

CHAIR: Renee Castellon
PIG: Joe Malan

INVOCATION: Ginny Morrison
MAILER: John McClellan

MUSIC: Dave Winegardner
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CALENDAR

June 17 Board of Directors meeting, noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church.
June 22 Young Children Priority One committee meeting, 11:30 a.m.. Penny Ecarius.
June 24, 25 Eagle Village work project. Duane Townley.
July 6 Pinecrest Picnic. Dick Jellum.
July 19 Annual Golf Outing at Midland Country Club's new course. Renee Castellon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Duane Brooks reported that the Annual Cookout last week was a great success, and that surplus steaks purchased by members were delicious.
***Penny Ecarius scheduled a Young Children Priority One committee meeting for 11:30 a.m. next week (June 22). Penny also asked folks to give her information they may have for the scrapbook.
***Dick Jellum reminded members that the Annual Pinecrest Picnic will be on July 6 at 5:30 p.m.. Dick will be out of town, and he needs volunteers to help.
***Mike Briggs survived the 85 mile bike ride with his daughter (and the hills involved), and the two of them raised \$1,550 for the American Lung Association.
***Duane Townley reminded members that the cabin painting work project at Eagle Village is scheduled to be completed on June 24 and 25. Cars will leave MCFTA at 8:30 a.m. and return by 5:30 p.m.. Please call Duane if you would like to help.
***Diane Stevens thanked the Kiwassee volunteers who helped with the Art Fair project last week. She also read a letter of thanks from Linda Clark (North Midland Family Center) for our recent donation. (Diane said she has someone's trowel they left behind at the Petunia Planting project).
***Bob Wise presented a check to Sue Gunn from the MidMichigan Medical Center. Sue thanked the club and said the gift will be used to purchase new pediatric blood pressure devices.
***Al Forster presented a check to Casey Salminen from Eagle Village. Casey thanked Kiwassee for our continuing support of Eagle Village, and said this gift will be used to purchase paint for the cabins.
***Pigmaster Joe Malan gave special congratulations to Ginny Morrison for her recent award by the Midland Foundation for outstanding service to the community, and to Jim Morgan for winning third place in his age group in the recent Dow 5K event. Congratulations Ginny and Jim!!!
***Guest Martha Briggs received a standing ovation from the club for her years of service to Midland youth and to the community. Martha has been an Honorary Member of Kiwassee Kiwanis for years. She recently retired from teaching (Dow High), and will soon be joining Kiwassee.
***President Renee has a sign up sheet for anyone interested in buying tickets for the Kiwanis event at the July 21 Loons game (they're only one game out of first!!). Renee also reminded members of the Board of Directors meeting this Thursday, June 17 (noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church).

NEW MENTORING PROGRAM AT EAGLE VILLAGE

Duane Townley introduced Katie Falls and Jen Helsel from Eagle Village, who explained the new Mentoring Program being initiated at Eagle Village. The program will involve volunteers who can commit to weekly or biweekly visits to Eagle Village for about ten months. No special skills are required of the mentors, other than a true desire to help and a variety of life experiences. There are currently about 32 teens, between the ages of 11 and 17, at Eagle Village. They have been physically, emotionally, and verbally abused by adults. The concept of the new Mentoring Program will be to complement the existing counselors by providing a caring, life experienced adult than can provide a one-on-one relationship with the child. This relationship can teach "life skills", build trust, and can help the child to gain self esteem and confidence in themselves. The concept is much like the Big Brother/Big Sister programs that have proven to be very successful.
Duane introduced Casey Salminen, who said funding is currently tight. Children come to Eagle Village through the court system, adoption services, and the Mich. Dept. of Human Services. Courts are tending to assign abused children to foster homes instead of Eagle Village because of financial restraints. There is really nothing like Eagle Village in the State, which has proven it can heal abused children as well as family relationships. Casey thanked Kiwassee for loyal support. She urged us to visit and tour the facility. Call Duane for details if you're interested