Thank you everyone for giving us an opportunity to serve you during the coming Kiwanis year. We will all work together to have fun, form new friendships and increase our service to our local communities.

**Club Leadership Team**
Your club leadership team should already be elected. Please send them all to the District Convention in Racine for training and be sure to include the Membership and Publicity Chairs in your team.

**Membership Input**
Kiwanis’ strength is in involving every member in your club activities. Now is a great time to ask everyone’s input on meetings, service and fellowship. How could you best serve our children – the next generation – and our communities?

**Community Input**
Our communities are changing rapidly and so are their

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MESSAGE FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR

Dietze Seeks Endorsement for Kiwanis International Trustee

By Fred Dietze, 2011-2012 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor

To the Kiwanis members of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District of Kiwanis International.

For those of you whom I have met over the past few years, thank you for being wonderful people who have dedicated so much of your time and talents to your clubs, to the children of your communities and to the children of the world. For those of you I have not had the good fortune to meet, I also thank you for what you do for Kiwanis.

My term as the Immediate Past Governor expires in just a few months. These past three years as Governor-elect, Governor and Immediate Past Governor have provided some of the most rewarding experiences of my life. Now that my time directly serving our great WI-UM District is almost over, I would like to continue to serve you in a leadership capacity at Kiwanis International. It is my intention to ask for your endorsement for the position of 2014-2017 Kiwanis International Trustee at our District Convention.

Kiwanis International rules dictate that a candidate for International Trustee must have the endorsement of their District. In other words, I can’t do this without your support. Please visit my campaign web site at www.freddietze.com to learn about my background and goals if elected to this position at the Kiwanis International Convention in Chiba, Japan, in 2014.

I hope to hear from you between now and our WI-UM Kiwanis District Convention in Racine and I look forward to your support.

M.A. (Fred) Dietze
Trustee Candidate (pending endorsement)
WI-UM District of Kiwanis International

Imrn. Past Governor and incoming Kiwanis International Foundation District Chair Fred Dietze can be reached by email at mainsailbr@baldwin-telecom.net or by phone at 715-781-7167.

The Kiwanis International Foundation Needs Your Support

By Fred Dietze, 2013-2014 Kiwanis International Foundation District Chair

At the Kiwanis International Foundation, the reason we exist is helping children. Children at risk. Underserved children. The children who need help most.

Working together with Kiwanis International, the foundation serves the children of the world, supporting the Kiwanis International mission. The majority of the work happens at the club level as Kiwanis members raise funds to underwrite foundation grants and improve their communities and the world.

Kiwanis International Foundation (KIF) is a non-profit organization supported solely by voluntary contributions from Kiwanians and friends of the foundation who want to help shape a better future for all the world’s children. Gifts of all sizes are meaningful and deeply appreciated. You can support the foundation directly or through a Kiwanis club. The Kiwanis International Foundation receives no portion of Kiwanis International dues, magazine subscriptions or retail sales. Every dollar we receive comes directly from individual Kiwanians like you and others who invest in Kiwanis’ global mission.

After all of the fancy words, here is what it boils down to. The Kiwanis International Foundation is your Foundation. Its monies are monies that you have contributed. The unfortunate reality is that your KIF can only support two out of every five legitimate grant requests from Kiwanis Clubs. You might ask, “These are Kiwanis Clubs requesting grants, shouldn’t we support all of them?” We should, but we aren’t able to.

Why? In the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District of Kiwanis, we contribute less than $2 per member to the International Foundation (excluding The Eliminate Project). The encouraged giving level is $5 per member. The more we give, the more we get back.

