

### CALENDAR

**Wednesday, January 11:** AKtion Club, MPS Administration Center, 5:30 (Martha Briggs)

**Tuesday, January 17:** Kiwassee Foundation Board meeting, 11:00 a.m. (Roger Briggs)

**January 28- February 5:** Dow Tennis Classic (Allison Mahoney)

**February (date TBA)** Kiwassee Kiwanis Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (Dick Skochdopole)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Martha Briggs:** AKtion Club meets tomorrow at 5:30 at the MPS Administration Center.

**Roger Briggs:** The Kiwassee Foundation Board will meet before next week's meeting at 11:00 am.

**Al Forster:** Pay your dues!

**Dick Jellum:** It's not too late to settle your Nuts & Candy account; see Aaron Oberlin about your balance. After today, turn in your monies to Gordon Rogers (Bill Krueger will take it off your hands today).

**Rudy Phillips:** Junior Youth will meet after today's meeting.

**Dick Skochdopole:** Although Kiwassee was founded in February, 1967, Dick, Diane Stevens, and Bruce Rayce are planning the club's Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration for April. Share your ideas about the event with them.

**Doug Snoddy:** The Tech committee will meet briefly after today's meeting.

**Allison Maloney:** The Dow Tennis Classic is January 28-February 5; see Allison to volunteer—many opportunities!

**Roger Moll:** The Audit Committee meeting planned for today has been postponed; a new date TBA.

**Fred Honerkamp:** Today's snowy weather resulted in many local closings, including many churches. Although Trinity is open today and we are meeting, Pat explained that from now on, Trinity will be closed on school-designated snow days, meaning we cannot meet at this site. The Board will discuss a meeting-cancellation policy.

**GUESTS:** Mike Cronenberger introduced Mikelle Wiegert.

**MEMBER NEWS:** Keep Jack Higgins in our thoughts as he faces serious medical tests this week. Fred has a gimpy knee AND he had surgery on his left ear yesterday; be sure you're sitting on his right if you have something important to tell him!

### PROGRAM: Senior Youth Programs

Senior Junior Youth chair Doug Snoddy introduced Noah Stoffel, Northwood Circle K VP; Kyle Tomasi, North Midland Family Center Teen Program Director; and Mike Sobolewski, West Midland Family Center DOW COP Director, along with Brianna Cross and Sasha, COP members. Club members rotated between three presentations to learn more about these programs, which Kiwassee supports. They also had a chance to view Doug's poster, which focused on efforts to develop effective coaches for youth hockey programs.

**NORTHWOOD CIRCLE K:** Noah's visuals included photos of three facets of Circle K: at the Michigan District level, local clubs attend a Fall Rally and District Convention each year, where they perform service projects and attend workshops. In addition, two social events offer the opportunity for Circle K members around the state to gather. Northwood's own club sponsors a Kids Against Hunger meal-packaging event during Freshmen Orientation, and hosts two fund-raisers—Mud Pit Volleyball for Eliminate and Wheelchair Basketball for Special Olympics. Circle K International holds an annual convention that includes a Leadership Academy.

**Dow COP (College Opportunity Program), West Midland Family Center:** Mike explained that this program helps high school students prepare for college. While they show leadership potential and a desire to further their education, they do not have the financial or family support to do so. Each year 7-8 incoming freshmen from Shepherd, Bullock Creek, Coleman, and Meridian Schools are selected for the four-year program. Students attend required monthly meetings, and Mike monitors their attendance and grades, providing tutoring and mentoring to help them get back on track. Week-long experiences each summer include alternating adventure and service for freshmen and sophomores, college visits for juniors, and a self-planned-and-financed capstone trip for seniors. Both Brianna and Sasha said the program has convinced them that they can, indeed, attend college and become successful. Sasha called COP a "home away from home."

**Teen Program, Greater Midland North Family Center:** Kyle explained that NMFC's Teen Program serves students in grades 6-12 at Pinconning, Beaverton, and Midland schools. Teen Nights include a family meal and activities every other Friday from 6-9 pm. Students in the program volunteer in the Center's Summer FUN Program for elementary school-aged children, and a leadership group plans other service projects and social activities. Social events include the annual family Holiday Dinner and the Summer Blowout, for which the Mills Fire Department provides hoses for spray fights and everyone enjoys a hot dog cookout. Kyle is concerned about school absences and plans to work with the schools to monitor students' attendance; right now, they self-report their absences when they sign in to Teen Night (and they're honest!) He also wants to