



Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District **Kiwanews**

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Kiwanis Club members attended a ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating the accessible playground equipment they provided for young children in Wautoma.

Wautoma Kiwanis Club Builds Accessible Playground

By Mary Braatz, Wautoma Kiwanis Club

In honor of the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International, the Wautoma Kiwanis Club recently purchased and installed new playground equipment for ages two to five years and for children with disabilities at Bird Creek Park in Wautoma, Wisconsin. Club member Gary Christensen inspired the project.

The club provided \$15,000 from reserves and the City of Wautoma matched that amount. Fund raising events were held and many businesses gave donations to reach the goal of \$40,000. With the weather in the club's favor, members went to work in early May with the help of many others from the community.

Work began on May 3, digging holes, sorting pieces and completing preparations. Equipment was assembled the next day with concrete poured that afternoon. The following week club members were able to spread nine truckloads of wood chips after the concrete was set.

"Before we were done we had some very excited young children ready to try it out," said club treasurer Mary Braatz. "Once the area was clear of tools the children came in with smiles of approval on their faces."

"We hope this new playground equipment will bring years of joy and happy memories to the children and their families who come to Bird Creek Park to play."



MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

District Signature Project, Dues Increase, Growth Incentive*James Burmeister, 2015-16 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor**James Burmeister*

The Kiwanis year is quickly winding down. Hopefully, you have elected officers for next year. We ask that when your club secretary reports them to Kiwanis International through Portal Buzz you include the membership chair so our Formula Team knows who to contact.

In a few short weeks, we will be attending the Kiwanis International Convention in Toronto. Afterwards, it will seem like no time at all and our district convention will be upon us. Last year it was a struggle to have enough clubs represented to have a quorum to conduct business in the House of Delegates. Please consider attending to represent your club. We have some important business to conduct including a potential dues increase.

At the April Board meeting our new District Strategic Plan (I-Plan) was approved. This will help guide the district in the direction we want to go as we begin our next 100 years. Several actions taken in the April Board meeting which are in line with the new I-Plan include:

1) District Signature Project

Our signature project for the 2016-17 Kiwanis year will be the autism iPad project. This has been a very successful program for our district and has the structure and people in place to make it work. Next year we will solicit input from clubs as to whether we want to make the autism program a long-term signature project or replace it with something else.

A signature project must be something in which all clubs may participate.

2) Fiscal Responsibility

A question will be presented to the House of Delegates on a proposed district dues increase of \$5 effective October 1, 2016. Our reserves are dwindling as a direct result of declining membership so we simply must increase membership, increase dues or make some very painful cuts in service.

3) Membership Growth Incentive

A governor's challenge was approved. Our goal for this year was to stop the loss in membership of 200 per year and have a net gain. So far, we are on track to lose another 200 members this year. To attempt to reverse this, we are challenging clubs to act immediately to add members. In addition to recognition from Kiwanis International, various levels of increase will be recognized by the district. For every net member increase your club has to start the 2016-17 year, you will get one chance in a drawing for \$1,000 to be used by your club for anything. This membership incentive program starts now – we can't wait until next year to begin – although the program will be repeated next year.

To end on a positive note, Director of Camp Wawbeek Carrisa Peterson has informed me we have reached our goal for the Governor's Project and she is in the process of ordering the new "people mover". A big thank you to all the clubs which contributed to this project.

WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor Jim Burmeister can be reached at burnmji@gmail.com or 608-429-2905.

Mark Your Calendar

Kiwanis International Convention . June 23-26, 2016
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Lt. Governor Training/Planning . . . July 15-16, 2016
Holiday Inn, Fond du Lac, WI

WI-UM District Convention . . . August 12-14, 2016
Olympia Resort, Oconomowoc, WI

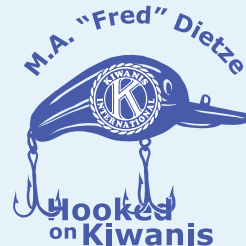
Key Leader September 16-18, 2016
Camp Wawbeek, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Kiwanis International Convention . July 13-16, 2017
Paris, France

WI-UM District Convention . . . August 18-20, 2017
Holiday Inn, Fond du Lac, WI

Support Fred Dietze' Run for Kiwanis International Trustee

The Kiwanis International Convention will be held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, June 23-26. Past WI-UM District Governor Fred Dietze is running for Kiwanis International Trustee. Fred needs your vote and would like your help with the campaign. For more information, please visit freddietze.com or contact him at 715-381-0038 or by email at fred@freddietze.com.



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Minutes of the April WI-UM Kiwanis District Board Meeting*By Mark Finger, WI-UM Kiwanis District Executive Director**Mark Finger*

The following items were discussed and or approved at the April board meeting:

- The minutes of the February 27, 2016 board meeting were approved.
- The March 30, 2016 financial report was presented by Executive Director Mark Finger and was accepted.

Signature Project – to reflect the decision the board just approved.

