JOIN KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DANIEL VIGNERON FOR DINNER ON SATURDAY, MARCH 28; RESERVATIONS DUE MARCH 14

Submitted by Mark Finger, WI-UM Kiwanis District Executive Director

Plans for the official WI-UM Kiwanis District visit of Kiwanis International President Daniel Vigneron have been confirmed. President Vigneron will arrive on Friday March 27 and will attend the Appleton Fox Cities Kidz Expo. A dinner — open to all Kiwanis members and their guests — will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Paper Valley, 333 W. College Avenue, Appleton, on Saturday, March 28. A social time will begin at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m.

Entree choices include baked haddock, chicken champignon or roasted sirloin. Reservations are due at the District office by Saturday, March 14. If you would like to attend, please submit the reservation form on page three or register online at www.wiumkiwanis.org.

Daniel Vigneron of Howald, Luxembourg, was elected to a one-year term as president of Kiwanis International in June 2019. He has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Vielsalm for 33 years and has served as club president twice. He served as Kiwanis International-European Federation president and is a former Kiwanis International trustee. He has also served as governor of the Belgium-Luxembourg District.

Daniel is a technical manager for a real estate company. He holds a master’s degree in economics from the University of Liege. His wife, Faby Gregoire, is a member of the D Kiwanis Club of Bastogne. They have three children and four grandchildren.
YOUR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: FAVORED FRIEND OR FRIENDLY FOE?

By Roger Krogstad, DVM, 2019-2020 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor

Many of you may not know that our Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District was recently restructured from 11 to 14 divisions. A division may have as few as four clubs or as many as 17, depending on geographic location. Dedicated Kiwanians in each division have stepped forward and have been elected to serve as their division’s Lieutenant Governor.

They act as your liaison to the Kiwanis District and, as such, club visits serve an important purpose. In trying to arrange club visits, Lieutenant Governors are sometimes met with resistance. Some clubs perceive club visits as a nuisance and an additional meal cost rather than an opportunity to learn and update. The Lieutenant Governors have received hours of special training to be able to effectively relay important Kiwanis information.

With your club’s future in mind, they will additionally continue to encourage attendance at midyear conferences and District conventions for your club leadership training. They have even been tasked with performing your required annual child protection guideline training and present other requested Kiwanis International topics of interest.

Of greater significance, they are your support for club policy issues, membership concerns and are a conduit for concerns back to the District leadership team. They are not there to ‘spy’ on you but to lend a helping hand.

Your Lieutenant Governors have dedicated themselves to making a better Kiwanis District by helping their division clubs. Their contact information can be found on page 14 of each issue of the Kiwanews. Why not call and invite them to your club meeting? They are truly your FRIEND!

2019-2020 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor Roger Krogstad can be reached by phone at 715-207-2720 or by email at krog4kiwanis@gmail.com.

IMPORTANT KIWANIS DATES

Key Club District Convention . . . . March 13-15, 2020
Hyatt Regency, Green Bay, WI

KI President Visit . . . . . . . . . . March 28, 2020
Red Lion Hotel Paper Valley, Appleton, WI

Midyear Conference . . . . . . . . . . March 21, 2020
Madison College South, Madison, WI

Midyear Conference . . . . . . . . . . May 2, 2020
Bay de Noc Community College, Escanaba, MI

Kiwanis International Convention . June 18-21, 2020
Indianapolis, IN

Kiwanis District Convention . . . . August 21-23, 2020
Madison Marriott, Madison, WI

Key Leader . . . . . . . . . . September 18-20, 2020
Camp Wawbeek, Wisconsin Dells, WI

IF NOT YOU, WHO? IF NOT NOW, WHEN?

