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PIG: Joe Malan

INVOCATION: Ginny Morrison
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CALENDAR

December 29 Meeting will be at Community Center.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Diane Stevens presented a check for \$100 to Jan McGuire from the Midland Community Foundation to be used to support the Midland Santa House. Jan thanked Kiwassee and said the Santa House has become a favorite Holiday venue for Midland families.

***LeeAnn Behmlander, chair of Membership Development, recognized seven members with November anniversaries and five members with December anniversaries. LeeAnn thanked them for their contributions to Kiwassee Kiwanis.

***George Fromhold, Chair of Human and Spiritual Values, scheduled a meeting of that committee following today's regular meeting.

***Dick Jellum thanked the 73 members who visited the NUT HUT and participated in the Candy and Nut fund raiser. He said we had a successful campaign but will be short of our goal. Dick urged everyone to pay their bills as soon as possible. Al Burmester said we sold out on cashews but were short on party trays and some other products. We probably will not include the fudge item in our product list next year. Gary Kerestes has the exact totals that everyone owes if you are unsure of the amount. Al said he was disappointed that only 73 members participated in the fund raiser.

***Penny Ecarus read children's thank you letters to Kiwanis.

***Al Klashak read a letter of thanks from the Coleman Senior Center for the Annual Holiday Party.

***President Elect Vicki reminded members that the meeting next week will be at the Midland Community Center.

ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT

Jim Young, Chair of the Audit Committee, reported the results of the committee's audit of the 2008-2009 Kiwassee Kiwanis year. Jim first thanked committee members Bill Kennett, Joe Malan, Bob Cook, and Mike Merrill. He also thanked club officers, especially Bob Davidson and Mike Feider for their help and support throughout the audit process. Jim said the audit included fund raiser activities as well as the Kiwassee Foundation, and was expanded this year to include club procedures. He said the committee used a special check list especially prepared by CPA's for non-profit organizations and found that the club generally met the criteria. The committee does have one specific recommendation that has been presented to the Board, and that is for the formation of a formal Policy Manual for the club. This can be used in future audits to see if the organization is actually following club procedures. The committee has asked the Board for a response by March 15. Basically, Jim said, the bottom line is that the club's financial house is in excellent order and "Kiwassee Kiwanis is in good hands". Jim added that club members can request a copy of the audit by contacting a member of the committee.

In conclusion, Dick Jellum introduced the "Jolly K Audit Choir", which presented to the membership a new song, sung to the tune of "Jingle Bells". It was a performance that will probably live in our memories forever.

REMEMBER: DECEMBER 29 MEETING WILL BE AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER!!