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CALENDAR

Aug. 31 Membership Roundup. **BRING A POTENTIAL MEMBER**
Sept. 7 "Tall in the Saddle" program season starts. Training on Aug. 24.. Vicki Briggs.
Sept. 7 Community Service Committee meeting after regular meeting
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

***Vicki Briggs –Tall in the Saddle still has a few weeks that need volunteers – passing sign up sheet around. Reminder that Training is today – info is on the sheet going around
***Vicki Briggs – Sending around a sheet for people who would like apparel – coats, shirts, caps, etc. Will send in order after a couple weeks of sign up.
***Ray Senesac – Next week is membership round up – we have Laura Ruhle speaking – Ray thinks she is from Alzheimer's Association but can't remember for sure.
***Ray Senesac – Travel and Adventure sales are over 6k but still a long way to go. September 13th is the absolute last day for donations. More about Cal's incentive program at a later meeting.
***Dick Skochdopole – reminded us that the VAC was here last week announcing they would be building outdoor reading areas at all the elementary schools and the Junior Youth would like to volunteer to do a school if there was enough interest – **and there was** – so more on that later (date was Sept 18th)
***Gary Kerestes – Travel & Adventure – when turning in tickets, indicate if unsold or donated. If donated, indicate who you want them to go to or it is Gary's choice.
***Roger Briggs – In two weeks (Sept 7th) will have a Community Service meeting after reg. meeting
***Bob Davidson – Please make sure you sign in for the meeting at the tables – have missed a few and need them for attendance and billing.
***Dick Skochdopole – Special Board meeting after the meeting today

Pig was highlighted with singing to Ken Broucek on his 90th Birthday!

Guests – John Davidson (Bob's Brother) and Megan Brandel (Mike Fieder's Granddaughter)

Program by Senior Youth – great stories!

Kurt Drottar presented his Eagle Scout project that we helped fund. He built \$ children sized and 2 adult sized picnic tables at Chippewa Nature Center and 2 that were handicapped accessible. Built them with his friends in one day. Had a pattern they followed and had help from other scouts.

Trace Dressen presented his Eagle Scout project that we helped fund as well. He built a Prayer Room at the Care Giving Network on Gordon Street in Midland. Had an open space that they put in an 7 foot by 11 foot room. Did the framing, wiring, painting, heating and cooling. Electrical and heating/cooling were donated by local contractors and had help from 17 friends and worked total 187 hours.

Our own Terri Malek-Madani talked about the Tall Ships project with the Dow College Opportunity Program students that we helped support. She was on the Appledor 4 which set sail on schedule and raced in no wind (slowly) and then later had some stormy weather so they got to experience some rough seas with waves slashing over the bow. All kids took the helm for a time. Kids enjoyed "bucket showers" when they wanted to clean up. Kids were climbing all over the ship – a real great experience for them and Terri saw huge changes and transformation in the kids. Saw some beautiful sunrises and wonderful stars at night.

Sean Card, one of the students, talked about his experience in the Appledor 5. It had engine trouble the first two days so they stayed in Cleveland and made the most of it – touring the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and a few bowling alleys! Then they had to really move to catch up and actually passed the Appledor 4 coming into port. He learned a lot about what to do on a ship, had some close calls with buoys and rocks and generally had a good experience.