If you have thought about becoming Governor of the WI-UM Kiwanis District, perhaps the time is now! We are looking for nominees for Governor-elect for the 2020-2021 term. Please contact Jean Long Manteufel at 920-585-7769 or jean@longmoving.com for more information or talk with any past governor.
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT DISTRICT DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Saturday, March 28, 2020 | Social Time: 5:00 p.m. | Dinner: 6:00 p.m. | Cost: $34
Red Lion Paper Valley Hotel | 333 W. College Avenue | Appleton, WI 54911 | 920-733-8000

Member name ______________________________________

Guest name ________________________________________

Daytime phone _____________________________________

E-mail _____________________________________________

Division number____________________________________

Kiwanis Club _______________________________________

Please select entree:
☐ Baked Haddock: A boneless haddock fillet, baked with lemon pepper and toasted almonds.
☐ Chicken Champignon: Boneless chicken breast sautéed with wild mushrooms and finished with supreme sauce.
☐ Sliced Roasted Sirloin: Slowly roasted baron of beef rubbed with Dijon mustard and our secret spice blend; sliced and topped jus lie.
☐ Please select if you require any special-needs meals.
Type of meal: ________________________________

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: March 14.

Mail registration and check, payable to WI-UM Kiwanis, to:
WI-UM Kiwanis District
571 Center Street
Berlin, WI 54923
Fax to: (866) 484-4745
Email: markfinger31@gmail.com

Please check one:
☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ Discover

Account Number ________________________________

Name on Card (print) ______________________________

Expiration Date_________ CVC_________ Zip Code _______________

HELP WANTED: DISTRICT SEeks PUBLIC RELATIONS COORDINATOR

Submitted by Jean Long Manteufel, 2019-2020 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor-elect

The WI-UM Kiwanis District Public Relations Coordinator would work with clubs on any District issues, help with social media, share Kiwanis International resources with clubs and be a resource for clubs that need advice on social media, public relations, marketing – anything related to communications. It is a three-year term.

Extra incentive: On Wednesday, June 17, the day before the Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis, our PR Coordinator will spend a day at training. The coordinator will receive a complimentary registration to the training along with one night’s hotel, flight reimbursement, and a travel per diem for incidental expenses. Contact Jean Long Manteufel for details.

2019-2020 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor-elect Jean Long Manteufel can be reached by phone at 920-585-7769 or by email at jeant@longmoving.com.

DISTRICT FOUNDATION REQUESTS BASKETS FOR MIDYEAR RAFFLES

Submitted by Gail Pachucki, Kiwanis District Foundation

Our Kiwanis District Foundation appreciates basket donations for raffle fundraisers at Midyear Conferences. Proceeds help provide scholarships and assistance for local club projects. Thanks to our wonderful service-oriented Kiwanians, the basket raffle at the Midyear Conference in West Bend brought mega bucks to our Foundation! We have two more Midyear Conferences to go which means MEGA, MEGA BUCKS! We are grateful!
District Considers Seven Club-Level Signature Projects; Two Entries Have Advanced in Kiwanis International Competition

Submitted by Jean Long Manteufel, 2019-2020 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor-elect

Kiwanis International announced a Signature Project Contest earlier this year. Signature projects are recurring, enhance the Kiwanis image, demonstrate significant impact on the community in terms of monies raised or children served, and strengthen membership and partnership opportunities. Our District received seven club-level nominations for consideration. A synopsis of each submission follows:

**Kiwanis Club of Manitowoc (Tier I)**

**Project:** Kiwanis Car and Motorcycle Show

**Focus:** To help children in need in Manitowoc County.

**Population Served:** Profits from the event are used to support a number of programs in the community, with a focus on programs that benefit young people, including several college scholarships, local Boy Scout and Cub Scout sponsorships, providing a holiday party for special needs children in the Manitowoc School District, sponsorships for Badger Boys, camperships for needy children and iPads for children on the autism spectrum.

