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CALENDAR

May 11 Annual Pig Auction, Midland Curling Center.
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. (Could be 5/20 instead of 5/22)
May 22 Annual Eastman Road Flower Planting, Diane Stevens. More details later.
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. Duane said May 20 is a possibility to replace May 22 in the schedule if that is more convenient for people. He asked people to indicate their preference on the sign up sheet. Cars will leave the MCFTA at 8:30 and return about 5:30 each day.
***Jim Morgan asked members to consider using the kiwassee.org web site for ordering gifts (Mother's Day, graduation gifts, etc, etc.) which can give the club a little extra income.
***Bob Davidson asked members to please complete the meeting attendance forms each Tuesday!!
***Penny Earius presented 60 stuffed animals to Officer Chris Wenzell, who is the Community Relations Officer with the Midland Police Dept. Officer Wenzell thanked Kiwassee and said the toys will be used by First Responders to comfort children in crisis. Our own Karen Adams accepted 20 "gently used" stuffed animals for use at Safe and Sound for children during forensic interviews and other services provided at the center.
***Al Forster, representing Senior Youth, presented a check to Carol Berger who is the Counselor at Windover High School. Carol thanked Kiwassee and said the donation will be used to fund the Outstanding Senior Award that is presented each year during the Windover graduation ceremony. Carol thanked the club, and added that this is the tenth year that Kiwassee Kiwanis has funded this award. Windover was started in 1987 for young people who have, for various reasons, dropped out of school. It offers a curriculum that meets all State requirements for high school graduation. The school has six full time teachers along with a principal and counselor. It is currently attended by 115 students.
***President Renee announced that the Annual Pig Auction will be held next week at the Midland Curling Center. Bring your junk—and other valuables. Don Winger will be our Auctioneer!!!

SENIOR YOUTH

Al Forster, Co-Chair of Senior Youth, introduced our own Capt. Matt O'Neil and Nicki Smith from the Salvation Army to discuss the Army's Summer Share Program. Nicki said the Share Program is an eight week day camp that is held each summer at four Midland sites (S.A. Headquarters plus three Midland elementary schools). The Army hires about 40 college students and high school seniors each summer to serve as counselors. The program this year will run from June 21 through August 19, and will probably be attended by 350-400 children age 4 and up (last year attendance was 383). Daily programs start at 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m.. Daily programs include recreational and educational activities as well as Bible studies. Lunch is provided. The Salvation Army Summer Share Program has become an institution in Midland and provides a valuable contribution to the community.

Al then introduced Bill Kirkpatrick from the Midland Area Partnership for Drug Free Youth. (This organization is a coalition of Midland groups working to "Build a Drug Free Community—one youth at a time"—primarily through community wide education and awareness and other initiatives). Bill spoke primarily about their first Annual Youth Leadership Summit, which was held on March 15. The event was attended by 60 young people from five local high schools, and included motivational speakers as well as community leaders who spoke about career choices and opportunities. The event was a great success and will be continued. Our need for action is greater than most people realize. There are 2-3 opiate related deaths in Midland County each month! Also, 12th grade illicit drug use is 30% higher than the national average.

REMINDER: ANNUAL PIG AUCTION NEXT WEEK AT MIDLAND CURLING CENTER.