The WI-UM Kiwanis District Convention will be held August 23-25, 2019 at the Embassy Suites in Brookfield, Wisconsin. Details can be found at www.wiumkiwanis.org under the “participate” tab. Participants may register online or download a .pdf registration form.

There is no charge to register for the convention, other than for meals, provided that you register before August 9. To ensure the Kiwanis discount, the deadline for reserving a room at the Brookfield Embassy Suites is Thursday, July 27. A room reservation link can be found on the “2019 District Convention” page of the website.

The K-family Brewers game is planned for Friday night. Ticket purchase is separate from convention registration, but if you are attending the convention you can register for bus transportation to and from the game. We'll see you in Brookfield!
MEMBERSHIP IN THE WI-UM KIWANIS DISTRICT CONTINUES TO GROW

By Jim Buskel, 2018-2019 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor

Even though this spring does not look good for planting, WI-UM District Kiwanians are busy growing their clubs.

To-date 62 clubs in the District have increased their membership, giving the District a net gain of 106 new members. This is a great start, but for the WI-UM District to meet its goal of a net gain of 50 members on September 30, 2019, each club in the District needs to add at least one new member between NOW and September 30th. This can be done by the District’s most important asset: YOU.

Regarding membership, I would like to recognize 20 clubs (see right column) for increasing membership by four or more this year, thereby strengthening their club.

Mark July 13 on your calendar to help the Kiwanis Club of Slinger, Wisconsin (WI-UM District’s newest club with 30 Charter members) celebrate their Charter night.

2018-2019 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor Jim Buskel can be reached by phone at 262-796-0633 or by email at buskel@wi.rr.com.

Membership Growth Recognition

The following clubs have increased membership by four or more this year.

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REMEMBER: #KIDS NEED KIWANIS

GOVERNOR’S PROJECT TO BENEFIT BOY SCOUT CAMP IS UNDERWAY

Submitted by Jim Buskel, 2018-2019 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor

This year’s Governor’s Project is to build camp shelters and picnic-style tables with wheelchair extensions at Camp Long Lake near Dundee, Wisconsin. The project will help rebuild the camp after storms destroyed 1,500 trees and damaged tables and other furnishings last year.

To-date, 30 tables and four wheelchair extensions have been built. The goal is to build ten more tables and four permanent camp shelters at an additional cost of $13,000. To support the Governor’s Project, checks should be made payable and mailed to WI-UM Kiwanis District, 571 Center Street, Berlin, WI 54923.

A picnic table extension affords those in wheelchairs the opportunity to enjoy a meal and camaraderie with fellow campers.
2018-2019 WI-UM DISTRICT GOALS
By Jim Buskel, 2018-2019 WI-UM District Governor

Progress towards District goals as of June 21, 2019:

- **District Convention Attendance**
  75 Clubs Attend DCON – (TBD)

- **Midyear Conference Attendance**
  200 Members Attend – 218 attended Midyear 1 (109%) (TBD)

- **Club Leadership Education**
  75% of Presidents-Elect – 33 Trained at Midyear (30%)

- **Club Secretary Training**
  75% of Secretaries – 26 Trained at Midyear (24%)

- **Distinguished Clubs**
  22 clubs attain Distinguished Club status – (TBD)

- **Clubs Attain Charter Strength**
  19 of 37 clubs attain Charter Strength – 4 clubs (21.6%)

- **Fundraising**
  Raise $840,328 – $260,327 reported (31%)

- **Club Reporting**
  110 Clubs Submit Monthly Reports – 79 clubs have reported at least once (72%)

- **Service Hours**
  Perform 86,231 Service Hours – 38,727 hours reported (45%)

- **New Club Opening**
  Open Two New Clubs – Slinger club opening (50%)

- **Membership Gain**
  Net Membership Increase of 50 – 3,986 members – a net gain of 106 members (212%)

KIWANIS DISTRICT FOUNDATION SEeks Raffle Baskets

Submitted by Mark Finger, Kiwanis District Foundation

The Kiwanis District Foundation will hold a basket raffle at the District convention to fund individual scholarships and club grants. The raffle drawing will be held during the break between division caucuses and the House of Delegates session on Saturday afternoon. Your basket donations are very much appreciated! Thank you.

KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

The District Convention will be held at the Embassy Suites, 1200 South Moorland Road, Brookfield, Wisconsin. Reserve a room at https://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/M/MKEMBES-KIW-20190822/index.jhtml. You may also phone the hotel at 262.782.2900.

Rooms must be reserved by Thursday, July 27 to receive the special group rate of $142 per night plus tax for non-smoking king suite.
**WI-UM KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION SCHEDULE**

**Friday August 23, 2019**

11:00 | Board Lunch with Kiwanis Intl. Trustee | 5:15 - 10:30 | Milwaukee Brewers Game
12:00 Noon | Set up for Display Exhibits | 12:30 - 3:30 | Club Leadership Education
12:00 - 4:00 | 2018-2019 District Board Meeting | 12:30 - 3:30 | Club Coaching Session
12:00 - 5:00 | Registration and Credentials | 12:30 - 3:30 | Club Coaching Session
12:30 - 3:30 | Club Leadership Education | 4:00 - 5:00 | Convention Opening
For club presidents, presidents-elect and those considering a leadership role | Candidate Forum | 7:00 - 9:00 | Hospitality Room
8:30 – 5:00 | Transportation is available. Separate registration deadline is July 19. | 7:00 – 9:00 | Hospitality Room
https://wumcirclek.weebly.com/kiwanis-family-baseball-game-kfbg.html

**Saturday August 24, 2019**

7:00 - 4:00 | Registration and Credentials | 9:00 – 11:00 | Hospitality Room
6:30 – 8:30 | Breakfast | Complimentary breakfast for hotel guests. | 11:30 | Luncheon
7:15 – 8:15 | Breakfast Meetings | District Foundation Live Auction, Awards, | 1:45 – 2:30 | Division Caucuses
– Past Governors | Circle K and Key Club Governors | 2:30 – 3:00 | Refreshment Break
– Past Lt. Governors | Keynote Speaker: Past Kiwanis International President Case Van Kleef | Soda and cookies
– 2019-2020 District Chairs | International President Case Van Kleef |
9:00 – 3:00 | Exhibit Displays | 6:45 | Governor’s Banquet
8:30 – 11:15 | Club Leadership Education | District Foundation raffle drawing |
Repeat of Friday’s session. | House of Delegates | State of the District Officer Elections, |
8:30 – 9:15 | General Session: Service Project | International Board Counselor Ron Smith | Reception
9:30 - 10:15 | Workshops I | Complimentary reception for hotel guests. Wrist bands are available for purchase for non-hotel guests. | 3:00 - 5:00 |
1. Rediscover Your Community | Governor’s Banquet | Installation of Officers
2. Club Service Projects |
4. Kiwanis International Trustee Counselor Ron Smith | |
5. Partnering for Club Success | |
10:30 – 11:15 | Workshops II | |
6. Club Secretary Update | |
7. K-Family/Interacting with Circle K and Key Club (CKI and Key Club Governors) | |
8. Attracting Younger Members | |
9:30 - 10:15 | Workshops I | |
10:30 – 11:15 | Workshops II | |
9. Do You Have a Club Membership Team? | |
10. Risk Management | |

**Sunday August 25, 2019**

7:30 | District Foundation Board Meeting | 9:00 | Memorial Service
7:30 | Club Coaches Breakfast Reception | 10:00 – 12:30 | 2019-2020 District Board Meeting
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CASE VAN KLEEF TO GIVE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT DISTRICT CONVENTION

By Mark Finger, WI-UM Kiwanis District Executive Director

Case Van Kleef, 2005-2006 Kiwanis International President, will be the featured speaker at the 101st Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District Convention this August. Plan to attend and be inspired by Case’s Kiwanis story.

Case Van Kleef, formerly of Plover, Wisconsin, was elected Kiwanis International President at the St. Louis Convention in June of 2004. In 1965, Case joined the Detroit # 1 Kiwanis Club and has been active in Kiwanis ever since. Affiliated with the WI-UM Kiwanis District since 1983, Case earned the distinctions of Distinguished Club President and Distinguished Lt. Governor and served two years as president of the WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation.

Case has also served on and chaired many District and International Committees.

He joined the Kiwanis International Board in 1999 as a Trustee. He served as District Governor in 1995-1996.

