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CALENDAR

May 20 Community Service Committee meeting. Roger Briggs.
May 20 Young Children Priority One Committee meeting. Jim Schroeder.
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 circulated sign up sheets for the Eagle Village work project (painting cabins) scheduled for May 21 and 22. Cars will leave the MCFTA at 8:30 and return about 5:30 each day.
***Stan Englund reported that the new Pinecrest building is proceeding on schedule, and an open house will be scheduled for later in the summer. Stan thanked members for continuing to donate magazines.
***Roger Briggs asked members to give him suggestions for local businesses that might consider sponsorships for our Kiwanis for Kids Golf Outing on July 19. Roger also scheduled a Community Services Committee meeting for May 20.
***Duane Brooks asked for volunteers to deliver lunch leftovers to Open Door during May.
***Penny Ecarius is still accepting stuffed animals. They will be presented to a Midland Police Officer (representing Midland first responders) next week.
***Jim Schroeder scheduled a Young Children Priority One committee meeting for May 20. Jim also acknowledged a letter of thanks from MidMichigan Medical Center for our recent gifts of coloring books for young children who are patients in the hospital.
***Jim Schroeder, representing Young Children Priority One, presented a check for \$300 to Nora Volz from the Emergency Food Pantry Network. Nora thanked Kiwassee, and said the donation will be used to provide special formulas and food for at risk babies and toddlers. The gift will also allow the Food Pantry to participate in the Feinstein Challenge, which provides matching grants to food pantries throughout the U.S..
***President Renee introduced Shawn Lappek and Morgan Wynne from the Dow High Key Club, who had recently returned from the Michigan Key Club meeting in Gaylord. Morgan (Lt. Governor for Michigan) and Shawn (President of the Dow High Key Club) discussed the International Key Club meeting that will be held in Memphis this July. Cost per student will be \$750 for the five day convention, and the two asked Kiwassee for financial support of \$150 for each of them.
***Pigmaster Malan generated some special comments from members. Diane Stevens said low cost stroke screening (only \$15) is available at MidMichigan on Friday mornings. Call 837-9090 to schedule an appointment. Mike Briggs will be bike riding with his daughter (100 miles in two days) to raise money for the American Lung Association. Bob Davidson will e-mail members the web link to use if you would like to contribute.

CAPTAIN MATT O'NEIL AND THE SALVATION ARMY

George Fromhold, representing Human and Spiritual Values, introduced our own Captain Matt O'Neil who heads the Salvation Army operation in Midland and is a member of Kiwassee Kiwanis. George also presented a \$400 check to Matt as a donation for the summer SHARE program. Matt was born and raised in Alpena, and he shared with us some of the difficulties of his early life. He married his wife Melinda in 1997. They attended the Salvation Army Church in Alpena, but it was on a mission trip to St. Martin ten years ago when he received a call to the ministry---and changed his life. Matt and his wife have served in Chicago, Minnesota, and the Detroit area before coming to Midland. He has also been on mission trips to Africa and South America, and to Biloxi after Hurricane Katrina. Matt says he goes where God sends him and where he can help people. He then discussed the Salvation Army operations in Midland, which include the worship center, many programs for children and youth, direct assistance to families in need, assistance to the homeless, tutoring programs before and after school, programs to teach parenting skills, pastoral counseling and referrals, summer SHARE program and day camps, ---and on and on. The Salvation Army is truly an asset to the Midland community.