- Governor Jim reviewed 11 proposed Bylaws amendments to be voted on at the Kiwanis International Convention in Toronto. The board by consensus made the following recommendations for each proposed amendment. Yes, means the board is in favor of the amendment. No, means the board is not in favor of the amendment. 1 – yes, 2 – yes, 3 – yes, 4 – no, 5 – no, 6 – no, 7 – no, 8 – no consensus, 9 – yes, 10 – no and 11 – no.
- The board approved a proposed district dues increase of \$5 for the 2016-17 Kiwanis year to be voted on at the Delegate session at the District Convention. The board will recommend another \$5 district dues increase two years later if the district does not grow by 75 members in each of the next two years.

Old Business

- The board approved the WI-UM District I-Plan.

New Business

- The 2016 Kiwanis District Convention budget and registration fees were approved by the board.
- A request by the Kiwanis District Foundation to hold a Basket Raffle and Live Auction at the District Convention was approved. The requests by Key Leader to sell t-shirts and the Autism committee to have a donation bucket at their table at the District Convention were also approved.
- The Circle K District 2014-15 finance report and 2016-17 budget were accepted and approved by the board. The board also approved the 2016-17 Key Club District budget.
- Jim Burmeister and John Collins presented the Governor's Membership Challenge. After much discussion the board approved the Governor's Membership Challenge and authorized the Executive Committee to fine tune the proposal, staying within a \$1,000 total commitment and sending it out as soon as possible after May 1, 2016.
- The board discussed a district signature project as part of the newly approved District I-Plan. After much discussion the board approved the autism project as the Signature Project for the 2016-17 year, bringing this issue to delegates at the 2016 District Convention for ratification. It was the board's understanding that they chose this project because it has been running for four years and is already in place. This will get the District Signature Project started and then next year the board will seek club input for suggestions for a possible different signature project, if needed.
- The Executive Committee was asked to reword the District I-Plan – Priority #2, Strategy #1, District

Officer Reports

(Please note that any report that is noted as being on file can be found in the Lt. Governor Box.net Board Meeting file at <https://app.box.com/shared/aghav238n6/1/5056684025>)

- Governor Jim Burmeister provided a report in advance (*on file*).
- Governor-elect John Collins provided a report in advance (*on file*).
- Immediate Past Governor Anna Bruhn provided a report in advance (*on file*).
- Past Governor Trustee Lyle Plagenz reported that it was a rough winter after a fall on the ice, but he is doing much better now.
- Executive Director Mark Finger provided a report on the Midyear Conferences in advance (*on file*). He also noted a request to invite Deputy Lt. Governors to the Lt. Governor training and planning session in July and the board agreed. The Deputy Lt. Governors will be invited to at least the Saturday session.
- The Lt. Governors from divisions 2, 3, 4, 9 and 10 provided a report in advance (*on file*). The others spoke briefly on what is happening in their division.

Reports

- Formula Chair Dale Vannes provided a report in advance (*on file*). He strongly suggested that we solicit parents of our Key Club members for new members to our clubs.

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Honor a Deserving Kiwanian with a Hixson Fellowship

By Fred Dietze, District Chair, Kiwanis International Foundation



Fred Dietze

As Kiwanis International's first president, George F. Hixson paved the way for the leaders who would follow. In 1983, the Kiwanis International Foundation honored his inaugural presidency – and more than 50 years of Kiwanis service – by establishing the George F. Hixson Fellowship.

As a way of recognizing people who have contributed significantly to Kiwanis' history of generosity, the George F. Hixson Fellowship is bestowed upon donors who give \$1,000 or more to our Kiwanis International Foundation.

With your one-time gift or two-year pledge, you support the Kiwanis Children's Fund – helping fund grants to Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs as well as Kiwanis clubs, districts and district foundations.

Become a George F. Hixson Fellow by making a gift today. Or give in honor of another – recognizing someone's special commitment with a Hixson Fellowship in their name.

And remember: if all of your club members are Hixson Fellows you can apply to be a George F. Hixson Fellow Club!

I am always willing to come to your club and talk about the Kiwanis International Foundation. Feel free to contact me.

Fred Dietze can be reached at 715-381-0038 or by email at fred@freddietze.com.



Governor Jim Offers \$1,000 Membership Growth Incentive

James Burmeister, 2015-16 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor

Kiwanis International – through the Formula Program – is recognizing clubs who grow by one, five, 10 and 20 members this year. In addition, I am pleased to announce the WI-UM Kiwanis District Membership Challenge. The purpose of the challenge is to grow the ability of our Kiwanis clubs to serve children by growing club membership. More members mean more energy that we can bring to our vital programs and ensure that they last well into our second century.

Here is my personal Governor's Challenge to you and your club. By the beginning of the next Kiwanis year, grow your club by two members above last year's level. If your club begins the next Kiwanis year with **two additional members** the club will be placed on the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Governor's Honor Roll of Growing Clubs, will receive a certificate and will be acknowledged in *Kiwanews* and other media outlets.