Can your club afford to send $5? Can you afford to send a tax deductible contribution to your International Foundation? I encourage you to do so. Use the convenient, secure online form at www.kiwanis.org/foundation to show your support of Kiwanis International’s mission or download a gift or pledge form to mail or fax your gift.
Special June Board Meeting
The following items were discussed and/or approved at the June board meeting:
• The minutes from the April 19, 2013 board meeting were approved by consensus with the adjustment to clarify the approval of the Circle K Budget if the budget presented was approved at the Circle K board meeting the next day.
• Two District Foundation fundraisers at the 2013 District Convention were approved.
• The board approved the Key Club 2013-2014 District Budget.
• The board approved the Proposed District Bylaw Amendments to be presented at the District Convention in Racine (see the proposals below).
• The board approved the Key Club Bylaw and Policy Amendments that were passed at their District Convention with two minor adjustments.
• The board discussed possible candidates for Governor-elect.

2013 Proposed Bylaw Changes Presented by the Board of Trustees (deletions are stricken through and additions are bold and italicized).

Dues Break for Veterans
Preamble
In recognition of the service our Veterans have provided to our country, the board would like to recognize them by offering a district dues break for those Veterans joining and becoming new members of a district Kiwanis club. 13.35 is currently in place and is listed below for reference.

13.35 In the event that a club wishes to recruit graduating Circle K/Key Club members, the District will suspend the payment of District dues for that member for a period not to exceed four years. This option must be requested by the club and renewed annually.

New
13.36 In the event that a club wishes to recruit a Veteran of the United States armed forces who has been honorably discharged within the five years immediately preceding the Veteran’s application for membership, the District will suspend the payment of District dues for such member for a period not to exceed two full years. This option must be requested by the club and renewed annually.

Midwinter to Midyear
Preamble
Due to the success of the previous year’s Midwinter Conferences where two were actually held in April, the board is suggesting that the name of the Midwinter Conference be changed to Midyear Conference.

ARTICLE VIII:
MIDWINTER MIDYEAR CONFERENCE
A District Midwinter Midyear Conference(s) shall be held during the time period from January 15 to April 15th 30th under the supervision and control of the District Board of Trustees. The central purpose of the Midwinter Midyear Conference is to continue the education of officers and members throughout the District.

Revised New Member Fee
Preamble
Due to Kiwanis International changing back to a flat new member fee instead of a prorated fee the following changes are recommended by the District Board.

REVENUE
13.31 A fee for each new member of no more than the amount of district dues (including bulletin subscription fee, if any) shall be paid to the district on a graduated scale as determined by the district board.

Executive Director Mark Finger can be reached at wiukinc@wiunikwanis.org or 920-361-9954.

The Objects of Kiwanis International
1) To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
2) To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
3) To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
4) To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
5) To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
6) To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

Established 1924 Kiwanis Convention, Denver, Colorado
Governor Messer Recaps the First Three Kiwanis Quarters
By Lynn Messer, 2012-2013 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor

With three months to go in the 2012-13 Kiwanis year, it just seems like the time went by way too fast with much more to accomplish. Merita and I will soon be off to Vancouver for the International Convention. We are really looking forward to it, and especially to being with the Kiwanis members from our WI-UM District who will attend.

We are receiving requests from areas of the district where there are no clubs and no financial support. The needs of these children in those areas is huge if we want to make a positive change in their lives.

We have also received applications in areas where we have Kiwanis club(s) but at this time there has been no response from those club(s). How do I respond to those families who are asking the status of their applications?

It is sad that I can only tell them that at this time there is no financial support from the clubs in the community in which they live.

Membership Growth
Although the number of clubs in the district is down by five, we are only down by nine members overall. This is a positive sign that clubs are promoting Kiwanis and recruiting and inducting new members. I sincerely feel that the Kiwanis Autism Project has had a positive impact on membership growth.

La Crosse Kiwanis Club President Pete Rasmussen recently handed out membership applications to parents of the 21 children who received iPads and I am confident there will be new members as a result. Congratulations to the clubs that are growing and making the continued effort by ASKing people to be a part of this fine organization.

Kiwanis District Foundation
According to the Kiwanis District Foundation financial report, annual club giving is behind compared to this time last year. I am hopeful that this will change very soon because clubs typically send in their contributions to the District Foundation around this time of year after some of their summer fundraisers are complete. Please remember your commitment of an Annual Gift to the Kiwanis District Foundation.

