APPLETON GOLDEN K PLANTS 100 TREES IN HONOR OF 100 YEARS

By Don Smith, Kiwanis Club of Appleton-Golden K

Kiwanis Club of Appleton-Golden K members celebrated the Kiwanis Centennial by committing to 100 volunteer hours and planting 100 trees at Kiwanis Park on April 29 with Appleton Parks and Recreation Department personnel. They also solicited donations to help pay for the trees and rewarded contributors of $100 or more with a tree planted and dedicated to a family member. All Kiwanis clubs and Appleton-area residents were encouraged to participate.

The club raised $4,200. They used $2,000 to purchase trees and $600 to purchase a plaque with the names of contributors, which was mounted on the wall of the Kiwanis pavilion. Club members also served lunch to volunteer workers. $1,600 remains for future projects.

Appleton Parks and Recreation Department Planner Bill Lecker thanked the club for its donation and service to Kiwanis Park. “The tree planting program was a great event and your commitment and dedication to the park and community is greatly appreciated. You did a great job organizing the event and encouraging club members and other individuals from the community to participate. The volunteer turnout was outstanding. It was a wonderful event and the tree planting program will have a positive impact on the park for many years to come,” he said. “We are extremely fortunate to have service organizations like the Kiwanis Club of Appleton-Golden K who make our community a great place to live, work and play,” Lecker continued.

The Kiwanis Club of Appleton-Golden K is extremely active in the community. Each year, members read to children, tutor elementary school students, gift iPads to children on the autism spectrum, sponsor a Key Club, Badger Boys and Badger Girls, provide scholarships for six college-bound seniors, make donations to the Center for Grieving Children, Camp Wawbeek and many other youth-focused organizations and so much more. The club embodies the spirit of Kiwanis.
Convention Time is Upon Us in Indianapolis and Marquette
By Anna Bruhn, 2014-15 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor

Of course, the 100th Kiwanis International Convention will be over by the time you read this column. Some of the convention photos are posted on our District Website. Think it will be hard to catch a Kiwanian eating pancakes at noon?

Our year has only one quarter left in it! Now that we’re back from Indianapolis, work on our own Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District Convention really rolls into high gear. There are still a few things to work on, like my three-hour speech!

The third quarter Eliminate Project report was recently released – we’re up to 21% of our goal. You’ve raised over $560,000 for the project. Our Service Leadership Programs have raised $107,000 of that. 74% of our Kiwanis Clubs have participated in the program. And just to do a little “smack talk,” last year Governor Brar – with your able assistance – raised 6% of our goal over his term. WE’VE raised 6% in the first three quarters of this year! Have I said that you guys ROCK?

The May membership report shows that we’re up 62 members for the year. We’ve been losing 200 to 300 members each year so to “break even” at the end of our Kiwanis year we need to encourage a good 200 new members to join us by September. That’s just about one new member for each club in the district, with 50 clubs bringing in two new members.

Actually, this is not a bad discussion to have. You are aware, of course, that “normal” is relative. If your club is going along at a nice clip with 20 members (“normal”) and one passes away, one has a job-related move, one is on travel more often, another one has a policy change at work and can’t make all the lunch meetings, and this happens over a couple years, you may notice that “normal” is now 16 members. One day, you go to a meeting, you realize you only have 13 members and you can’t make a quorum at a business meeting!

The only “upside” about this situation is that we are all in it. We all need to strive for the right size club for the service we want to do. We don’t tend to see ourselves as businesses, even though we’re in the business of serving our communities. No business is successful by letting its people disappear through attrition! Guess what I need to do now that I’m back from Indy? I definitely need to start local!

Hmm... I think I need to work on a contest... maybe “fabulous prizes” for the club who has the largest overall increase by the end of September. Maybe a fabulous prize for the Division Formula team who opens the most new clubs? What do you think? Are you game? Maybe I can offer some Indianapolis SWAG?