**Oshkosh Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club (Tier II)**

**Project:** Project Undercover

**Focus:** Providing undergarments to children.

**Population Served:** Two years ago, our club learned that nine elementary schools had children enrolled without clean undergarments and other children had no undergarments. The need for children to have clean undergarments throughout the school week is critical to proper hygiene and learning. Our plan was to purchase as many clothes as our dollars would purchase. The first year we had two large bags full of what club members would contribute. Last year we helped nine schools; this year we were able to help twelve. In 2020 we plan to raise enough money to support all K-12 schools in the Oshkosh School District.

**Kiwanis Club of Eau Claire (Tier II)**

**Project:** Museum Renovation, Addition and New Exhibit

**Focus:** To make upgrades to the Paul Bunyan Logging Camp Museum in Eau Claire, Wisconsin for the purpose of further educating students and visitors from around the world about the lumbering history of Wisconsin. The museum works to preserve the history of the early logging camps and the industry of sawmills that drove the economy in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

**Population Served:** The museum has 12,000 to 18,000 visitors annually from all over the world. More than 4,000 third through fifth grade Wisconsin History students from a 60-mile radius of Eau Claire visit every year.

**Rhinelander Kiwanis Club (Tier II)**

**Project:** Winter Escapes Extravaganza

**Focus:** Our fundraiser is used to generate funds to be used in many different aspects of the community. Although many of the categories listed may benefit from...
our efforts, it is not limited to one in particular.

**Population Served:** We serve many different organizations and age groups with the proceeds from our fundraiser, including playground equipment for kids, hiking trails for all ages, art studio and supplies for K-12 kids, library donations, YMCA Teen Development and many more community based projects.

**Greater Ishpeming Pioneer Kiwanis Club (Tier II)**

**Project:** Ramps for Mobility

**Focus:** Mobility for the physically disabled in our community who cannot afford the entire cost of a ramp.

**Population Served:** Residents in our local communities who are disabled and confined to their home. We build ramps to give mobility to them and their families. Our club donates labor and materials if they cannot afford the cost. Many donate some or all of materials costs.

**Kiwanis Club of Western Kenosha (Tier II)**

**Project:** Taste of Wisconsin

**Focus:** This fundraiser benefits the community of Kenosha through periodic donations from the Kiwanis Club of Western Kenosha.

**Population Served:** The following is a list of beneficiaries this past year based on the success of the event: Shalom Center of Kenosha (a food pantry and homeless shelter), Salvation Army, Autism Project (iPads for children on the autism spectrum), Meals on Wheels, Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek, Make a Wish Foundation, Local high school athletic programs, high school music scholarships, Terrific Kids Program, Kenosha Police Explorer Post, Scout Leaders Rescue Squad and Boys Scouts of America, Circle K Clubs at UW-Parkside and Carthage Collage, Key Clubs at local high schools, Brookside Senior Care facility bingo and holiday food baskets for disadvantaged families. The list expands based on funds available.

**Clear Water Kiwanis Club of Eau Claire (Tier II)**

**Project:** Clear Water Kiwanis Doll and Pet Parade

**Focus:** Play or sports.

**Population Served:** The Doll and Pet Parade is a free event for children that gives them the ability to participate in a parade that celebrates their own uniqueness. Children, along with their families and pets, take center stage in costumes they created. The parade has two goals: to promote family-friendly, accessible, free entertainment to children in our community, and to work as a fundraising event.

Thank you to all clubs who submitted a signature project in the WI-UM District contest. It was difficult to choose between so many excellent projects. The District leadership team selected one Tier I winner for clubs with less than 28 club members and one Tier II winner for clubs with 28 or more members. Please join us in congratulating the winning entries:

**Tier I Selection:** Kiwanis Club of Manitowoc

Kiwanis Car and Motorcycle Show

**Tier II Selection:** Kiwanis Club of Western Kenosha

Taste of Wisconsin

Thank you for all of your hard work. We hope that you will all consider submitting your club’s signature project in the future. The winning entries have been submitted to Kiwanis International where the Committee on Service and Partnerships will review the submissions and select the finalists, who will be notified by March 13. The finalists will be recognized at the Kiwanis International convention and the top winners will receive awards. Best wishes to the Kiwanis Club of Manitowoc and the Kiwanis Club of Western Kenosha on advancing to the next level of competition.