But there is more! The biggest numbers in your division... At the beginning of the 2016-17 Kiwanis year if your membership grew by the biggest percentage or the biggest total number in your division your club will receive a Diamond Award. There can be two winners in each division – one based on percentage and one on sheer numbers.

The winners of the Diamond Awards will receive a visit by the governor, governor-elect or immediate-

past governor. The purpose of the visit is to bestow the district's highest honor on our growing clubs. At that visit, the club will be presented with an award. A press release will be sent to your local media outlets with a photograph of the event.

And the lottery... For each member your club is above the October 1, 2015 starting level, you will receive one ticket in the WI-UM Membership Lottery. After the October 2016 membership totals are finalized, all tickets will be placed in a drum for a drawing. The winning ticket will be worth a \$1,000 prize to the winning club. Please join your fellow Kiwanians from across Wisconsin and Upper Michigan in growing our clubs into an even more vigorous and vital organization that serves the children of the world.

The fine print: 1) To be eligible the club must be in good standing (up to date in dues payments). 2) To be eligible for the Diamond Award based on percentages, the club must be at or above charter strength on September 30, 2016.

3) All members not returning to a club must be dropped by September 30, 2016. 4) To be counted for this contest, all new members must be enrolled in Kiwanis International by September 30, 2016. 5) The cash award may be deposited in either the winning club's administrative, service or foundation account. 6) For award and lottery purposes, all membership numbers will be based on the number provided by Kiwanis International.

Key Club District Bulletin Editor Sets Impressive Goals

By Liberty Moore, 2016-17 Key Club District Bulletin Editor



Liberty Moore

Hello, Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanians!

My name is Liberty Moore and I will be serving as the 2016-17 Key Club District Bulletin Editor. I am incredibly thrilled to have the opportunity to help strengthen the District throughout the year!

I am a junior at Kimberly High School. I joined Key Club my freshman year, and have served on our club's board as Sophomore Representative and Vice President before becoming Bulletin Editor. Aside from Key Club, I take part in many activities in my own school, including Varsity Tennis, National Honor Society, Life Force and Band. I work at a nearby hotel as a Lifeguard in their indoor pool. All of these activities, including the heavy load of homework high school provides, keeps me quite busy, however, there is always time in my life for Key Club.

As the Key Club District Bulletin Editor, my main goal is to make the district publication, the *Key to Caring*, more accessible to our members at the club level. I plan

on communicating with our Lieutenant Governors to have our publications sent to all club board members within their division. I also want to make sure all members are able to easily access the publications on our WI-UM website by working closely with other District Board members.

Another goal I'd like to accomplish is to encourage Key Club members to submit articles to the *Key to Caring*. There are so many successful events and outstanding members in our district and I would like to make sure our members feel comfortable sharing their experiences. I believe that the more articles being submitted to the *Key to Caring*, the more opportunities that members have to improve their club experience.

I am so excited to begin working closely with our club officers and bulletin editors! Feel free to contact me if you have any questions, comments or concerns, any time. I am available through email, text and Facebook and will get back to you as soon as possible. I'm very excited to see what our district and clubs will accomplish this upcoming Key Club year!

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Kiwanis International Magazine Publisher Seeks Back Issues

By Jack Brockley, Publisher, *Kiwanis International Magazine*

Below is a list of *Kiwanis Magazine* issues which Kiwanis International has too few of or none at all in the archives. If you have any of these magazines, publisher Jack Brockley would be grateful to receive them. It would be a shame to lose this valuable and important resource which documents a century of Kiwanis history and service.

- All issues through February 1920
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- March 2008 through January 2011
- August 2011

Kiwanis International Magazine Publisher Jack Brockley can be reached by phone at 317-217-6170 or by email at magazine@kiwanis.org.



Fourteen members of the Kiwanis Club of Alger County gathered to help honor long-time member Rochelle Cotey. Photo by Willie Peterson, Peterson Publications

Alger County Kiwanian Honored for Distinguished Service

By Ray Berg, Kiwanis Club of Alger County

The Kiwanis Club of Alger County recently celebrated with long-time member Rochelle Cotey, a 25-year Charter member and George F. Hixson Fellow. Cotey is Executive Director of Altran, the transit authority of Alger County in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The Chamber of Commerce awarded Altran the 2016 Business of the Year award in appreciation of its commitment to business and community excellence.

Rochelle was on vacation last year when a fire burned ten buses and the storage and office space at Altran. When notified, Rochelle began work immediately to restore service to the customers who relied on Altran for transportation to and from work, school and

doctors appointments. The loss to the community was devastating. Through Rochelle's efforts, after one week service was 60% restored and within two weeks it was fully restored – amazing in light of Alger County's remote location. Other transit authorities loaned buses, provided office space and places to store, wash and clean the vehicles. "The swift return to full service speaks to Rochelle's reputation, connections and communications abilities," says Ray Berg.

