Iron Mountain/Kingsford Kiwanians Create ‘Kids in Action’

By John Estes, Kiwanis Club of Iron Mountain/Kingsford

The Kiwanis Club of Iron Mountain/Kingsford Michigan is fortunate to have a very dedicated and diverse membership which is extremely engaged with the community. Through a creative collaboration between a local elementary school, the club’s vibrant Club Satellite and the dedicated Kiwanis Club, an idea was born to work with fifth-grade elementary students at a local school to provide meaningful community service and to cultivate future community leaders.

The result was the creation of “Kids in Action”. The maiden voyage of this amazing collection of future community leaders occurred on January 30. They traveled to “Family Ties Adult Day Care Center” to interact with some of our area’s senior citizens. Family Ties Adult Day Care Center is open to all individuals who are diagnosed as having Alzheimer’s Disease or who are suffering from confusion, forgetfulness, dementia, loneliness or other debilitating diseases. The center provides respite to the primary caregivers.

The students interacted with the adults at the center and assisted them in making a craft project along with joining them in a sing-a-long. These wonderful children learned valuable leadership skills and the joy of community service. They all enjoyed the experience and are looking forward to future activities. The children were first provided some coaching on what to expect in their interactions with the seniors. They were taught the importance of community service and leadership. They were also taught that once they are a leader that they will always be a leader. They also spent time practicing the songs. The children were confident and well prepared and it showed.

The Kids in Action have several activities planned in which they are looking forward to participate. The next event was “Valentines for Vets”. The children created Valentine’s Day cards for the veterans at the local VA Hospital and personally delivered them. They also lead another sing-along. Other future activities include visiting a number of area senior care facilities and placing flags on veteran’s graves for Memorial Day.

Quoting one of our future leaders, “I do community service because it makes me happy that I am making other people happy and making them smile”.

A video of the visit to the care center can be found at m.youtube.com/watch?v=zKVKW9FLY2Y&feature=yououtu.be.
Proposed Bylaws Change Would Impact Membership Dues

By Anna Bruhn, 2014-15 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor

I want to start by thanking the Division 1 clubs for their hospitality during my visit to them in January and February. I also need to thank the clubs I’ve visited in Divisions 2, 3, 8, 9 and 11. Not only have they been welcoming, but they’ve taught me quite a bit about the diversity of projects that our clubs get involved in, the impact they’ve had on their communities and their willingness to work on increasing their impact by growing their clubs.

Elsewhere in this issue you’ll see an article from Downtown Green Bay sharing a bit about the Detroit celebration. It was definitely a spectacular event! During the evening’s festivities, it was noted that our own Case Van Cleef was present at the 50th celebration, as the caterer. This time he’s a Past International President. He was so impressed with Kiwanis at its 50th that he joined! Our speaker, Drew Dudley, joined the Centennial eKiwanis Club at the end of this event! I was very impressed with the Detroit #1 club’s service project. Read more about it on our district website.

Let’s jump into the Formula now. It’s very important that the club, division and district Formula volunteers are identified, brought up to speed and working on supporting our clubs. During our midyear conferences, you will learn more about how you can fit into this team at the level you’re comfortable with. Our ultimate goal is to grow larger than our Key Club district. They are awfully close to being twice as large as we are!

I’ve left the most controversial topic to the end. A proposed bylaws change will increase our Kiwanis International dues from $42 per year to $52 per year and then not more than 5% each year after that. A couple of points come to mind. A big jump is almost always more upsetting than small cost-of-living style increases. So with this request, even with the jump of $10, it is more sensible than waiting eight to twelve years and passing out a huge increase. Second, the last increase has been pretty much “consumed” by inflation. All this being said, this bylaws amendment will come before the International House of Delegates in Indianapolis this summer. You can have a say if your club sends delegates. See you in Indy!

WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor Anna Bruhn can be reached at anna.bruhn@gmail.com or 608-393-6811.

Kiwanis International Board Makes Key Decisions

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On January 22 and January 24, 2015, the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees met in Detroit, Michigan, USA, to vote on operating issues facing the organization. Here are some of the key decisions:

• Selected Walt Disney World Coronado Springs Resort and Caribbean Beach Resort, Orlando, Florida, as the site of the 2019 Kiwanis International Convention.

• Proposed amendments to the Kiwanis International Bylaws regarding: The substitution for a governor who cannot attend the Kiwanis International Council; moving the end-date for holding district conventions to September 25; changing Kiwanis International per-member dues to $52 in Tier A, $34 for Tier B, and $23 for Tier C; and allowing the Kiwanis International Board to adjust per-member dues by no more than five percent of the previous year’s amount.

• Approved an official partnership with Junior Chamber International.

• Approved piloting an alternative delivery model for Key Leader in selected Kiwanis districts, with all other Key Leader events to have a financial guarantee from the district.

• Approved a pilot youth exchange program to be developed and executed with the Program of Academic Exchange-The Laurasian Institution (PAX-TLI).