2019-2020 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor-elect Jean Long Manteufel can be reached by phone at 920-585-7769 or by email at jeanj@longmoving.com.
The Bill Solberg Distinguished Service Medal is to be presented on behalf of the Past Governors of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District of Kiwanis International. Eligibility for this medal is as follows but the Past Governors may change the criteria for this award at any time they deem appropriate.

- The recipient must have actively served in Kiwanis for a period of not less than ten years.
- The recipient must have served in the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District at least as a Lt. Governor or District Chairperson.
- The recipient must have actively participated outside of Kiwanis in other worthy community, lodge or civic endeavors.
- The recipient must be nominated by a Kiwanis Club's Board of Directors which is currently in good standing with the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District and Kiwanis International.
- The nominee's club must submit evidential material in support of their recommendation.
- The nominee may be living or deceased.

The nominee’s biographic information, together with supporting materials, must be submitted by the nominators to the Past Governors Committee in care of the District office by May 15th of the Kiwanis year that the award will be considered. The award, if any, will be presented at the District Convention of that Kiwanis year. The Past Governors selection committee, at its discretion, may honor more than one individual each Kiwanis year, but is not bound to select any nominee to receive an award.

**Hilmar L.”Bill” Solberg Distinguished Service Medal Nomination Form – Deadline is May 15**

Name ______________________________________________ Club ______________________________
Address ____________________________________________ Phone number ______________________
City/State ___________________________________________ Zip code of sponsoring club ______________
Years of service in club ______________________________ Date joined _______________
Kiwanis positions held __________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________
Kiwanis awards ________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________
Other civic positions/activities (attach pages if necessary) ____________________________________________
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____________________________________________________________________________________________
Biographical information of nominee __________________________________________________________________________
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Submit nominations to Past Governors Committee, WI-UM Kiwanis District Office, 571 Center St., Berlin, WI 54923.
REMEMBERING MARVIN AMUNDSON (JAN. 12, 1941 – JAN. 1, 2020)

Submitted by Andrew Sloan, Barron Kiwanis Club

Marvin Amundson of the Barron Kiwanis Club passed away on January 1, 2020. He was born and raised in small-town Barron, Wisconsin, graduated from UW-Madison with a degree in pharmacy and returned to Barron for the remainder of his life.

Marv's contributions to Kiwanis at a local, District and international level were exemplary. He joined the Barron Kiwanis Club in 1983 and served as the club secretary as far back as memory serves and records show. Marv was a guiding voice for the Kiwanis club and was an integral part in recruiting and educating new members. The projects Marv was involved with in the Barron community as a Kiwanian are numerous.

He was the first in the Barron Kiwanis Club to be honored with a Hixson Fellowship for his local contributions. The Hixson Fellowship is a way of recognizing members who have contributed significantly to Kiwanis' history of generosity, help and commitment, and is an honor nominated by the local club.

In addition to his club-level work, Marv was the District chair for The Eliminate Project since 2012. This is an international Kiwanis partnership with UNICEF to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus by funding vaccinations for mothers and infants in foreign countries. Marv's dedication to this project earned him the Walter Zeller fellowship award. Previous to The Eliminate Project, Marv was heavily involved with the Iodine Deficiency Disease Project, in which Kiwanians worked toward the sustained elimination of IDD.


One of Marv's favorite Kiwanis duties was to attend the International Conference. The Barron Kiwanis Club has recollection of over 20 International Kiwanis Conventions that Marv attended throughout the world. He loved making connections, building relationships and bringing great ideas back to our District and local club.

Marv Amundson's contributions and dedication to Kiwanis will leave a lasting impact on the Barron community and children around the world. We all become Kiwanians because we want to make a difference. Marv Amundson of the Barron Kiwanis Club epitomized this and he will be greatly missed.

TECH ADVOCATE NEEDED!