"Our Kiwanis club is just so proud of Rochelle that we wanted to share this experience with her," he added. 14 members of the Kiwanis Club and several guests attended the dinner at which the honor was bestowed.

Parkland Kiwanis Charity Golf Outing to be Held July 11

By Cory Hoffman, Parkland Kiwanis President

The Parkland Kiwanis Club will be hosting the second annual Charity Golf Outing on Monday, July 11, 2016 at Ironwood Golf Course in Sussex, Wisconsin. Proceeds of the event will benefit Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek and Elks Respite Camp, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and the Make-A-Wish Wisconsin Foundation. A raffle for iPads for autism will also be held.

Registration for the four-person scramble will begin at 10:30 with a shotgun start at noon. \$100 per golfer includes 18 holes with cart, lunch, drink tickets and dinner. Prizes for 1st, 5th and 10th place will be awarded. Please contact club president Cory Hoffman at choffman3@wi.rr.com for details.

53rd Annual Kewaskum Golf Pow Wow Scheduled for July 21



The Kiwanis Club of Kewaskum will hold its annual L.N. Peterson Golf Outing on Thursday, July 21. The 53rd annual Pow Wow Golf Outing and dinner will be held at Hon-E-Kor Country Club in Kewaskum.

The four-person scramble will begin with a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. Following golf there will be a dinner, raffle and golf prizes. The cost is \$80 for golf, cart and dinner. Dinner only is \$25. A buy-one-get-one-free coupon for 18 holes of weekday golf will be given to each participant. This is a \$24.50 value.

Send checks and reservations by July 8 to Kewaskum Kiwanis, Attn: Clark Pearson, PO Box 154, Kewaskum, WI 53040. For more information call Clark at 262-626-4594 or e-mail clarkp@charter.net.

Fond du Lac Noon Kiwanis Assists, Recognized for Work at Greenway Arboretum, 24-acre In-city Nature Gem

By Scott Wittchow, Fond du Lac Noon Kiwanis Club

With the help of Fond du Lac Noon Kiwanis members, the development and usage of Fond du Lac's Greenway Arboretum, a nature preserve which harbors walking trails, new tree plantings and a view of the Fond du Lac River, is on the rise.

For the past two springs, Noon Kiwanis has provided volunteer hours for a work day at the greenway. On May 21 of this year, Scott Wittchow coordinated the project which started at 8 a.m. and continued until noon. Assisting were Kiwanians Peter Grimm, Jerry Janiak, Louise Gudex and Joan Pinch who brought two grandchildren along to pitch in. He also obtained the use of a six wheel Gator to haul chips.

Both work days involved transporting wood chips to the two miles of walking trails in the greenway. Five years ago, Noon Kiwanis was involved in the clearing of an open space that was once a dumping ground and staging area for a landscaping firm. This three-acre area is well on its way to being restored as an oak-hickory savannah.

All three projects have been under the guidance of Laura DeGolier who tirelessly coordinates volunteers to remove buckthorn and many other invasive species from the property owned by the City of Fond du Lac. The 24-acre greenway features a "back to nature" feel just yards from businesses, restaurants and homes.

The scenic East Branch of the Fond du Lac River forms the western border of the Greenway and one trail extends nearly a third mile along the waterway. A seldom-used railroad forms the east and north borders of the greenway.

"The Greenway Arboretum is a great place to escape and return to nature right here in the city," said DeGolier. "You can walk up there, cross the railroad tracks and you are in a whole other world. Sometime you could imagine yourself in the north woods. There is incredible natural beauty there when the frost falls on the plants or the soft winter snows come that cling to everything. It's quiet! The river provides beauty and attraction for wildlife."

Greenway signage is located in an opening of a fence that was erected to keep motorized vehicles (ATVs, snowmobiles, etc.) off of the newly-seeded future savannah and Fond du Lac Noon Kiwanis is noted as a contributor to the Greenway Arboretum. Wittchow has contributed many hours throughout the year using a chainsaw and hand clippers to remove hundreds of buckthorn and box elder trees from the preserve. The cut up wood is utilized by volunteers and others in the



Fond du Lac Noon Kiwanis members Jerry Janiak and Joan Pinch, with the help of Mason Pfeiffer, spread wood chips on the River Trail at the Greenway Arboretum in Fond du Lac during a work day May 21.

Photo by Scott Wittchow

community. Wittchow has also helped DeGolier clear several areas of the greenway and plant native grass.

DeGolier and several others started reclaiming the parcel of property back in 2004. "A very small group of about six people had been meeting and doing some studies on parks. After a meeting with Fond du Lac Parks Director John Kiefer, a small group that included members of the Fond du Lac League of Women Voters and other friends in the Fond du Lac Audubon Society, studied Fond du Lac's open spaces and concentrated on the area that is now the Greenway Arboretum.