Kiwanis Autism Project
The Governor’s Project on Autism is still going strong with nearly half of the clubs in the District participating. Clubs are really making an impact in their communities and the Kiwanis recognition is huge. There are clubs that are having great success with fundraising by getting support from the businesses in their communities. To date we have raised nearly $125,000 and issued over 200 iPads with more funds received and more iPads awarded daily.

We have received 675 grant applications for iPads and we continue to receive nearly 50 applications per week.

The Ultimate Packer Fan Connection on June 15 did not go very well. There were other events in Green Bay that day and evening that most likely affected the attendance. It was promoted as a Kiwanis event and in spite of asking for donations from clubs to raffle at the event and Kiwanis volunteers to help, no clubs donated raffle items and very few Kiwanians were present.

There may be some speed bumps in our efforts but this will not stop us. We will continue to move on positively. A Kiwanis member recently commented to me “Who would have ever thought that we would have a Kiwanis District project that would generate more than $100,000?” Well, we did it and the project is still going strong and having an extremely high impact.

Kiwanis District Convention
Our District Convention is just around the corner in August and the West Racine Kiwanis Club is working hard to make sure that we will all have a great time. Register early and let’s set a record for attendance. We are still searching for someone to step forward to run for Governor-elect. If anyone has questions about the position before deciding please feel free to contact me or Immediate Past Governor Fred Dietze.

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Kiwanis District Governor and the next three months will pass way too fast. Merita and I have really enjoyed our club visits and continue to look forward to the visits for the rest of this year.

I thank all of you for the work that you do for Kiwanis and the service you do in your communities.

Governor Lynn Messer can be reached by email at lmmsr001@gmail.com or by phone at 920-946-0652.
Bruce Club Honors Doke with Hixson

Bruce Kiwanis Club President James Doke has been awarded the George F. Hixson Fellowship, which is one of Kiwanis International Foundation’s highest honors. The fellowship was created in 1983 in honor of the first president of Kiwanis International, George Hixson, to establish an endowment fund. Membership is granted to those individuals who have made a contribution of $1,000 or a contribution in that amount has been made to honor a deserving individual. The Bruce Kiwanis Club contributed $1,000 to The Eliminate Project in honor of Jim’s service to Kiwanis.

Jim has been president of the Bruce club six times since he joined in 1987. Throughout the years, he has contributed many hours working on community service, fund-raising projects, attending interclubs and Kiwanis Conventions. When asked how he felt about receiving the Hixson, Jim said, “The greatest reward of being a Kiwanian is the feeling of satisfaction I get from knowing my work has helped others. Receiving the Hixson Award is the greatest honor that I could receive as a member of Kiwanis. Thank you to all my fellow Bruce Club Kiwanians for giving me this award.”

Bossy Bingo is Successful Fundraiser

On June 15, the Kiwanis Club of Reedsburg completed a very interesting annual fund raiser by hosting Bossy Bingo. As part of the annual week-long community Butter Festival, this fundraiser is a well-received event. A 30x30 foot area is fenced and marked off into 100 3x3 foot squares. Raffle tickets are sold for $50 each and every one waits anxiously for the square into which a friendly cow deposits her natural fertilizer. The lucky person who has that square is $1,000 richer. The squares adjoining the winning square share another $1,000 in prize money. Earlier in the day, as part of the festival parade, the club passes out nearly 2,000 books to the hundreds of spectators along the parade route.

President-elect Julie Kast writes raffle ticket entry names onto the Bossy Bingo contest board prior to Reedsburg’s Butterfest Parade. The city’s Kiwanis Club has become very well known for its popular children’s book giveaway – instead of candy – during the annual parade.
La Crosse Kiwanis Club Recognizes Area School Seniors

For 38 years, the La Crosse Kiwanis Club has been recognizing one senior from each of eight area high schools. The staff at each of the schools is asked to select the recipient. Unlike the criteria for similar awards, we ask that the schools not overlook the average student. The student selected should be a solid individual who may be involved in school, community, church or at home (someone who cannot be involved elsewhere because of commitments at home).