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Governor-elect Busy Working for WI-UM Kiwanis Members

By James Burmeister, 2014-15 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor-Elect

It has been a busy six months since I became governor-elect. I have attended the Key Leader program, spent a week in training at Kiwanis International headquarters in Indianapolis, been a part of quarterly district board meetings, executive committee meetings, an SLP conference, monthly conference calls with the Kiwanis International president-elect, Sue Petrisin, and region three governors-elect, monthly conference calls with the district Eliminate and Formula teams, as well as quarterly Kiwanis District Foundation calls. I view all of these as part of my training to become your governor later this year.

I have also met on a monthly basis with Governor Anna and Mark Finger to discuss many issues. It is my desire that we all be on the same page on issues so Anna and I are a team for these two years as we work to improve our district. To that end, the executive committee has met and worked through the district bylaws to conform to the new Kiwanis International standard bylaws format. We have presented our suggestions to the district board so we can have something ready for approval at the district convention House of Delegates in August. Soon we will start working on policies.

Upcoming events include the Circle K and Key Club district conventions as well as our own midyear conferences. The midyear conferences are planned around the district on four dates to afford you easier opportunity to attend. I hope you will consider going to the midyear conference in your area to take advantage of officer training, possibly electing the Lt. governor in your division for the next two years, as well as learning more about programs from Kiwanis International such as Eliminate and The Formula.

The Formula is a program to develop club openers and club counselors. Our district, like many others, is in a precipitous decline in membership. The Formula has been shown to work in other districts to open new clubs and strengthen existing ones. If you think you have a talent or a desire to help in this program, please let your Lt. governor know. Training will be provided.

The Eliminate Program to end deaths caused by maternal and neonatal tetanus in third world countries is in its fifth and final year of collecting funds. As I write this, I do so with a broken heart. A few days ago I had to put my twelve-year-old lab to sleep. Luke was my hunting partner and constant companion for those 12 years. As I deal with this painful void in my life, I can only imagine what a mother goes through watching her child endure an agonizing death. We have the ability to prevent this suffering and yet many of our clubs have not contributed anything to combat this terrible disease. WI-UM trails all other districts in this effort. That is why Governor Anna has designated the conclusion of The Eliminate Program as her Governor’s Project. It is not too late and I urge you to talk with your clubs about giving or increasing your giving to this project.

WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor-Elect James Burmeister can be reached at burmj1@gmail.com or 608-429-2905.

Upcoming Dates on the WI-UM Kiwanis District Calendar

By Mark Finger, WI-UM Kiwanis District Executive Director

**Eau Claire Midyear (Division 9 Election)** . Feb. 28, 2015 Plaza Hotel, Eau Claire, WI

**Elkhorn Midyear** (Div. 1 & 5 Elections) . . . Mar. 7, 2015 St. Patrick's Parish School, Elkhorn, WI

**Key Club District Convention** . . March 13-15, 2015 Hyatt on Main, Green Bay, WI

**Appleton Midyear** (Div. 7 & 11 Elections) . Mar. 21, 2015 Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton, WI

**District Board Meeting** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . April 24, 2015 Deer Valley Lodge, Barneveld, WI

**Barneveld Midyear** (Div. 3 Election) . . . April 25, 2015 Deer Valley Lodge, Barneveld, WI

**Circle K Spring Fling** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . April 24-26, 2015 Camp Wawbeek, Wisconsin Dells, WI


**WI-UM District Convention** . . . . . . Aug. 28-30, 2015 Holiday Inn, Marquette, MI

**Aktion Club Leadership Conference** . . . . . Sept. 2015 Faith Lutheran Church and School, Fond du Lac, WI

**Key Leader** . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . September 25-27, 2015 Camp Wawbeek, Wisconsin Dells, WI

**Circle K Membership Conference** . . . Oct. 9-11, 2015 Camp Wawbeek, Wisconsin Dells, WI
The following items were discussed and or approved at the January meeting:

The minutes of the October 18, 2014 board meetings were approved.

Mark Finger presented the December 30, 2014 finance report.

Officers Reports
(Please note that any report that is noted as being on file can be found at the Lt. Governor www.box.net Board Meeting file at https://app.box.com/shared/aghav238n6)

Governor Anna reported to the board on her trips in the district and talked about the International Council at Detroit and the 100th Anniversary celebration.

Governor-elect Jim reported to the board and talked about the Governor-elect training in Indianapolis in November. He also mentioned the new Strategic Plan Kiwanis has developed called the I Plan (report on file).

Immediate Past Governor Gurdip reported to the board on his attendance at the Formula meeting last fall in Indianapolis and in Detroit for the 100th Anniversary in Detroit.

The Lt. Governors briefly reported on what was happening in their division. Some had written reports (reports on file).

Executive Director Mark Finger reviewed the 2013-14 district audit review. Since the Finance Committee chair had some questions regarding the report, approval of the report was tabled until the next board meeting.

The board discussed the use of the Kiwanis International Foundation check that was given to the district last fall. The board confirmed that the money will go toward the Key Leader program.

