

June 19, 2018

KIWASSEE *SMOKE SIGNALS* KIWANIS

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Chair: Roger Moll

Invocation: Mary Lou Myers

Duane Townley Editor: Briggs

CALENDAR

Thursday, June 21: 1st Day of Summer & Kiwassee Board of Directors meeting, noon, at Trinity! (Moll)

Tuesday, July 10: Pinecrest Picnic, 5 p.m. (Jellum)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Roger Moll: Note the location change to Trinity Lutheran Church of Thursday's noon Kiwassee Board of Directors meeting—Memorial Presbyterian Church has Vacation Bible School this week. Sign in on the computer in the Narthex if you haven't done so already! Thanks to the members who represented Kiwassee at Jerry Schwark's funeral last Friday.

Mike Cronenberger: Midland Waves now has its very own service mark, which is a trademark for service organizations. We can use the service mark to promote the flag program and other initiatives.

Al Forster: All you Dues Deadbeats out there – we're closing in on the NEXT QUARTER, so PAY UP!

Dick Jellum: The last Pinecrest Picnic is July 10 at 5:00. Come at 4:30 if you can help unload the food. The Community Service Committee is discussing a new event to replace this one.

Gordon Rogers: Dave Bender was nominated two weeks ago to fill Jack Higgins's term on the Kiwassee Board of Directors. He was unanimously elected to that position today; his term ends September 30, 2030.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Cal Hoerneman gave an update on Doug Snoddy. His sister-in-law's liver transplant was successful and she continues to heal. His son-in-law is on dialysis for seven hours every day as he waits for a kidney transplant. If that's not enough, his daughter broke her ankle recently! Doug spends lots of time on the road between Midland and Canada/Midland and Illinois. He plans to be at next week's club meeting.

Martha Briggs has seen Dee Howe around town twice in the last two weeks. Dee's sinus infection spread down into her upper jaw and she had to have a tooth removed as a result. She's been consumed with planning for the 4-H camp she's managing this week and hopes to return to Kiwassee next week too.

Both Fred Honerkamp and Duane Townley found themselves in the news last week: Fred as a patient in a news release of CMU's recent certification and Duane as a flag installer in the Midland Daily News 2018 issue of Spectrum.

GUESTS: Gene Moore's granddaughters Madeline and Brooklyn joined us today, as did Max Bottomley's daughter Anne Metzdorf (a frequent visitor) and Alex's friend Shari Bell-Tomlinson.

PROGRAM: Greater Midland Community Center

Roger Moll introduced Andrea Secrease, Director of the Center's Early Care and Education Center for infants and children from 6 weeks to kindergarten-age. The program's goal is to help 95% of the participating children meet developmental goals in four areas: personal/social, problem-solving, fine/gross motor skills, and communication. Not only did the Center meet this goal this year, it exceeded it with an impressive 98%!

Andrea explained the program focuses on "whole child development" to assure that the children enter kindergarten ready to learn—they can listen, respond, stand in line, share, use words to express emotions, and ask for help. Teachers participate in 24 hours per year of professional development and are trained in CPR and First Aid.

The program is based on the HighScope Preschool Curriculum, which prioritizes children's active learning and positive interactions with adults and peers. It addresses all areas of development through eight content areas and fifty-eight key developmental indicators, i.e., the skills and behaviors at each stage of development that promote success in school and adulthood. As a result, the children develop independence, curiosity, decision-making, cooperation, persistence, creativity, and problem-solving.

For more information, contact Andrea at asecrease@greatermidland.org, or visit the HighScope website at <https://highscope.org/preschool>.