What they found out is that the property, once home to a house and barn, had been turned into a dumping ground. Huge slabs of cement dumped on the property many years ago are still visible on the north and northeast edge of the greenway but don't distract from the nature feel of the area. After the site was cleaned up by a landscaper and developer, the city purchased the property.

"The buckthorn was so thick that one had to crawl through in some parts. The garlic mustard grew in

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The Madison West Kiwanis Club honored nine Madison-area middle school students for high academic and extra-curricular achievement.

Middle School Students Honored for High Achievement

By Ron Schuler, Madison West Kiwanis Club

On May 13, the Madison West Kiwanis Club recognized middle school students from nine schools for outstanding achievement in the classroom and outside the classroom. Teachers at each school selected one student who exemplified the Kiwanis service to the school community and other less fortunate youth while performing at a high academic level.

During the program, the teachers introduced the students and described their achievements. One student provided leadership in an anti-bullying program. Several students served as tutors for students needing assistance. Other students addressed diversity-related issues in their school. The student population in most of the schools is culturally diverse. After listening to their achievements, the Madison West Kiwanians

described this program as very inspiring. Club members feel that these students will provide a major contribution to the future of our society.

Dean Luomos, a member of the Madison School Board, presented each student with a distinctive certificate recognizing their achievements. Mary Mennes, Madison West Kiwanis president, presented \$100 to each student as a contribution to their scholarship fund. President Mennes invited the parents present to become members of the club and encouraged the students to join Key Club when they start high school.

This effort is one of the most satisfying programs for our club members. Often these students are not recognized for their tremendous achievements.

Eau Claire Clear Water Club Helps Victims of Meth Use

By Kelley Simon, Eau Claire Clear Water Kiwanis Club

Did you know that when there is meth use in a home, all of a child's belongings become contaminated? When a child is removed from a home where meth was used or manufactured, they are not able to take any of their belongings. The Eau Claire division of the Wisconsin Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (WIDEC) gives a backpack to each child when they are removed from their home. The backpack contains clean clothes, hygiene products, supplies, and toys for that child.

The Clear Water Kiwanis Club of Eau Claire sponsored a supply drive to help support the Eau Claire County division of WIDEC. Organized by incoming president Betsy Patchet, the club members, as well as team members from Royal Credit Union, gathered supplies and made donations. The Eau Claire County division of WIDEC received the supplies on May 13



Members of the Eau Claire Clear Water Club collected items to include in backpacks for children removed from homes in which meth was used.

with much appreciation. What a wonderful way to help children in need! For more information on how your club can join this effort visit www.wisconsindec.org.

75-year Kiwanian Honored with Legion of Honor Award

By Margaret Rudolph, Portage Kiwanis Club

Portage Kiwanis Club member Howard Latton has worn many hats during his lifetime. Latton celebrated his 100th birthday on April 27.

A graduate of the University of Wisconsin School of Law, Latton moved to Portage in 1940 and joined Kiwanis on May 1, 1941. He worked for the department of revenue briefly before enlisting in the U.S. Army Air Corp in 1942, seeking a bit of “activity” but, moreover, feeling that serving his country was a “national necessity.”

After training, he was assigned to the 381st Bombardment Group of the Eighth Air Force. On May 24, 1944, Latton was on his 14th mission serving as co-pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress on bombing raids over Berlin, Germany, when his plane was hit by enemy fire. The plane exploded and Latton narrowly escaped by parachute. Only Latton and the tail gunner survived.

After running for three days without food, exhausted and hungry, Latton surrendered to the Germans and was transferred to Luft Stalag 3 – the same prisoner-of-war camp featured in the movie “The Great Escape”. He was incarcerated for nearly a year until April 29, 1945, just two days after his 29th birthday.

Upon his return to Wisconsin, Latton was reunited with his wife, Kay, who he had married in 1943 on a U.S. military base before leaving for duty in the European theater of operations. Kay and Howard were married for 68 years until she passed away in 2011. Latton has three daughters, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

After the war, he joined a law practice in Portage and later opened Latton Law Office, serving clients from 1950 until 1973 at which time he was elected circuit court judge serving Marquette, Waushara, Columbia

and Sauk counties. Judge Latton presided until 1984 but worked as a reserve judge until 2002.

The Portage Kiwanis Club surprised Latton with the Legion of Honor Award for 75 years of service in Kiwanis at a community-wide 100th birthday celebration on May 1.

“We’re so very fortunate and honored to have Howard in the community. He’s been here since the early 1940s, he served our country and became a Kiwanian to serve our community and those beyond,”

said Portage Kiwanis Club President Margaret Rudolph. Latton served as Kiwanis vice-president, president and lieutenant governor. Among his earliest accomplishments as a member, Latton remembers furnishing playground equipment near St. John’s Lutheran Church in the late 1940s. At 100, Latton still attends some Kiwanis meetings and supports the club by dropping by fund-raisers to buy a brat or play bingo.

Attorney, co-pilot, prisoner-of-war, husband, father, grandfather, judge and Kiwanian... the common thread is service to others. Kiwanis salutes you, Howard Latton. Thank you for your many years of service!