Reports
Eliminate Chair Marv Amundson updated the board on the District progress regarding contributions to the Eliminate Project. He noted that there is a 20% match of remaining funds a club contributes to become a Model Club. Marv also noted that of all of the money that the district has contributed toward Eliminate, 20% of it has come from our SLP clubs. The latest list of contribution amounts is available in the Box.com folder.

Formula Chair Dale Vannes updated the board on the progress of the Formula program. He noted that we have 29 clubs that have less than 15 members. Dale also will be available to do training of Club Counselors and Club Openers at the upcoming Midyear Conferences. The latest membership report is available in the Box.com folder.

Jim Sanderson updated the board on the Kiwanis District Foundation (KDF). He reminded Lt. Governors that the foundation is available to be a pass-through for donations that require a 501(c)(3) designation. The KDF is looking for board members from Zones 5 and 6.

Circle K Governor Teasha Kirkwood updated the board on what was happening with Circle K. She talked about the upcoming District Convention in Eau Claire.

Key Club District Administrator Kathy Gillis updated the board on the Key Club District. Governor Erin provided a written report (on file). Kathy reported that they have four new clubs with two others on the way. Their District Convention is in March in Green Bay.

International Convention: Mark Finger updated the board on the schedule for the International Convention in Indianapolis. We are looking to have a district dinner on Thursday, June 25, at the Greek Island Restaurant prior to the Opening Session. Pinch moved and was seconded to approve the Greek Island Restaurant for our District dinner. Motion passed.

Autism Project: Lynn Messer updated the board on the Autism Project. 683 iPads have been purchased since the program started. Lynn submitted a written report (on file). Jim Sanderson noted that the District Foundation is requiring a sponsorship by either the District or one of the clubs if it is going to continue to handle the money for the Autism Project. After much discussion it was approved to continue the Autism Project as it is currently running with District approval.

Old Business
• The Bylaws committee has updated the Standard District Bylaws that Kiwanis International submitted to districts. Adjustments were made to fit our district. Our version has been submitted to Kiwanis International for approval and is in the box.net board meeting folder for review. The board will give final approval at the April board meeting of the version to be put before the delegates for approval at the District Convention in August.

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2015 Midyear Conference Registration Form

February 28, 2015 – Plaza Hotel and Suites, 1202 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI – Div. 9 Lt. Gov Election
$25 per person (includes lunch)/$35 after February 14 deadline

March 7, 2015 – St. Patrick’s Parish School, 534 Sunset Dr, Elkhorn, WI – Div. 1 & 5 Lt. Gov Election
$25 per person (includes lunch)/$35 after February 21 deadline

March 21, 2015 – Fox Valley Technical College, 1825 N Blumemound Dr, Appleton, WI – Div. 7 & 11 Lt. Gov Election
$20 per person (includes lunch)/$30 after March 7 deadline

April 25, 2015 – Deer Valley Lodge, 401 Industrial Dr, Barneveld, WI – Div. 3 Lt. Gov Election
$35 per person (includes lunch)/$45 after April 11 deadline

Tentative Schedule

8:15 – 9:30 Registration
8:30 Division Councils
9:30 – 9:50 Opening Session
10:00 – 11:45 Track 1 Workshops
10:00 – 11:45 Track 2 Workshops
10:00 – 11:45 Track 3 Workshops
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch (included with registration fee)
1:15 – 4:00 Club Leadership Education
1:15 – 4:00 Track 1 Workshops
1:15 – 4:00 Track 2 Workshops
1:15 – 4:00 Track 3 Workshops

Choose a Workshop Track that best fits your interests and go to that room; the workshop presenters will come to you. We are also offering a Club Leadership Education Session in the afternoon for Presidents-elect. One person per registration form please.

Workshops Track 1
Service Opportunities
• Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, Kiwanis Kids, Aktion Club, Bring Up Grades, Terrific Kids
• Key Leader
• CK/KC Graduate Program
• Kiwanis District Foundation
• The Eliminate Project
• Share the Good Things Your Club is Doing

Workshops Track 2
Club Leaders
• Youth Protection Manager
• Risk Management
• Online Resources and Portalbuzz
• Public Relations
• Leadership Roles
• Share the Good Things Your Club is Doing

Workshops Track 3
The Formula/Membership Growth
• What is The Formula?
• Kiwanis… Love It!
• Kiwanis… Share It!
• Kiwanis… Live It!
• Share the Good Things Your Club is Doing

Please indicate the session you would like to attend so we can plan for meals and room requirements. Please check if you are attending Club Leadership Education and select the workshop track you will attend.

☐ Feb. 28 Eau Claire, WI  ☐ Mar. 7 – Elkhorn, WI  ☐ Mar. 21 – Appleton, WI  ☐ Apr. 25 – Barneveld, WI
☐ Club Leadership Education (Club Presidents-elect)
☐ Workshop Track 1 – Service  ☐ Workshop Track 2 – Club Leaders  ☐ Workshop Track 3 – The Formula

Member Last Name ______________________  First Name ______________________

Phone Number (day) ______________________  E-mail ______________________

Division # ______________________  Kiwanis Club ______________________  2014-15 Office Held ______________________

Mail registration to: WI-UM Kiwanis District 571 Center Street Berlin, WI 54923
Fax registration to: 866-484-4745
Email registration to: wiumkriw@wiumkiwanis.org
Get Ready for the Kiwanis International Convention in June

By Gurdip Brar, 2013-14 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor and Candidate for Kiwanis International Trustee

Kiwanis International is hosting a “party of the century” from June 25-27, 2015 in Indianapolis. Go a day early to see some sights in Indianapolis. Watch the things to see and do in the city in the youtube video at youtube.com/watch?v=JDXyuQUEOzk

To learn more about the convention details including the program, entertainment and registration, go to www.kiwanis.org/kiwanis100/centennial-events/2015-convention/register.