The recipient does not necessarily have to be an A student, star athlete, most popular or class president. The Club just wants to honor a “good kid” who is an achiever in his or her own way; a deserving individual who may be overlooked for similar honors.

On April 30, recognition plaques and $300 scholarships were awarded to seniors from the following high schools:

- Aquinas, Central and Logan in La Crosse, Onalaska and Luther High in Onalaska, Holmen and West Salem in Wisconsin and La Crescent in Minnesota.

- For 33 years, the club has also recognized middle school students in the La Crosse area. Certificates were awarded in May to 11 high achievers from the middle school ranks. Schools were asked to select a student who was an achiever in his or her own right. Recipients came from middle schools in La Crosse, Bangor, West Salem, Holmen, Onalaska and La Crescent.

Speakers for each of these events impressed upon the honorees that, like the Kiwanis mission, each one of them has the ability to change the world, even if it is only one grain of sand at a time. All it takes is a positive attitude and good decision-making. The La Crosse Kiwanis Club is proud to honor each of these students.

2013-14 WI-UM Kiwanis Team … from page one

needs. Are your service projects meeting the most important needs of your community? Have you done your yearly community analysis? Please involve the whole community in your input.

Service Leadership Programs
Do you sponsor a Circle K Club in a local college, an Aktion Club with an agency serving developmentally challenged adults, a Key Club at the high school, a Builders Club at the middle school or Kiwanis K-Kids at the elementary schools? Please consider chartering a new service leadership program as a worthy goal for the next year.

District Convention
You are all invited to the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District Convention in Racine, from August 23 to 25, 2013. We have put together a great program for you to have fun, renew old friendships, make new friends and learn about our 2013-14 goals.

Thank you to all who have provided your input on how we could do better and to those who have volunteered to serve on District, Division and Club committees.

Please keep your suggestions and ideas flowing to me and let me know if you would like to serve on any of the District or Division level committees. Together we will make a difference.

Gurdip Brar can be reached by email at gurdipbrar@hotmail.com or by phone at 608-831-4075.
A very special thank you to the Belleville, Brookfield, Burlington, Greater East Troy, Hudson, Kewaskum and Waterford Area Kiwanis Clubs for already registering 18 students for Key Leader! Terrific!

Forty-two more students are needed to make the Camp Wawbeek weekend a sure thing in September. During this summer, please reach out to the young people in your respective communities via the numerous and varied youth groups in your neighborhood. We enjoy building leaders and future Kiwanians. You can make Key Leader Number Nine a success. We sure do appreciate your help!

The Kiwanis Mail Bag

The following mail was received in response to the April/May issue of the Kiwanews.

Great job creating this Kiwanews, Mark and your staff. I really enjoyed all of the stories and pictures in this issue. Keep up the good reporting of Kiwanis events and news.

– Ralph J. Ruffolo
Member of the Kiwanis Club of Western Kenosha for more than fifty years and still counting

This is the BEST Kiwanews I have read since I joined Kiwanis. It is long but there is a lot of interesting news. I hope more Kiwanis members will start reading the Kiwanews. GREAT JOB.

– John E. Curtis Sr.
Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis Club

Thank you so much for providing a complete issue of the April/May Kiwanews. You did a great job on our story and we appreciate all that you do for Kiwanis. Our sincere thanks.

– John Smithers
West Bend Noon Kiwanis

Please submit your stories, comments or questions for the Kiwanews to editor Tonya Alling, at tonya@allingenterprises.com or 920-748-6468.

Golden K President, Don Smith, welcomed the attendees. The almost 100 in attendance enjoyed the breakfast, the two very interesting speakers and all the comrades for a wonderful morning. Six Appleton West high school Key Club members helped serve the meal and clean up. Father Dennis Ryan, pastor at St. Bernard Parish, gave the closing prayer.

