Fond du Lac-Lakeside Kiwanis Invited to the White House

By Tonya Alling, Kiwanews Editor

The Fond du Lac-Lakeside Kiwanis Club was one of only 34 clubs nationwide invited to the White House as Kiwanis International participated in a Community Leaders Briefing held to discuss the issues impacting communities. The Community Leaders Briefing was a unique opportunity for grassroots leaders to come to Washington and further the conversation between White House officials and community leaders.

“For 100 years, the members of Kiwanis International have devoted themselves to creating a better world for children,” said Kiwanis International President Dr. John Button. “Kiwanis clubs remain vibrant and viable today, providing service that helps children develop into strong, healthy adults. Our communities’ needs demonstrate that Kiwanis is as important today as it was when the first Kiwanis club started its service.”

The Lakeside club was selected to participate because it has been effective at improving communities through a signature service project, the annual “World’s Largest Fish Fry” fundraiser held during Walleye Weekend. Attending the briefing were Secretary Dan Weninger and Walleye Weekend Coordinator Steve Kindschuh.

“This is a great opportunity for our Lakeside Kiwanis Club to share the story of our work with the ‘World’s Largest Fish Fry,’ to demonstrate how we have made a difference in our community, and to help inspire other clubs and individuals to do the same,” said Kindschuh.

Dan and Steve traveled to our nation’s capitol on April 28. They attended the Community Leaders Briefing at the Eisenhower Executive Office Building within the

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Wanderings and Meanderings of a Meeting-induced Mind

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

I think I've been all over the district since the last issue of the Kiwanews (at least it seems like it). So, first, I want to thank each and every one of you who has shared your club meeting, a meal or a conversation with me over this time. Kiwanians are truly wonderful.

We are just over half way done with our year. Your club should be selecting its leadership for next year. I encourage you to log into the Kiwanis One web site and check out the online workshops for officers and committee chairs. It will help you prepare for your year of service. Even those of you who are “doing it again” will find updates. And if you don’t like online workshops, join us at the convention in Marquette, Michigan. We’ll be holding the Club Leadership Education workshop for incoming Presidents. This workshop, alone, is worth the trip!

As I write this column, the monthly membership numbers are hot off the presses. Our district is up by 103 new members so far and the Kiwanis Club of Parkland, Greendale has been rechartered. A hearty welcome to each of you! It would be so cool to meet you at our convention in Marquette.

When it came to having membership goals for this year, I chose, instead of hard numbers, to have the goal of staffing four of the divisions with certified club counselors and club openers. So far, this is not working quite the way I envisioned it. While clubs are interested, not enough individuals are volunteering to take on these roles. You see, without these individuals, it’s much more difficult to open a new club, and turn it into a healthy Kiwanis club. Yes, there is a time commitment, but it comes with new friends, the satisfaction of having made a difference to a new club and the knowledge that you’ve picked up a new skill or polished an existing one. Past Lt. Governors are perfect for these roles, as are past presidents.

Why would we want to increase our membership? The Eliminate goal for this district would be much easier to reach if we had more members working on it. We are at 20% of our target. In hard numbers, we have $2.2 million left to reach the district’s target. I want to thank each and every one of you who sent in your Governor’s Project funds. You are a large part of the growth from 15% in October to the current 20%!

Need a second reason? Perhaps you’ve found out that:
- a club’s hands-on projects are more enjoyable when enough people work on them;
- you are really making friends out of people you don’t know and making family out of the friends you do know;
- the satisfaction of a project well done is linked to having enough people to do it and seeing the difference it makes to your community. I think all of you know this deep down, and some of you have said it out loud; and
- it’s just plain good for your club!

It’s spring (finally)! Find a need in your community, invite some people to help you fix it and see if you end up with a new member or two. And if that whole process feels good, let’s see if you’re interested in stepping into one of those division Formula roles!

Charlie Price Honored as Distinguished Lt. Governor

By Tonya Ailling, Kiwanews Editor

Dodgeville Kiwanis Club member Charlie Price attained Distinguished Lt. Governor status at the Midyear Conference in Barneveld. Clubs in Division 3 of the WI-UM Kiwanis District, which includes Belleville, Downtown Madison, Madison East, Madison Golden K, Madison West, Middleton, Monroe, Verona, Stoughton, Boscobel, Dodgeville, Fennimore, Mineral Point, Platteville and Prairie du Chien were honored with Distinguished Division status. Congratulations!
Prepare for Your Club’s Future Using the Kiwanis I-Plan

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

Are you ready for Kiwanis’ next 100 years? Even as we celebrate a rich century of service and fellowship, we must plan now to ensure that Kiwanis – and most importantly the children and communities we serve – flourish long into the future. That’s why we’re introducing the Kiwanis I-Plan, our strategic plan.

What is a strategic plan?

Think of a strategic plan as an organization’s road map: you choose the roads you want to take, but the strategic plan ensures you reach your destination – your goals.

