

March 4: “Earthsongs” Center Stage Choirs, MCFTA, 7:30pm (Alex Rapanos)

March 10: Camp Fish Tales Fish Races at Camp Fish Tails (Ben Tierney)

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

March 16: The ROCK fundraiser, Great Hall, Valley Plaza, (Doug Snoddy)

March 18: Kids Against Hunger meal packaging (contact Tom at tom.workentine@charter.net for details)

March 23-25: Regional robotics competition at HHDow High. (Carolanne Guillemette)

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

April 19: Children’s Grief Center fundraiser, Great Hall, Valley Plaza (Brian Goodwill)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug Snoddy: There will be a Kiwanis table at the ROCK fundraiser event on 3/16. Tickets are free but a donation is greatly appreciated. SY meeting today.

Ben Tierney: Penny created the wooden fish for Camp Fish Tails fundraising event on 3/10. Last week, \$150 was collected. Today’s trivia: What is the connection between several specific celebrities? Alex Rapanos won 2 tickets to the Alden B Dow Museum at MCFTA with the winning answer....all were Key Club members.

Ray Senesac: Congratulations to the members named by Ray who joined in the months of January and February. Did anyone take a black leather coat by mistake at the last meeting? Ray has lost his. Please check your closets!

Diane Stevens: There will be a Community Service meeting today. Walk for Warmth will not use our registration help as the walk is being organized by the Farwell and Bay City MMCAA offices. Diane will walk, and a pledge sheet will be circulated this week and next.

Carolanne Guillemette: Volunteers are needed to help with the regional robotics competition to be held at HHDow High School March 23-25. To register, go online to my.firstinspires.org and create an account. There also will be a State robotics competition at a future date at SVSU. Volunteers will be needed again. Dates are TBD.

Fred Honerkamp: Happy Birthday to Pat! Max Bottomley was in the hospital for 4 days as he was fighting an infection. He is home now and feeling better. Bruce Rayce is having an EKG today. John Russell has a mild case of shingles – ouch! Bob Davidson’s house caught on fire twice in the second story due to a faulty light fixture ballast! The blaze rekindled, unfortunately, and now the entire upstairs needs reconstruction. There will be a brief BOD meeting right after this meeting.

PROGRAM: JUNIOR YOUTH, FLOYD ELEMENTARY “EVERY STUDENT MATTERS”

Dick Skochdopole introduced Andrea Krotcer-Burton from Floyd Elementary School. She accepted a check for \$500 from JY in support of the “Every Student Matters” truancy-fighting program, patterned after the Eastlawn Elementary program discussed last week by Shannon Blasy, Principal. This program has seen great success.

Floyd has expanded their student assistance efforts by creating a summer program for K through fifth grade students who do not qualify for certain services within the school year, but need extra help due to special needs or learning disabilities. Eighty to one hundred students attend from the end of June to the next to last week of summer vacation. This summer emphasis on academics prevents the loss of learning during the summer and lessens the chances a child will be held back after second grade, the cutoff point for grade repetition. Funding is available for busing of children within the bus routes, gas cards are provided to parents, and County Connection can also provide transportation for students beyond the bus range. There are books and learning materials for the children to take home to involve the family in the summer experience. Andrea also thanked the Kiwassee Foundation for their support of the Learning Trail, which acts as a Nature Classroom and is used at recess times and in the summer camp program.

REMINDERS: Schedule a colonoscopy! Next week, Invocation by Dick Skochdopole, Greeter is Mike McNulty, Program is Audit Committee and the Midland Fire Chief. **Past presidents, loan please loan your scrapbook to Ben Tierney, who’s putting together a special video to be shown at the Kiwassee 50th Anniversary Celebration.**