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

The WI-UM District Needs You to Love It, Share It and Live It

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

By the time you read this, we will have returned from Indianapolis – site of the Kiwanis International Convention (ICON) – celebrating 100 years of Kiwanis. One of the main issues facing the delegates at ICON were two proposals from the International Board for International dues increases.

The first proposal was for a $10 increase effective October 1, 2015. We have not had an increase in more than 10 years so this is kind of a catch-up and keeps us on par with other groups such as Rotary and Lions. As in the past, this increase must be approved by the House of Delegates. In addition to this increase, the second proposal, if approved by this year’s House of Delegates, would give the International Board the authority to increase dues in subsequent years up to 5% per year without going to the House of Delegates each year.

I sense that this second proposal causes some fear among members that this is a blank check and we will see an “automatic” 5% increase each year. The current Board assures us this is not their intent and we should trust them. I think we owe them a degree of trust as they have already reduced the International budget by $4 million. Also, they have committed substantial resources to the Formula plan.

The real problem is that Kiwanis is – and always has been – a membership-driven organization. That means that the funding for the operation of the organization comes from member dues. Now, the sad fact is our membership continues to decline, to the point where – especially in our district – we have half as many members as we used to have. If this decline continues it will become more and more difficult to sustain a vibrant organization based on member dues. International is working on two fronts to solve this issue.

The first is to develop partnerships that will generate operating income not dependent on membership numbers. We cannot rely on this to totally save us.

The second is the Formula plan. This is where we, as members, can make the difference. Each district has a Formula Chair and ours is Dale Vanne. Each division is asked to have one or more Club Openers and two or more Club Counselors working under the direction of the Lt. Governor of each division. The goal is for the Club Openers to identify and help open new clubs in their division. The Club Counselors would work with these new clubs – as well as existing clubs at risk – to strengthen them. This effort to dramatically increase membership is our ticket to minimize dues increases.

The WI-UM District, however, lags behind most (if not all) districts in the United States in staffing these positions. Individual members need to take ownership of this program to get it working. It is working in other districts that have embraced it. If you think you can fill one of these positions or if you think you know someone in your club who could, please contact your Lt. Governor or Dale Vanne at drvannes@yahoo.com so we can get the program moving.

Failure to implement this program and the resulting decline in membership will eventually lead to WI-UM being absorbed by another district. If you love your club, share it with others and live it by becoming more involved in the Formula. Doing so will help Kiwanis become a growing force for the next 100 years!

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

Mark Your Calendar

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

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

Circle K Membership Conference . . . . Oct. 9-11, 2015
Camp Wawbeek, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Paris, France

WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation Requests Your Help to Increase Its Impact

The WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation (KDF) is looking forward to the upcoming convention in Marquette. Our annual fundraiser will be hugely successful if we have people, money and baskets for scholarships and club grants. We hope to see you there with a basket for the KDF and money to purchase raffle tickets! Thank you!
Our 97th District Convention will be held in Marquette, Michigan this year. The city of Marquette is located in the central region of Michigan’s Upper Peninsula (UP). With a population of 21,335, it is the UP’s largest community. In addition to being a population center, it serves as the regional center for education, health care, recreation and retail. August is probably the best time of the year to visit Marquette.

The convention starts on Friday August 28th with a Club Leadership Education session at 12:30 p.m. Anyone can attend but the focus is for incoming club presidents. The Kiwanis District Foundation annual meeting starts at 4 p.m. and the Official Convention Opening and Candidate Forum begins at 4:30 p.m.

We are trying something new on Friday evening this year. Transportation will be provided from the Holiday Inn to the Harbor Fest downtown celebration with food and music; the first bus will leave around 6 p.m. As usual, the Governor-elect candidate(s) will sponsor the snacks and sweets in the Hospitality Room with the district providing the liquid refreshments at 9 p.m.

On Saturday, August 29th, we are back to the more traditional schedule with breakfast meetings for past Governors and Lt. Governors. Programming will be available all day for those who want to bring their children. A second session of Club Leadership Education will be held for those who were unable to attend on Friday, as well as eleven different workshops. See the tentative schedule on page 11 for workshop selections. A guest program is being planned – check the District Website for additional information.

