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CALENDAR

Sept. 7 Community Service Committee meeting, 1p.m.. Roger Briggs.
Sept. 7 “Tall in the Saddle” program season starts. Vicki Briggs.
Sept. 12 Deadline for Travel and Adventure ticket donations to charitable institutions.
Sept. 25 Adopt-A-Highway pick up. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Community Center. Dick Jellum.
Sept. 28 Deadline for Travel and Adventure season ticket sales.
October 3 Midland Area Crop Hunger Walk, starts at 1:30 p.m. at MCFTA.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Cal Hoerneman reported that Travel and Adventure ticket sales now total over \$7,000 from 25 members. Reminder: Sept. 12 is the deadline for ticket donations to charitable institutions. Additional brochures and envelopes are available if needed.

***Martha Briggs, on behalf of Roger, announced a Community Service Committee meeting next Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 1 p.m.. Martha reminded members that the Annual CROP WALK will be on October 3, starting at 1:30 p.m. at the MCFTA. She circulated a pledge sheet for contributions and said that Kiwassee’s goal this year is \$2,000 (vs. \$1,600 last year). 25% of proceeds will stay in Midland County to support the Salvation Army Food Program, the Food Pantry, and other programs.

***Vicki Briggs, reporting for Mike, said that the two Midland Kiwanis clubs have decided against supporting MCTV programs each month. Three shows have been prepared and one will be aired in September. Vicki reminded members that the “Tall in the Saddle” program will start on Sept. 7 and volunteers are still needed. Also, she is still taking orders for clothing items with the Kiwassee Kiwanis logo. Please see her if you’re interested.

***Vicki Briggs reported that she, Mike, Sam Choo, and Wendell Meyer attended the Michigan District Convention in Traverse City last weekend. The Convention voted to increase dues from \$31 to \$38 per member to solve the deficit problem. Sam Choo was installed as the new Lt. Governor for Division 19 (Congratulations Sam!!). Kiwassee again won the award for Salvation Army Bell Ringing (thanks to Paul Walker), and Penny Ecarius’s Scrap Book won second place.

***Duane Brooks asked for a volunteer to deliver Tuesday left overs to the Open Door.

***Dick Jellum scheduled an Adopt-A-Highway pick up for Sept. 25—sign up sheet next week.

***Diane Stevens, representing Junior Youth, presented a check for \$800 to Allison Gintor, who is the new Director for the North Midland Family Center, and to Jennifer Finney, who will direct their After School Program. Allison and Jennifer thanked Kiwassee, and said the donation will be used to support the NMFC’s After School Program for elementary school children who will be bussed from Seibert to Mills after school. The program is from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. each school day and provides snacks, crafts, and other activities throughout the school year. Allison said this is especially appreciated since they recently lost \$3,000 in state funding.

LAURA RUHLE TALKS ABOUT ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE

Ray Senesac introduced Laura Ruhle, who is Program Coordinator for the Central Michigan Region (Midland and eleven other counties) of the Alzheimer’s Association. The Alzheimer’s Association is the leading voluntary health organization in Alzheimer care, support and research. Its Mission Statement is: “To enhance the quality of living for all persons affected by Alzheimer’s disease and other dementia related disorders by providing leadership, programs and services, advocacy awareness, and research support”. Laura said Alzheimer’s is a growing problem as people live longer. Over 5 million people in the U.S. are now diagnosed with the disease, and that number is expected to grow to over 14 million by 2050. Also, there are now 11 million American family members and friends providing care for a person with Alzheimer’s disease or other forms of dementia. The Alzheimer’s Association is an excellent source of support, advice, and relief for care givers and family members who have a loved one facing the disease. Help is available at any time by calling 989-939-9910. The call is transferred to a central location if no one is available in the local office. There is also a “Helpline” at 800-272-3900. The Association provides Education and Training programs including “Ten Signs of Early Detection”, support group training, and volunteer training. There is also a Medical Alert and Safe Return program that helps provide for the safe return for those that wander and become lost. Additional funding is urgently needed. (The 2010 Alzheimer Memory Walk fundraising event for Midland County will be on Sept. 25 at the Chippewa Nature Center).