Kiwanis International’s strategic plan, the Kiwanis I-Plan, is designed for each district and club to use as a guide to create their own plans and choose their own paths toward accomplishing common goals. The plan focuses on four goal areas – or priorities – that will help clubs, districts and our overall organization thrive for years to come as a positive force for good in the world.

INSPIRATION – Membership and Engagement

Goal: To build, retain and support a growing Kiwanis membership network. Kiwanis inspires and engages men, women, youth, corporations, other nonprofits, partners and communities to make the world a better place for children to thrive. Belonging to Kiwanis means being part of a massive force for positive change in the world.

Strategy:
• Increase membership
• Open clubs
• Develop leaders
• Recruit and build with a service focus
• Increase the value of the member experience
• Build a strong network of local and global partners

IMPACT – Meaningful Service

Goal: To perform meaningful service, with service to children as our priority. Kiwanis is best expressed through meaningful service in communities around the world. When we work together and with other organizations to address important needs for children, we change lives, build stronger communities and even improve our own lives.

Strategy:
• Empower and support growth in our Service Leadership Programs
• Align relevant service with community needs
• Encourage the development of a signature project in each club
• Encourage hands-on service projects

IMAGE – Our Kiwanis Image

Goal: To enhance the Kiwanis image worldwide Kiwanians are the most effective “advertisements” for Kiwanis. We represent our image in living color, wear our brand and share our message with the world. That’s why it’s important for our many Kiwanis voices to “sing from the same songbook” when it comes to brand guidelines and messaging. That’s also why it’s important to empower members and clubs worldwide with the training and tools they need to share Kiwanis’ story as one, unified voice.

Strategy:
• Increase name recognition worldwide
• Increase knowledge of our mission, both internally and externally
• Unify all Kiwanis brands
• Promote the Kiwanis vision and vivid description as supported by The Objects of Kiwanis
• Promote signature projects

INVESTMENT – Financial Viability

Goal: To ensure financial viability and responsible stewardship. Kiwanis does amazing work in the world. When we make wise financial investments, find opportunities to turn profits into service, pool our financial and volunteer resources, create efficient structures and make processes easy and affordable, we can build our capacity to do even more for the children of the world.

Strategy:
• Exercise proper stewardship of resources
• Build a non-dues revenue base
• Simplify the organizational dues structure and processes
• Develop financial education

W I-U M Kiwanis District Governor-E lect James Burm eister can be reached at burm ji@gmail.com or 608-429-2905.
The following items were discussed and/or approved at the April meeting:

The minutes of the January 31, 2015 board meeting were approved. Mark Finger presented the March 30, 2015 finance report.

**Old Business**

- The Bylaws committee of Anna Bruhn, Jim Burmeister, and Bruce Hoehne, chairman of the Finance Committee, recommended approval of the amended 2013-14 990 and Finance Review. The board approved (with appreciation to the committee) the amended 2013-14 990 and Financial Review.

**New Business**

- The board approved the proposed budget for the 2015 District Convention.
- The board approved the District Foundation request to have a Basket Raffle and Live Auction at the 2015 District Convention.
- The board accepted the 2015-16 District Key Club Budget conditional on receiving a final finance report from 2014-15 including reserve numbers.
- The board approved the two Key Club District Bylaws that were passed at the 2015 Key Club District Convention.
- The board accepted the 2015-16 District Circle K Budget conditional on receiving a final finance report from 2014-15 including reserve numbers.
- The board took a first look at the District Policies adjusted for the new Standard District Bylaws. The new policies need to be adjusted and approved if the new District Bylaws are approved at the District Convention. The Bylaws committee will continue to refine the new policies with help from Bruce Hoehne, Dale Vannes and John Collins.
- The board discussed the possibility of changing the division numbers of a couple of divisions or changing the election schedule so that divisions having elections the same year are grouped closer together so that only three Midyear Conferences are needed instead of four like this year. Currently odd-numbered divisions have elections in odd-numbered years and even-numbered divisions have elections in even-numbered years. Mark suggested that Lt. Governors from divisions 1, 5, 7, 8, 9 and 11 be elected in odd-numbered years and Lt. Governors from divisions 2, 3, 4, 6 and 10 be elected in even-numbered years. If the change is approved it will be in the District Policies.
- The board did not approve a request to allow the sale of raffle tickets for the Portage club’s Electric Assist Bike. This would set a precedent that could open up requests from other clubs to sell tickets at future District events.