Why should you go to the “party of the century”?

• To celebrate our 100 years of service: Kiwanis was founded on January 21, 1915 in Detroit, Michigan.

The first club had a wonderful birthday bash January 23-25, 2015.

• Meet old friends and make new ones from all around the globe.

• Learn about Kiwanis new programs; collect marketing, publicity and educational materials and provide your input to Kiwanis officers.

• Help elect WI-UM Kiwanis District candidate for International Trustee. Our district has not had anyone represent us on the Kiwanis International Board for a long time. On behalf of our district, I am running for International Trustee position, I am asking for your vote and support at the convention. See you in June!

Gurdip Brar can be reached by email at gurdipbrar@hotmail.com or by phone at 608-831-4075.

Kiwanis Family Saddened by Death of Kayla Mueller

By Kiwanis International President John Button and Executive Director Stan Soderstrom

Many of you have likely seen a photo of Kayla Mueller, the female US hostage in Syria, shown in front of the Kiwanis club honors banner of the Prescott, Arizona, club. Her father, Carl, is a 15-year member of that club.

We now have learned that Kayla’s death has been confirmed and we know this confirmation is what the family and friends had feared most. The members of the Kiwanis club in Prescott are very close to the Muellers and have been an important source of support for the family during the 18 months since Kayla was taken hostage.

Kiwanis International has been in communication with the Kiwanis club and have extended an offer of any assistance to the family, club or community, for whatever special needs may arise. Otherwise, thoughts and prayers on behalf of Kayla, the Mueller family, the Kiwanis club of Prescott and the community would be welcome. In response to requests from the public, accounts have been set up to honor Kayla’s memory and to provide assistance to the family. Please send donations to Country Bank, 1275 Gail Gardner Way, Prescott, AZ 86305.

Kayla’s Hands is a tax-deductible 501(c)(3) organization established to fund a designated list of causes and organizations that were important to Kayla. Make checks payable to Kayla’s Hands. Indicate the account number 210-4815 in the memo line.

The Mueller Family Benefit Account is an account set up to receive donations to help the family offset expenses. This account is not tax deductible. Make checks payable to Mueller Family Benefit Account. Indicate the account number 241-5699 in the memo.

Cards can be sent to the Mueller family. They can be sent to: The Mueller Family

c/o Kiwanis Club of Prescott
PO Box 1020
Prescott, AZ 86302
Kiwanis International Foundation Interesting Facts

By Fred Dietze, 2014-15 Kiwanis International Foundation District Chair

Fred Dietze

At the Kiwanis International Foundation, the mission is to assist Kiwanis International in serving the children of the world. After all, that service makes up Kiwanis’ own mission. So the work of our foundation helps the Kiwanis family of programs change children’s lives – often in ways that would otherwise remain beyond the resources of clubs and districts.

Here are some interesting facts about your Kiwanis International Foundation:

• Recently the foundation reviewed a record number of grant applications. However, with limited resources, the Foundation funded less than 27% of those grant requests. The foundation needs your help. Please consider setting up a monthly gift of at least $20 so our Foundation can extend your impact.

• At the 100th Anniversary meeting in Detroit in January, the Kiwanis International Foundation Board approved 19 grants totaling $143,077 to support Kiwanis causes that reach children in need.

• The Children’s Fund is the foundation’s annual fund that supports grants to clubs, districts, district foundations and Kiwanis family programs like Key Club and Circle K.

• When clubs and individuals make a gift to the Kiwanis Children’s fund, 5% of that gift goes directly back to the district as a grant. Last year the WI-UM District received more than $1000 which was applied to Key Leader Scholarships.

• The foundation e-newsletter includes stories and resources about the foundation. Subscribe to this newsletter at www.kiwans.org/subscribe.

• The Annual Club Gift continues to be a strong program within the Kiwanis International Foundation. Clubs will continue to receive recognition of any size gift to the foundation. I strongly encourage clubs to reach the Today Club status of $10 per member average.

• The President’s Challenge is the foundation’s way of recognizing District Governors and Division Lt. Governors for their financial support of the foundation. They only need to increase their District or Division’s three-year giving average by 10% to qualify for this recognition.

Past Governor and Kiwanis International Foundation District Chair Fred Dietze can be reached by email at mainsailhr@hotmail.com or by phone at 715-781-7167.

Past District Governor Arthur Peterson Passes at Age 91

Submitted by James Glessner, Monroe Kiwanis Club

Arthur Edwin Peterson, age 91, died on January 26, 2015. He was a charter member of the Madison West Kiwanis Club and served as Wisconsin—Upper Michigan Kiwanis District Governor from 1973-74.

