

May 2, 2017 KIWASSEE *SMOKE SIGNALS* KIWANIS www.kiwassee.org

Chair: Honerkamp Invocation: Morgan Editor: Stevens

May 9: PIG Auction, Trinity Lutheran, bring “stuff” to sell at auction. Good fun, laughs, clean out your closets and garage, then buy something else to raise money for the PIG.

May 16: Invite your pastor to the meeting (Brian Goodwill)

May 16: Eagle Village breakfast benefit, 7:30am check in, Great Hall, Valley Plaza (Al Burmester)

May 20: Midland Blooms, usual spot on Eastman (Martha Briggs/Diane Stevens)

June 27: Steak fry (Dave Winegardner)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Al Burmester: It’s the time of year for Eagle Village painting. A crew rides up to paint, then stops for ice cream on the way home, fun, food, and good works all in one day. Duane Townley will be asking for volunteers soon. There will be an Eagle Village fundraising breakfast on 5/16 at Valley Plaza Great Hall. Come listen to an explanation of their programs and meet some of the young people they serve.

Al Forster: Please pay dues!

Dick Jellum: A recent Delta College magazine highlighted Bill and Sue Marklewitz scholarships. They also provided scholarships at MSU. Bill was a longtime Kiwassee member with a unique sense of humor, great loyalty to our Club, and extreme loyalty to MSU!

Jim Morgan: When you are buying Mother’s Day gifts, or any item any time, use the Kiwassee.org store. We earn \$\$!

Diane Stevens: Thank you to the preschool classroom readers for this 2016-2017 school year! They read to 200 children and, thanks to Young Children Priority 1, presented a Scholastic paperback book to each child as a gift from Kiwassee. The readers were Bob Davidson, Jim Heffel, Penny Ecarius, Bill Krueger, Carol Sarnacke, Gordon Rogers, Dick Skochdopole, Duane Townley, and Betsy Sullivan. Thank you loyal readers! This is the thirteenth year of reading.

President Fred: Welcome to Warren Frank, our newest member. Fred inducted Warren and reminded him there is no more free lunch. Warren worked for Dow Corning for 35 years in Midland, moved to Wisconsin, and has now returned to Midland. Jim Rajewski will have surgery on Monday in Ann Arbor, keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Mary Lou Myers has submitted an application for membership.

12TH ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF SCRAMBLE & APPROVAL OF 2017-2018 OFFICERS

Betsy Sullivan provided an excellent report on the July 17 golf fundraiser at Snow Snake in Harrison, a mere 45 minutes from Midland. Porter Brown is event co-chair with Betsy, and has secured one of the major prizes to be won for a hole-in-one, a 2 year lease on a car from Garber Chevrolet. The Golf Committee (Roger and Martha Briggs, Chuck Gartner, Carolanne Guillemette, Cal Hoerneman, Fred Honerkamp, Bill Kuehne, Bruce Rayce, and Bill Spaulding) first realized that a new venue was needed, as the numbers for attendance, players, sponsors, and dollars earned for our efforts were all dropping. Eleven different courses were considered, with Snow Snake the winner, for many reasons. The course is available for our preferred date of 7/17, driving distance from Midland is short, food costs will be low, it’s a beautiful venue, there is no rainout penalty, the cost/player is only \$28 (compared to \$78 at Apple Mountain), and the course has a variety of difficulties for golfers. Ads will be run by Kim Blain, the Snow Snake representative, on their website and posted on their Facebook page. They will print signs and place them on the course to indicate sponsors for the event. The goal is to have 144 golfers, a “full field”, and earn \$20-\$23/player profit. The signup numbers so far are on track to meet that goal. In addition to the car lease, there will be door prizes for each golfer (144 items are needed, with a value of \$25-\$75.), gift bags, and a silent auction. How can we help? Volunteer to work on the day of the event at the registration table, do 50/50 sales, strings sales, collect money for par 3 game, be a photographer, collect door prize tickets and help locate the indicated prize, help clean up, be a supervisor for the chipping contest or the par 3 game green. Gift bag items are needed, as at least 144 bags will be prepared with small items such as sunscreen, a golf ball with a Kiwanis logo, gum, granola bars, etc. Be a sponsor (See the list of sponsorship opportunities on our website.) Get a foursome together to play. Donate a door prize. Make a financial donation. If you have questions, contact Betsy or any committee member. And if you don’t golf, come for the lunch or the zip line.

The membership approved our new 2017-2018 Slate of Officers and BOD members: Past President Honerkamp, President Snoddy, President Elect Moll, Vice President Guillemette, Secretary Adams, Membership Forster, Treasurer Morgan, Assistant Treasurer Myers, and incoming BOD members Higgins, Winegardner, and Rayce.