Key Leader Registration Underway

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A small tablet means big opportunities for Egan Shanley. The 12-year-old diagnosed with autism was shocked when he found out a joint effort between two community groups would put a powerful machine in his hands. A new iPad from the La Crosse Kiwanis Club and the La Crosse Area Autism Foundation will help him learn social skills. He might also use it to watch video surveillance footage, his favorite hobby. “It feels awesome,” Shanley said.

The groups bought 21 iPads with cases and iTunes cards for local kids on the autism spectrum and handed out the devices at a celebratory lunch in June. At first, the plan was to raise enough money for five kids, but the joint effort raised enough money to give iPads to every family who applied. “Our foundation met and said, let’s get one for everybody,” said Kara Schuster, co-founder of the local autism foundation. The group formed in 2011 as a resource for local families facing the disorder.

The giveaway is part of a larger effort by the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District, which has raised about $120,000 and distributed more than 200 iPads for autistic youth. “That’s a major change in these children’s lives,” said Lynn Messer, Kiwanis District Governor. “We can have an immediate impact on these children today.”

Ann Beinborn wanted a new tool to help her daughter, Megan, communicate. The device she used was outdated and hard to move between home and school. “The iPad is ubiquitous,” Beinborn said. Megan is transitioning from high school to an adult program at Catholic Charities and the new gadget promises to ease the process. “Everybody knows how to use the iPads,” Beinborn said.

The notebook-sized tablets are a valuable assistive device for children on the autism spectrum – especially those who struggle with communication. Find the app, press an icon and out comes a common phrase. Find another app, press an icon, and out comes relaxing music. “A lot of kids on the spectrum deal really well with music,” said Chris Schuster, Kara’s husband and another co-founder of the local foundation. He and Kara have twin sons with autism.

“The iPads are effective tools for children on the autism spectrum because they are adaptable and accessible,” said Vicki Burritt, a speech pathologist at Summit Environmental School. “You can just access anything you want,” Burritt said. “You’ve got that right at your hands, quickly.”

Parents and educators can download the best apps for the child using the device. For children struggling to find their voice, self-expression is as easy as a quick download. “They can’t communicate,” Messer said. “They go through that 24/7. With the iPads, now they have a voice.”
The Iron Mountain-Kingsford Kiwanis Club, local school districts, businesses, families, and the Dickinson-Iron Intermediate School District (I.S.D.) joined together to support the Wisconsin-Uppermichigan Kiwanis District Governor’s Project.

The local school districts and the Dickinson-Iron I.S.D. became involved in the project due to the numerous applications that were submitted on behalf of students with autism in the local area. After learning from the Kiwanis that securing local funding was the only way to provide iPads for the students who had applied for grants, the community sprang into action.

The theme for the month of April was “Turn the U.P. Blue for Autism Awareness.” T-shirts were designed to raise funds, with Edwards Automotive sponsoring the shirts to increase the profits for the iPad project. Threads Screen printing designed the shirts, WJNR radio station advertised and was a collection site for aluminum can donations, Bianco’s Fitness Center held a “Ride for Autism”, Blackstone Pizza donated a percentage of an evening’s proceeds, and Anytime Fitness sponsored a summer run. Through the efforts of these businesses and many others in the community, more than $6,000 was raised in one month.

Combined with funding from the Iron Mountain-Kingsford Kiwanis Club, a total of $9,400 dollars was donated to the project. On June 13, 23 iPads, with various communication and educational apps, were distributed to local students. The students were from both Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and ranged in age from five to nineteen. There were a lot of extremely happy students and families and the Kiwanis members and school staff know that these iPads will change children’s lives. We are so proud of our community!