Our Circle K and Key Club Governors will speak at the Saturday luncheon, as will Barb Thompson, our International Trustee Counselor. After lunch, you will have an opportunity to meet with others from your division – along with your Lt. Governor – to discuss the Delegate Session which will follow.

The election of next year’s Governor-elect and the approval of the new Standard District Bylaws will take place at the Delegate Session. Kiwanis International has been working with all Kiwanis districts to standardize their bylaws. A copy of the proposed new Standard District Bylaws will be available on the District Website. Along with standardization, this version should be easier to read and understand.

Saturday’s events will culminate in the Governor’s Banquet and installation of officers and hopefully some entertainment from our talented Key Club members. Saturday night’s Hospitality Room will be sponsored by the Governor-designate.

The convention concludes with a memorial service on Sunday, at which time we honor those Kiwanians who have passed away since our last convention. A long-stem carnation is placed in a vase for those who passed away from each division; those who knew the members are given an opportunity to speak briefly about them.

Feel free to come to Marquette early or stay a day or two longer. There are many beautiful sights to see along picturesque Lake Superior. The registration form, hotel reservation information and a tentative schedule can be found on page 11 in this issue as well as on the District Website at www.wiumkiwanis.org. We hope you will join us for the 97th District Convention.

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

Official Call: 2015 WI-UM Kiwanis District Convention

Article IX, Section 9.3 of the Bylaws of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District of Kiwanis International requires the Executive Director to notify each charter club an official call to the Annual Convention at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the same.

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
Collins to Run for WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor-elect

By John Collins, Candidate for 2015-16 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor-elect

Division 1 Lt. Governor John Collins is in his second stint with the Kiwanis Club of Western Kenosha. His first venture in Kiwanis began in the mid-1980s and lasted until John’s work took him out of town in the late ‘90s. After rejoining, he became involved at the division and district levels and has served as Lt. Governor for the past two years.

John’s favorite Kiwanis moments involve helping at fundraising events and then seeing the good that comes from the effort. As he puts it, “You might complain about your arm turning blue from reaching into icy water to retrieve cans in the beer tent in July, but that pain gets wiped away when you see the faces of kids when we drop off a food basket in December.”

Born in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, John grew up in Kenosha and it was there that he spent a decade teaching in an inner-city school. While teaching, he received the Elementary School Teacher-of-the-Year award for the Kenosha Unified School District. He then moved on to county government where he spent eight years as the elected Kenosha County Clerk and twelve years as the elected Kenosha County Executive. During that period, he also served on the boards of a number of statewide and national professional organizations and received numerous awards for the development of countywide development programs.

After leaving county government, John served in the administration of three governors of the State of Wisconsin. He ended his state government career as the Deputy Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions where he was responsible for personnel, financial, budgetary and organizational decisions in that department.

John is a UW-Oshkosh graduate and holds a bachelor of arts degree in education. He has a variety of interests and reads widely on current events and history. John is a board member of the Shalom Center of the Interfaith Network, an organization that operates a soup kitchen, a food pantry and shelter programs in Kenosha.

John and his wife, Gayle, live in Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin. They have two grown children, Adam and Emily and two grandchildren, Bennett and Clayton.

John Collins can be reached by phone at 262-914-2721 or by email at coljrcollins@gmail.com.

Make Youth Protection Week Come Alive In Your Club

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

Childrens’ safety is in your hands… is your club ready? Kiwanis International is committed to protecting children and your club members. Is your Kiwanis club ready to act accordingly to the highest standards? Youth Protection Week – September 13-19, 2015 – is the perfect time to make sure. Start planning now, so you can be sure:

- review the Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines,
- offer youth protection training, and
- complete criminal-history background checks.

Learn more and make Youth Protection Week come alive in your club. For more information, contact me or visit www.kiwanis.org/youthprotection. I am available and willing to do the training for your club.

