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CALENDAR

Nov. 3-Dec. 19 NUT HUT is open! Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30-5:30; Saturdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m..
November 11 Kiwassee Foundation Board meeting, 1 p.m.. Duane Townley.
November 17 Travel and Adventure Program "Corsica and the Rivas", 7:30 p.m. at the MCFTA.
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

***Wendell Meyer reported on the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation's project of supporting recreational and educational programs for hospitalized children in four Michigan hospitals (C. H. Mott in Ann Arbor, Mary Free Bed in Grand Rapids, Northern Michigan in Petoskey, and Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit). Annual cost of this program is equivalent to \$40 per Michigan Kiwanis member. It has been Kiwassee's tradition, Wendell said, to give individual members of our club the opportunity to make tax deductible contributions to this program with the balance made up from the club treasury. Checks should be made out to "Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation" and given to Wendell sometime this month. Over 100 children from Midland County were hospitalized in these four hospitals during the past year.

***Al Klashak said the Midland Area Community Foundation is in need of table gifts for the Coleman Christmas Party (Dec. 9). Please call Al (835-3350) for details if you want to help.

***Al Burmester said that the NUT HUT (Salvation Army building) is now open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 5:30, and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Al circulated sign up sheets for volunteers to tend the NUT HUT. Final date will be December 19. Brochures are available.

***Lloyd Smith circulated a sign up sheet for volunteers to usher at the Travel and Adventure Program on November 17. We'll need about 15 Kiwassee members to help.

***Penny Ecarius asked for buttons and coins for Judy Harris and the Haitian children. She added that she will even accept pennies. ("Pennies for Penny"???---did Ms. Ecarius set us up just a bit?).

***Stan Englund reminded members to bring magazines for Pinecrest—residents really enjoy them.

***Duane Townley scheduled a Kiwassee Foundation Board meeting for 1 p.m. on November 11. Duane also said all members should have received their instructions for the Kid's Holiday Party on December 8. He reminded us to please follow the instructions.

***Jack Higgins reported that 19 members have not yet closed their Travel and Adventure ticket sale accounts, and he would like to complete that as soon as possible. Jack said that sales appear to be about \$600 behind last year---which was \$2,000 less than 2007.

***Roger Briggs circulated sign up sheets for attending Key Club meetings.

***Vicki Briggs will take orders next week for shirts, caps, and visors with the Kiwassee Kiwanis logo.

***Ray Senesac announced that Sheriff Nielsen will discuss drug and substance abuse problems in Midland at the Membership Roundup meeting on November 17.

***Paul Walker said 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 on the internet and at meetings.

GREG DORRIEN REPORTS ON "ACCESS TO RECREATION" PROJECT

Roger Briggs, representing Community Service, introduced Greg Dorrien who is the Director of the West Midland Family Center and no stranger to Kiwassee Kiwanis. However, Greg's topic today was the "Access to Recreation Midland" project that will provide access to recreation for everyone, including people with disabilities. Midland received (through the Midland Area Community Foundation) a \$440,000 matching grant from the Kellogg Foundation in 2006 to be used specifically for providing access to recreational facilities for everyone. Phase 1 included projects at the West Midland Family Center (asphalt loop pathway) and the Midland Community Center (outdoor splash park). Phase 2 will include projects at Manitou County Park and the Chippewa Nature Center that will provide automobile access, rest room facilities, safe canoe and kayak access, and other improvements that will allow people with disabilities to truly enjoy experiences that they are presently unable to do. The current challenge is to raise \$31,000 that will complete the \$120,000 needed to receive the matching grant for Phase 1 from the Kellogg Foundation. Anyone interested in making a financial contribution to the Access to Recreation Project Fund or Endowment Fund should contact the Midland Area Community Foundation at 989-839-9661.