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CALENDAR

November 17 Membership Roundup. Sheriff Nielsen will speak on Midland drug problems.
Nov. 3-Dec. 19 NUT HUT is open! Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30-5:30; Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m..
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

***Al Burmester circulated sign up sheets for volunteers to tend the NUT HUT. Final date will be December 19. Al also announced that the NUT HUT will close at 1 p.m. on Saturdays instead of 3 p.m..
***Carol Rumba distributed the new membership rosters. Please review them for errors.
***Lloyd Smith needed one more volunteer usher for the Travel and Adventure Program on Nov. 17.
***Penny Ecarius read a letter of thanks from Judy Harris. Penny is still a collecting buttons and coins for Judy Harris and the Haitian children.
***Don Petersen said he has received 25 of the 90 wrapped Christmas gifts for the Kid’s Holiday Party on December 8. Don cautioned members that the letter lists two options for gifts. Please buy only one of the options—not both. Also, bring only one wrapped gift for each child.
***Dick Skochdopole said that the Thanksgiving Basket program sponsored by local churches has a greater need this year. Social Services have identified 400 families (instead of the usual 300) that will receive the food baskets. Dick urged members to support this program.
***Vicki Briggs is taking orders for shirts and hats with the Kiwassee logo.
***Mike Briggs is asking for photos of Kiwanis activities that can be shown on our MCTV program.
***Diane Stevens asked for volunteers to help with the Kiwanis Reading program for preschoolers.
***Diane Stevens presented a check to 1st grade teacher Maggie Steele to support her post card exchange program for her students. The class sends 100 post cards each year to elementary schools in all 50 states. Students plot responses on a map of the U.S., which helps them to learn geography as well as interesting facts of life in other parts of our country. Maggie thanked Kiwassee for our continuing support.
***Ray Senesac said that Sheriff Nielsen will discuss drug and substance abuse problems in Midland at the Membership Roundup meeting on November 17.
***Al Klashak asked for donations for Coleman Christmas Party. Call him for details.
***Paul Walker said Bell Ringing signup sheets will be available on the internet.
***Dick Jellum said he will introduce a mascot for the Candy and Nut program next week.

FRANK RIGGLE JOINS KIWASSEE KIWANIS

A very warm welcome to Kiwassee’s newest member Frank Riggle. Dave Bender performed the induction ceremony with Jim Schroeder as Frank’s sponsor. Frank is retired after working with the City’s Parks and Recreation Dept. and his wife is a teacher in the Midland Public Schools. They have four children and three grandchildren. He is looking forward to Kiwanis fellowship and in serving the community.

CAL GOEDERS REVIEWS SCIENCE AND MATH PROGRAM AT LONGVIEW

Jim Struthers, representing Junior Youth, introduced Cal Goeders who is a member of the Midland Kiwanis Club. Cal began working with the Longview Elementary School 15 year ago to enhance student knowledge of science and math. His real purpose today, he said, is to hopefully enlist additional volunteers from Kiwassee in order to expand the program. The program actually began in 1996 with a grant to improve science and math teaching in Longview. Forty volunteers worked with Longview teachers and staff to help students learn these subjects. Basically, Cal said, the initial effort was not successful. He changed the approach over the next several years, to emphasize more student participation. He also improved trust by becoming more visible at extracurricular events and in finding ways to involve students in activities related to science. MEAP scores in science and math at Longview have improved from 29 in 1997 to 96 in 2004-2008 as a result. A key to this success had been involving students in “hands on” activities using modular science kits. Longview scores also are the highest when compared to four other similar elementary schools. Cal said he would hope to interest at least six volunteers from Kiwassee to get involved in the program. The objective, he said, will be to enlarge the program to include a second Midland elementary school. Time commitment will be about 2-3 hours each week during the school year.