

KIWASSEE

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CALENDAR

Saturday, May 21: Midland Blooms, 8 a.m., corner Sugnet & Eastman Roads. (Diane Stevens & Martha Briggs)
Sunday, May 29: Kerestes Bridge dedication, 2 p.m. behind the North Midland Family Center. (Rudy Phillips)
Monday, May 30: Flag installation at dawn and dusk. (John Congleton & Roger Briggs)
Monday, May 30: Memorial Day Parade, 9:30 a.m. at St. Nicholas St. (Larry McCoy)
Thursday & Friday, June 16 & 17: Eagle Village painting, 8:30 a.m., MCFTA parking lot. (Duane Townley)
Tuesday, June 21: Kiwassee Picnic, 5 p.m., Emerson Park (shelter TBA) (Bruce Rayce)
Wednesday, June 22: Kiwassee Golf Outing, 9 a.m., Apple Mountain. (Roger Briggs)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martha Briggs & Diane Stevens: Sign up for Midland Blooms, this Saturday (5/21), 8 a.m., corner Sugnet and Eastman Roads. Dress for the weather, wear sunscreen, bring gloves and any digging tool you'd like to use.
Mike Briggs: A shout out to our own Ross Ahlich, who was part of the 21-gun salute at Saturday's 25th reunion of the National Guard 460th Supply and Company's deployment during the Persian Gulf War!
LaVerne Myers: Sign up for the Eagle Village painting project, Th/F June 16/17. Meet at 8:30 in the MCFTA parking lot; you'll be back in town by 4 p.m. after ice cream on the way home.
Rudy Phillips: Sign up to attend the dedication of the Kerestes Bridge, Sunday 5/29, 2 p.m. at the back of the North Midland Family Center. Sign up to bring refreshments as well. Gary's family will be in attendance.
Ben Tierney: The Fun Committee's first fun-filled activity is a TRIVIA CONTEST, with a suitable prize for the winner (an item from Ben's desk—something he no longer wants or needs, although he will vouch for its quality and value). This week's question: What local construction company built the Tridge in 1980? The winner of Ben's attractive insulated mug: BRIAN GOODWILL with the correct answer—GERACE! Bravo, Brian!
Jim Young: A new flag brochure is on the tables; it features the club's placement of flags in several public spaces around town. Details to follow; in the meantime, encourage folks to purchase a flag for this purpose. Thanks to last week's assembly crew: Joe Downey, Jim Heffel, Duane Townley, Gordon Rogers, Rudy Phillips, Bruce Rayce.
Roger Briggs the Elder: Four Midland Kiwanis Club members are at today's meeting to sell roses to us all--thanks to Roger, Cal Goeders, Dick Kopple, and Roger Boll for making it so easy to buy these beautiful blooms!
Roger Briggs the Younger: The annual Kiwanis Charity Golf Classic is Wednesday, June 22 at Apple Mountain. Flyers for sponsorships and registration to play are on the tables; it's important that every member support this major fundraiser by soliciting sponsors from local businesses and professionals you see on a regular basis (sponsorships are the life blood of this event); forming or recruiting a team to play; sponsoring the event on some level yourself; attending the luncheon; donating an item for the prize drawing or silent auction, volunteering at the event (sign-ups to come!). We hope to make up for the lack of a \$2000 Title Sponsor this year, so plan to help out in some way!

GUESTS

John Kennett (Midland Daily News), Fred Ducham (Joe Downey), and Marni Morgan (Mike Cronenberger)

Bruce Rayce: If you are part of an organization or business, sign up to present a few minutes' information about yourself and your work for a new initiative called "You Need to Know Me and What I Do." Last week's Pig Auction was a great success: Jim Rajewski and Fred Honerkamp kept the bidding lively and efficient, resulting in lots of participation and \$498 in proceeds (two members chipped in \$1 each to take the total to an even \$500). Thirty-three Kiwassee members attended Bill Marklewitz's funeral Monday, May 9, some participating in the Honor Guard as well. Bill's daughter sent the club a card thanking Kiwassee for our support.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

President Bruce Rayce introduced today's presentation of the "Big" and "Little" projects by commenting on Kiwassee's long-standing culture of service and support to local organizations. This culture is built on relationships

between club members, between the club and the organizations it serves, and between the club and the community members and groups who so generously support our fundraisers. As a result of our fund raising efforts and our community's generosity, the Project Fund has grown over the years to the point that we're in a position to give back in a big way.

To this end, we developed a plan that would result in our awarding funding to two organizations. Each of the five committees that fund programs (Young Children Priority One, Junior Youth, Senior Youth, Human and Spiritual Values, and Community Service) solicited and vetted potential projects and discussed them carefully, selecting one to receive \$5000 and one to receive \$25,000. Committee chairs presented their choices to the Board of Directors, who narrowed the field to two projects in each category. Those four projects were presented to the membership, who then voted via secret ballot for one project in each category. Although only two projects ultimately prevailed, this thoughtful process yielded several worthy projects that deserve our attention.

Today, representatives from the two selected projects accepted the funds: \$25,000 to New Hope Village (John Congleton, Andy Thompson, Roger Briggs) and \$5000 to ACT Uganda (Lisa Corso). Congratulations to the entire membership for the conscientious commitment everyone brought to this challenging task.

PROGRAM 1: Midland Beautification Award Committee

Community Service member Rudy Phillips introduced Karl Kuntz, who explained that the National Beautification Committee will be visiting Midland July 21, 22 to evaluate the city's beautification efforts in Floral, Landscape, Heritage, and Overall categories. In addition to assessing the entire city, the Beautification Award Committee is promoting a "Secret Garden" category, for spaces out of view from the street. Neighbors and friends can nominate such sites, including photos with their submission.

PROGRAM 2: Center Stage Theater

President Bruce Rayce introduced Dexter Brigham of the Midland Center for the Arts, who is seeking local immigration stories for "Hometown Anonymous," a play written by The Artists of Center Stage. Performances are December 8, 9, 10, and 11. Community members can submit narratives via the Center's website (www.mcfta.org):

--Type "Hometown Anonymous" into the Search field in the upper right corner of the page.

--When a page with "Search Results for Hometown Anonymous" appears, click on "Hometown Anonymous" in the second line.

--Dexter's photo will appear on the screen; scroll down to see questions, instructions for submitting a narrative, and Dexter's email and phone number.

--Dexter will also meet with anyone wishing to submit an immigration story.

KERESTES BRIDGE UPDATE

Rudy Phillips shared several photos showing the impressive progress of the Kerestes Bridge—at this point, it is 85% complete and will be finished in time for the dedication on Sunday May 29.

REMINDERS

Board of Directors meets Thursday, May 19 at noon at Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Next week's program is brought to us by the Fund-Raising Committee: Marketing students from Northwood's Business School will present their ideas for growing our club's membership and fundraising.

Greeter: Mike Cronenberger

Invocation: Vicki Briggs