

Chair: Doug Snoddy Pig Master: Dick Jellum Invocation: Penny Ecarius Editor: Martha Briggs

CALENDAR

January 24: Aktion Club Jolly January Party 5:00 p.m., MPS Administration Center (**Martha Briggs**)

January 25: Board of Directors meeting, noon, Memorial Presbyterian Church (**Doug Snoddy**)

January 31: Kiwassee featured service club at the Dow Tennis Classic (**Doug Snoddy/Diane Stevens**)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Doug Snoddy: (1) Kiwassee will be the featured non-profit January 31 at the Dow Tennis Classic! Our information table will be courtside from 5:30-8:30 that night, and Doug and CarolAnne Guillemette will appear on Center Court at 7:30. The table display, with tri-fold and club, flags, and golf outing handouts, will also be on display Monday through Saturday. Please see Doug about manning the table on those days.

(2) See Doug if you're interested in serving on the CROP Planning Team. Kiwassee provides volunteers for route signage, registration, water stations, and substitutes. You'll also be on site the day of the Walk to run interference and answer questions.

Martha Briggs: Check the New Hope Village apartment signup to see what you've committed to supporting with a donation. Thanks to the seven member attending tomorrow's Aktion Club Jolly January Party – see you at the Midland Public Schools Administration Center at 5! Remember to park behind the building.

Roger Briggs: The Kiwassee Foundation will meet at 11, before next week's meeting, off George Street.

Brian Goodwill: Human and Spiritual Values will meet after today's meeting. Also, please sign up to give the invocation at a meeting; a clipboard is circulating.

Dick Jellum: Turn in your nut & candy money to Krueger Bill (aka Bill Krueger). Expect a final sales report next week. Dick's answer to Fred's question about finding out if one still owes money: "Yes: you do."

Bruce Rayce: See Bruce if you're interested in attending the District Leadership Training Program February 17 in Troy. Cost is \$30 and includes lunch. Also, see him if you're interested in boarding a player or two for the Dow Tennis Classic January 27-February 4.

Diane Stevens: Club News and Publicity meets after today's meeting.

Doug Snoddy: (1) The Board of Directors voted to end the Travel and Adventure Series fundraiser at the conclusion of this season. The Midland Club also decided to end the program. Dave will deliver a full explanation as part of next week's Fundraising committee program. (2) Kiwassee members who spend hours at the Tennis Center perfecting their game—please stay after the meeting for a group photo!

GUESTS: Dick Schochdopole's neighbor Nate Cody joined us again today, and is interested in membership!

MEMBER NEWS: Jack Higgins left for Ann Arbor yesterday to begin three weeks of intensive chemo and radiation treatments at the UM Comprehensive Cancer Center. Keep him and Nancy in your prayers.

PROGRAM: Hollie Barth and Beverly Pyles, Midland County Health Department

Young Children Priority co-chair Penny Ecarius introduced Hollie, who directs the Maternal and Child Health Department; and Beverly, who directs Community Health Services. Beverly spearheaded a thorough assessment of the community's health needs in Midland and throughout Midland County. The study group analyzed data provided by multiple city and county organizations and agencies and took into account residents' perceptions of "what makes it easy" and "what makes it hard" to stay healthy in Midland County. The results helped them set strategies to address pregnancy issues, maternal and child nutrition, dental health, safety issues, and maternal drug abuse.

Holly talked about the Midland County Health Department's Maternal and Child Health Department, which focuses on pregnancy, birth, and early childhood. The department's evidence-based programs have yielded an increase in prenatal care, the likelihood of post-natal checks, and an increase in scheduled well-checks for an infant; along with a decrease in premature births, low birth weight, and infant mortality. (continued)

The MCHD partners with several area agencies to address the needs of this population. Every \$1 spent on pre-natal services saves \$1.38 down the road. Pro-active and preventive practices work!

Hollie described two MCHD programs Kiwassee has supported. We helped to fund the Safe Sleep Initiative, which provides sleep sacks to new parents so they don't use loose blankets or pillows that can suffocate their baby in a crib. Unofficial data suggests that distribution of the sleep sacks may have contributed to a decrease in the incidence of crib deaths in the past year. We have also supported the Midland City/County Wide Baby Shower, where families who have been invited to attend by a local agency can walk through an Agency Fair, receive education on topics like early childhood literacy and the impact of nature on development, enjoy lunch, and go home with a baby gift. Last year seventy-seven families participated in this event—a record number!

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