Art was born on March 11, 1923. He married Eva Ann Mundth on February 13, 1944 in Reedsburg, Wisconsin. Art enrolled in the U.S. Army Air Corp Meteorology program during WWII. He served 18 months in Europe with the 3124th Signal Port Service Co. and survived the Battle of the Bulge.

Art earned three degrees from the UW-Madison College of Agriculture. He joined the faculty of the Soil Science Department. His early work in planting corn without plowing is now widely accepted. He developed a unique statewide network to provide frost depths from November to April. Art worked in Egypt, Thailand, Syria, Armenia and Indonesia on educational issues. He received many professional awards.

Art was also active in many local organizations. He was president of the Madison West Little League and served as Little League District Administrator. He was active at Bethel Lutheran Church, serving in many capacities. Art was a long time member and officer of the Madison-Oslo Sister City committee and hosted guests from Oslo and, with Eva, visited Norway several times. He was also a member of many societies including the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Art enjoyed sports and for decades had season tickets to UW football, basketball and hockey games. Art was a good photographer and took hundreds of slides on his many trips and used them in his courses and in dozens of talks around the state.

Art was an energetic person who lived his life to his fullest. His compassion for others was an inspiration to all. He was deeply devoted to his family, grandchildren and great grandchildren, who were a delight to him.
The familiar ring of The Salvation Army’s bells will cease in eight days, ending the annual Red Kettle Campaign, which raises funds for direct assistance in Chippewa and Eau Claire counties. Between now and then, Karen Frederick, director of The Salvation Army of the Chippewa Valley, is hoping close to another $51,000 can be raised to help the organization meet its goal of $150,000. “With that amount, we’ll be able to take care of the community very comfortably,” said Frederick, noting that the bulk of money raised in the area stays here.

The Salvation Army of the Chippewa Valley offers services in Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls. Services in Eau Claire include short-term housing, rental, transportation, utility assistance and a personal hygiene hub. On a daily basis, bread and deli items also are distributed to those in need. Services offered in Chippewa Falls include a food pantry. “We’re so grateful for every penny we get,” Frederick said. To date, the Salvation Army of the Chippewa Valley has raised $45,374 through the Red Kettle Campaign and $53,881 through mail and online donations.

“We raise our funds to be a hand up, not a handout,” said Frederick, who said she and others at the organization see a lot of working families who can’t make it anymore. “These donations really keep our community going.” For that reason, if area residents have some free time over the next week or some cash they can spare, Frederick would much appreciate it if they would volunteer to ring bells or make a donation.

“If you want to experience something a little different that gets you into the spirit of Christmas, ring a bell with a friend,” said Frederick, who often hears positive feedback from volunteers manning the kettles.

Bell ringers in Eau Claire also volunteer at Festival Foods, Gordy’s County Market locations, K-Mart, both Mega Foods stores, Shopko and Walmart. In Chippewa County, bell ringers can select Gordy’s County Market locations in Chippewa Falls and on Lake Wissota, Shopko in Lake Hallie and Stanley, the Bridge Stop in New Auburn and Walmart in Lake Hallie.

Harold Freid of Eau Claire plans to ring the bell at Mega Foods at least once more before the annual campaign ends. He and other members of the Golden K Kiwanis always man kettles at the grocery’s east location each holiday season. “It’s one of our projects,” said the 90-year-old Freid, who has been a ringer for 17 years. “Over the years he has met a number of people and reconnected with friends of old. “I enjoy it,” he said.

“They call every January to set up their dates for (the coming season),” said Frederick of the Golden K Kiwanis, noting members of other service clubs and area churches, families and friends also volunteer their time to ring bells each year. As her own three children grew, they often rang bells with Frederick, who hopes to take a turn at a kettle before the end of the campaign. “It’s a good feeling,” she said.
Downtown Green Bay Club Reflects on Leadership Potential

By Joe Jacques, Downtown Green Bay Kiwanis Club

A centennial event was held in January in Detroit to celebrate Club No.1, the first Kiwanis International Club's 100-year anniversary. Two members from Green Bay's Downtown Club descended on the motor city to represent our district and share in the celebration with the more than 1,200 guests in attendance. President Joe Jacques and President-elect Pat Olejniczak were impressed to learn that there are over 620,000 Kiwanis members worldwide today with an additional 300,000 high school Key Club members in over 80 countries. This makes Kiwanis one of the largest service groups in the world, dedicated to serving the needs of youth by producing over 150,000 service projects and raising $100 million to improve the lives of children.

The keynote speaker, Drew Dudley, spoke of leadership as something that not only great people attain. He has discovered that each day, with each act of service, builds strong leadership. When he asked the audience initially who thought themselves leaders, only about 25% raised their hands (usually he said only 10% do so – “good group here.”). However, at the end of his speech, filled with understanding that we all can be great leaders by persisting and serving every day, the crowd rose to their feet and showed that they all felt like great leaders!