Case was born and raised in the Netherlands and has a bachelor’s degree in Hotel Restaurant Management from The Hague, Netherlands. He emigrated to the United States and managed various hotels during his career. Most recently, Case and his wife, Susan, owned and operated The Cottage Restaurant in Plover, Wisconsin for 25 years.

Case and Susan — in support of the Kiwanis International Foundation – are members of the Heritage Society, are Diamond Hixson Fellows and are Tablet of Honor recipients. Case urges all members to support the Kiwanis District Foundation by honoring a member of the club to become a Case Van Kleef Foundation Fellow.

Can you think of someone you would like to honor? If so, fill out the nomination form. Case Van Kleef would be happy to bestow the honor at the District Convention.

Case Van Kleef Foundation Fellowship Award Nomination Form

You may recognize yourself, an outstanding Kiwanian in your club, or a worthy person in your community with a tax-deductible contribution of $1,000 to the KDF. Contributions of $2,000 or more will merit a Case Van Kleef Distinguished Foundation Fellowship.

Recipient’s Name ___________________________________________

Kiwanis Club of ___________________________________________

Address ___________________________________________________

Contact person _____________________________________________

Phone _____________________________________________________

Email ______________________________________________________

Enclosed is a tax-deductible gift made payable to the Kiwanis District Foundation in the amount of:

$1,000 for a Van Kleef Foundation Fellowship award.

$2,000 for a Van Kleef Distinguished Fellowship award.

Partial payment ($200 or more) in the amount of $ ________ towards a Van Kleef Fellowship award.

Include a summary of the recipient’s activities in Kiwanis, including the year joined; leadership positions held with years indicated, accomplishments in and out of Kiwanis, family information and anything else you feel is pertinent.
JEAN LONG MANTEUFEL ANNOUNCES GOVERNOR-ELECT CANDIDACY

Submitted by Jean Long Manteufel, Candidate for 2019-2020 Governor-elect

For 31 years, Kiwanis has been an important part of my life, giving me many benefits like amazing opportunities to serve others, skilled leadership training, muscle building projects to be proud of, life-changing experiences and wonderful friendships that will last a lifetime.

Now, it is my time to say thank you by giving back to Kiwanis members. I would like to be your Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District Governor for the 2020-2021 Kiwanis year.

Business and Professional Experience

• B.S., Business Administration, UW-Green Bay
• President, A-1 Moving and Storage, 32 years
• Owner, Long’s Senior Transitions, 12 years
• Author, “Transitions: Stories of how to help Mom and Dad with their stuff”
• Columnist for Gannett, Transitions, 9 years

Family

I am part of a close-knit family. My husband, Randy, and I have been married for forty years. We have two great children and four perfect grandchildren.

We are also surrounded by brothers, sisters, parents, in-laws, aunts, uncles, and cousins galore; most still live within fifteen miles of us.

Hobbies

Volunteering, volunteering, volunteering.

Community Awards

• Paul Harris Fellow – Appleton Rotary
• Athena Leadership Award – Fox Cities Chamber
• Janet Barry Volunteer of the Year Award – Appleton Post Crescent

Kiwanis History (Two Clubs)

Appleton Kiwanis Club

• Kiwanian of the Year, President, George F. Hixson Fellow
• Initiated Terrific Kids programs at Lincoln, Foster and Columbus schools and K-Kids at Haen Elementary School, Kaukauna
• Served and chaired many committees and projects

Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis Club
2003-current

• “Tim DuVall” Kiwanian of the Year, Distinguished President, Case Van Kleef Fellowship (Twice)
• Chaired Fox Cities Hmong Resettlement Project, World Relief/Kiwanis/Lawrence University collection for refugees from Africa, Bikes for refugees, multiple service projects
• Co-initiated K-Kids Park Community School, Kaukauna and Charter advisor Aktion Club of the Fox Valley
• 2016-2019 Co-chair club signature project – Fox Cities Kidz Expo

Other Kiwanis Accomplishments

• Lt. Governor, Trustee, District Master Instructor
• Received Terrific Kiwanian in the first year it was awarded
• Multiple times: Ruby K, Outstanding Kiwanian, Distinguished Member
• Recruiter – 44 new members and still adding

It would be great to have you and two more of your club members attend convention in August to vote for me. More important, just plain attend convention!

What a great opportunity to learn, grow, share and connect with your Kiwanis family.