**Office 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 Bruhn reported to the board on some of her travels within the district and she suggested that the district consider pledging the remainder of the money left in our goal for The Eliminate Project. Marv Amundson, our Eliminate Project Chair, was not interested in pursuing this pledge.
- Governor-elect Jim Burmeister reported to the board and talked about installing the new Circle K and Key Club District Boards (report on file).
- Immediate Past Governor Gurdirp Brar reported to the board on his Governor’s Project at Camp Wawbeek. He is encouraging the clubs he is visiting to bring in new members and talked about the Kiwanis International Convention.
- Executive Director Mark Finger reported on the attendance at the Midyear Conferences. Including Barneveld, we should be over 200 members in total.
- Mark reported on the District Dinner at the Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis. We have 50 signed up as of the board meeting. If we get up to 75 people the restaurant will close down just for us.
- Mark has been working with the Olympia Resort for finalizing a proposal for the 2016 District Convention. Their first proposal included an $8,500 minimum food and beverage order which is unacceptable. Olympia Resort came back with a $7,000 minimum food and beverage order which is doable. Mark will work on getting another proposal from Country Springs Hotel.
- Two members of the Fond du Lac-Lakeside Kiwanis Club are traveling to Washington, DC at the invitation of Kiwanis International to take part in a forum to which only 34 Kiwanis Clubs were invited. Tonya...continued on page eleven
Why did you decide to run for the office of Trustee?
I would like to apply my passion for service, dedication to serving the children and communities, extensive Kiwanis leadership experience, as well as diverse global leadership experiences from universities, industry, community groups and local government to serve Kiwanis at the international level.

• Help formulate innovative, bold strategic plan for Kiwanis’ new century.
• Use my experiences to bring the Kiwanis message to underserved communities/countries.

What qualifies you to become an officer of Kiwanis International?
• 22 years in Kiwanis: Club President, Lt. Governor, Governor, District Formula Chairman. I have opened three Key Clubs (Middleton, chartered in 1994, is one of the largest in the District with over 200 members), Builders Club, K-Kids and helped open a Circle K. I have also opened one Kiwanis Club in 2014, the first since 2010. I am dedicated to our SLP programs.
• Leadership experience: 40 years of research in the university/biotechnology industry, 30 years of community service, seven years on the city council.
• I have the experience of working with diverse groups of people, cultures and projects while studying and working in India, Germany and the United States.
• As Governor, helped raise funds to build an accessible swimming pool to serve thousands of campers.

How will you leave your mark on Kiwanis?
• I will strive to bring higher visibility and recognition to Kiwanis and work to foster increased communications, networking and sharing of best practices among districts and clubs.
• I will use my unique background and connections to increase Kiwanis diversity and expand service to more countries.
• I will help create a robust vision and innovative strategic plan for our new century.

Biographical information
• Grew up on a farm in India, studied/worked in India, Germany and the United States. Professor/Research geneticist (retired), biotechnology, City Council alderman, President G2DV Technologies.
• Kiwanis since 1992, extensive leadership experience, Mother’s Day Zeller and Hixson Fellowships.
• Volunteer with United Way, Boy Scouts, schools and youth soccer.
• Married to Dorothy, who works at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Daughter Gloria is an Assistant Professor at University of California at Berkeley, and son Victor is a Post-doctoral Student at Caltech in Pasadena, California.
• PhD (genetics), University of California-Riverside, MS and BS also in genetics.
• My wife, Dorothy, and I, along with our cat and dog, live in Middleton, Wisconsin.

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Upcoming Dates on the WI-UM Kiwanis District Calendar
By Mark Finger, WI-UM Kiwanis District Executive Director

Indianapolis, Indiana

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

Camp Wawbeek, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Become a ‘Today Club’ in Support of Key Club and Circle K
By Fred Dietze, 2014-15 Kiwanis International Foundation District Chair

I recently spent two weekends with Key Club and Circle K. I really love what these young people stand for, what they do and where their hearts are. While taking a break from some evening events with Circle K, I asked myself why I spend so much time with the Kiwanis International Foundation when my heart is with these fantastic young Kiwanians? The answer was really simple. Without the support of the Kiwanis International Foundation, these two organizations would not be what they are.

Our generous support of the Kiwanis International Foundation results in significant grants to both Key Club and Circle K. Without that support, Key Club and Circle K might not exist. I encourage clubs to become a “Today Club” with a donation of $10 per club member. Kiwanians should also donate to the Kiwanis International Foundation, and yes, that is fully tax deductible. These donations help keep Key Club and Circle K viable and allow their members perform the service that they so readily do and enjoy.

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.

OFFICIAL CALL: 2015 WI-UM Kiwanis District Convention
Marquette, Michigan – Holiday Inn – August 28-30, 2015

Your attention is invited to District Bylaw Article 17.2 regarding bylaw amendments to be considered by the House of Delegates at the Annual Convention.

“Proposed amendments, which shall be submitted only by a club in good standing or by the District Board of Trustees, shall be received by the Executive Director at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of the convention. The Executive Director shall send a copy of all proposed amendments to the secretary of each chartered club not less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of the convention.”

Therefore any proposed amendments must be postmarked to the District office by June 29, 2015. Also refer to section 3, which asks for a “preamble” to be included with each amendment.