“We too,” said Pat and Joe, “wish to bring that message back to Green Bay.” During a recent club meeting, Jacques explained to every member of the Green Bay-Downtown Kiwanis Club how each was a special leader and said thank you for the projects they helped with for the greater good of youth. With great pride and enthusiasm, Joe reviewed the projects that a club of 30 members – now in its own 98th year – produces:

- March – Key Club District Convention
- March – John Walter Leadership Awards
- April – Porkie & Pancake fundraiser at St. Brendan’s
- May – Kress Youth Awards
- May – Havlick and O’Hearn Scholarship Awards
- May – Zoo outing with Nicolet third-grade students

Club fundraising activities include the Festival Foods Brat Barn, Wood Orchard Apple Sales, serving at Huhot, ringing bells for the Salvation Army and coordinating with three Key Clubs at Southwest, Preble. The club also supports the Eliminate Project, sponsors debates for elections, supports dozens of other charities and attends interclub meetings with the wonderful area Kiwanis clubs.

We look back on the rich heritage of our members’ past achievements and look forward to our own upcoming 100 year celebration in October 2017. So we ask ourselves – how can we serve local children – as leaders – each of us – every single day?

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- The new Circle K-Key Club Graduate program was reviewed (report on file). The board approved the Governor establishing a special committee to oversee this program with Fred Dietze as the chair.

New Business
- Governor Anna and Governor-elect Jim reviewed the Executive Committee's decision to approve the Key Leader pilot program where the district sponsors the program instead of Kiwanis International. The board ratified the Executive Committee's approval of the Key Leader pilot program.
- Lt. Governor Joe Burnap presented the Kiwanis Family Milwaukee Brewers game at the Minnesota Twins. The board approved prepaying the money for purchase of the tickets.

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‘Off-Season’ at Easter Seals Wisconsin’s Camp Wawbeek

By Carissa Miller, Director of Camp and Respite Services

While the summer season at Camp Wawbeek and Respite Camp are consistently busy for thirteen weeks with staff training and week-long camp sessions, both camps operate year-round, offering weekend and specialty sessions as well as facility rentals.

Weekend Sessions
From September through May, Respite Camp offers at least two weekend sessions each month. Camp Wawbeek also holds specialty sessions from fall through spring for adults, youth, transition team and young adults with high functioning autism. Cold weather activities such as sledding and snow fort building replace time in the swimming pool and are added to indoor games and craft activities. Campers love having the opportunity to catch up with friends they made over the summer and trips to Wisconsin Dells area attractions like Knuckleheads and Chalet Bowling are also popular.

Veterans Family Camp
In September and May, Camp Wawbeek offers veterans family camp weekends. Veterans of all ages attend, enjoying family time and time with other veteran families. The ropes course is very popular with this group and many area attractions, including the Original Wisconsin Ducks, Dells Boat Tours and Tommy Bartlett, have generously opened their doors to this group at no charge.

Rentals
When camp isn’t in session, its wonderful facilities are available for businesses, organizations and community groups to rent. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have earned badges here, corporate leadership teams have done team-building weekends, organizations have offered retreats and many families have chosen our camps for reunions.

Because all facilities are accessible, planners know that no one in their group will be unable to attend or join in activities because of barriers. We have several buildings to choose from to provide sleeping and meeting areas, and kitchens are available. Our 400 wooded acres offer lots of outdoor options and we also have an indoor gym. Wisconsin Dells, with its many attractions and restaurant choices, is just minutes away.


Middleton Club Awards Hixson Fellowship to Gurdip Brar

By Kathy Nieber-Lathrop, Kiwanis Club of Middleton

Gurdip Brar, Immediate Past Governor of the WI-UM Kiwanis District, was recently awarded a George F. Hixson fellowship. $1000 was donated to the Kiwanis International Foundation Eliminate Project in his honor.

Brar joined the Middleton club in 1992. During his 22 years of service to Kiwanis he has served as Club President, Lt. Governor and district Governor. Among his many contributions, he helped charter the Key Club at Middleton High School, started a Builders Club at Kromrey Middle School and a K-Kids at Elm Lawn Elementary School. Brar started Kiwanis Kids Day, the Community Leadership Education Workshop for high school sophomore students. Brar was honored as Kiwanian of the Year in 2006.
Madison West Kiwanis Club Adopts Midvale Elementary

By Ken Saville, Madison West Kiwanis Club

Midvale Elementary School has been formally adopted by the Madison West Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis members have supported Midvale students and staff in a wide variety of ways over the years, providing a combination of human, material and financial resources.

The event that attracts the most Kiwanis and Edgewood Circle K volunteers is a potluck supper that all the students and their families from each grade level participate in sometime during the school season in the evening. The potluck gives a chance for everyone in the family to visit school and share tables with other families so they can better communicate with and understand each other. It very much achieves that important objective. So many of the families could not attend if they had to leave kids at home with a sitter. It would cost too much. The first activity for everyone is to go into classrooms where the teachers have a chance to communicate with the whole family. The teachers speak in English and then in Spanish so everyone can understand the goals.