Jean Long Manteufel can be reached by phone at 920-585-7769 or by email at jean@transitionswithjean.com.
Ron Smith of Fountain Hills, Arizona, was elected to a three-year term as trustee of Kiwanis International in June 2018 at the Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas.

Ron is a member of the Downtown Scottsdale (Arizona) Young Professionals Club and Payson Dream Catchers Internet Club. He was named Kiwanian of the Year by the Downtown Scottsdale Young Professionals Kiwanis Club. He has served as president of the Fountain Hills, Payson Dream Catchers and Downtown Scottsdale Young Professionals clubs, and has served seven terms as both club secretary and treasurer. He has served as a Key Club advisor, a CKI administrator and a K-Kids advisor.

At the District level, Ron has served as governor and has twice served as distinguished lt. governor. He also has served four years as a trustee of the Kiwanis International Children’s Fund. He has opened seven clubs and sponsored more than 200 members to Kiwanis.

Ron is a George Hixson Fellow and a Hixson Ambassador, holds a Ruby K and received a Legacy Circle from The Formula for new club openers. He has attended 12 international conventions and 19 district conventions and has served on several international committees for The Eliminate Project. Ron is a Zeller Fellow and a fulfilled Major Donor for the Eliminate Project.

In his community, Ron is a member of the 2013 class for the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame, is a member of the Marine Corps Association, and is a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars and Vietnam Veterans. This past year from June 1st, 2018 to May 31st, 2019, Ron served as the Post Commander of a 200-member VFW Post in Arizona. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps and served in Vietnam for two and a half years. He is a retired United States government executive officer and currently an adjunct professor at a local community college.

Ron received the Gallatin Award from the United States Department of the Treasury for 28 years of distinguished service and was recognized by the U.S. Ambassador to Latvia for enhancing global border security. He was the first American citizen to receive the Latvian Civilian Medal of Honor. He holds an Associate of Arts Degree, a Bachelor of Science Degree and a Master of Criminal Justice Degree.

Ron’s wife, Joanne, is a recently retired registered nurse. She is a member/director of the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Scottsdale Young Professionals, and member/director/Children’s Fund Chair for the Kiwanis Club of Payson Dream Catchers.

Ron and Joanne are members of the Kiwanis Children’s Fund Founders Circle and fulfilled Major Donors in the Eliminate Project.

The Smith’s have two children and three grandchildren.

Ron will be leading a workshop at the District Convention. He looks forward to seeing you there.
A club coaching workshop has been scheduled during the District Convention on Friday, August 23 at Embassy Suites in Brookfield. The Membership and Engagement (M&E) Team developed the workshop for Kiwanians wishing to be a coach and for Kiwanians who are members of a club seeking a coach.

How would you like to join the M&E team and become a club coach? The team is seeking more coaches in the District to provide guidance to clubs facing issues such as low or declining membership. Previously trained coaches, certified for two years, can become re-certified at this workshop. Participating Kiwanians are asked to complete the online coach training prior to the convention. The online training can be found at your Kiwanis International profile account under the ‘Education’ menu.

Members of clubs seeking a coach will be coached by newly-trained Kiwanians under the guidance of experienced coaches and M&E team members. The Kiwanians seeking a coach are asked to prepare for this workshop by completing the Membership Satisfaction Survey and preparing a list of current club projects. The Member Satisfaction Survey can be downloaded or taken online at www.wiumkiwanis.org. Select ‘menu’, then ‘grow’, then ‘tools for you!’. Registration of two or three members per club is encouraged.

The primary goal of coaching is to have clubs self direct when addressing issues they face. A coach will assist clubs in setting goals and determining options for meeting those goals. Coaches will make club members aware of the tremendous Kiwanis International resources available which include excellent tools to ensure the success of your club.

Reserve your spot in this workshop when you register for the District Convention. If you have any questions please contact me.

Kiwanis District Leadership Development Coordinator Ron Schuler can be reached by phone at 608-821-0987 or by email at rschuler@wisc.edu.

During the General Session on Saturday, August 24 from 8:30 to 9:15, District Convention attendees will have the opportunity to make no-sew fleece blankets to benefit the homeless dogs and cats at the Elmbrook Humane Society while they wait for a forever home. Making fleece blankets is a fun and fruitful way to pay it forward and help our furry friends in need.