Fondy Club Supports Singers
By Gary Miller, Kiwanis Club of Fabulous Fond du Lac

The Kiwanis Club of Fabulous Fond du Lac donated $500 to the United Singers of the Fond du Lac Area in support of their ongoing choir development. Shown at left are, left to right, United Singers Director Diane Weigle, Kiwanis Member Gary Ring, United Singers members Diane Fricken and John Lenburg along with Kiwanis Member John Cooper.
Kiwani Youth Protection Guidelines Training is Available

By Dale Vannes, WI-UM Kiwanis District Youth Protection Chair

Each Kiwanis club is required to offer Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines training to club members annually. A suggested date for the training is during Youth Protection week, September 13-19. A PowerPoint presentation and a copy of the guidelines are available at www.kiwannis.org/youth-protection. Youth protection guidelines training is reported by the club secretary on the “secretary dashboard” of KiwanisOne. If your SLP advisors have had a background check, please make sure the secretary has reported it to Kiwanis International on the online club report.

Each club is required to adopt a club youth protection policy. A sample is available in a fillable format. If you are interested, please contact me. I am also available to do training for your club. Any club member can do the training by going to www.kiwannis.org/youthprotection and using the information that is available.

Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District Youth Protection Chair Dale Vannes can be reached at 715-851-1038 or drvannes@yahoo.com.

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White House Complex, a Kiwanis Community Impact Recognition Luncheon and a Kiwanis Congressional Reception on April 29.

The Community Leaders Briefing included a panel discussion on creating healthy environments for children. The White House is actively looking to partner with organizations like Kiwanis to promote healthier initiatives for children. Highlighted speakers were Deb Eschmeyer, Executive Director of Let’s Move (First Lady Michelle Obama’s project) and Shellie Pfohl, Executive Director, President’s Council on Fitness, Sports and Nutrition. Another guest Speaker was John King, Delegated Deputy Secretary of Education. He took many questions on issues related to standardized testing, funding for education, etc.

The Kiwanis Congressional Reception, held at the Russell Senate Office Building, afforded Dan and Steve the opportunity to chat informally with Representative (and West Bend Early Riser Kiwanis member) Glenn Grothman and other officials about issues pertinent to Kiwanis and to children.

Steve and Dan visited with Congressman Glenn Grothman, center, at the Kiwanis Congressional Reception at the Russell Senate Office Building.

A highlight of the visit was a meeting with staffer John Lambert from Senator Ron Johnson’s office. Dan and Steve talked with Mr. Lambert about the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis and discussed examples of some state and local projects sponsored by Kiwanis. Dan discussed the WI-UM Kiwanis District iPads for Autism project and Steve discussed the Newborn Sleep Sack project in place in and around Fond du Lac. The conversation turned to how Kiwanis helps children internationally. Dan and Steve explained to Mr. Lambert how Kiwanis helped eliminate iodine deficiency disorder and how we are currently raising money to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. The Kiwanians asked John to mention The Eliminate Project to Senator Johnson and asked him to support the program.

The evening concluded at an event hosted by the Kiwanis Club of Washington DC. Steve and Dan had a great time with Tony and Melissa from the Kiwanis Club of Miami and Jack and his granddaughter, Anna, from Arizona. “It was a neat chance to speak with Kiwanians from different parts of the country,” said Steve.
Key Leader Program Opens Registration, Requests Support

By Justin Habn, WI-UM Kiwanis District Key Leader Coordinator

The Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District was approached by Kiwanis International to pilot a new Key Leader program whereby the District assumes all responsibility for planning the event. Because the program has been so successful in our District, our leaders accepted. This means that the District is responsible for all facets of the event, from the financial responsibility to planning every detail. One of the first tasks to be done was creating a registration website for the event and registration is now open!

Key Leader this year will be held September 25-27 at Camp Wawbeek in the Wisconsin Dells. The cost of the leadership event will be $250. In order for Key Leader to be successful financially, we must register at least 60 students for the weekend. I urge you to talk with your local schools and Key Clubs to help recruit students to attend this amazing leadership opportunity. Perhaps your club would be interested in sponsoring a student to attend. The WI-UM Kiwanis District needs your help to fund/fill this event with registrations. Students may register at wiumkeyleader.org by clicking “register” at the top of the page. Students who are members of the Kiwanis family are eligible for a $25 discount using the coupon code “K-Family”.

How can you help support the program aside from recruiting students? WI-UM Key Leader needs help from a budgetary standpoint in order to be successful. With all financial responsibility on the District, we need your help in funding:

- Meals: $600 per meal (total of five meals per person)
- T-Shirts/Souvenirs: $700
- Registration Site Costs: $750
- Student Facilitator Fees: $600 balance needed
- Adult Chaperone Fees: $250 per adult (total of 15)

If you are interested in helping to fund any of these expenses, please send a check payable to the Kiwanis District Foundation with a note that it is for Key Leader. If you know any corporate sponsors that would be interested in donating to this program, please share that information with me. All clubs/donors who contribute will be featured on the back of the Key Leader t-shirt that all participants receive as well as on the Key Leader District Website.