75-year Portage Kiwanis Club member Howard Latton received the Legion of Honor award during a community-wide celebration of his 100th birthday.

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many places and was harder to reach through the briars,” said DeGolier. “We hauled out bags and bags of the mustard for the city to pick up.”

DeGolier, of course, is very thankful for all the help that has been obtained in developing the Greenway. Following the May 21 workday, DeGolier treated workers to a sandwich at a nearby Culver’s. In exchange for the volunteer hours, DeGolier has promised to work at Fond du Lac’s Walleye Weekend June 10, 11 and 12 in the Noon Kiwanis concession tent.

Fond du Lac County and Consultants Lab provided the funds for the trees on the prairie – there are about 25 and some are 15 feet high. Marian University, under Dr. John Morris, started very early in the greenway’s history to bring students to pull garlic mustard and work on buckthorn removal. Margie Winter continues his tradition. Community Service Officers of the Fond du Lac Police Department have taken a real interest in the Greenway. In 2014 and again this year, DeGolier received a grant from the Fond du Lac Area Foundation to assist with the oak-hickory savannah restoration.

La Crosse Kiwanis, Circle K Register Marrow Donors

By Cedric Friesen, La Crosse Kiwanis Club

Members of the La Crosse Kiwanis Club teamed up with the UW-La Crosse Circle K Club to encourage people to sign up to be on the National Bone Marrow Registry. There are more than 70 different life-threatening illnesses that are treatable by a marrow transplant. 12,000 patients need a marrow transplant every year, but only half receive one because of the lack of marrow donors on the national registry. The two-day registration effort, held in early April, was a special project organized by Circle K members.

For more information on how to register for the national bone marrow program and possibly “be the match” for a person in need, visit bethematch.org.



Honors Night in Whitewater

By John Newhouse, Whitewater Breakfast Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Whitewater-Breakfast recently held an awards night at which many honors and awards were bestowed. The club presented a check for \$4,300 – the proceeds of the spring lily sale – to the school district to pay for the transportation costs for the English Language Learners (ELL) summer session.

Newly-elected Circle K District Governor Cassandra Hodges was presented funds to help her attend the Circle K International Convention in Toronto. Circle K member Michelle Czech received the Doris and Al Kolmos Scholarship. A \$1,500 scholarship was presented to graduating senior Sarah Shiltz in memory of Youth Chairman Patrick Brooks, who died during the year. Mary Brooks, Patrick's wife, received a Kiwanis Memorial Certificate from the club.



Richard Norman received Kiwanian-of-the-Year honors.

Treasurer Richard Norman was named Whitewater Kiwanian-of-the-Year by Past Lt. Governor Bob Wulfkuhle. To wrap up the festivities, incoming club president Jean Bromley received her president's pin from outgoing president Jerry Grant.



Mineral Point Kiwanis Club members accept the WASDA Child Advocacy award from Luke Francois, club president and superintendent of schools (third from right) and Larry Steffes, Mineral Point School Board President (second from right).

Mineral Point Kiwanis Club Honored as Child Advocate

By Joelle Doye, Mineral Point Kiwanis Club

The Mineral Point Kiwanis Club was recently honored by the Wisconsin Association of School District Administrators (WASDA) as a child advocate. The WASDA Bert Grover Child Advocate Business Award was created to acknowledge the exceptional business educational partnerships throughout Wisconsin. Superintendents are encouraged to nominate business partners who have demonstrated significant commitment to children by sharing time, talents and/or financial support. The award acknowledges the importance of business partnerships as essential to the greater mission of educating all children.

Downtown Madison Kiwanis Club Adopts Highway 19

By Elton Aberle, Kiwanis Club of Downtown Madison

Twelve members of the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Madison recently gathered 23 bags of trash and six bags of recyclables on the 1.5-mile section of Highway 19 sponsored by the club.

This is a record for the club, exceeding the previous total number of bags by six. The effort took two hours with members cleaning up between sprinkles and rain showers.



Tom Brodd stands near the club's Adopt-a-Highway sign.

Kiwanis Club of Madison East Celebrates 60th Anniversary

By Larry Ryan, *Kiwanis Club of Madison East*

The Kiwanis Club of Madison East celebrated its 60th anniversary on Saturday, May 14 with a dinner held at Lake Edge United Church of Christ in Madison. The club was chartered on December 29, 1955.

District Governor Jim Burmeister and his wife, Fay, and Division 3 Lt. Governor Bruce Hoehne and his wife, Nancy, attended. Kiwanians from Belleville, Stoughton, Middleton, Madison Downtown and Madison West helped the club celebrate.



Long-time member David Chamberlain received the Legion of Honor award in recognition of 45 years of dedicated service in Kiwanis.

The dinner was catered by Gaylord Catering, owned by David Chamberlain, a member of Madison East. Dave was awarded the Legion of Honor from the club based on his 45 years of membership and his unflinching service to the club. Guests were greeted with piano by Lewis Kunik, a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.