With the help of more than 200 volunteers, the Elmbrook Humane Society cares for approximately 2,000 animals annually and is able to offer valuable educational programs on site to the community.
In conjunction with the Kiwanis District Convention
Friday, August 23 at 7:10 pm
Milwaukee Brewers vs. Arizona Diamondbacks

Transportation is available for convention attendees

Name: ________________________________________ Club (if applicable): ___________________________________

Please Check One:  ○ Kiwanis  ○ aKtion Club  ○ Circle K  ○ Key Club  ○ Builders Club  ○ K-Kids  ○ Guest

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________________________________

Number of Tickets: __________ x $25 = $___________ total

Orders must be postmarked by July 19, 2019!

Make checks payable to WUM Circle K and mail to:
Justin Hahn, District Administrator
1641 Fox River Parkway
Waukesha, WI 53189
REGISTER FOR AUGUST 23-25 WI-UM KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION

August 23-25, 2019 • Brookfield, Wisconsin

Mail by August 9 for advance registration fee. Print or type information. Use a separate form for each Kiwanian.

Name (to use on badge) ___________________________ Non-member/Guest Name (to use on badge) ___________________________

Daytime Phone Number ___________________________ Email ___________________________

Division No. __________________ Kiwanis Club __________________ 2018-2019 Office Held __________________

Please Note: All Kiwanians in attendance MUST register for convention.

REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON

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All Kiwanians who register after August 9th must pay a $20.00 late fee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

• CLUB LEADERSHIP EDUCATION
  For presidents, vice-presidents, presidents-elect and those considering a leadership role.
  Please register if attending so we know how many to expect.
  _________ No Charge _________

• BUS TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM BREWERS GAME. (Board 5:15 pm)
  Miller Park – Milwaukee Brewers vs. Arizona Diamondbacks
  _________ $9.00 _________

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

• CLUB LEADERSHIP EDUCATION
  Please register if attending so we know how many to expect.
  _________ No Charge _________

• LUNCHEON
  Italian Buffet, Pasta Primavera, Stuffed Shells with Ricotta Cheese
  _________ $16.00 _________

• GOVERNOR’S BANQUET
  Plated Chicken Cordon Bleu, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli
  _________ $29.00 _________

TOTAL ENCLOSED _________

Please note: Online registration is available at www.wiumkiwanis.org or total fees must accompany this convention registration form.

Make 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 the District Refund Policy p8.3.1 at www.wiumkiwanis.org/district_bylaws.
A gift to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund helps children in many places, in many ways. For the Kiwanis family the Children’s Fund is a way of reaching children through grants, scholarship programs and youth programs.

Our mission is to develop resources that transform the good will and vision of Kiwanians into programs that serve children worldwide.

We can only carry out our mission with your help through your club’s annual donation in any amount. It could be from $10 per member to whatever your club budgets. No gift will be turned down. Please consider a donation today if your club hasn’t done so yet this year. An individual donation is also welcomed and appreciated!

Your donations help us through the five causes of the Children’s Fund. Here are some recent examples:

**Disaster Relief**
The Children’s Fund responded to natural disasters in Lee County, Alabama when tornadoes hit; to flooding in Nebraska, Iowa, Northern Alabama, Missouri and Arkansas; to a typhoon in the Philippines this past Christmas, and to rainstorms in Nepal in April.

**The Eliminate Project**
As of April 26, 2019, maternal and neonatal tetanus has been eliminated throughout the country of Chad. As of the week of May 10, the Southwest zone of Nigeria has eliminated maternal and neonatal tetanus.

**Iodine Deficiency Disorders**
We are still making a difference ensuring that children receive enough iodine to prevent intellectual disabilities.

**Sponsored Leadership Programs**
Thanks to your generous donations the Children’s Fund granted scholarships for continuing education for Key Club and Circle K members, supported Breakthrough (an Inspirational week for Key Club members), sponsored attendance to CKI’s Spark program, funded leadership training for Key Club, Circle K and Aktion club members and supported the Key Leader program.

**Club Grants**
In 2018-2019 the Children’s Fund awarded grants to 35 Kiwanis Districts for service projects in the area of Health, Education or Youth Development. Examples included: Australia assembled Literacy backpacks; the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District worked to bridge the gap for students with visual or hearing impairments by providing tools to succeed; Kansas Kiwanis members provided educational videos aimed to raise awareness about the dangers of methamphetamines; the California-Nevada-Hawaii Kiwanis District packaged 20,000 nutritious meals for several thousand children; and Alabama Kiwanians are sending 70,500 books to more than 23,000 at-risk children before they start kindergarten.

