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CHAIR: Renee Castellon
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CALENDAR

July 6 Pinecrest Picnic at 5:30 p.m., Dick Jellum. Noon Roundtable at Shirleen's.
July 13 Kiwassee Foundation meeting, 1 p.m.. Ray Senesac.
July 19 Annual Golf Outing at Midland Country Club's new course. Renee Castellon.
July 21 Kiwanis Night at the Loons. See Renee or Ron Beech.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Gene Woodward announced a Roundtable at Shirleens's at noon next Tuesday, July 6.
***Dick Jellum reminded members that the annual Pinecrest Picnic is scheduled for next Tuesday, July 6, starting at 5:30 p.m.. Volunteers are needed. Call Dick if you can help.
***Joe Downey, who has organized Kiwassee's Crop Walk support in recent years, will be out of town this September and needs someone to take this responsibility.
***Ray Senesac rescheduled the Kiwassee Foundation meeting for 1 p.m. on July 13.
***Duane Townley reported that the cabin painting project at Eagle Village is now complete—and they look great! Duane thanked all who helped with this during the last few years.
***Penny Ecarius requested any members who have news articles or photos relating to Kiwassee activities during the past Kiwanis year to get them to her ASAP so she can complete the Scrapbook. Members can leave them at the Legacy Center (corner of James Savage and Waldo). Slide them under the door if no one is in the office.
***Jim Struthers reported that Bill Marklewitz is headed to the Mayo Clinic for leg surgery. Jim Rajewski has recently had knee surgery, and Carol Rumba suffered a broken ankle. Please keep these folks in your thoughts as we wish them a rapid recovery.

BEVERLEE WENZEL REPORTS ON "THE ROCK" YOUTH CENTER

Judy Bailey, representing the Human and Spiritual Values Committee, introduced Beverlee Wenzel who is the Executive Director for THE ROCK Youth Center. Beverlee said THE ROCK, which is located in Bullock Creek but serves the entire Midland area, is founded on faith based values but is not affiliated with any church. It is now in its 10th year of operation. An after school program is provided from 2:30 to 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday, and "Club Rock" from 2:30 to 10:30 p.m. on Fridays. The programs provide a safe, healthy, and supervised environment for 6th thru 12th grade students with a goal of helping them to develop productive relationships with peers and adults. Staff and volunteers are screened and trained in dealing with relevant issues, including conflict resolution. The programs are free of charge except for a \$2 fee on Fridays. A number of activities are provided including music, movies, computer lab, staff led activities, gymnasium, and a number of games. The 24 foot Rock Climbing Wall is a signature feature and well used by the kids. (It is portable and can be rented out). Free snacks are provided during the week, and the ROCK Café is available on Fridays for students to purchase food and drinks. One week day camps are offered each month during the summer. Beverlee said the Molitor International Training Initiative (MITI) will be introduced this fall. Instruction will be by trained facilitators and will include sixty hours of content in two hour modules. The program will teach a number of basic life skills that will build self confidence and instill hope for the future. THE ROCK will partner with a number of other organizations in the community, including Midland City Police, Bullock Creek Schools, The Legacy Center for Student Success, West Midland Family Center, Windover, and a number of others. THE ROCK (Reaching Our Community Kids) itself is made possible thru donations from individuals, foundations, churches, and businesses. Address is P.O. Box 2143, 2300 E. Gordonville Rd, Midland 48641-2143. Phone number is 989-835-2542.