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CALENDAR

Aug. 19 Board of Directors meeting, noon at the Memorial Presbyterian Church.
Aug. 24 Junior Youth Committee meeting, 11:30 a.m.. Dick Skochdopole.
Aug. 31 Membership Roundup.
Sept. 7 "Tall in the Saddle" program season starts. Training on Aug. 24.. Vicki Briggs.
Sept. 12 Deadline for Travel and Adventure ticket donations to charitable institutions.
Sept. 28 Deadline for Travel and Adventure season ticket sales.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Cal Hoerneman reported that Travel and Adventure ticket sales now total \$2,479 (13.7% of goal). Cal also said that we're running short of brochures. Please turn in any that you don't need.
***Dick Skochdopole scheduled a Junior Youth Committee meeting for 11:30 next week, Aug. 24.
***Vicki Briggs reminded members that the "Tall in the Saddle" program will start on Sept. 7 and will continue for 8 weeks. A training session is scheduled for Aug. 24 (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.) for those volunteers that are new to the program. Vicki circulated a sign up sheet. Vicki also announced she is again taking orders for clothing items with the Kiwassee Kiwanis logo. Please see her if you're interested.
***Vicki Briggs reported that Al Forster will be replacing Bob Davidson as one of the Club's Secretaries, and a replacement for Al is needed to co-chair the Senior Youth Committee. Please see Vicki if you are interested.
***Ray Senesac reminded members that Membership Roundup will on August 24 featuring a speaker from the Alzheimer Association—good time to invite potential new members.
***Wendell Meyer reported that the Michigan District Convention will be on August 26-29 in Traverse City. The meeting will include a fund raising auction, and Wendell is looking for ideas for an item to bring (could be new or used with a minimum value of \$25). Please call him if you have any ideas.
***President Renee reminded members that the Board of Directors meeting will be at noon this Thursday, August 19, at the Memorial Presbyterian Church.

KIWASSEE FOUNDATION PRESENTS \$1,500 TO SENIOR CENTER

Kiwassee Foundation President Ray Senesac presented a check for \$1,500 to Pat Wilson, who is the Executive Director of Midland's Senior Center. Pat was introduced by Stu Bender, who is currently a member of the Senior Center Board. (Bill Kennett was Board Chair and Ginny Morrison was a member of that Board when Pat was hired 14 years ago). Pat graciously thanked Kiwassee and said the donation will be used to help fund the expansion of the Alzheimer treatment facility currently under construction. The Alzheimer facility was built about ten years ago, and use is now far exceeding its capacity. The new expansion, which will be completed in early January, will be used for mid to late stage Alzheimer patients. The existing building will be for people with early memory loss. The need, she said, continues to exceed expectations. The Midland Senior Center (originally called the Midland County Council on Aging) was started 44 years ago. It provides Home Care Assistance, Meals On Wheels, and other services as well as the Alzheimers facility. It is now considered a model for similar organizations throughout the country.

OUTDOOR READING CENTERS FOR MIDLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Dick Skochdopole, representing Junior Youth, introduced Kristee Thompson from Midland County United Way. Kristee announced that Dow Chemical and the United Way will jointly sponsor the construction of Outdoor Reading Centers for every elementary school in Midland County (including Bullock Creek, Meridian, and Coleman). Volunteers will be enlisted throughout the community to help construct these facilities, which will be permanent structures. The event will take place on the DAY OF CARING 2010, Saturday, September 18 from 9 a.m. to noon. The purpose is to promote literacy for elementary school children. Dick said that our Junior Youth Committee will form a team of 12-15 volunteer from Kiwassee Kiwanis to work together at one of the schools. Kristee said that all tools and materials will be provided