We can only continue to reach children with your help. Donations are needed now more than ever.

Kiwanis Children’s Fund District Chair Bev Burnap can be reached at 715-868-5633 or bjburnap45@gmail.com.
‘MICHIGAN MEGA BLITZ’ BUILT EIGHT KIWANIS CLUBS IN THREE DAYS
Submitted by Roger Krogstad, DVM, 2018-2019 Governor-elect

I was recently afforded the opportunity to participate in what has been called the ‘Michigan Mega Blitz’. Sixty or so Kiwanians from various leadership positions in U.S. Kiwanis Districts joined the Kiwanis International Membership team in Detroit.

Headed by Immediate Past Kiwanis International President Jim Rochford and skilled club builders, four teams of two participants ventured out into eight Detroit suburbs. The challenge presented to us… build eight new Kiwanis clubs in three days.

Going initially from pre-scheduled appointments to business-to-business ‘cold calls’, we were ‘selling Kiwanis’. We had a great product: Kiwanis and its focus on kids (#KidsNeedKiwanis). We are the only service club with this focus through our service leadership opportunities. We used a beautiful fold-out brochure provided by Kiwanis International describing our many youth and aKtion Club offerings.

The response to the often-asked “What is Kiwanis?” question was initially the expected “Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time”. We progressed to offering our own experiences and positive Kiwanis stories and focused on their community with a final question: “how could Kiwanis and you as a Kiwanian benefit your community?”

By ‘selling’ a great organization, a great message, and a heartfelt story, in three days the unbelievable goal of eight new Kiwanis clubs was a reality.

It can be done. What is your Kiwanis story? Now ‘sell’ it!

2018-2019 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor-elect Roger Krogstad can be reached by phone at 715-207-2720 or by email at kiwanis8rog@aol.com.

KIWANIS CLUB OF DE PERE TO HOST 21ST ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING
Submitted by Steve Wilmet, Kiwanis Club of De Pere

The Kiwanis Club of De Pere will hold its 20th annual Touscany-Scannell All Service Club Golf Outing on Monday, August 5, 2019 at Mid Vallee Golf Course on Highway 41 in De Pere. The format will be an 18-hole four-person scramble.

Registration will open at 9:15 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 11 a.m. and dinner at 5 p.m. There will be door prizes along with raffle and golf prizes. The cost for golf, cart, dinner, prizes and free beer and soda after golf is $90 per person. Dinner and prizes only is $25.

Proceeds from the outing help fund scholarships for Circle K members at St. Norbert College in De Pere and students attending technical colleges, along with a donation to Ribbon of Hope in support of helping women in their fight against breast cancer. Proceeds are also directed to support the De Pere Kiwanis charitable giving budget which includes the elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus worldwide and iPads for children on the autism spectrum.

Send checks, payable to De Pere Kiwanis, and reservations by July 27 to Steve Wilmet, 1035 Misty Meadow Circle #2, De Pere, WI 54115. For more information call Steve Wilmet at 920-680-9690 or e-mail him at swilmet@new.rr.com.

In the event of cancellation due to inclement weather participants who have paid will receive golf and cart certificates at the dinner.
SPARTA CLUB SUPPORTS SECONDARY SCHOOL IN MOSHI, TANZANIA

Submitted by Barbara Rice, Sparta Kiwanis Club

Retired educator Jim Liska recently described the growth of Korongoni Secondary School in Moshi, Tanzania for members of the Sparta Kiwanis Club. Since 2008, Liska has spent winters in Moshi, an East African city located in the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro, working for the academic and social advancement of the school’s 700 students. The project is funded by multiple donors whose generosity triggers the school’s continued growth. The Sparta Kiwanis Club acts as its agent.

Progress at Korongoni began a decade ago with the installation of a hand-washing port, an improvement over the single spigot where students once washed their beans-and-rice lunch dishes. Over the years a water storage tank was acquired and then a building for meal preparation. Textbooks, regularly shared by several students, have been constantly provided and replaced. In 2012 electricity, computers and a DVD projector connected the school with the internet. Roofs and windows and coats of paint have improved the original buildings, and for a decade scholarships for children unable to afford tuition or the required uniforms have been ongoing. This year marked the completion of a dust-free computer lab and the addition of an upgraded sound system.