Kiwanis International has free websites for all clubs! Before we can offer this to clubs in our WI-UM District, we need someone (or more) to learn the ropes and be the go-to person for clubs who would like to use the website. Without tech advocates, we can't offer this to our members. Do you have the technical skills to step up and help? There will be training from Kiwanis International via GoToMeeting. Please contact Jean Long Manteufel at 920-585-7769 or jean@longmoving.com for more information or to volunteer as a tech advocate.

September 18-20, 2020
Camp Wawbeek
Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin

FIND OUT MORE!
Join us at your Midyear Conference
Please join your fellow Kiwanians during one of three midyear opportunities to meet other members, have a little fun, win a basket raffle, enjoy lunch and — most importantly — enhance your knowledge of Kiwanis!

WI-UM MIDYEAR CONFERENCES
February 8, 2020 ................. West Bend Mutual
1900 South 18th Avenue, West Bend, Wisconsin
March 21, 2020 ........... Madison College South
2429 Perry Street, Madison, Wisconsin
May 2, 2020 ........... Bay de Noc Community College
2001 North Lincoln Road, Escanaba, Michigan
$25 Early Registration Fee (includes lunch)

HEY PAST LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS, LET’S GET IN THE GAME!
Submitted by Paul Shrode, Past Lieutenant Governor’s Council

Past Lt. Governors are a wealth of wisdom and are full of advice! Our clubs and current Lt. Governors need our help. In each division there are clubs struggling to maintain membership and to recruit new members. It can be difficult to identify candidates to serve as Lt. Governor.

Past Lt. Governors understand the importance of collaboration among clubs. We know firsthand the importance of sharing ideas and experiences. We are aware of the need to recruit new members, and perhaps more importantly, to build the kind of exciting and engaging program that retains current ones.

Our District has been losing 200 members per year for the past ten years. Imagine the loss of service power, community impact and fellowship this represents. Think of the youth who could benefit from our efforts if we grew. What about those communities where Kiwanis clubs have folded? Who will take up the charge for them?

Ask your Lt. Governor how you might be of help. Attend division council meetings, making sure you are on your Lt. Governor's distribution list so you know what is being sent to club officers and when division meetings are held. Ask which clubs in your area need support and stop in at a club meeting to see how you may assist. Join with the Membership and Engagement team to help build new clubs and support current ones with member retention. Attend a midyear conference or the District convention to renew old friendships, build new relationships and share the benefit of your experience and perspective.

Past Lt. Governors or Trustees are automatically a member of the Past Lt. Governor’s Council. There are no dues and no membership fees; you paid your dues through your service many times over. Don’t let the word “past” define your Kiwanis experience, for your voice is as relevant today as it ever was. Let’s work together to reinforce that old slogan, Kiwanis is a verb!

PICK UP IDEAS ABOUT...

• Membership and Engagement
• Serving and Fundraising Opportunities
• Kiwanis Education

Attend a training program for club presidents and presidents-elect. Note that club leadership training and secretary training is a requirement for Distinguished Club recognition.

Special for New Members! Registration is FREE if you joined Kiwanis on or after October 1, 2019.
HAS YOUR CLUB EVER APPLIED FOR A CHILDREN’S FUND GRANT?
Submitted by Bev Burnap, Kiwanis Children’s Fund District Chair

Here we are at the halfway point in our Kiwanis year. I hope you and your clubs are having a successful and fun year. Because Kiwanians care, we are able to change the lives and futures of children in our communities and around the world. It also makes a difference in our lives seeing and knowing we’re making those changes for youth.

The Kiwanis Children’s Fund is a way of reaching children through grants, scholarship programs and youth programs. I’m going to focus on just one of our five causes: Club and District service Projects-Grants.

Thanks to your generosity the KCF this January awarded grants to six clubs. The Rocky Mount Kiwanis Club of North Carolina celebrated their 100th anniversary by creating the Kiwanis Leadership Lab. At a little-used tutoring room kids ages 6 to 18 will have the use of new computers, desks, tables and ergonomic furniture designed to help children focus on learning. Members will tutor and mentor kids four days each week.