2013 Kiwanis District Convention Offers Entertaining Children’s Program

By Cheri Esch-Franch, District Convention Chair

Many adventures are planned for children during the convention! We will tour the city and Jelly Belly then head for North Beach and the Kids Cove playground where box lunches will be provided. The children will play with Key Club members, make sand sculptures and collect shells. Kids will return to the hotel for a snack and to work on a service project. Pizza will be served for dinner. Evening activities include a movie, board games, service project and swimming. Cost for the day is $10. Find a registration form with a full itinerary on the District Web page at www.wiumkiwanis.org. Click on “2013 District Convention” in the navigation bar.

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August 23-25, 2013 • Racine, Wisconsin
Racine Marriott
7111 Washington Ave, Racine, WI

REGISTRATION
Complete and Mail by August 3rd for advance registration fee
(Print or type information. USE A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH KIWANIAN)

Member Name - Last, First (To use on badge)

Non-member / Guest Name - Last, First (to use on badge)

Children’s Names and Ages Attending the Convention

Daytime Telephone Number ___________________________ E-mail ___________________________

2012-13 Div# ___________________________ Kiwanis Club ___________________________ 2012-2013 Office Held ___________________________

Please Note:
All Kiwanians in attendance must Register for Convention

REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON
All Kiwanians that register after August 3rd must pay the $20.00 Late Fee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23
• CLUB LEADERSHIP EDUCATION _______ Friday _______ Sunday a.m.
  (Please register if attending so we know how many to expect)
• PICNIC BUFFET (grilled chicken sandwich, Wisconsin bratwurst)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24
• CHILDREN’S PROGRAM
• LUNCHEON (sandwich buffet)
• GOVERNOR’S BANQUET BUFFET (baked cod, roasted turkey)

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED $________

CHARGE CARD AUTHORIZATION
Please Check: ☐ Master Card or ☐ Visa or ☐ Discover

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Name on Card - Please Print ___________________________

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NOTE: Total fees must accompany Convention Registration Form. CHECK PAYABLE TO "WI-UM KIWANIS". Mail registration and check to: WI-UM Kiwanis, 571 Center St, Berlin, WI 54923. You may FAX your form with the credit card information to 920-361-2181.
To request a refund please refer to District Refund Policy p332 @ www.wiukiwannis.org (district services”; “policies and procedures”)
Tentative Schedule for 2013 Kiwanis District Convention

August 23 – 25, 2013 • Racine Marriott • 7111 Washington Avenue • Racine, Wisconsin

Friday August 23rd

9:00 – 12:00 2012-2013 Board Meeting
11:00 – 7:00 Registration
12:00 – 2:00 Set up and display exhibits
12:00 – 4:00 Club Leadership Education
4:00 – 5:15 Convention Opening/Candidate Forum
6:00 Reception
7:00 Dinner (Entertainment in Courtyard)
8:00 Foundation Board Meeting
9:00 – 11:00 Hospitality Room

9:25 – 10:10 General Session
Presentations, Awards, International Trustee, CK and Key Club Governor

10:25 – 11:25 Workshops
• Retaining Members
• High Impact Service Projects
• Club Presidents Workshop (share what works well within your club)
• KI and District Foundations
• Kiwanis SLP Family (fundraising, increasing support, recruiting parents, communications)
• Governor’s/District Focus Projects

11:35 Luncheon
Keynote Speaker William Henderson

Saturday August 24th

7:00 – 4:00 Registration, Credentials and Supplies
Breakfast is on your own. The Marriott offers a continental breakfast for its guests.