Liska, who has built warm and lasting friendships with many Tanzanians, appreciates the cultural differences. It is a country where nothing is wasted, he said, and pointed to its environmental concerns. Tanzania, along with other members of the East African Federation, has outlawed the use of plastic bags and is scheduled to ban plastic bottles within two years.

Asked if the Korongoni project can be sustained, Liska said he does not know the strength of the 150 donors who currently support the school. He hopes that the Tanzanian government will include the school in its budget, but he values the importance of respecting cultural mores. “You don’t tell a host how to run their country,” said Liska.

MEDFORD KIWANIS CLUB USES HOLIDAY DONATIONS TO FUND AN IPAD

Submitted by Miki Bix, Medford Kiwanis Club

Last December, Time Federal Savings Bank in Medford, Wisconsin created a donation program advertising that the bank would match up to $1,000 in donations made to a non-profit group. The Medford Kiwanis Club was chosen as the 2018 charity and received $2,200 in contributions.

The club received the money on a Tuesday, and on Friday the Immediate Past President was in Stetsonville giving an iPad to a child in the Medford School District. The following week, club members donated $1,000 to help fund a therapy dog for a hearing-impaired child.

Sparta Kiwanis Club member Jim Liska updates the club on the progress of the Korongoni Secondary School in Tanzania.

Medford Kiwanis Club members funded an iPad for a child on the autism spectrum using funds acquired through a matching donation program facilitated by Time Federal Savings Bank.
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CIRCLE K ‘UNSUNG HERO AWARD’ CREATED TO HONOR JANET DEGROOT

Submitted by Justin Hahn, Circle K District Administrator

Janet DeGroot retired her service to the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Circle K District as District Administrator in March, 2019 following ten years of service. She started her Circle K adventure many moons ago as a student at St. Norbert College where she served as club secretary. During her college career she served the WUM District as Awards, Regulations and History Chair and Secretary.

Janet has many fond memories of her time as a member and is thankful that social media did not exist when she was in college. After a move to Chicago and a short break from the Kiwanis Family, she joined the District Alumni Group and served as the liaison to the Circle K District Board. It was at this time that she realized that working with college students spoke to her heart.

Joining the Downtown Madison Kiwanis Club brought her to the UW-Madison Circle K Club as Kiwanis Advisor. Janet experienced opportunities to work with club members, watch them build a club community and grow as individuals. Madison is where the nicknames Mama Janet and Mama J were invented.

Three years later, Janet expanded her work with students by serving as WUM Circle K Assistant Administrator. She assisted with event and convention planning as well as providing advice to board members for nearly four years before a move to Topeka imposed a break to her “official” work with the District.

Ten years ago, while she was living in Iowa, she was asked to serve as District Administrator. The following years were a continuation of giving back to an organization which gave her so much.

Throughout Janet’s term as administrator, she was a role model for students and leaders within CKI. Janet believes that students have been a source of inspiration for her, as evidenced by the miles driven to give a member a ride to an event, the dozens of cookies baked for events, and the number of text messages, emails, Google hangouts, and phone calls keeping in contact with members.

The Janet DeGroot Unsung Hero Award is an administrative designation which will be awarded each year to one student who has dedicated themselves to the Circle K organization while working diligently to make a difference on their campus, in their community and within the Wisconsin Upper Michigan Circle K District.

This is a clear testament to the dedication she had and will continue to have for WUM Circle K. If you were to look at Janet’s Facebook page and posts from the last ten years, you will see firsthand just how passionate she has been for Circle K.

Janet DeGroot is truly an unsung hero in Circle K. Because of everything Janet has given to Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Circle K and its students over the years, the 2018-2019 WUM Circle K District Board created an award named after her. The Janet DeGroot Unsung Hero Award is an administrative designation which will be awarded each year to one student who has dedicated themselves to the Circle K organization while working diligently to make a difference on their campus, in their community and within the Wisconsin Upper Michigan Circle K District.

The award was announced at this year’s Circle K District Convention in March and was presented to Janet for her ten years of service as District Administrator. While Janet will be missed dearly within Circle K, we can certainly agree that it is time for a much needed vacation. We wish Janet best wishes in her future endeavors.