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

Online Leadership Education is Available for Club Officers

By Dale Vannes, WI-UM Kiwanis District Formula Chair

I just discovered that many of our club officers have not completed the online training that is available. The material is very helpful – especially for the membership chairs. You need to set up an account on Portal Buzz in order to access the programs. If you have not already set up your account please contact Mark Finger.

I will be setting up a training session for club counselors and openers in July. Please plan to attend and take the online training for your position.

Formula Chair Dale Vannes can be reached at 715-851-1038 or drvannes@yahoo.com.
Kiwanis Weekend Backpack Program Feeds Children
By Neil Simmons, KI Young Children Priority One-Early Childhood Development Committee Chair

The Kiwanis Weekend Backpack Program is one of the most exciting Young Children/Priority One-Early Childhood Development projects that your Kiwanis club can take on this year. Teachers from around the world have discovered that because of this project, children in their classes:

• have better school room test scores,
• positive behavioral classroom gains,
• decreased unexcused school absences, and
• increased recognition of career paths.

To participate in the Weekend Backpack Program, your club will have to pick a classroom of children to help. Seek out children that do not have a full meal of food on the weekend. They go home to a poor family on Friday, after school and probably have little to eat until Monday at school breakfast or lunch. A Head Start class would be a good place to start. Meet with the principal of the school and select the class for your Kiwanis club to help. Count the number of children for each of the Kiwanis Weekend Backpacks.

Visit www.branders.com and select a blue drawstring nonwoven Polypropylene Backpack for $ .79 to $3.49 each (depending on quantity purchased) with the Kiwanis logo on it. Clubs in the district can work together to place a large order to secure the lowest possible price. Once you have the bags in your possession, you will need to fill and distribute them.

At your next Kiwanis Club meeting, gather the items to fill the bag to be delivered on Friday by the Kiwanis Club to the classroom:

• Instant oatmeal packet (takes two minutes to prepare)
• Apple sauce – four ounces

On Friday, a Kiwanis member will deliver the backpacks to the classroom for the weekend. On Monday, the Kiwanis member goes back to the classroom and picks up the bags to be refilled by the next Friday for delivery. On the first week of delivery, you may want to mark the child's name on the Kiwanis Weekend Backpack using permanent marker.

Your club might want to include an instruction guide in each Kiwanis Weekend Backpack that tells about the project, why the backpack is to be returned on Monday mornings for pick-up by the Kiwanis member and how it will be refilled by Friday to take home for the weekend.

Include your Sponsored Leadership Program members (Aktion Club, K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club and Circle K) in collecting the items. Involve your community, Walmart, K-Mart, Target, Dollar Store, etc., in this project. Once a month you might want to include a small book for the child to keep.

Young Children/Priority One-Early Childhood Development
Kiwanis International Committee Chair Neil Simmons can be reached at nfsimmons@bellsouth.net.

Madison West Kiwanians Send Skiers to Adaptive Ski Camp
By Fred Ross, Madison West Kiwanis Club

The Madison West club paid all expenses for three adults to attend a week-long ski experience for adults with physical mobility issues in Durango, Colorado. The training was provided by the Adaptive Sports Association (ASA), a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide outdoor skiing experiences for people with physical disabilities. The ASA determines what type of skiing apparatus is necessary to provide a level of mobility and freedom that many people facing disabilities rarely experience. This is the eighth consecutive year that the club has sent skiers to the camp. 2015 participant Michelle Tennent expressed her appreciation to the club, saying, “You all have such big hearts. I am touched by your generosity.”
Who?

Key Leader is designed to open doors to all student leaders and those with leadership potential. The main focus is to serve students from 14-20 years of age.

What?

Key Leader is a weekend Leadership Experience for today’s youth leaders and future leaders. The program focuses on Service Leadership. A Key Leader will learn the most important lesson of leadership: Leadership comes from helping others succeed.

