

# Kiwassee Kiwanis Club of Midland

Meets Tuesday at  
Trinity Lutheran Church  
11:45 to 1



See us at our web site - [www.kiwassee.org](http://www.kiwassee.org)

# What is Kiwanis?

- ***Kiwanis is Global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child, one community at a time.***
  - We learn community needs and issues through speakers brought into our local clubs weekly meetings
  - We meet community needs through fund raising and sweat equity projects
  - We have fun and fellowship while serving the community



# What is Kiwassee Kiwanis?

- Part of the Original Midland Kiwanis Club which was formed in 1921 with Monday evening meetings – still an active club
- Formed a separate group in 1967 to meet at lunch – a more convenient time
- Helped develop Strafford Woods – and Lake Kiwassee
- Now about 95 members
- Still meets at lunch on Tuesdays at MCFTA Garden Room



# How do we learn about needs?

- Club operates in Committees – which are responsible for different parts of the community - Young Children Priority One, Junior Youth, Senior Youth, Community Service, Human and Spiritual Values etc.
- Speakers are brought in to weekly meeting to discuss issues relevant to the community





# Dr Carl Ellinger, Superintendent Midland Public Schools, at Kiwanis Meeting





# Bridget Sullivan, Director of Railway Family Center in Coleman

2008

## Railway Family Center

- › Use of the Middle School Building
  - Improved/expanded space for preschool and childcare
  - More room for athletics & fitness classes
- › Memberships
- › Fitness Facility
- › Room rentals
- › New name



# How are these needs met?

Two key ways to meet the needs:

- Fund raising – we donate around \$20 thousand per year in funds to various organizations
- “Sweat Equity” projects or efforts – volunteer hours given to the community to help meet various needs – about 1700 hours/yr



# Fund Raising

- Travel and Adventure Travelogue
  - 65 years – joint project with Midland Kiwanis Club
  - 6 travelogues presented at MCFTA
- Gourmet Candy and Nuts
  - Sold around Christmas time
- Golf Outing in the Summer
  - Midland Country Club usually
  - Door prizes, hole prize competitions, hole sponsors
- Kiwassee Foundation generates funding for capital opportunities



# Fund Raising

- All funds that we raise go back into the community
  - The members pay dues for the administration of the club so that we can put all the funds raised toward worthy community projects.



# Examples of what the funds support

- Shelterhouse
- Adopt a Family
- Camp Fishtales
- Red Cross Safety Town
- Midland County Emergency Food Pantry
- DARE – Midland Police
- Fibrous Dysplasia - Kids Triathlon
- Midland Quilters
- Salvation Army Share
- Dow High Key Club
- Friends of CROP
- Walk for Warmth
- Mid County Health Dept Baby Shower Program
- West Midland Family Center
- North Midland Family Center
- Project Art Museum – MCFTA
- Toys for Tots
- Imagination Library
- The Rock
- etc....





## Donating quilts & stuffed animals to Midland First Responders





# Kids Triathlon Donation





# What are some sweat equity projects?

- Crop Walk Registration
- Walk for Warmth Registration
- Midland Blooms Petunia Planting
- Read Aloud to Children Program
- Day of Caring and other activities at Pinecrest
- Adopt a Highway
- Tall in the Saddle
- Salvation Army Bell Ringing
- Sponsor Dow High School Key Club
- Balloons & Drug/Alcohol Awareness Literature at Art Fair
- See additional examples in slides....and more..



# Kids Against Hunger Food Packaging Project





# Painting at Eagle Village – Camp for Disadvantaged Kids





# Dow Key Club helping paint at Eagle Village







Adopt a Highway Pickup





Purchase and Construction of Educational Service Agency  
Playground (old Sugnet School) with Midland Kiwanis



# Purchase and Construction of North Midland Family Center Playground with Midland Kiwanis







Dedication of Pavilion built at West Midland Family Center with Midland Kiwanis



# Elementary Kids Christmas Party





# Key Club Sponsored Blankets for the Needy Project at Convention



# Part of the Kiwanis Family

- Support local service clubs of youth/others
  - Key Club – High School (Dow and Midland) – these clubs each do over 1500 hours of community service
  - Circle K – College (Northwood)
  - Builder Club – Middle School
  - K Kids – Grade School
  - Aktion Club – Adults living with disabilities
- Members of Michigan District of Kiwanis
- Members of Kiwanis International



# Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation

- Supports four children's hospitals with educational and recreational programs for kids at the hospitals
  - Mott Hospital in Ann Arbor
  - Mary Free Bed Hospital in Grand Rapids
  - Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey
  - Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit
- Have served over 100 kids from our area over the last year





# Kiwanis Int'l - Completed IDD Project

- Global effort to wipe out Iodine Deficiency Disorder partnering with UNICEF started in 1994
- Iodine deficiency was the single most important preventable cause of brain damage among children
  - IDD results from a diet low in iodine, which is particularly damaging during early pregnancy because it retards fetal development, especially brain development.
  - However the problem is easily and inexpensively prevented by iodizing all salt for human consumption.
- Kiwanis raised and leveraged almost \$100 million to help insure children a smart start in life.
  - In 1990, before Kiwanis entered the global IDD project, less than 20% of people consumed iodized salt. Today, about 70 % of household salt worldwide is iodized. The IDD campaign has successfully led to the elimination of the disease in many parts of the world, and efforts are ongoing to eradicate IDD entirely.



# Kiwanis Int'l – New EliMiNaTe Project

- Eliminate Maternal Neonatal Tetanus
- Take lives of 30 thousand mothers and 60 thousand babies a year in poorest countries of the world
- Painful death in first week for babies
- Preventable with simple tetanus vaccination for under 2 dollars
- Need to immunize 129 million mothers by 2015 to eliminate disease
- Partnering with UNICEF to meet this challenge



# Why Join Kiwassee Kiwanis?

- We help kids and special needs in the community
- We have fun doing it.
- We meet and eat once a week.
- We learn a lot about the community needs through the weekly meeting programs.
- We develop special bonds with our club members and the people we serve.
- We enjoy Kiwanis moments....let us tell you about them!

***Come join us!***



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