In Florida a club accepted the challenge of rebuilding a local playground. The club will create a multi-generational recreational area with play space and fitness equipment for teens and adults. With the help of two other organizations they will focus on wellness issues such as first aid, exercise and healthy eating.

With a grant from the Childrens Fund the Kiwanis Club of Carmel, Indiana held its second Kids Serving Carmel Camp. This week-long camp lets kids and teens take part in service projects focused on a different theme each day, such as mental health, food insecurity, elderly care and the environment. The club takes the campers into the community to serve. They identify kids for this program with the help of local school districts and other agencies.

A Kiwanis Club in Malaysia is creating a library in its education center for children with physical and cognitive delays or disabilities. Besides books and e-books they will have exercise equipment and instruments to help develop fine and gross motor skills. In a city of 330,000 it will be well used as it is the only public library in the city.

Two clubs partnering in the city of Storm Lake, Iowa will buy playground equipment so kids will have a safe, fun place to play. These clubs, along with their Key Club and Aktion Club, will maintain the park. They are planning to hold annual health fairs to showcase services available to kids and families.

From previous grants, the Kiwanis Club of Berlin, New Hampshire, holds annual bike rodeos. This year’s event distributed more than 400 free helmets.

Camp Tatnall, in Claxton, Georgia, continue to serve children of low-income families, giving out clothes, shoes and hygiene kits to campers. They were sad this year because they had to turn twelve kids away.

The Kiwanis Children’s Fund will continue to help clubs and districts who need them. Has your club or district ever thought of applying for a grant to help start and sustain a service project beyond its resources?

Kiwanis Children’s Fund District Chair Bev Burnap can be reached at 715-868-5633 or bjburnap45@gmail.com.

SUPPORT THE KIWANIS CHILDREN’S FUND WITH YOUR GIFT TODAY!
NEARLY 1,200 IPADS PROVIDED FOR CHILDREN ON THE SPECTRUM

Submitted by Lynn Messer, Kiwanis Autism Project District Chair

Goals have been set and met throughout the history of the iPads for Autism project. The original goal of 1,000 iPads was attained and the next goal of 1,100 was also achieved. Now we are approaching 1,200 iPads awarded to children on the autism spectrum. That is amazing!

When we started the project during my 2012-2013 term as District Governor, some people felt that the project was too large to be successful. The results have shown that a consistent, combined effort can surpass expectations. The children who have received iPads are very fortunate that this project is going strong in its eighth year.

Kiwanis has received praise from families who have received the iPads and from therapists as well. I thank the many Kiwanis clubs in the District that are still supporting this very worthwhile project. I congratulate the Western Kenosha Kiwanis Club for granting 20 iPads at one time and more than 50 since the project launched. What the Kiwanis club is doing for these children has made a huge impression in the Kenosha community.

This is a positive direction in sending out the message that Kiwanis is improving the world one child and one community at a time.

There are clubs in the District that still have not embraced the District’s iPads for Autism Signature Project. I will make myself available to speak to clubs to help spark enthusiasm for the project. The project website, www.kiwanisautismproject.com, is in the process of being updated and should be by the time you are reading this. To learn more, attend the Signature Project Workshop at a Midyear Conference.

I thank all clubs for what they are doing in support of the project and the impact they are having in their communities. Remember that all money raised by your club for this project will benefit children in your community.

Kiwanis Autism Project District Chair Lynn Messer can be reached by phone at 920-946-0652 or by email at lmmsr001@gmail.com.

