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CALENDAR

April 6 Membership Roundup. Speaker is Michigan State Police officer on computer fraud.
April 17 Adopt-A-Highway pickup. Meet at the Community Center at 9 a.m.. Dick Jellum.
May 21, 22 Eagle Village work project. Duane Townley.
July 19 Annual Golf Outing at Midland Country Club's new course. Renee Castellon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Duane Townley announced that a work project at Eagle Village will be scheduled for May 21 and 22.

***Penny Ecarius said that the Stuffed Animal project for Midland's First Responders is still ongoing. She will accept stuffed animal gifts for the next few weeks. (Penny also said you can get a "Stroke Risk Assessment" exam at MidMichigan Medical Center for \$15. Call 837-9090 to set it up).

***Ray Senesac said the Membership Roundup meeting will be next week (April 6). The speaker will be a Michigan State Police detective who will talk about computer fraud. Ray said it will be an interesting subject, and a good opportunity to invite potential new members.

***Dick Jellum circulated a sign up sheet for the first Adopt-A-Highway pickup on April 17. Volunteers will meet at the Community Center at 9 a.m. for orientation.

***Diane Stevens asked members who are interested in helping with the Kiwanis Reading Program for preschoolers to contact her.

CINDY MARKS JOINS KIWASSEE KIWANIS

A very warm welcome to Kiwassee's newest member Cindy Marks. Ray Senesac performed the induction ceremony with Cal Hoerneman as Cindy's sponsor. Cindy worked for many years at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, and recently became Director at Bickford Cottage. She said she is delighted to be a member of Kiwassee Kiwanis, and is looking forward to the fellowship and to contributing to the community.

PRESIDENT'S MID-TERM MESSAGE AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

President Renee said that the club is "on track and doing well" at mid-term. Highlights include the progress and successes of the new Public Relations Task Force and the New Member Orientation program. Mike Briggs is making great progress in re-energizing the MCTV project. The Board is responding to the recent audit report by updating and revising certain policies and procedures. Membership remains a top priority and we are doing well in that regard. Fund raising is a challenge in the poor economy. The Golf Outing at the new Midland Country Club's new golf course and clubhouse could be a special opportunity for us. Renee complimented Cal Hoerneman on the continuing innovations he is making in our fund raising programs.

Club Meetings: Co-Chair Gene Woodward thanked all the members of this committee for the many functions that make our meetings successful, including food service, meeting set up, music, Pigmaster, and INTERCLUBS. This committee also organizes the annual cookout as well as the Christmas and Valentine's Day parties.

Community Service: Diane Stevens, speaking for Chair Roger Briggs, said the committee is "on schedule" with about half of their budget committed. Projects include Pinecrest, Adopt-A-Highway, Coleman Christmas Party, Walk For Warmth, and many others.

Human and Spiritual Values: Chair George Fromhold reported that committee has recently supported projects at the R.O.C.K.. The committee will sponsor the Annual Prayer Lunch in April, and will continue to organize meeting invocations.

Membership Development: Ray Senesac said the committee will survey new members after a few months to evaluate our recruitment and indoctrination programs for possible improvements. Membership Development remains a top priority as we normally lose 7-10 members each year (less than similar organizations who average losing about 15%). Membership Roundup meetings (like the one next week) are great opportunities to involve potential new members.

Young Children Priority One: Co-Chair Jim Schroeder said this committee sponsors projects that help young children from birth through pre-school. Recent activities have included the Kiwanis Reading Program for preschoolers, work with Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and pediatric projects with the MidMichigan Medical Center.

Senior Youth: Co-Chair Al Forster said the committee supports the Dow High Key Club, the Midland Junior Leadership Program, West Midland Dow College Opportunity Program, Camp Fish Tales, BSA Eagle Scout projects, Windover High School, and others.