When it is time to have supper about 200 family members line up and help themselves to a wonderful variety of main dishes, salads and desserts. Kiwanis family members set up the tables, make juice, pour drinks put the serving tables in order, make sure pizza is resupplied, take away empty dishes and clean up after the dinner. The students and members have a great time with plenty of laughs and sharing with each other. After supper the students go up on the stage and sing or play games with their parents. The evening ends after a good meal and a chance to build friendships.

Stateline Celebrates 100

By Linda Ward, Stateline Golden K Club

On January 13th, President Bob Seidel, Past President Marcia Lee, President Elect Ruth Lyons and members of the Stateline Golden Kiwanis Club celebrated the 100th Anniversary of Kiwanis International. 1915, Kiwanis began as a single Detroit club. Over the last 100 years, it has grown into a premier international service organization. Today, Kiwanis clubs are located in 80 countries, donate more than 18 million hours of service each year and raise more than $100 million in charitable funds annually.

Mineral Point Roasts Chestnuts

By Joelle Doye, Mineral Point Kiwanis Club

The Mineral Point Kiwanis Club held its annual chestnut roast in December. Proceeds of donations were given to a Mineral Point church which provides a monthly free community meal. The event coincides with Mineral Point’s Gallery Night and Candlelight Shopping where artist galleries open their doors and the streets are lined with candle luminaria to give the town an old-time feeling. High school Key Club members also helped by serving chestnuts and warm cider to passers by and carolers provided festive tunes.
Service-Learning Project Benefits Breast Cancer Recovery

By Anne Lemke, Kiwanis Club of Fabulous Fond du Lac

Through community support and volunteer efforts, the inaugural Pink Pumpkin 5K Run/Walk raised $6,000 for Breast Cancer Recovery. The event was sponsored by Moraine Park Technical College and the Kiwanis Club of Fabulous Fond du Lac. The donation will support Breast Cancer Recovery’s mission to provide environments for women breast cancer survivors, as well as women in all stages of breast cancer, to heal emotionally by attending wellness retreats.

According to Gail Riedasch, Executive Director of Breast Cancer Recovery, the retreats are designed to help women find inner strength and experience the hope needed to live each day beyond the boundaries of breast cancer. “The impact is immeasurable,” said Riedasch. “This donation will allow four women to experience an Infinite Boundaries® retreat.”

The Pink Pumpkin 5K Run/Walk, held Oct. 16, exemplified Moraine Park’s focus on service learning, which gives students opportunities to participate in organized service activities that meet community needs. Brenda Schaefer, Moraine Park social science instructor and service-learning coordinator, joined forces with Jeff Stueber, business management instructor, to spearhead the event. It was Stueber’s business practice firm classes that coordinated marketing efforts and found sponsors, while Schaefer worked with six other program areas to integrate the service-learning component into the family-focused event. Schaefer and Stueber are also Kiwanis Club of Fabulous Fond du Lac members. “The service-learning and international education opportunities offered by Moraine Park expose students to professional and personal experiences they may not otherwise have,” said Caron Daugherty, dean of general education.

The donation to Breast Cancer Recovery was made possible by the 310 participants, 60 volunteers and numerous local organizations that came together to support the cause. For information about the second-annual Pink Pumpkin 5K Run/Walk, set for October 17, 2015, visit greatpinkpumpkinrun.com.

Eagle Scout Garrett Becker Earns Kiwanis Eagle Award

By Lori Shilts, Mukwonago Kiwanis Club

Eagle Scout Garrett Becker received a special Eagle Award from Cathy Rapp, Hope Center Director, in recognition of his dedication to others.

The Mukwonago Kiwanis Club recently presented Garrett Becker with a special Eagle Award in recognition of his dedication to serving others. Garrett was born prematurely and was given a 15% chance of survival to reach six months in age. He was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, epilepsy and is legally blind. Garrett didn’t let anything stop him in his goal to achieve the Eagle Scout award. He has earned 27 merit badges and plans to continue to help others in Boy Scout Troop 20 to earn Eagle Scout status.

Mukwonago Kiwanian Tim McCormick presented an Eagle sculpture to Garrett. Cathy Rapp, director from the Hope Center in Waukesha, Wisconsin, presented Garrett with a certificate. Garrett’s project was to gather 200 pieces of clothing for the Hope Center. He collected more than 2,700 items (three car loads full). Garrett’s father, Dennis Becker, pinned Garrett with his own Eagle Scout pin that he earned in 1961.
Mineral Point Mayor Proclaims January 21 is ‘Kiwanis Day’

By Joelle Doye, Mineral Point Kiwanis Club

The Mineral Point Kiwanis Club was honored by Mineral Point Mayor Gregory Bennett at the January City Council meeting. Bennett declared January 21 “Kiwanis Day” in Mineral Point in honor of the 100th anniversary of the formation of the first Kiwanis club. The text of the proclamation follows:

Kiwanis Day Proclamation

Whereas: Kiwanis International is one of the largest service organizations in the world with more than 600,000 members of all ages and abilities in more than 80 nations; and

Whereas: The members of the Kiwanis Club of Mineral Point are devoted to improving the world, one child and one community at a time by seeking primacy to the human and spiritual rather than the material values of life; and