7:00 – 8:00 Past Governors and Past Lieutenant Governors meeting

8:00 – 3:00 Exhibit displays

8:00 – 9:30 pm Children’s Program

8:15 – 9:15 Workshops
• Recruiting New Members
• Successful and Fun Fundraisers
• Visibility and Publicity for Kiwanis
• Fireside Chat with District Leadership
• Eliminate and Key Leader
• Social Media for Success

8:30 – 4:30 Partners/Guest Program

9:00 – 12:00 Club Leadership Education

10:00 – 12:00 2013-2014 Board Meeting

11:15 – 2:00 Regional and Division Caucuses

2:00 – 2:30 Refreshment Break – KDF Basket Raffle

2:30 – 5:00 House of Delegates
Retirement of Officers

6:00 Reception

6:30 Introduction of 2013-2014 Lt. Governors and Chairs

7:00 Governors Banquet
Installation of Officers / Entertainment

9:00 – 11:00 Hospitality Room

Sunday August 25th

9:00 Memorial Service

9:00 – 12:00 Club Leadership Education

10:00 – 12:00 2013-2014 Board Meeting

Options for Guests during Convention

By Cheri Esch-Franch, District Convention Chair

Several interesting tours have been planned for guests of Kiwanis members attending our District Convention. Take the Legacies Tour or the Landmark Tour at the Frank Lloyd Wright Administration Building. Enjoy “At Home with Frank Lloyd Wright” at the SC Johnson Gallery, or visit the Racine Art Museum. You may also want to tour Jelly Belly or plan some retail therapy at the Pleasant Prairie Outlet Mall. Afternoon options include North Beach, Kids’ Cove Playground, Racine Zoo. Cost for the day tour is $10. Find a registration form with a full itinerary on the District Web page at www.wiokmkiwanis.org. Click on “2013 District Convention” in the navigation bar.
Soldiers from the 411th Civil Affairs Battalion in support of Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa recently visited youth at a school in Chebelley as part of an ongoing effort to build relationships and partnerships with the village. The May 8 visit differed from past visits because this time the 411th CA BN distributed school supply donations from the Oshkosh Mid-Morning Kiwanis Club.

“One of our long-time Mid-Morning Kiwanis members, U.S. Army Lieutenant Col. Michael Hert, is deployed to Djibouti,” said Michelle Wihlm, the club president. “In the past, while he was on assignment, we were able to donate some clothing for local school children. This year, he made us aware of the need for basic school supplies. We were happy to help.”

During the visit, Hert and Soldiers from the 411th CA BN passed out the notebooks, pencils, crayons and coloring books to 30 children and gave the bulk of the donated supplies to the school director for later use. “This really helps me because I cannot buy them,” said Saredou Harbi Waase, mother of three. “I really appreciate it.”

By and large, the new supplies will help the children with their studies. “The best thing that I like is our kids are doing good and they are getting an education here,” said Wasse. “The teachers are teaching them good education and I am really happy with that.” “We feel fortunate to be able to expand our horizons and not only help out children in our community but across the world,” said Wihlm.

For his part, Hert echoed Wihlm’s sentiments. “It’s tremendous how the members of the Oshkosh Mid-Morning Club reached out to children of the village of Chebelley,” said Hert. “Kiwanis is an international organization and recognizes that children are the future whether they are in Africa or the United States.”

Fabulous Fond du Lac Club Satellite Stitches Up a $1,600 Cancer Donation

Moraine Park Technical College’s Fabulous Fond du Lac Kiwanis Club Satellite recently presented a check for $1,600 to the St. Baldrick’s organization. A quilt, handcrafted by members of the Moraine Park club satellite, was displayed at various community events with all proceeds from the raffle tickets donated to St. Baldrick’s. Kiwanian Kathy Hass said the club was looking for a service project that fit with Kiwanis’ mission to change the world, one child and one community at a time. “Making the quilt to donate to St. Baldrick’s was a perfect project for us,” she said.

Robin Schroeder, organizer of the Fond du Lac St. Baldrick’s event, said the $1,600 donation is a great help in supporting St. Baldrick’s, which sees 82 percent of their budget going to fund childhood cancer research, but the quilt service project also helped create awareness about their organization. “Getting the word out about what St. Baldrick’s is, and how we are helping children who are suffering from cancer, is so important. We are very thankful for all [the Kiwanis Club] did to make their service project so successful.” Craig Schwanz, a Moraine Park automotive technician instructor, was the lucky winner of the quilt.
Oshkosh Noon Club Donates School Playground Equipment with Help from the WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation

By Kathy Daniels, Oshkosh Noon Kiwanis Club Secretary

Webster Stanley Elementary School in Oshkosh has been raising funds to purchase playground equipment for the past four years. Oshkosh Noon Kiwanis has had a long-term connection to the school as a partner through the Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce Partners at Learning (PALs) program and the sponsorship of a Kiwanis K-Kids service leadership program.