WEST RACINE CLUB RECEIVES INAUGURAL HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Submitted by Mary Sue Langendorf, Kiwanis Club of West Racine

The Kiwanis Club of West Racine was the inaugural recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Humanitarian Award by Gateway Technical Institute at its 26th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration on January 20, 2020. The inclusion of an organization that goes above and beyond to serve others was added to the Humanitarian Award entry list this year. The nomination asserted that “the Kiwanis Club of West Racine focuses on projects meeting the needs of families and children in the Racine area and does its work because it has a strong interest in helping the community in a selfless way, not expecting any reward. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. always championed such involvement and giving back.” The club also received a U.S. Congressional proclamation from U.S. Representative Bryan Steil.

Left to right, Gateway Technical Institute President Brian Albrecht, Kiwanis President Michael Monroe, club member Marvin Lindberg, and U.S. Congressional Representative Bryan Steil.
NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR HONOR AWARDED TO NEW RICHMOND CLUB
Submitted by Debbie Suennen Rickard, Kiwanis Club of New Richmond

The Kiwanis Club of New Richmond was recently recognized with a Non-Profit of the Year Award at the New Richmond Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting and Awards Gala. The New Richmond club is well known for sponsoring the local Key Club for more than 60 years, sponsoring Cub Scouts and co-sponsoring a Boy Scout Troop. Current projects and activities include the Story Walk club signature project, providing scholarships, hosting an annual honors banquet, a service learning day and an annual Easter egg hunt. The club sponsors students for leadership training and provides the FFA Outstanding Member of the Year and the Top Athletes of the Year awards. Members volunteer and support the backpack program, volunteer at Five Loaves Food Shelf, host Peanut Day, host the Bnaakwii Giizis event, volunteer for Salvation Army bell ringing, sponsor the Holiday Home Lighting Contest and participate in many other outreach efforts. The club is celebrating 100 years of service in their community.

RIPON NOON KIWANIS HELPS SPONSOR THEATRE FESTIVAL FIELD TRIP
Submitted by Brian Reilly, Ripon Noon Kiwanis Club

Ripon drama students recently attended the Wisconsin High School Theatre Festival held at UW-Milwaukee. The trip was sponsored in part by the Ripon Noon Kiwanis Club as part of club president Brian Reilly’s president’s project. Brian, who directed the middle school musical production for the school district, was accompanied by new Kiwanis member Jeff Dodson, who directed last year’s fall theatre production and will be also be directing the high school musical this year. Brian and Jeff arranged to take groups down on two separate days during the weekend festival.

Students attended theatre workshops, learned about performing arts education and scholarship opportunities from some of the colleges that were represented through exhibits at the festival and saw performances of the state-level one-act play contest performed by high schools from all over Wisconsin. The group which attended the festival on Friday were treated to a full-length showcase production of “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat,” performed by Reedsburg High School drama students.
KIWANIS CLUB OF EAU CLAIRE SUPPORTS HOMEGROWN SKI JUMPER

Submitted by Becky Mattson, Kiwanis Club of Eau Claire

The Kiwanis Club of Eau Claire donated $1,500 to the Flying Eagles Ski Club to support travel and other expenses for one of their club members, Andrew Urlaub. The Kiwanis club is excited to support one of the Eau Claire community’s premier athletes. Andrew is one of the top current American ski jumpers. He was born and raised in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. He joined the Flying Eagles Ski Club when he was just five years old. Now at age 18 he is making headlines in the Eau Claire news. The Kiwanis Club was fortunate that he happened to be in town for two days in between competitions in the United States and Europe.

Last September, Andrew spoke to the Kiwanis Club and shared his journey. Club members wanted to show their support where it was needed most: financially. Andrew is currently embarking on a series of European competitions. February 8 and 9 in Brottenrode, Germany he had jumps of 101.5 and 107 and meters (333 and 351 feet) and placed 24th. He headed to the Continental Cup tournament in Iron Mountain, Michigan on February 15 and 16, then traveled to Rasnov, Romania for the World Cup meet February 21 and 22.