Five Key Principles:

- Personal Integrity
- Personal Growth
- Respect
- Building Community
- Pursuit of Excellence

Mission:

Provide a life-changing experience that inspires young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership.

2015 Key Leader:

September 25-27

Camp Wawbeek
Wisconsin Dells, WI

Cost: $250

(Limited financial assistance may be available)

KIWANIS FAMILY SPECIAL DISCOUNT!!!

If you are a member of the Kiwanis Family you will receive $25 off

When registering, use coupon code: K-Family

REGISTER NOW:

wiumkeyleader.org/
upcoming-events

QUESTIONS?

Contact Key Leader District Coordinator Justin Hahn at justinhahn1128@gmail.com

For more information visit our website: wiumkeyleader.org
Like our Facebook page: www.Facebook.com/CampWawbeek
Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek Offers Day Camp Experience

By Kim Boyer, Director of Marketing and Communications, Easter Seals Wisconsin

Wisconsin Dells is known as the “Water Park Capital of the World,” but did you know it is also home to one of the most unique day camps around? Camp Kee-B-Waw is the day camp that Easter Seals Wisconsin operates at Camp Wawbeek (kee-b-waw is Wawbeek spelled backwards.) The day camp runs all summer long, offering a variety of activities that can’t be found elsewhere for children ages six to 13.

The camp is unique in the zip-lining and hiking that kids can do each day and in the fact that it is held at Camp Wawbeek, a camp for children and adults with a wide range of abilities. While participating in activities, day campers will also have a chance to learn about differences, develop confidence and make new friends in an environment filled with fun in the outdoors.

“While day campers don’t necessarily interact directly with campers participating in Camp Wawbeek or our Respite Camp, you can’t help but grow as a person when you are part of this camp community,” says Carissa Miller, Director of Camp and Respite Services.

Camp Kee-B-Waw offers seven five-day sessions, the first starting June 22 and the last ending August 7. Camp begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m., with transportation available from Portage, Baraboo and Reedsburg. Campers can sign up for one or more sessions. For more information, please visit camp.eastersealswisconsin.com or call 608-237-1979.

Easter Seals Director of Marketing and Communication Kim Boyer can be reached by phone at 608-237-1479 or by email at kboyer@eastersealswisconsin.com.

The Kiwanis Family: Together We Will Impact the World

By Joshua Dvorak, Key Club District Governor

With awards and incentives come motivation and action – especially when it comes to screaming teenagers. Until this year, the Early Bird patch for submitting registration and dues early and the DCON attendance patch were the only existing incentives. Compare this to Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, which have patches for everything from biking 50 miles in one day to baking your first cake.

With this in mind, the district board voted to create additional banner patches. Contests and Awards Chair Jennifer Englebert has designed six new banner patches and revitalized the Distinguished Officer and Member criteria. These patches will be awarded to clubs who reach certain goals – from submitting all of a club’s monthly report forms to sponsoring a child to attend Camp Wawbeek or Baycliff Health Camp. It is the district board’s hope that these new incentives will inspire clubs to reach new heights while having fun and that the end result will be creating a better world in which to live.

Jennifer’s efforts and commitment to the organization is representative of the entire district board this year. The new board recently underwent training. Although timid at first, throughout the weekend the board became a stronger, cohesive team. Each officer realized what was expected of them in their new position and each made the decision to live up to those expectations. It is going to be exciting to see these officers succeed as the new school year begins.

More than half the district board members attended the International Convention in Indianapolis. Taking part in the combined Kiwanis, Circle K, Key Club and Aktion Club conventions was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. While each organization had their own agenda, there were also opportunities to interact and converse together as a whole.

The Kiwanis Family has an open road – a blank slate – as we embark on the next hundred years of service. As Kiwanis begins making its first steps into the new century, Key Club will continue to be there for support and friendship. Together, we will impact the world and make a difference.
A WUMderful Time at CKIx
By Five Yang, Circle K District Governor

At the same time that Kiwanis International celebrated its 100th anniversary, Circle K International held its 60th International Convention (CKIx) in Indianapolis. The Wisconsin-Upper Michigan (WUM) Circle K District had 16 attendees.