Kiwanis International is counting on us to make this pilot program a huge success and I believe we can make it happen. I would be happy to come speak to your club regarding the new program and the need for students and funding. Feel free to contact me with questions or concerns about the program, funding or how to donate. Let’s combine our efforts as a team and have the most successful Key Leader event we have seen in the WI-UM Kiwanis District.

Key Leader Coordinator Justin Habn can be reached by email at justinhahn1128@gmail.com or 414-510-1609.

WI-UM District Seeks Club Counselors and Club Openers

By Dale Vannes, WI-UM Kiwanis District Formula Chair

We are in need of club counselors and club openers in several divisions. The Formula does work, but first we need to get the players in place. We want to strengthen our clubs, divisions and the district and we can do that by working together, sharing what we love about our clubs, sharing it with others and then living Kiwanis in our daily lives. Let your Lt. Governor or me know if you are interested.

For both new and existing clubs, Club Counselors provide coaching to help clubs become more impactful. They share best practices, they guide club leaders and members to resources, and they help instill habits that make clubs self-sufficient. Club Openers bring Kiwanis to new communities. Working with club counselors and Lt. Governors, they identify potential sites, learn about the community and connect with its leaders to understand the needs Kiwanis could fill.

April is membership month – let’s all invite at least one guest to each of our meetings or events. Lead by example! The weather is starting to warm up a bit so it’s a good time to share Kiwanis in another community that would benefit from having a Kiwanis club. Let me know where you would like to start and I will be willing to work with you and your formula team.

The Kiwanis International Convention is coming up in June and I hope many of you are planning on attending.

WI-UM Kiwanis District Formula Chair Dale Vannes can be reached at 715-851-1038 or drvannes@yahoo.com.
**Greetings from the W-UM Circle K District Governor**

By Five Yang, 2015-16 Circle K District Governor

My name is Five Yang and I am the 2015-16 Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Circle K District Governor. I am in my third year at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, studying political science. I became involved in the Kiwanis family during my senior year of high school in 2012 as a chartering member of the Appleton East Key Club.

I went on to serve as the UW-Madison Circle K Club Secretary and the Capital Division Lt. Governor. My interest in the District Governor position sparked during my term as Lt. Governor. I had a wonderful time serving four clubs, getting to know so many members throughout the division and helping with the administrative work of Circle K. I wanted to expand my service and work for the organization on a larger scale.

I would like to thank all the clubs and Kiwanians that came out to join one of the five Kiwanis One Day events, helped organize them or donated resources. Your generosity helped take much of the weight of organizing the events off of our shoulders.

Two of our district goals are to achieve 12,000 service hours and 1,200 Kiwanis family relation hours. Your support has helped us take a huge step towards achieving both goals. We truly appreciate everything you do.

Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can assist the WI-UM Kiwanis District in any way. Circle K looks forward to working with Kiwanis!

*W-UM Circle K District Governor Five Yang can be reached at fiveyang01@gmail.com.*

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**Annual K-Family Brewers Game Slated for August 9**

By Kirstie Polzin, Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Circle K Kiwanis Family and Outreach Chair

The Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Circle K invites you to our annual Kiwanis Family Baseball Game. The game will be held on Sunday, August 9 at 1:10 pm. We will be watching the Brewers take on the St. Louis Cardinals at Miller Park.

A “Mr. Baseball” Bob Uecker bobblehead will be distributed at the game.

We would be delighted to have your Kiwanis club join us, along with other Service Leadership Program clubs sponsored by your club. The cost of the ticket is $25 each, $4 of which goes to The Eliminate Project. Our goal is to sell 250 tickets, which will generate $1,000 to fight maternal and neonatal tetanus in developing countries. Please help us reach that goal.

We look forward to seeing everyone on that day. Go Brewers!

*Circle K Kiwanis Family and Outreach Chair Kirstie Polzin can be reached at kirstie.polzin.ck@gmail.com.*

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In an effort to ensure the safety of young bicyclists and skateboarders, the Sparta Kiwanis Club, Brenengen Ford and Mayo Clinic Health Systems have teamed up to offer Snell-certified helmets at a discounted rate. Members of the Sparta Kiwanis Club recently visited Sparta-area schools as part of the Lids for Kids program. Volunteers explained the safety of helmets, proper helmet use and offered the helmets to students at an affordable rate of $3.

“This is the fifth time we’ve offered the helmets since 2005,” said Lids for Kids chairman Bill McClain. “Since then, we’ve distributed 1,789 helmets and we hope to distribute up to 500 this year.” Helmets improve a child’s visibility to motorists and can prevent or reduce head injuries by 85%, according to statistics. A bicycle helmet should be replaced every two to three years.

