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CALENDAR

November 3 New member orientation, 1 p.m.. Dick Skochdopole, Wendell Meyer.
November 3 Young Children Priority One committee meeting, 1 p.m.. Jim Schroeder.
November 3 NUT HUT is open! Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30-5:30; Saturdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m..
Dec. 2, 10, 19 Bell Ringing (3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on 12/2 and 12/10; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on 12/19).
December 8 Annual Kids Holiday Party, 11:45 at Eastlawn School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Jim Schroeder scheduled a Young Children Priority One committee meeting for 1 p.m. on Nov. 3. Jim also invited new members to attend and consider being a part of the committee.
***Al Klashak said the Midland Area Community Foundation is in need of table gifts for the Coleman Christmas Party (Dec. 9), which is held at six locations. Al also said that donations to the Coleman site only are possible. Please call Al (835-3350) for details if want to help.
***Duane Brooks asked for volunteers to transport surplus lunch food from Tuesday meetings to the Open Door during the month of November.
***Dick Jellum announced that the NUT HUT will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 5:30 starting Nov. 3, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Dick circulated sign up sheets for volunteers to tend the NUT HUT. Final date will be December 19.
***Mike Briggs said that the News and Publicity Committee is in need of photographers. Let him know if you are interested. Mike invited new members to attend the 1 p.m. committee meeting.
***Don Petersen announced that our Annual Kids Holiday Party will be at Eastlawn School on December 8 from 11:45 to 12:30. Our guests will be 90 Eastlawn 1st and 2nd graders. Don said this the largest group we have ever had. He explained our Kiwassee tradition of 100% member participation in bringing wrapped gifts for the children. Complete instructions will be mailed to members this week. Please follow the instructions! Call Don or Duane Townley if you have any questions.
***Paul Walker announced that Salvation Army Bell Ringing dates this year will be Dec. 2 and Dec 10 (3 p.m. to 5 p.m.), and Dec. 19 (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Sign up sheets will be available on the internet.
***Penny Ecarus (who made a new fashion statement for ladies high heels) reminded members to bring large buttons (four holes) for the Haitian children.
***Diane Stevens said we need more readers for the Kiwanis Reading Program which starts in November. Please call her (832-0051) if you would like to participate.
***Dick Skochdopole scheduled a new member orientation session for 1 p.m. on November 3. He urged new members to get that on their calendar if they can. (Anyone is welcome).
***Gene Woodward reminded members that our first Travel and Adventure program is tonight. He asked members to turn in their ticket sale money as soon as possible.
***LeeAnn Behmlander recognized members who joined Kiwassee Kiwanis in the month of October.
Dick Skochdopole headed the list with 32 years of service.

JUDY HARRIS AND HAITIAN CHILDREN

Penny Ecarus, representing Young Children Priority One, introduced Judy Harris who is well known to Kiwassee Kiwanis through her leadership of the Midland Quilters. Judy's message today, however, was about the huge needs of Haitian children. Judy said many children in that country simply do not have enough to eat nor do they have much clothing. Kiwassee's most recent project, headed by Penny, was to provide pillow cases that the Haitians make into dresses for children. (Dresses are required for church attendance). The buttons that Penny is currently collecting are much admired and coveted by children in that country. Judy also talked about peanut butter and beans. She's been involved in sending jars of peanut butter to two orphanages in Haiti, and she has arranged to purchase over two tons of split beans at a bargain price and to have it shipped to that country. The overwhelming message, Judy said, is the almost unbelievable need for food and clothing by the children in Haiti. She warmly thanked Kiwassee Kiwanis for our continuing support.