The PTO playground committee has been raising funds to replace old and broken equipment at a cost of approximately $45,000. This is a daunting number especially considering the economic times and the fact that Webster Stanley Elementary has over 60% of its student body qualifying for free or reduced-price meals. In order to make this number more manageable, they decided to break the playground construction up into phases. Phase One is $19,000 and consists of a staging area, two slides and a climbing net.

For the past two years the PTO has sponsored a 5K fun run/walk fundraiser. The Webster K-kids have played a huge part in this event getting pledges and participating in the walk. The run/walk raised $3,400 in 2012 and $5,000 in 2013 with Oshkosh Noon Kiwanians also participating. This spring the generous contribution of $3,000 from WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation and $1,000 from the Oshkosh Noon Kiwanis pushed the total raised past the $19,000 mark enabling the beginning of Phase One with a tentative installation date of August 4.

Dodgeville Kiwanis Club Donates Children’s Books to Public Library

The Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville “Children’s Book Donation Program” is celebrating fourteen months of success in sponsoring recently-published books for the Dodgeville Public Library – thereby positively impacting the entire Southwest Library System. Each book contributed is autographed by guest speakers who have graced the podium at the club’s weekly meetings. The club invites all the children, their families in Dodgeville and surrounding communities to read these new book titles and enjoy the uplifting messages inside the covers. The Dodgeville club has donated fifty-five books for a discounted value of over $500.

Middleton Key Club Members Raise $41,000 for Cancer Society

Middleton High School Key Club leaders organized the inaugural Relay for Life event to be held in Dane County. Students spent months leading up to the 12-hour event raising awareness about cancer and securing funds. The Middleton Kiwanis Club also donated over $500 to support the Relay for Life committee’s fundraising efforts.
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Books for Children in the Philippine South Kiwanis District

When Nancy and Immediate Past District Governor Fred Dietze visited the Philippines in 2012, they took a 30 pound box of books in support of Philippine South Kiwanis District Governor Ken Alovera’s Governor’s Project. Many of the children’s families don’t have discretionary income to purchase books. So what began as a small, one-time venture has turned into a yearlong undertaking for Nancy. She combines her love of shopping for a good deal with figuring out how to make something happen.

After locating a Filipino shipper who has an agent in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area and after much negotiation, Nancy learned how to work within the system. For $5, a cardboard box measuring 28x18x17” is purchased, filled with whatever needs shipping no matter the weight, and for $105 is sent on its way via ship. It takes six to eight weeks to transit as it slowly makes its way to Manila and then on to the island of Capiz.

Nancy purchases the books at her local Goodwill stores from the “10 for $1.49” bins and if she goes on Wednesdays, receives an additional 25% senior discount. “How can you beat only 10 cents a book?,” Nancy asks. The books are checked for tears, broken spines, missing pages, writing, etc. so only near new books are purchased. Because there is no weight limit, many wonderful hardcover books have been purchased.

A box of 500 books weighing 150 pounds was sent at the end of February and arrived at the end of April. Eugene Alovera (Imm. Past Gov. Ken’s wife) is the contact person for two local Kiwanis clubs and has been sorting the books by age (from pre-school all the way up through high school). Because schools in the Philippines are on summer vacation right now, the books will be delivered when children return to school.

Another box weighing over 200 pounds was packed and shipped at the end of June and there are enough books for at least one more box. Nancy and Fred firmly believe that every child deserves at least one book to call their own. “Food is for the body but books are for the soul,” says Nancy.