Andrew currently leads the U.S. team at World Juniors and was named leader of the U.S. ski jumping team for the 2020 World Junior Championships to be held in Oberweisenthal, Germany February 28 through March 8. His goal is to finish in the top 15. If he has his two best jumps he could make the top 10. Andrew jumped in the World Championships in Austria last winter and currently is ranked as the No. 2 American jumper.

In mid-March, Andrew heads to Norway for the Raw Air series, a no-break ten-day tournament in ski jumping and flying in four venues across Norway. That will be followed by ski-flying at Vikersund, then Planica, Slovenia for World Ski Flying Championships, March 20 through 22.

Our club looks forward to hearing Andrew speak again in April and updating us on the results of his winter events. We are proud to support his high-flying endeavors!
LA CROSSE CLUB BRIGHTENS HOLIDAYS FOR KIDS IN FOSTER CARE

Submitted by Cedric Friesen, La Crosse Kiwanis Club

The La Crosse Kiwanis Club helped make the holidays a little merrier for the La Crosse County Foster Care Program. Kiwanis members donated gifts and filled snack bags for Santa to hand out to 175 kids currently in the foster program.

Members also donated smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors which are mandatory for new foster families. Lack of appropriate detectors can prevent children from being placed with family members in foster care situations.

FIFTY-YEAR LA CROSSE KIWANIAN WELCOMED TO LEGION OF HONOR

Submitted by Cedric Friesen, La Crosse Kiwanis Club

La Crosse Kiwanis Club Co-president Lori Dubczak welcomed Dick Staats to the Legion of Honor for 50 years of service to the club. After joining the club in 1969, Dick brought ideas for community projects, helped raise thousands of dollars and continues to put in countless hours of volunteer work. The club is proud to honor Dick with this award.

THE 20S WERE BACK WITH A ROAR AT SECOND ANNUAL RIPON JAZZ GALA

Submitted by Brian Reilly, Ripon Noon Kiwanis Club

Ripon area residents dusted off their dancing shoes, grabbed a partner and had a rip-roaring good time with the Ripon Noon Kiwanis Club and the musical stylings of the Ripon High School Jazz Band on Saturday, February 22 in the Ripon High School Commons.

The high school jazz band performed a wide variety of music throughout the evening with many chances to hit the dance floor. The Ripon Noon Kiwanis Club served refreshments and held a 50/50 raffle. Admission at the door was $3 per adult with students free. The Ripon Noon Kiwanis Club has proudly served the Ripon community for over 95 years and welcomes new members who want to serve their community.
KDF OFFICERS AND ZONE REPS

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What is Camp Wawbeek?
Camp Wawbeek is the longest, continuously running Easter Seals camp in the nation — since 1938! Located in Wisconsin Dells, Camp Wawbeek serves children and adults with disabilities and offers their families a respite from daily care-giving responsibilities as well. Kiwanis has supported Camp Wawbeek’s efforts in many ways over the years — from donations and camperships to Governor’s Projects assisting in the support and sustainability of facilities. Circle K and Key Leader also hold their events at camp each year.

Why the Need for Kitchen Upgrades?
Each year, Camp Wawbeek serves around 2,000 campers. That’s a lot of mouths to feed! And meal times are one of the most hectic times — three times a day. With newer, more equipped appliances, our staff will be able to serve campers much more efficiently. A new steam table means that each and every camper is served a hot meal, no matter if they’re the first or last camper to fill up their tray! New work tables help the food preparation process run more smoothly and minimizes the chance of cross contamination and new pots and pans give staff the reassurance of safety in the kitchen.

FUNDRAISING GOAL = $15,000
This project includes, but is not limited to:
(if we’re able to purchase more with funds raised!)
• One Steam Table
• Two Enclosed Base Work Tables
• Two Open Work Tables with Drawers
• Multiple Pots and Pans (various sizes)

To participate in this effort, mail checks to:
Mark Finger at the WI-UM District office
or give directly to Governor Roger at club visits, Midyear Conferences or the District Convention.
Make checks payable to the District Foundation and note that it is for the Governor’s Project.

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