Members of the Kiwanis Club presented their helmet demonstration to students in kindergarten through grade three, but the Lids for Kids program offers helmets for children of all ages, in various colors and sizes. Two models were offered, including a 14-vent graphic turn-style bike helmet and a BMX/skate-style helmet. “If the helmets provided through the Lids for Kids Program save even one child a trip to the emergency room, the effort was worth it,” noted Lids for Kids committee member John Burke. “This exemplifies the Kiwanis mission regarding children,” said McClain.

The Monroe Kiwanians Help the Easter Bunny Spread Cheer

By James Glessner, Monroe Kiwanis Club

The Monroe Kiwanis Club got into the Spring spirit as members helped distribute Easter goodies to 662 children and their parents at the Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Monroe. The club purchases toys and trinkets ($850 worth) for this annual Monroe Parks and Recreation Department event. In addition, Easter baskets donated by businesses and individuals were auctioned, which raised an additional $1,400 to purchase a new batting cage at Twining Park.

Dodgeville Club Receives Community Service Award

By Charlie Price, Dodgeville Kiwanis Club

The Dodgeville Chamber of Commerce, during its annual meeting and awards banquet, recognized the Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville by presenting the club with its Community Service Award for 2014. During the year the club sponsored 40 service projects or programs at a cost exceeding $24,000.
Buying Groceries to Raise Funds in the Upper Peninsula
By Kathleen Beattie, Kiwanis Club of the Copper Country

Kiwanis Club of the Copper Country members Tom Curski and Steve Vanek collect grocery store receipts which are turned in for a 1% rebate.

Who would have thought you could raise money and awareness in your community by collecting grocery receipts and buying groceries? And how easy and fun is that! Our local grocery store has a fundraising promotion for any charity group in the community. It is very simple. Collect and turn in grocery receipts and the store will give you 1% of the total sales.

The Kiwanis Club of the Copper Country collects once a month for three hours. The collection is scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month from 1:30 until 4:30 pm, right after the weekly noon meeting and it is Senior Citizens’ Day at Econo Foods.

At their exit door, Econo Foods sets up a table, chairs, and two canisters – one for receipts as people leave the store and one for cash donations. Many customers are handing over their receipts without being asked. Some customers say they are saving for their own charities and that is okay with us. Many ask what we do and we are happy to give our “30-second elevator speech.” Then there are the customers who have been saving for several months and turn in a fat envelope with all their receipts. One of those envelopes netted us over $25 and it did not cost the donor any money – just the receipts. They even allow us to sell our chicken BBQ and pancake breakfast tickets while collecting receipts.

Econo Foods also has a scrip card program. The club purchases ten $100 Scrip cards for $970. The cards are used just like a gift card for any grocery purchases. For every $100 card, three dollars goes to the club.

All in all, this is a great program for the club. We started only a year ago and turned in about $1,740 from all the collections and donations. Twice a year the receipt collection checks are sent out and we have been in the top five for collections in our local community both times. We were up against some of the other groups that have been around for a long time. This is one fundraiser that is easy to do and gets our name into the community. This is definitely one fundraiser we plan to continue to do.

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Alling, past Lt. Governor, requested that the District help cover expenses of the two members that are not covered by Kiwanis International and their club. The board approved providing up to $250 per person for expenses that are not covered by Kiwanis International or the Fond du Lac-Lakeside Kiwanis club.

• The Lt. Governors briefly reported on what was happening in their division (reports are on file).

Reports
• Eliminate Chair Marv Amundson updated the board on the District progress regarding contributions to The Eliminate Project. Marv noted that the contract with UNICEF will continue until $110,000,000 has been raised, therefore the project may not end this year. Eliminate International leadership will be contacting ten clubs in the district about being a Model Club (the latest contribution amounts are on file).
• Formula Chair/Youth Protection Chair Dale Vannes reported that he has a sample club policy regarding Youth Protection available for clubs. He also updated the board on the progress of the Formula program. We need more Club Counselors and Club Openers (report is on file).
• Kiwanis District Foundation President Jim Sanderson updated the board on the District Foundation. Michael Pierski is the Foundation Vice-president-elect. The Foundation has two zones that do not have a representative and at least one more zone will be open starting in October. The District Foundation recently approved 25 matching scholarships totaling $11,000 and approved $9,000 in club grants.
• Circle K Governor Five Yang’s written report is on file.
• Key Club Governor Joshua Dvorak reported to the board. He noted that they had very good attendance at their board training last weekend and most of the board will be attending the International Convention in Indianapolis this summer.

WJ-UM District Executive Director Mark Finger can be reached at wiumkiw@wiumkiwanis.org or 920-361-9954.
Long-time Kiwanis member Jean Long Manteufel is a member of two Kiwanis Clubs – the Appleton 3-2-1 Club and the Kiwanis Club of the Fox Valley. She has served as President and Lt. Governor. Jean is the CEO of Long’s Senior Transitions and writes a column about life changes associated with aging. Her stories are thought-provoking, and full of humor and compassion. Her recently-published book “Transitions: Stories of how to help Mom and Dad with their stuff” is a collection of fifty of those columns. The stories often aren’t just one person’s story. If they feel familiar, it is because there are many of us sharing the same challenges. You aren’t alone.