Ballet Folklórico de María Díaz performed Mexican folk dance.

A sixty-year photographic history entitled "Then and Now" was presented. Entertainment was provided by Ballet Folklórico de María Díaz, featuring students ranging from six- to fifteen-years-old, who performed Mexican folk dance. The dance group is closely affiliated with the Madison East High School Key Club, sponsored by Madison East Kiwanis Club.



Members and friends helped Madison East celebrate their anniversary.

Minutes of the April WI-UM Kiwanis District Board Meeting... from page three

- Kiwanis District Foundation (KDF) President Jim Sanderson reported on the grants and matching scholarships that were approved at the KDF board meeting earlier in the day.
- The Circle K Governor or representative was not in attendance but a written report was provided in advance (*on file*).
- Key Club Governor Taylor Hurst presented her report (*on file*). Taylor had also kidnapped Governor Jim's gavel and offered to return it if a \$50 ransom fee was raised. The money will go to her Governor's Camp Wawbeek/Camp Bay Cliff project. \$80 was raised so the gavel was released.
- Key Leader Administrator Justin Hahn provided a written report in advance (*on file*).
- Fund Raising/Human and Spiritual Values/Community Services/Past Lt. Governor Chair Ron Soellner provided a written report in advance (*on file*).

Announcements

- Mark Finger noted that he will poll International Convention registrants to gauge interest in going to dinner on Thursday night and will seek a restaurant available to handle a group reservation, if desired.

WI-UM District Executive Director Mark Finger can be reached at mfinger@wiumkiwanis.org or 920-361-9954.

98th WI-UM District Convention Registration Form

August 12-14, 2016 • Olympia Resort • Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

Complete and send by July 23rd for \$0 advance registration fee
 Print or type information. Please use a separate form for each Kiwanis member.

Member Last Name (to use on badge) _____ First Name _____

Non-Member/Guest Last Name (to use on badge) _____ First Name _____

Phone Number (day) _____ E-mail _____

Division # _____ Kiwanis Club _____ 2015-16 Office Held _____

Please note: All Kiwanians in attendance must register for the convention.

	Advance	After July 23	Total
REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON	\$0	\$20 each	\$ _____
All Kiwanians who register after July 23rd must pay the \$20 late fee.			

	Number	Price	Total
FRIDAY, AUGUST 12			
• CLUB LEADERSHIP EDUCATION <i>(Please register if attending so we know how many to expect)</i>	_____	No Charge	\$ _____
• PICNIC BUFFET with music <i>(brats and hamburgers with dessert)</i>	_____	\$27	\$ _____
SATURDAY, AUGUST 13			
• CLUB LEADERSHIP EDUCATION <i>(repeat of Friday's session)</i> <i>(Please register if attending so we know how many to expect)</i>	_____	No Charge	\$ _____
• LUNCHEON <i>(soup and sandwich buffet)</i>	_____	\$17	\$ _____
• GOVERNOR'S BANQUET BUFFET <i>(tenderloin tips/chicken)</i>	_____	\$30	\$ _____
	TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$ _____

Please check if you require any special-needs meals. Type of meal: _____

Charge Card Authorization Master Card Visa Discover

Account Number _____ Exp Date _____

Name on Card (Please Print) _____

Zip Code _____ CVC _____

For Office Use Only

Total Due _____

Amount Recd. _____

Balance Due _____

Refund Due _____

Note: Total fees must accompany convention registration form. Make check payable to WI-UM Kiwanis.
 Mail registration form and payment to: WI-UM Kiwanis, 571 Center St, Berlin, WI 54923. Fax form and payment details to (866) 484-4745.
 Email: mfinger@wiumkiwanis.org. To request a refund please refer to District Refund Policy p8.3.1 at http://wiumkiwanis.org/district_bylaws.

WI-UM Kiwanis District Convention Tentative Schedule

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Friday, August 12

11:00 – 4:00 2015-16 Board Meeting
 12:00 – 5:00 Registration
 Noon Set up for display exhibits
 12:30 – 3:30 Club Leadership Education
 4:30 – 5:30 Convention Opening/Candidate Forum
 6:00 Picnic Buffet
Brats and hamburgers with dessert
 Musical Entertainment
 8:00 – 9:30 District Foundation Board Meeting
 9:00 – 11:00 Hospitality Room
Beverages sponsored by the district; snacks sponsored by Governor-elect candidate(s)

Saturday, August 13

7:00 – 4:00 Registration and Credentials
 6:30 – 8:30 Breakfast Buffet *(for hotel guests)*
 7:15 – 8:15 Breakfast Meetings
 • Past Governors
 • Past Lt. Governors
 9:00 – 3:00 Exhibit Displays
 8:30 – 11:15 Club Leadership Education
 8:30 – 9:15 General Session for District I-Plan
 9:30 – 3:30 Partners/Guest Program
 9:30 – 10:15 Workshops I
 • Youth Protection Update
 • Service Leadership Programs
 • District and International Foundation

