

CALENDAR

- June 17 Kiwassee Board of Directors meeting at Memorial Presbyterian
- June 20 Cookout at Emerson Park 5:00 (NO NOON MEETING) Guests welcome! Setup at 4:00
- July 4th Independence Day. (NO MEETING)
- July 11 Pinecrest Picnic 5:00 (NO NOON MEETING) Setup at 4:30.
- July 17 Kiwanis for Kids golf outing at Snow Snake Resort
- July 20/21 Eagle Village Painting. Duane Townley leads it.
- July 28 Kiwanis Night at the Loons 7:00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martha Briggs: We need folks to sign up to edit Smoke Signals; two week stints would be fine

Bruce Rayce: he has tickets for the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation raffle. Only \$10!

Roger Briggs: got a good list of grant ideas for the Foundation, now asking the committees to focus and refine

Mike Cronenberger: sign up for the Loons games July 28th; make check payable to Great Lakes Loons

Al Forster: Jim Heffel will be taking over Al's role for the summer. Dues checks to Jim.

Fred Honerkamp: We received "thank you" letters. Children's Grief Center thanked us for taking a table at their fund raiser. New Hope Village thanked us for our contribution(s)

PROGRAM: NEW HOPE VILLAGE

The Community Services committee program speaker was our own John Congleton. The Executive Director, John is the founder and driving force behind this much-needed service. New Hope Village will provide a residence for homeless families for one to two years while they develop habits and skills so that when they depart they will be totally self sufficient. Until John started this program on a seasonal basis a few years ago, there was nowhere for such families to reside together: the mother and children went to one place, the father to another in a different county.

Construction to modify the previous school to 20 family-sized apartments should start in two weeks, finish by September. Each unit has kitchen facilities excluding stoves. People prepare their own breakfast and lunch and all dine together in the dining room.

John ran a truly moving ten minute video showcasing a couple of examples of people who had entered New Hope Village both broke and homeless. NHV provided transportation for the children to attend school. They worked with various government and nonprofit agencies to help the folks learn work skills, good financial habits, to find jobs and to move into their own houses. The video also included a couple, among many, who have volunteered their time to help the residents feel needed and comfortable.

Our own Roger Briggs is treasurer and a board member. Over two dozen churches and other supporting groups in the community have come together to ensure the success of this enterprise. A motto of "Give people hope because hope changes everything" seems so appropriate.