“Mom and Dad need help with all their stuff, and honestly, I’m getting worn out trying to help them.” When seniors are downsizing from the house they’ve been in for more than 50 years, it can be overwhelming. Repeatedly we hear “I don’t know where to start.” Often there are tears. They need help to deal with all the stuff – whether it is the stuff in their home or the emotional stuff they are faced with.

Boomer kids are looking for direction, too. “Why won’t Mom do what I want?”, and “My brother won’t help me.” And then there’s the popular line “We’re going to get a dumpster.” “Transitions” will help guide seniors and their children through these changes. It is about the emotion and the commotion of making the transition. With ideas for both generations, the goal is to coach, encourage and guide folks through the process.

In February, the Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville celebrated the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International and 88 years of Kiwanis service in Dodgeville. The highlight of the celebration was presentation of a State of Wisconsin proclamation recognizing Kiwanis for community service locally and internationally. The proclamation was signed by Wisconsin Governor Scott Walker and presented by State Senator Howard Marklein and State Representative Todd Novak, both representing Southwest Wisconsin.

Proclamation

Whereas: Kiwanis International is celebrating 100 years of service and the Dodgeville Kiwanis Club is celebrating 88 years of service; and

Whereas: Kiwanis International is located in 80 nations and has over 600,000 adult and youth members, sponsors nearly 150,000 service projects each year, raises more than $100 million per year, and devotes more than 18.5 million hours of service per year; and

Whereas: The Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville was organized on February 15, 1927 with 38 original members. In the past 88 years, Kiwanis has provided more than $1,000,000 to support community service in the Dodgeville area and during the 2014-15 year, service programming included 46 area service projects at a budget cost of more than $27,000; and

Whereas: The Dodgeville Kiwanis Club is a strong supporter of the WI-UM District “Focus on Autism” program. Other senior citizen support includes Banana Day, Memory Café, food baskets and senior citizen bingo. Additional community service includes Highway 151 road side cleanup, Farmers Appreciation Day, the annual Kiwanis Chicken Barbecue and the Clean Boat Clean Water project at Governor Dodge State Park; and

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

Therefore, the members of the Wisconsin Senate, on the motion of Senator Howard Marklein and Representative Todd Novak do congratulate Kiwanis International on its 100th Anniversary and the Dodgeville Kiwanis Club on the occasion of serving the community for 88 years.

Scott Walker, Governor, State of Wisconsin
Howard Marklein, State Senator, 17th Senate District
Todd Novak, State Representative, 51st Assembly District

Fond du Lac Kiwanis Clubs Provide Newborn Sleep Sacks

Kiwanis Clubs in Fond du Lac, under the leadership of Lakeside Kiwanis Club member and obstetrician Dr. Karen Meyer, provide sleep sacks to every child born at St. Agnes Hospital. They recently received a thank you card from an appreciative family. “Thank you very much for the gift of the sleep sack. Most days when our son Micah John is napping or sleeping, he is tucked in his sleep sack. Please enjoy this picture of our son, and thank you so much again!” – Jason, Crissy and Micah Kope
The Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis Autism Project was launched in 2012, ignited by the passion of 2012-13 WI-UM District Governor Lynn Messer. To date, more than $305,000 has been raised for the project and 711 iPads and software apps have been distributed to children on the autism spectrum.

Although the project started as Governor Messer’s Governor’s Project, the momentum gained during his term has carried the project forward through 2015, as clubs continue to identify children on the spectrum from their community who would benefit from the iPad apps and raise the funds to fulfill the need. Some clubs are still working through funding the initial onslaught of grant applications, while other clubs are just now becoming aware of children in their community who would benefit and have joined the effort to fill the need.

In this issue of the Kiwanews, Kiwanis clubs in Medford, Fond du Lac, Monroe and Madison share stories of the children their club has helped with this vital technology.

There are 430 grant applications which are currently waiting for funding. Some of the children live in an area without a Kiwanis club nearby and finding funding for those “orphaned” applications is a challenge. Might your club rise to meet the challenge? For more information, please visit www.kiwanisautismproject.com or contact Lynn Messer at lnmrsr001@gmail.com.

Madison East Kiwanis Reaches Out to DeForest Student

Marcus Mayberry from Eagle Point Elementary School in DeForest received an iPad from the Madison East Kiwanis Club. Along with the happy recipient are, left to right, Kiwanians Larry Ryan, Phyllis Orshurne, Karen Bailey and Bill Allen. The club is planning their 25th iPad presentation.
Mineral Point Club Bids Adieu to Longtime Member
By Joelle Doye, Mineral Point Kiwanis Club

On April 7, the Mineral Point Kiwanis club said farewell to one of its members who has meant so much to the club over the decades. Fr. Bob Hector and wife Barbara recently retired and will be moving away from Mineral Point. Vice-president Joelle Doye presented Fr. Bob with a Mineral Point mug from Johnston Gallery and everyone wore Fr. Bob buttons for this special occasion. Fr. Bob Hector served as Lt. Governor from 1982-84 and is a past Mineral Point president.

