Bill Spaulding. John Russell performed the induction ceremony with Stu Bender and Dick Skochdopole as Jack's sponsors, and Cal Hoerneman as Bill's sponsor. Jack retired from Dow Research about 20 years ago and has been a past member of Kiwassee Kiwanis. Bill is a graduate of Michigan State, and has taught marketing at Northwood University. He's looking forward to being an active member of Kiwassee. We're delighted to have Jack back again, and we're delighted to have Bill as a new member.

MIKE HAYS

Ginny Morrison introduced Mike Hays, who is well known by Kiwassee members. Mike and his wife have lived in Midland for 37 years. He has been an elected member of the State Legislature, and he recently retired from Dow Chemical's Government Affairs Office. Mike, since his retirement from Dow, has started Main Street Consultants which helps clients in community relations and business development. He's been a leader in the development of the Dow Diamond, the Great Lake Loons and the H Hotel, and has been an active participant in the Downtown Development Association. Mike said he believes we cannot rely on "Wall Street" or Washington to provide true economic and political leadership, but that it must begin at home in the community. Mike has been a leader in the recent development of the new Great Lakes Bay Region Alliance which combines the activities of the Bay City, Midland, and Saginaw Chambers of Commerce and Economic Development organizations. This new identity is taking hold, and the region is beginning to enjoy success. Dow and Dow Corning are both growing and other business are locating facilities in the area. State legislators from the region have formed a Great Lakes Bay Region Caucus in Lansing, and we are being recognized as a bright spot in the State. SVSU and Delta College are experiencing record enrollments this fall. Mike said he believes the new \$15 million MBS terminal, although somewhat controversial, will be an important improvement to provide an attractive "front door" to the region. There are, of course, many challenges and much work to be done, but we have momentum! Challenges include the crime problem in sections of Saginaw, and also the relatively low passenger flow at MBS, which causes some premium in ticket pricing. We also have a shortage of workers with basic science and math skills.