We are very proud to share that our district received numerous international awards. The Circle K Club of UW-Madison won first place in the video contest, six of the district board members received Distinguished awards and our district received the Distinguished District award. Elizabeth Le from the Circle K Club of UW-Stevens Point was this year’s recipient of the Harry S. Himmel Scholarship from the Kiwanis International Foundation.

The Circle K Club of UW-Madison won the Club Video contest and six WUM Circle K Members received Distinguished Awards. Our district also received the Distinguished District Award.

During the International Convention there were two days of service projects. Circle K volunteers built and cleaned a park, painted murals, sorted items at a local food pantry and did a variety of other projects to benefit the community. WUM Circle K members contributed more than 4,200 hours of service.

The most memorable part of CKIx for me were the opening and closing ceremonies. Seeing thousands of Kiwanis family members gathering together was motivating and made me want to better myself and do more for my community. The amount of service, dedication and work Kiwanians have done in the past 100 years is simply amazing. I am so proud to be a member of the Kiwanis Family!

Thank you to the clubs that helped fund this trip. This experience would not have been possible without your generosity. Your support has created strong leaders and made us one of the greatest Circle K International districts. We look forward to another International Convention alongside Kiwanis next year in Toronto!

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 p.m. 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.cki@gmail.com.
WI-UM 97th DISTRICT CONVENTION  
August 28-30, 2015 • Marquette, Michigan • Holiday Inn  
REGISTRATION  
Complete and Mail by August 8th 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 ___________________________


Please Note:  
All Kiwanians in attendance must Register for Convention

REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON  
All Kiwanians that register after August 8th must pay the $20.00 Late Fee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28
• CLUB LEadership Education  
(please register if attending so we know how many to expect)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29
• CLUB LEadership Education  
(please register if attending so we know how many to expect)

• CHILDREN’S PROGRAM

• LUNCHEON (South of the Border Taco buffet)  

• GOVERNOR’S BANQUET Lake Superior Whitefish  
  or Traditional Roast Beef

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

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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 866.484.4745.  
To request a refund please refer to District Refund Policy p3.32 @ www.wiumkiwanis.org (district services” “policies and procedures”)
**Tentative Schedule for 2015 Kiwanis District Convention**

**August 28-30, 2015 • Holiday Inn • Marquette, Michigan**

### Friday, August 28th
- 10:00 – 3:30 Board Meeting
- 12:30 – 3:30 Club Leadership Education
- 12:00 – 5:00 Registration/Set up and display exhibits
- 4:00 – 6:00 Foundation Board Meeting
- 4:30 – 5:30 Convention Opening/Candidate Forum
- 6:00 Harbor Fest Downtown Celebration with Food and Music *(First bus will leave around 6:00 pm – bus scheduled to be determined)*
- 9:00 – 11:00 Hospitality Room

### Saturday, August 29th
- 7:00 – 4:00 Registration, Credentials and Supplies
- 6:30 – 8:30 Breakfast Buffet *(Included with hotel room)*
- 7:15 – 8:15 Breakfast Meetings
  - Past Governors
  - Past Lt. Governors
- 9:00 – 3:00 Exhibits
- 8:15 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Children’s Program
- 8:30 – 11:15 Club Leadership Education
- 8:30 – 9:15 Workshops I
  - Club Counseling
  - Club Secretaries
  - Key Leader
  - First Timers

### Sunday, August 30th
- 9:30 – 3:30 Partners/Guest Program
- 9:30 – 10:15 Workshops II
  - Club Opening
  - Marketing with Social Media
  - Service Leadership Programs
  - New District Bylaws
- 10:30 – 11:15 Workshops III
  - Strategic Plan
  - Fundraising and Service Projects
  - Eliminate, KIF, KDF, Autism
  - New District Bylaws (repeat)
- 11:30 Luncheon
- 1:45 – 2:30 Division Caucuses
- 2:30 – 3:00 Refreshment Break
- 3:00 – 5:00 House of Delegates Retirement of Officers
- 5:30 – 6:30 Reception
- 6:30 Basket Raffle Drawing
- 6:45 Governors Banquet Installation of Officers
- 9:00 – 11:00 Hospitality Room

### 2015 District Convention Housing Information

**Holiday Inn**

The 2015 Kiwanis District Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn of Marquette, Michigan, 1951 US 41 West, Marquette, Michigan.