Read-in Held in Mineral Point
By Joelle Doye, Mineral Point Kiwanis Club

The Mineral Point Kiwanis club held its elementary read-in in March. Each year, the club coordinates the purchase of books recommended by classroom teachers. Club members volunteer to read parts of the books to the students and then donate the book to the classroom. Fourteen Kiwanis members, along with Mineral Point High School Key Club member Ethan Dickler and University of Wisconsin-Platteville Circle K member Jessica James, read to students this year.

Pi Day Fundraiser a Success
By Joelle Doye, Mineral Point Kiwanis Club

The second annual Pi Day celebration was held at the Mineral Point Middle and High school on March 13. Students entered a pi memorization contest and homemade pies were sold. High school student Skyler Horn (shown at right with Mineral Point Kiwanis Club members) set a new school record by reciting 203 digits of pi. Mitchell Schaaf was the middle school winner. The proceeds of the pie sale will benefit the Mineral Point Kiwanis Club scholarship fund.

Hunting Eggs in Mineral Point
Youngsters searched for eggs stuffed with treats, took photos with the bunny and had a chance to win gift baskets at the Mineral Point Kiwanis Egg Hunt.
Interview with New Kiwanis Member Kay Barnard, age 94
By Joan Laabs, Kiwanis Club of Wild Rose

Kay Barnard has always been a joiner – starting as a youngster with Sunday school and 4-H, continuing as an adult volunteer with numerous organizations, and finally becoming a member of the Wild Rose Kiwanis Club. This spunky 94-year-old has a wonderful personal history and an admirable volunteer spirit. To read the full interview, please contact Joan Laabs at jlonll@wildblue.net.

You were born in 1920 and lived through the early years of women’s right to vote and the depression. What do you remember most about those years?
As a youngster I was not aware of the significance of women getting the right to vote. One thing I recall from this time period is women were called Mrs. John Smith instead of Mary Smith. And that formality didn’t change for many years. The depression I knew about and felt. Times were hard, but everyone was in the same boat. We had a strong sense of family and divided everything evenly. One of my uncles brought me a candy bar when he came to visit. He wondered why I didn’t eat it right away. I told him I was waiting to share it with my mother and dad.

What is your educational background?
When I was only 16, I graduated from high school and was awarded the valedictorian legislative scholarship. I wanted to be a nurse however, the required age for entering was 19. I went to UW-La Crosse and took pre-med classes. That was a long, expensive road and my classmates said, “You can cook and sew, why don’t you go to Stout?” I went to Stout, graduating in 1941 and was fortunate to get a teaching job for $124 per month in the Michigan Upper Peninsula, where I taught three classes of home economics, biology, girls’ physical education, one semester of chemistry, and one semester of physics. I also coached girls’ interscholastic basketball and was advisor to the junior class.

What values were important in your home?
I married David Barnard in 1941 and became a homemaker. We raised four children, two girls and two boys. We lost the oldest girl to leukemia in 1970. Both my husband and I strongly believed in the value of education and in the need to be involved in our community. David went on to receive his doctorate degree while I stayed at home and joined a host of service organizations. When our youngest child was in junior high, I finished my Masters Degree in Education and returned to teaching. We believed that the future is both a hope and a prayer, and with good planning and economy, we were successful. Our marriage was important to us. We celebrated our 72nd wedding anniversary just eight days before my husband passed away.

Do you have a basic philosophy that guides you?
Yes. I have always been a big fan of the classic Pollyanna books. These books reveal the importance of an optimistic view in life. I believe a person should look for the brighter side and plan for better days ahead. I think that is what they mean today when people talk about the glass being half-full instead of half-empty.

What motivates you to get involved?
I would say feeling young-at-heart and knowing that I can still contribute to society – as long as there is a sit-down job! Social connections help keep my spirits high and help me keep my eye on the ball. I send about 10 cards or letters and about 100 emails each month to friends, family members and group contacts. I believe that the computer truly is a window to the world.

Why did you decide to become a Kiwanian?
To be perfectly honest, until recently I thought that Kiwanis was a club for men only. I discovered that the Kiwanis principles closely matched mine and when I found out that women could join, I did! My Kiwanis membership allows me to work with people of all ages and with men and women who have a wide array of interests and talents. I like feeling I am part of the team, and I love living in Wild Rose! My son, Kent, is the director of the Patterson Memorial Library and he also is a member of Wild Rose Kiwanis. He and I agree that Kiwanis has become a very important part of our lives.

What advice do you have for others who might consider joining a community service organization?
Now, that is quite a question, but here are my best answers: figure out what you really like to do, and plan to do it well; understand and then keep in mind the objectives of the organization, and get involved slowly; learn from others and confidently share your time, energy and talents.