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**CHAIR:** Renee Castellon      **INVOCATION:** Gene Woodward      **MUSIC:** a cappella  
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#### CALENDAR

January 5      Junior Youth  
January 12      Club News and Publicity meeting, 1 p.m.. Mike Briggs.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

\*\*\*Mike Briggs scheduled a meeting of the Club News and Publicity Committee for 1 p.m. on January 12.

\*\*\*President Renee welcomed members of the Kiwanis Club of Midland (the "Evening Club") as our guests. SPECIAL GUEST was Lucas Briggs, kickoff specialist for the University of Pittsburgh Panthers football team (rated #17 in the country) and winner of Saturday's bowl game over North Carolina. With Lucas were Grandpa Briggs, Uncle Roger, and, of course the proud parents Vicki and Mike.

#### SENIOR YOUTH

Al Forster, Co-Chair of the Senior Youth Committee, introduced Midland High Key Club representatives Jeff Yoder (faculty counselor) and Club Officers Lizzie Gregory and Denise Sirius. Jeff Yoder thanked the two Midland Kiwanis clubs for support and sponsorship of the Key Clubs. Lizzie and Denise commented on recent Midland Key Club activities including Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Club members contributed over 150 hours of time. Another recent activity was a very successful Blood Drive which resulted in the contribution of over 100 pints of blood. Mr. Yoder commented that over 200 Midland High students have participated in Key Club activities over the past year. Activities have included counseling elementary school children, working with the Big Brother/Big Sister organization, and helping with various Midland High programs and activities.

Senior Youth Co-Chair Terri Malek-Madani introduced Bridget Sullivan from the Coleman Family Center. Bridget spoke of the progress and needs of the newly organized Coleman Family Center, which is associated with the Greater Midland Community Center organization. She said that Coleman is primarily a low income community with about 40% of the population having an income of less than \$25,000 per year. The Center offers programs for people of all ages from babies through seniors. Fitness programs are included as well as a food pantry and a clothing pantry. The teen program is still in the process of getting started. The "Teen Room", which was bare just a few months ago, now has a television, ping pong tables and other furniture. Bridget said the kids would love a wii game. She has started an "Opportunity Tour" program which provides a chance for young people to visit local colleges and trade schools. (Transportation is another need of the organization.) Only about 18% of the Coleman high school graduates go on to college or further education. The Coleman Family Center has 15 employees, but Bridget is the only full time employee. Sources of financial support include program fees (51%), United Way (14%), Government Grants (10%), and the remainder from individual and foundation contributions. The needs are great, including additional financial support and volunteer help.