

# KIWASSEE SMOKE SIGNALS KIWANIS

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**CHAIR: Bruce Rayce INVOCATION: Jim Young MUSIC: none**

**HAPPY \$: none GREETER: Betsy Sullivan MAILER: Roger Briggs EDITOR: Diane Stevens**

## CALENDAR

**May 4: Rescheduled Travel & Adventure, Carribbean, 7:30pm, MCFTA**

**May 5+: Kerestes Bridge Construction, West Midland Family Center (Rudy Phillips/John Congleton)**

**May 10: Pig Auction, Salvation Army, Waldo Road. Clean out your closets! (Bruce Rayce)**

**May 10: Kiwassee Foundation meeting after regular meeting (Roger Briggs)**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Vicki Briggs:** TIS continues. Thank you to all who signed up!

**Larry McCoy:** New rosters are available, as are the requested, updated business cards. Let him know if more are needed. There are now magnetic Kiwassee signs in the storage cabinet that can be used on a vehicle at a Kiwassee event.

**Roger Briggs Sr.:** The Evening Club is selling roses again as a fundraiser. Contact one of the members if you would like to send beautiful roses to someone special. Purchase can also be made on line at [www.midlandkiwanis.org](http://www.midlandkiwanis.org).

**Cal Hoerneman:** Rescheduled Caribbean Travel & Adventure film Wednesday night. If you threw out the ticket, ask one of the ushers for another.

**Mike Briggs:** Some articles have been printed lately in the Midland Daily News that refer to Kiwassee. Key Club submitted an article mentioning our support.

**Mike Cronenberger:** If you can't get out of bed early once a month to attend Wake Up, Midland! At the Great Hall, there is an evening option. On Wednesday, 5/18, 5-7pm, Garber Chevrolet, there will be networking opportunities, live music, BBQ, adult beverages, and Young Entrepreneurs Trade Show. It's free, and no RSVP needed.

**Brian Goodwill:** Today is Give Local Midland! Donate to fifty some different organizations and their endowment funds to support their good works in our community.

**Jim Morgan:** Shopping for Mother's Day? Use the Kiwassee website, [Kiwassee.org](http://Kiwassee.org).

**Rudy Phillips:** Rain tomorrow is forecast, but material is supposed to be delivered after a slight delay in funding.

Thanks, Heather, for use of your trailer. Thursday is the start day for framing, with work continuing next week on Wednesday, Thursday, and maybe Friday. Bring a battery powered drill if you have one. Waterproof shoes might be good, too. Vicki Briggs completed the sign design...thank you, Vicki!

**Jim Young:** Flag Committee meeting today after the general meeting. Thanks to Alex Rapanos' good deal, flags will be stored in one of his storage lockers. On Memorial Day, flags will be removed for placement at the start of the day. At the end of the day, they will go to their new location. Thanks to all who have helped with the behind the scenes maintenance work that must be done to prepare flags.

**Doug Snoddy:** Junior Youth meeting after today's meeting.

**Ray Senesac:** Midland's Barstow Airport recently received the "Airport of the Year" award from the Michigan Department of Transportation. The development of an airport education and observation area played a large part in determining this award. The Kiwassee Foundation contributed funds towards this area. A dedication ceremony will be on June 5 from 2-4pm. Kiwassee members are invited to attend.

**Diane Stevens:** Community Service meeting next week after Pig Auction.

**Dick Skochdopole:** For Junior Youth Committee, Dick presented a \$500 check to Beth Sorenson Prince, Family & Children's Services and Kiwassee member, in support of "Camp I Know Me", a summer day program for at-risk youth.

**Bruce Rayce:** Today there will be two voting sessions. The first will be for the 2016-2017 slate of officers and Board Members, done by voice vote. The following Slate of Officers was approved on May 3: President, Fred Honerkamp, President Elect, Doug Snoddy, Vice President, Roger Moll, Secretary, Jack Higgins, Membership Secretary, Al Forster, Treasurer, Jim Morgan, Assistant Treasurer, LaVerne Meyer, Past President, Bruce Rayce. For 3 year term on Board of Directors, Brian Goodwill, Chuck Gartner, Ben Tierney; for 1 year term to replace Roger Moll, Vicki Briggs. The second voting session will be to determine, by ballot, the Club choices for the \$25,000 "Big Project", and the \$5,000 "Small

Project". Results are New Hope Village "Windows On the World" Media Room and ACT/Uganda-Health is Essential to Life (HEAL). Thank you, everyone, for your creative and thoughtful ideas. Related to next week's meeting, as some of you members have not yet experienced the fun of our annual "Pig Auction", a few words of explanation are in order: The event is an informal meeting dedicated primarily to auctioning off various items ("pigs") that are brought to the event by members. A wide variety ranging from small electronics to golf clubs, etc. is usually available. Each member is encouraged to donate "garage sale" type merchandise and then enjoy the fun of the lunch, the camaraderie and the auction. The Salvation Army is located on S. Waldo Ave., just south of Bay City Road. Hope to see you there at our usual meeting time.

#### **GUEST NEWS**

Tom Adams, City Councilman, Ward 1, was Karen Adams' guest. Vicki introduced Kyle Tomasi, North Midland Family Center, who is assuming Misty Jenks' position as Director. Roger Briggs Sr., Bruce's guest, was here to sell roses and mixed bouquets as a fundraiser for the Evening Club.

#### **PROGRAM: JON LYNCH, MIDLAND CITY MANAGER**

Jon spoke of city government goals, finances, answered "Why don't they build a Red Lobster/Whole Foods/Neiman Marcus/Costco?", and expressed pride in our accomplishments as a community. The key goals of Midland City government for the city and its residents are economic sustainability, outstanding quality of life, and effective stewardship of resources. Midland is Michigan's fifth largest city in land area. Population growth has been flat in the last decade, and the age demographic is changing. Keeping the goals in mind, who are we as a community? What does the future hold for Midland? Government must remember the taxpayer owns the organization and must earn and maintain their trust. All the numbers, percentages and graph data are available on [kiwassee.org](http://kiwassee.org).

**NEXT WEEK: Pig Auction, Salvation Army Building, Greeter Bruce Rayce, Invocation Jim Bailey**