To receive the group rate of $109.95 per night plus tax for a standard or double room, call (906) 225-1351 and request the Kiwanis block. The special rate of $109.95 plus tax per night includes breakfast for up to two people per room. To receive this rate, reservations must be made no later than August 13. Please make your reservation directly with the hotel. Website: [www.mqtmi.holidayinn.com](http://www.mqtmi.holidayinn.com). Email address: deskmanager@mqtmi.holidayinn.com.

Ripon Early Bird Kiwanis Club to Host 23rd Annual Golf Outing

The Ripon Early Bird Kiwanis Golf Outing will be held on Wednesday, September 9th at Mascoutin Golf Club in Berlin, Wisconsin. The shotgun start scramble will kick off at 11 a.m. Dinner will be served at 4:30 with hole prizes, raffle drawings and a silent auction to follow. $80 per golfer includes green fees, cart and dinner. $100 per hole sponsorship includes recognition or $20 per person for dinner only. Send team information and checks, made payable to Ripon Early Bird Kiwanis by August 12 to P.O. Box 65, Ripon, WI 54971. Call Mike Meeker at 920-896-2014 or email jam4@charter.net with questions.
Chainsaw Sculpture Championships to be Held in Eau Claire

By Diana Peterson, Executive Director, Paul Bunyan Logging Camp Museum

The U.S. Open Chainsaw Sculpture Championship will be held August 6-9 at the Paul Bunyan Logging Camp Museum in Eau Claire, Wisconsin. You have a chance to watch the best chainsaw artists in the world – including Germany, Japan and the U.S. – compete.

Carvers will begin with an 8 foot log and will have 20 hours to complete their project, carving all day Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning. First prize is $3,000. After an award ceremony on Sunday, the pieces will be auctioned with proceeds benefitting the Paul Bunyan Logging Camp Museum. Steve Higgins from Missouri and Takao Hayashi from Japan have both won twice and will try for a third win.

Thursday is a free admission day. A social event will be held on Friday from 5 to 10 p.m. at which time visitors will be able to meet the artists. There will be a quick-carve competition where artists will create an entire piece of sculpture in one hour with the pieces auctioned off. Guest carvers will be creating smaller pieces each day that will be auctioned off Friday and Saturday nights and Sunday afternoon.

There will be a variety of family activities during the four days including apple carvers, arts and crafts, games and inflatables. Irish-American Musicians Brian Miller and Norah Rendell will be performing on Sunday. Norah has been named Live Ireland’s Best Irish Vocalist of 2011 and 2012 and Brian previously toured with the Chicago-based band Bua whose 2011 album was named the best Irish-American album of the past five years.

A variety of food will be available for purchase throughout the event. Admission for the adult one-day pass will be $5 and an adult four-day pass will be $10. Children through age 17 are given free admission for the entire event courtesy of McDonough Manufacturing. Proceeds support the Paul Bunyan Logging Camp, which is supported by the Eau Claire Kiwanis Clubs.

Aktion Club Members Raised $876 for The Eliminate Project

By Charles Zarnoth, WI-UM Kiwanis District Aktion Club Advisor

Chilton’s We Care Aktion Club sponsored “Kiwanis Aktion Clubs Bowl for The Eliminate Project” at Pla-Mor Lanes in Chilton, Wisconsin on May 16. They were joined by the Ozaukee County Aktion Club, the Sheboygan Aktion Club and the Sheboygan Falls Kiwanis Club.

