

CALENDAR

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

February 14: Valentine Party (Penny Ecarius)

February 16: Date Night at West Midland Family Center (Mike Cronenberger)

February 15: New Hope Village room adoption meeting, Nazarene Church, 5441N. Jefferson (John Congleton)

March 11: Walk for Warmth, Midland Community Center (Diane Stevens)

April 18: Kiwassee Kiwanis Club's 50th Anniversary Celebration (Dick Skochdopole)

July 17: Kiwassee Kiwanis For Kids Golf Outing (Betsy Sullivan and Porter Brown)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Karen Adams: Young Children Priority One will meet after next week's regular meeting.

Martha Briggs: Senior Youth will not meet after today's meeting; chair Doug Snoddy is sick.

Al Forster: If you don't want to face the dreaded Wrath of Al, PAY YOUR DUES post haste!

Mike Cronenberger: Sign up to help at the WMFC's Date Night for parents, Thursday, February 16, from 5:30-8:30. Opportunities include greeting, serving, manning appetizer and dessert tables, and taking pictures. See Mike after today's meeting.

Brian Goodwill: Human and Spiritual Values will meet after today's meeting. Also, come to Midland Christian School's Date Night Saturday from 7-8:30. It's free, desserts will be served, and a program will focus on ball room dancing and strong marriages!

Jim Morgan: Boost our Project Fund by shopping for your sweetheart via the Kiwassee website's Kiwassee store--it'll take you to Amazon and dozens of other retail websites.

Fred Honerkamp: Sign up for the Valentine's Day lunch. Last week, the Board of Directors accepted Dee Howe's membership application. Dave Bender inducted her today, with sponsor Ray Senesac presenting her with a Kiwanis pin. Welcome, Dee!

GUESTS: Dick Skochdopole introduced Marcus Kessler, who was his Rotary exchange student 30+ years ago! Marcus politely declined Fred's invitation to sing his country's national anthem. Mike Cronenberger introduced future member Mikelle Weikert. ☺

MEMBER NEWS: Jack Higgins is back from his cruise to the Galapagos Islands and now faces radiation to treat lymphoma. Andy Thompson recently judged a Magic the Gathering national tournament. (editor's note: Magic is a popular trading card game.)

PROGRAM: Fund-raiser Reports

TRAVEL AND ADVENTURE: Fundraising chair Cal Hoerneman announced that he anticipates over-the-top sales for next year's T&A program, since Fred will contact the over 600,000 Kiwanis members worldwide to sell tickets. Meanwhile, despite a raise in ticket prices, sales have dropped in the past three years, and this year also saw a drop in the number of tickets purchased for donation to area agencies and organizations. The 2016-17 top seller was once again Norm Hozak with \$2040 in sales. We share the net profits from this fund-raiser with the Midland Kiwanis Club.

NUT AND CANDY: Chair Dick Jellum reported that we came short of our \$30,000 goal, bringing in \$27,770, for a profit of \$8250. After being available only through special orders, glass jars for cashews and mixed nuts may return to the basic list of items next year. Cashews, turtles, dark chocolate almonds, and party trays were the best sellers, with truffles and the new trail mix the least popular. This year's trophy once again went to Jim Rajewski, with sales of \$4,148. The Top Nut trophy retired with Jim. The traveling Rookie of the Year trophy went to Andy Thompson with sales of \$125. Dick thanked the thirteen Nutkeepers, who make sure everything runs smoothly in the Nut House. And the membership gave Jim Rajewski a well-deserved standing ovation for his commitment to this important fund-raiser.

REMINDERS: Human and Spiritual Values meets after today's meeting.

Senior Youth does NOT meet after today's meeting.

Young Children Priority One meets after next week's meeting.

See Mike Cronenberger to sign up to help at the WMFC's Date Night Thursday, February 16.

See Penny to sign up to attend the Valentine Party.

Have a great week!