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CALENDAR

March 18 Board of Directors meeting, noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Roger Briggs circulated a sign up sheet for attending Key Club meetings. Roger said attending these meetings is an enjoyable experience and doesn't take much time—he urged members to give it a try.

***Bob Davidson, speaking for the Kiwassee Foundation, asked members who are considering a gift to the Foundation in memory of Don Petersen to do so in the next two weeks.

***President Renee reminded members that the Board of Directors meeting will be this Thursday, March 18. Meetings start at noon at the Memorial Presbyterian Church. Renee added that she will report on planning for the Golf Outing next week. Also, induction of two new members are scheduled.

PINECREST NEW BUILDING

Stan Englund, representing Community Service, introduced Jean Senninger, who is the Administrator for Pinecrest. Jean did an excellent job in updating us on the current status of the new building at Pinecrest. She circulated photographs of the new construction, along with a drawing of the completed building as well as a floor plan. There will be three residential wings with a large area for dining and other activities in the center. Resident capacity will increase from 53 to 60. The number of private rooms will increase from two to eight (four for men and four for women). Other rooms are designed for two residents, which is an improvement over the current building which has four residents in each room. Each room will contain a bathroom, which again is an improvement over the current structure. Rooms will all contain flat screen TV's. Jean said the cost for each resident is about \$1,800 per month, and residents typically can pay a little less than half of that. The remaining cost is covered by Midland County with a voter approved millage. Jean said the decision to build a new structure instead of remodeling the old building was primarily based on cost estimates that indicated a one million dollar premium to remodel. Another problem would have been finding a place for residents to live during the remodeling. The project came at a good time with competitive bids from contractors. The final cost will be about one million dollars below estimate. The existing building will be demolished based on economic studies. The existing greenhouse will not be moved since it is not used by residents. Completion will be in early June, and an open house will be scheduled for later in the year.