• Autism Project Update
 • Kiwanis Intl. Partnership Programs
 • Review of the Delegate Session
 10:30 – 11:15 Workshops II
 • The Formula Program
 • Key Leader Update
 • Circle K/Key Club Graduate Program
 • Club I-Plan
 • Public Relations
 • Club Presidents Round Table

11:30 Luncheon
Soup and sandwich buffet
 Live Auction and CK/KC Governors

1:45 – 2:30 Division Caucuses
 2:30 – 3:00 Refreshment Break
Soda and bars or cookies
 Basket Raffle Drawing

3:00 – 5:00 House of Delegates
 5:30 – 6:30 Reception *(cash bar)*
 6:45 Governors Banquet
Tenderloin tips and chicken buffet
 Installation of Officers

9:00 – 11:00 Hospitality Room
Beverages sponsored by the district; snacks sponsored by the 2016-17 Governor

Sunday, August 14

6:30 – 8:30 Breakfast Buffet *(for hotel guests)*
 9:00 Memorial Service
 10:00 – 12:30 2016-17 Board Meeting



WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation Requests Your Support

The Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District Foundation (KDF)

is looking forward to the upcoming convention in Oconomowoc. Funds raised by the KDF support scholarships and grants for which clubs may apply. Club service projects and programs which promote the ideals, goals and objectives of Kiwanis International and our district and which have a scope benefiting multiple individuals are eligible for consideration.

Our annual fund-raiser will be highly successful if we have people, money and raffle baskets donated by clubs. We hope to see you in Oconomowoc with a basket for the KDF and money to purchase tickets. Thank you for your generous support.



2016 District Convention Housing Information

The district convention will be held at the Olympia Resort, 1350 Royale Mile Road, Oconomowoc. To receive the group rate of \$109 single, \$119 double, \$129 triple or \$139 quad per night plus 11.1% tax, call (262) 369-4999 and request the Kiwanis block. The special rate includes hot breakfast for each guest. **It is required that all reservations be received on or before July 12, 2016. A full house is expected, therefore, the cutoff date is very important.** Website: www.olympiaresort.com.

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Sheboygan County Events Support Kiwanis Autism Project

By Karen Oliver-Kreft, Kiwanis Club of Sheboygan Falls

In support of National Autism Awareness Month Sheboygan Falls Kiwanians invited the public to events which benefited children on the autism spectrum.

On April 16, members hosted a pancake breakfast at Applebee's restaurant in Sheboygan. Volunteers from the Kiwanis Clubs of Sheboygan Falls and Greater Sheboygan greeted, served and cleared tables. Former Green Bay Packer kicker Chris Jacke was there to sign autographs in support of the effort.

On April 30, in cooperation with the Greater Sheboygan Kiwanis Club and the Sheboygan Falls YMCA, the annual 5K Run/Walk for Autism was held.



Former Green Bay Packer Chris Jacke signed autographs and posed for photos at the pancake breakfast April 16.

Proceeds from both events supported the WI-UM Kiwanis Autism Project – which provides iPads and apps for children on the autism spectrum – and will specifically benefit children in Sheboygan County. Visit kiwanisautismproject.com for more information.

“We are blessed to be part of something that makes such a huge impact in the lives of children on the autism spectrum in our area,” said Lynn Messer of



Current Kiwanis District Governor Jim Burmeister, left, and 2012-13 District Governor Lynn Messer, right, presented an iPad to a youngster on April 30 at the 5K Run/Walk for Autism.

the Sheboygan Falls Kiwanis Club. “We loved seeing people come out to join in the fun and to show their support at both these events.”

The Kiwanis Autism Project will be the WI-UM Kiwanis District's 2016-17 Signature Project. “This has been a very successful program for our district and has the structure and people in place to make it work,” says District Governor Jim Burmeister. A Kiwanis Signature Project must be something in which all clubs may participate. Since there are children on the autism spectrum in every community, the Kiwanis Autism Project has the ability to make a difference in the lives of children on the autism spectrum far and wide.

Please Support Key Leader Student Leadership Event

By Justin Habn, Key Leader Coordinator

Key Leader will be held September 16-18 at Camp Wawbeek in Wisconsin Dells. The cost of the weekend will be \$250. In order for Key Leader to be financially successful, we have to enroll at least 60 students. I urge you to talk with your local schools and/or Key Clubs and help recruit students to attend this amazing life experience.

The WI-UM Kiwanis district needs help to fund/fill this event. Students who wish to register can do so 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.

Aside from recruiting and registering students, Key Leader needs financial support to fund:

- Meals: \$600 per meal (five total)
- Registration Site Costs: \$750
- Facilitator Fees: \$250 per facilitator (10 total)
- Adult Chaperone Fee: \$250 per adult (15 total)

If you can help, please send a check payable to the District Foundation noting that it is for Key Leader.

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