Whereas: In addition to improving lives, Kiwanis club members promote the development of community leaders, positive role models, intercultural understanding and cooperation and opportunities for fellowship, personal growth, professional development and community service; and

Whereas: The first Kiwanis club started its service in Detroit, Michigan, USA, on January 21, 1915; and

Whereas: Kiwanis International celebrates its Centennial Anniversary of the founding of the Detroit Kiwanis Club No. 1; and

Whereas: The service provided by the Kiwanis Club of Mineral Point will continue to have a positive impact on our community and citizens; and

Therefore: I, Mineral Point Mayor Gregory Bennett, do hereby proclaim this Twenty First day of January 2015, as Kiwanis Day, and hereby call upon all citizens of Mineral Point thereof to render support to the members of this organization and to make themselves aware of Kiwanis, whose members this day are providing meaningful service to our homes, schools and community.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand to be affixed, on this, the Twelfth day of January 2015.

Mineral Point Mayor Gregory Bennett

Mukwonago Club Distributes iPads to Children with ASD

By Lori Shilts, Mukwonago Kiwanis Club

The Mukwonago Kiwanis Club recently distributed four iPads to children challenged by Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The Mukwonago Kiwanis Foundation provided funds for two iPads and the Mukwonago Kiwanis Club funded the other two. The Autism Project was launched by 2012-13 Kiwanis District Governor Lynn Messer as his Governor’s Project. To date, almost 700 iPads, protective cases and funds for child-specific apps chosen by an autism consultant – at a cost of nearly $300,000 – have been awarded to children on the autism spectrum in the WI-UM Kiwanis District.

Clarendon Elementary student Collin King shakes hands with Ken Miller after receiving an iPad while his mother, Brenda King and Mukwonago Kiwanis members Dave Arnett and Dick Underberg look on.
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Wild Rose Kiwanis Concert to feature 1st Brigade Band

By Joan Laabs, Kiwanis Club of Wild Rose

2015 will mark the 150th commemoration of not only the conclusion of the bloodiest conflict in our country’s history, but also the passing of President Abraham Lincoln at the hands of an assassin’s bullet. The Kiwanis Club of Wild Rose has planned a stellar, one-of-a-kind event with music, acting and education. The 1st Brigade Band is comprised of 35 brass and percussion musicians who will perform on stage at the Wild Rose High School Auditorium on Sunday, April 12 at 2 p.m. This is the exact date 150 years earlier of the Stacking of Arms at Appomattox Court House.

The “icing on the cake” will be a special performance by Max and Donna Daniels, the nation’s finest Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln re-enactors. The entire band, the Lincolns, plus additional vocalists and narrators will be dressed in full period costumes.

In 1864, a group of eighteen young men from the Brodhead Brass Band enlisted in the Union Army as the band of the 1st Brigade, 3rd Division, 15th Army Corps. They left their rural Wisconsin homes to participate, under the command of General William T. Sherman, in the campaigns of Northern Georgia and the Carolinas. The “Tradition of Excellence” that these men established 150 years ago lives on today with the members of Wisconsin’s 1st Brigade Band.

The band makes history live by presenting period brass band music, performed on antique instruments. Attired in uniforms and gowns, the band’s musicians, color guard and costumed ladies take you back to the 1860s to that turbulent era known as the Civil War. A nostalgic portrayal of the atmosphere of days gone by is generated by a unique form of showmanship that blends the sights and sounds of the period with historical anecdotes.

More than eighty volunteers, men and women, make up the 1st Brigade Band. Widely varied in age and occupation, they come from many communities, bringing with them a common interest in their musical heritage. While the abundant written and pictorial materials remain, the mellow sounds of the brass bands of the 1860s were lost until the 1st Brigade Band, starting in 1964, began to locate and restore the dented and broken instruments and to retrieve and reconstruct the yellowed and torn music. Through their work you will hear what Presidents Lincoln and Davis, Generals Lee and Grant experienced.

Be sure to mark Sunday, April 12, 2015 on your calendars and call 920-622-3088 to purchase tickets for this event. This will be a spectacular show and an historical experience second to none!

Appleton Golden K Members Plan 100 Hours of Service

By Don Smith, Kiwanis Club of Appleton Golden K

Kiwanis Club of Appleton-Golden K will celebrate the 100-year Anniversary of Kiwanis by pledging 100 hours of community service on behalf of the Appleton Parks and Recreation Department at Kiwanis Park in Appleton.

During the morning of Wednesday April 29, members and potential new members will plant 100 trees in Kiwanis Park. Holes will be dug in advance and volunteers will plant, fill and cover with wood chips. In addition mulch will be spread in designated gardens and other locations. The service project will conclude with a picnic lunch. Members of Appleton High School West Key Club and Lawrence University Circle K have been invited to participate.

The club hopes to obtain 100 donations to help fund the estimated $4,200 cost of trees, the balance of which will be paid by the Parks and Recreation Department. Donations may be sent to Don Smith at Kiwanis-Golden K, 820 W. College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54914.