

Chair: Bruce Rayce Editor: Martha Briggs

CALENDAR**Wednesday, May 25: AKtion Club, MPS Admin Center, 5:30 p.m. (park in back) (Martha Briggs)****Sunday, May 29: Kerestes Bridge dedication, 2 p.m. behind West 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:** AKtion Club meets tomorrow night, MPS Admin Center, 5:30—**BE THERE!****Mike Briggs:** Heather McLaughlin works the last two Tall in the Saddle Sessions. Sign up to help at the final show 6/4—see the table note for more details. A photo of the Kerestes Bridge sign is circulating.**Mike Briggs:** Last week's Big and Little Project Awards made it into the Midland Daily News—check out the pics!**Al Forster:** Quarterly dues are still due...thirteen members haven't paid yet. You know who you are.**Larry McCoy:** The Memorial Day Parade is Monday, May 30. Meet on St. Nicholas St. between Main and Ellsworth streets at 9:30 to walk with both Kiwanis clubs, Circle K, Key Clubs, and AKtion Club!**Aaron Oberlin:** The FUN committee will meet after today's regular meeting.**Rudy Phillips:** The Kerestes Bridge is almost complete. Thanks to the members who worked on this project: Rudy, John Congleton, Al Klashak, Millard Kent, Bruce Rayce, Duane Townley, Jim Bailey, John Claryu, Susan Love, Alex Rapanos, Fred Honerkamp, Jim Heffel, and Ron Graunke. Sign up for the dedication on Sunday 5/29, 2 p.m., behind the West Midland Family Center. Gary's wife and daughter will be in attendance.**Ben Tierney:** Today's Trivia question: where was H.H.Dow born? after a few false starts, Mike Feider guessed that Mr.Dow was born in CANADA and won a mediocre coffee mug and some (possibly stale) candy for his good luck.**Jim Young:** The new flag brochures featuring the installation of flags in public spaces are on the table. We plan to install the flags with PVC pipe where possible. Installers can pick up their flags at the Wackerly Rd. storage unit and RETURN THEM TO OUR NEW STORAGE UNIT (#318) behind the Fire Station on Haley and the Midland Towne Center on Washington. The combination on the lock is **2014** (from the bottom).**Roger Briggs:** Flag installers old and new: watch your email for a request from John Congleton to put up/take down flags next Monday, Memorial Day. He'll put together the teams and get the information to you this weekend.**Bruce Rayce:** Bruce circulated a thank you note from ACT Uganda. May 19 Board meeting highlights: members agreed that the Big Project was a great success, and a motion to make it a line item in the budget passed unanimously. The Kiwassee Foundation will fund the Longview pavilion; Young Children Priority One & Community Service committees will help with construction. The Board accepted with regret Joe Malan's resignation due to health issues and approved Cal Hoerneman's application for senior member status. Funding requests were approved for the Golf Outing; storage fee and items for Flags; YCP1 for scholarships to Chippewa Nature Center's summer camp for pre-schoolers; and Senior Youth for Salvation Army SHARE program salaries, Eagle Village painting & funding for 2 Dow High Key Club members to attend the Key Club International Convention.**PROGRAM: Personal Assistance Options**Bruce introduced **Kathy Allen**, Kiwassee member and Director of **Personal Assistance Options (PAO)**. The mission of PAO is to "provide support to individuals with differing abilities based on their personal needs and goals." To this end, the agency works with clients to develop a Person-Centered Plan that utilizes an ongoing problem-solving process focused on the individual's personal relationships, community involvement, and progress toward self-determined goals. Funding comes from State of Michigan Medicaid monies via Community Mental Health and the Department of Health and Human Services. PAO provides personal care and help with medications, housekeeping and meal preparation, and transportation to appointments. Ongoing staff training goes beyond the minimum standards required by law and includes a 30-day follow-up and monthly sessions on specific topics like incident reports, proper lifting, and DHHS vs CMH. To ensure safe transportation for clients, PAO offers car repair

loans to help staff maintain their vehicles. PAO's endowment through the Greater Midland Area Community Foundation provides financial support to clients for services not covered by Medicaid or other sources. As of December, 2015, PAO's 121 full and part-time employees served 153 clients. PAO is AKtion Club's agency sponsor and Kathy is the club's agency advisor. Visit [www.PAO.midland.org](http://www.PAO.midland.org) for more information.

### **REMINDERS**

**Next week's program:** Fund-Raising Committee: Marketing students from Northwood's Business School

**Greeter:** Rudy Phillips

**Invocation:** Allison Maloney