

**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](mailto:tom.workentine@charter.net))

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

**March 28:** Tall in the Saddle (TIS) training (Susan Love) at 4353 North Sturgeon Road, 7-9pm.

**April 12:** TIS sessions begin (Susan Love)

**April 18, 11:45am:** Kiwassee Kiwanis Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (Dick Skochdopole)

**April 19:** Children's Grief Center fundraiser, Great Hall, Valley Plaza (Brian Goodwill, Cal Hoerneman)

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**John Congleton:** If someone is available to take over the flag scheduling job for a year, John will take it back next year after NHV is up and running. Contact John if you're interested.

**Penny Ecarus:** The fundraising fish races were great fun! Penny decorated a slipcover for "our" fish. Dice were thrown and a fish moved the indicated number of spaces. We donated \$150 to participate in the event.

**Brian Goodwill:** Human & Spiritual Values meeting today after general meeting. Invite your Pastor to Lunch will be 5/16. Think ahead and give her/him a call now. Folks to do Invocation needed, please sign up.

**Susan Love:** Tall In the Saddle starts 4/12 for the children. If you haven't done it before, there will be a training session on 3/28 from 7 to 9pm.. Side walkers and horse leaders will be needed. This program is for special needs children to develop their gross motor skills, balance, and self-confidence. Training location is 4353 North Sturgeon Road.

**Allison Maloney:** There are some polo shirts that have not been picked up! Do you have yours yet?

**LaVerne Myers:** Did you all go home and check your fire extinguishers? And beat it with a rubber mallet if the contents can't be loosened by a few shakes? Or maybe you need a new one or two?

**Rudy Phillips:** Junior Youth meeting after the general meeting today. Get a fire extinguisher for your car, too. A fire on the road can have an even longer response time for a fire department, unfortunately.

**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. Bring your checkbook to the event at Great Hall, Valley Plaza.

**Diane Stevens:** Community Service promised to send a check to Ed Doerner (Messiah Lutheran) for \$500 to support The Bridge, the new food store open in the Midland Towne Center, off Washington Street. The funds will be used to purchase Bonus Items for the shoppers. For every 3 items purchased, the shopper receives a choice of a free bonus item.

**Duane Townley:** Foundation meeting after today's meeting. We may have as many as 125 excited young guests for our Holiday party at the new STEM school this year. Santa has an idea to make the gift distribution more efficient. Stay tuned!

**Fred Honerkamp:** Max Bottomley is here today!! Welcome back, Max. Warren Frank and Jim Whiteside are Fred's guests today. Warren is definitely interested and Jim will become, after our standing ovation today, a new member soon. These fellows are in the Honor Guard with Fred. Jim Rajewski will be moving up north and is untangling himself from many Midland commitments. Roger B is also backing off from volunteer overload. Two people are needed for the Golf Outing Committee. See Betsy Sullivan if you are interested. Dick Skochdopole brought Dick Coppel from the Midland Club as a guest. Larry McCoy is working his way north back to Midland through the snowstorm. Cal is in the South, but not feeling the warmth. Board of Directors' meeting on Thursday, 12-1pm, Memorial Presbyterian Church. Committee Chairs, please send any project account requests or other agenda items.

#### PROGRAM BY SENIOR YOUTH: KEY CLUB, THE BRIDGE

Doug Snoddy introduced the Dow High School Key Club Officers who attended the recent Service Leadership Conference. Anna Mylvaganam, Becca Haines (new President), Samantha Damocles, and Sam Clark have been our guests many times. They gave great praise to Doug and Martha as advisors and mentors over the years. Anna and Sam have been on the District Board, and, as seniors, have ended their terms of service. There were many service projects done at the SLC, and Dow received a trophy for second place (in the entire State!) in the pop top collection category. The Key Club collected more than 130lbs! Money raised goes to Children's Miracle Network of 4 Michigan hospitals: Mary Free Bed, CS Mott, Detroit Mercy and Northern Michigan Hospital.

Ed Doerner, from Messiah Lutheran Church, explained the purpose and mission of The Bridge, a new food store in the Midland Towne Center. Ed and others met with people within our community who are "food insecure" and asked them what they need, what they want a food source to provide. The answers were affordable food, with a distribution method that helps the shoppers keep their dignity and preserve a sense of control over their situation. This is a volunteer-run grocery store for the working poor, living below the U.S. poverty line, and those designated as being ALICE, Asset Limited, Income Constrained Employed. All food is purchased at wholesale prices from 8 suppliers and nothing is marked up in price. Local suppliers are SAV-A-LOT, LaLondes, and Spartan stores, and volunteers also go to Detroit to pick up food. Volunteer meat packers repackage the bulk meat purchases into smaller packaging. Three purchases allow 1 bonus item selection. In twelve weeks of operation, approximately 2600 people have been shoppers. Volunteers are always needed to staff the store. "Your time means they get to eat." TheBridgeMidland.com is the website for further information.

Next week: Senior Youth, Mark Fenske, Technology for Kiwassee, Diane Stevens, Greeter,