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#### CALENDAR

Nov. 3-Dec. 19 NUT HUT is open! Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1:30-5:30; Saturdays 9 a.m.-1 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).  
November 30 INTERCLUB with the Midland Kiwanis club, 6 p.m. at Northwood. Alex Rapanos.  
December 1 Community Service committee meeting, 1 p.m.. Roger Briggs.  
December 1 Senior Youth committee meeting, 1 p.m.. Al Forster.  
December 8 Annual Kids Holiday Party, 11:45 at Eastlawn School.  
December 19 Last date the NUT HUT is open, and “no return” date for unsold product.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

\*\*\*Diane Stevens introduced Sharon Mortensen, who discussed the Annual Zonta Home Walk which will be held on December 5 and 6. Sharon said this is Zonta’s main fundraiser which is primarily used to support scholarships for women. A significant amount is also given to local charitable institutions. Tickets are \$15 if bought early, or \$20 at the door. Raffle tickets are also available. Diane will have tickets available for purchase at the meeting next week. (Remember, Kiwassee has a reciprocity tradition with Zonta. Jim Struthers attends a Zonta meeting each year to sell Candy and Nuts).

\*\*\*Duane Brooks asked for volunteers to take food from Tuesday meetings to the Open Door.

\*\*\*Lloyd Smith thanked the ten Kiwassee members who helped usher at the Travel and Adventure program last Tuesday.

\*\*\*Dick Jellum and his friend “Ray the Rodent” said that only 47 members have visited the NUT HUT since it opened, and we are about 6% behind last year. Today is a good time to buy party trays for Thanksgiving. Al Burmester circulated sign up sheets for volunteers to tend the NUT HUT (which will be closed this Thursday). Final date will be December 19.

\*\*\*Judy Bailey announced she will take orders from members for Candy and Nut product at Tuesday meetings, and deliver them to the meeting the following week.

\*\*\*Alex Rapanos scheduled an INTERCLUB with the Midland Kiwanis club for next Monday. The Midland club meets at 6 p.m. each Monday at the Northwood Griswold Center. Call Alex if you would like to attend.

\*\*\*Diane Stevens needs volunteers for the Kiwanis Reading program in December.

\*\*\*Roger Briggs scheduled a Community Service committee meeting for 1 p.m. on December 1.

\*\*\*Al Forster scheduled a Senior Youth committee meeting for 1 p.m. on December 1.

\*\*\*Don Petersen said he has received 77 wrapped gifts for the Kids Holiday Party at Eastlawn School on December 8. We still need 22 to reach our total of 99. Next Tuesday is the deadline for getting them in!

\*\*\*Paul Walker asked members to sign up for Bell Ringing times on December 2, 10, and 19.

\*\*\*Al Klashak asked for donations for the Coleman Christmas Party. Call him for details.

\*\*\*President Renee said she will have a “Special Program” for us next week. Renee wished everyone a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

#### KIWANIS FOUNDATIONS

**Kiwassee Kiwanis Foundation:** Ray Senesac reported that the net worth of the Kiwassee Kiwanis Foundation was \$100,108 on Sept. 30, 2009, which is up from \$81,701 on the same date last year. Contributions totaled \$20,453. Five grants totaling \$5,350 were made to community organizations (four of these grants were made in memory of deceased Kiwassee members). Foundation policy is to make 5% of the previous year’s ending balance available for grants in the current year, allowing \$5,500 to be available for grants in 2009-2010. Copies of the 2008-2009 Annual Report, as well as a letter describing various ways that contributions can be made to the Foundation, were distributed to members.

**Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation:** Wendell Meyer explained that all members of Michigan Kiwanis clubs are automatically members of the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation. The Foundation supports educational and recreational programs (non-medical) in four Michigan children’s hospitals: C. S. Mott Children’s Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mary Free Bed Hospital in Grand Rapids, Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, and Children’s Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. Mary Free Bed is primarily a rehabilitation center that includes long term patients. The Foundation’s budget is based on \$40/Kiwanis member/year. Some clubs have trouble meeting this. Kiwassee has traditionally invited members to make individual tax free contributions to reduce the club’s allotment. Wendell said the Foundation is embarking on a new strategy by intending to enlist an unpaid executive director whose mission will be to expand the program by getting support from organizations and sources other than Kiwanis.