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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).  
December 8 Annual Kids Holiday Party, 11:45 at Eastlawn School.  
December 15 Annual Club Christmas Program.  
December 19 Last date the NUT HUT is open, and “no return” date for unsold product.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

\*\*\*Duane Brooks reminded new members that our Annual Kids Holiday Party will be at Eastlawn School next Tuesday. Limited parking is available in back of the school, in the School Bus loading area, and under the water tower near the Community Center. It is important that we all arrive by 11:30!! Sit at a green placemat (the kids sit at red placemats). Don Petersen has still not heard from 8 members regarding gifts!! Please call Don immediately if you are one of those. We cannot have a kid without a gift! New members: you will love next Tuesday. Most think this is the most enjoyable meeting of the year.

\*\*\*Wendell Meyer said he will accept personal tax deductible checks for the Kiwanis Foundation of Michigan for the next week. Wendell thanked those who have contributed.

\*\*\*Jim Morgan urged members to use the kiwassee.org web site for ordering Christmas gifts.

\*\*\*Dick Jellum reported that only 60 members have visited the NUT HUT so far, and we are about 8% behind last year. Al Burmester said the HUT is well stocked except for fudge, which is no longer available. Al and Dick emphasized that this fund raiser is critically important to Kiwassee!! Our contribution to the community depends on it, and we need 100% participation by members! The idea, of course, is to make money by selling product to others. Members who don't sell should at least buy product for friends and family. (Actually, it's really good stuff). December 19 is the final date.

\*\*\*Judy Bailey announced she will take orders from members for Candy and Nut product today and deliver them next week. (To save a trip to the NUT HUT.)

\*\*\*Vicki Briggs said she needs a minimum of 12 shirt orders (with the Kiwassee logo) before they will accept the order. Please call her if you are interested.

\*\*\*Diane Stevens needs a volunteer for December 16 for the Kiwanis Reading Program. Diane is also selling tickets for the Zonta Home Walk scheduled for this weekend.

\*\*\*Roger Briggs circulated a sign up sheet for attending Key Club meetings.

\*\*\*Paul Walker still needs one Bell Ringer for tomorrow. Paul said that members should call the Salvation Army if there is a last minute change in schedule.

\*\*\*President Renee reminded members that the Annual Holiday Party for spouses and friends will be on December 15. Please indicate on the attendance sheet if you plan to attend and if you will bring a guest.

#### RINGING IN CHRISTMAS

Kiwassee members were entertained today with a “World Premier Event” by the Kiwassee Kiwanis Chime Choir. The Choir is led by Dave Winegardner with Duane Townley, Carol Rumba, Mike McNulty, Alex Rapanos, Penny Ecarius, Dick Skochdopole, Jim Schroeder, Wendell Meyer, Bill Burk, Terri Malek-Madani, Jim Morgan, and Renee Castellon on the chimes. Substituting today were Anita Phillips and Joan Winegardner for Duane Townley and Mike McNulty. The group, none of whom have ever held a handchime before, have been rehearsing weekly since October. They were fantastic!! The encore included a duet with Carol Rumba and Alex Rapanos—a very special treat. Dave thanked the Trinity Lutheran Church for use of their Malmark handchimes, and he also thanked Anita and Joan for standing in today for Duane and Mike.

This was a wonderful surprise, and members thanked Dave and the chimers with a standing ovation.

**REMEMBER: BE AT THE EASTLAWN SCHOOL BY 11:30 A.M. NEXT TUESDAY!**