This is the second year the We Care club sponsored this event during Eliminate Week in May when clubs in the Kiwanis Family are encouraged to do something to raise money to prevent newborn babies and their mothers from dying from Maternal Neonatal Tetanus.

Bowlers could take pledges for each pin they knocked down or for a specific dollar amount. After all the energy used for bowling, participants enjoyed pizza and soda. The members of the Aktion Clubs and the Kiwanis Club had a fun time. Most importantly they raised $876 for The Eliminate Project which will protect 487 mothers and their future children from Maternal Neonatal Tetanus.

Pla-Mor Lanes gave great support to the project. The only charge was a very reasonable amount for the food.
The Kiwanis Club of De Pere proudly presented the De Pere Kiwanis Memorial Day Parade. The parade is 64 years old and is the largest parade in the area with more than 100 entries. It is very well attended. The parade began at West De Pere High School, crossed the Claude Allouez Bridge and ended at the intersection of Broadway and Cass Streets.

Terry Hasselbacher is the chairman of this event. Kiwanis members Ken Grosskopf and Jim Demoulin are credited with the vision, design, decoration and construction of the float. Two Kiwanis members were inside the cake shooting off streamers during the parade. Club President Melissa Enderby rode on the float atop the cake. The De Pere High School Key Club also helps each year and marches in the parade.

Key Club members from De Pere High School helped with the parade, riding on the float and carrying the Kiwanis banner.

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Family Benefits from Bloomin’ Bands’ Home Makeover

By Jeffrey Zampanti, Kenosha News (used with permission)

Terri Lopez welcomed a new family into her Kenosha home nearly three months ago. A friendly, volunteer group of local contractors have visited almost daily, recently putting the final touch on a special remodeling project made possible by the Downtown Kiwanis Club of Kenosha and Cross Roads of Kenosha.

For the fourth consecutive year, a local special-needs family will receive a home makeover with proceeds raised during Kenosha’s annual three-day Bloomin’ Bands music festival. Last year, Lopez was one of many people who wrote a letter to Kiwanis. Lopez, along with her husband Fernando Lopez, purchased a north-side home six years ago to accommodate her son, Ryan Kelsey, who was born with a rare, neural tube defect called Encephalocele. Kelsey, now 23, and his wheelchair, soon outgrew the home’s first-floor bathroom.

“Everything that a person would normally do in their bathroom, Ryan must do in his bedroom,” Lopez wrote in the letter. “There is not enough room in our bathroom for a two-person transfer and it is impossible anymore for one of us to lift Ryan on our own.” Pete Bindelli, a Kiwanis member and Bloomin’ Bands chairman, remembers picking up the letter and fighting through tears to finish reading it.

On the day Kelsey was born, Lopez said she was told her son’s defect is often fatal and that he wasn’t expected to live through the night. Kelsey has both physical and mental disabilities and is non-ambulatory and non-verbal. “As we came to learn, Ryan is a fighter,” Lopez said. “He is the happiest young man you could ever meet. I could go on and on with the sad part of Ryan’s life, but that is not who we are or who Ryan is. This is our son and we are his family. We will do whatever is necessary to give him the life he very well deserves and that life will be in our home, forever.”

Bindelli identified a need for new flooring, widening of doorways and a complete bathroom remodel. With the generosity of several local contractors and proceeds from last year’s festival, the $15,000 project is nearly complete. “It turned out beautiful,” Bindelli said. “We have some great contractors in this city that have helped with this project immensely. They’ve bent over backwards for us. Anyone we’ve asked has never turned us down.”

Lopez said the family hasn’t used the bathroom yet and is in the process of ordering a modified bath chair to complete the room. “It’s exciting,” said Lopez, a volunteer at Bloomin’ Days. “Ryan is aware of the change. Once he’s able to get into the shower, he’s going to realize the big change. He loves the water.”

The Kiwanis Club is in the process of choosing this year’s special needs family.