



Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District

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*Members of the Appleton Fox Cities Kiwanis Club gave the “Gift of Play” to two- to five-year-old users of Green Meadow Park in Appleton.*

## Appleton Fox Cities Kiwanis Club Gives the ‘Gift of Play’

*By Jay Stephany, Appleton Fox Cities Kiwanis Club*

In honor of Kiwanis International celebrating 100 years of community service, the Appleton Fox Cities Kiwanis Club partnered with the Appleton Parks, Recreation and Facilities Management Department to install two- to five-year-old focused playground equipment to Green Meadow Park in Appleton. The Kiwanis Club’s “Gift of Play” investment to the park was \$12,000. The playground was built on July 11. By 12 p.m. the new system was complete with 20 members volunteering.

On July 21, the club hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony and invited families from the surrounding neighborhood to celebrate the addition to their playground and enjoy free hotdogs and beverages.

“The mission of Kiwanis clubs is serving ‘one child and one community at a time,’” said Appleton Fox Cities Kiwanis Club President Kurt Eggebrecht. “Donating this playground equipment fulfills the spirit of our mission and will be a benefit to children in the surrounding neighborhoods for years to come.”

“We’re very fortunate to be able to collaborate with the Kiwanis Club of the Fox Cites on this playground project at Green Meadows Park. This is a win-win situation for the neighborhood and the entire community,” said Appleton’s Park, Recreation & Facilities Management Department Grounds Manager Tim McGuire.

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

**Governor Bruhn Asks Us to Expand Our Kiwanis Community***By Anna Bruhn, 2014-15 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor**Anna Bruhn***How to begin?**

Perhaps it's with a simple thank you for allowing me to serve as governor this year. I wish that you could see Kiwanis as the community as I now see it.

I need to start back in 1999, when I joined Kiwanis. Kurt and I moved to Wisconsin from California to a small community where the only person I knew

was Kurt. A medical issue set me on the path to meeting a Kiwanian in our new hometown as I walked the track at a Relay for Life event.

I knew about Kiwanis. I joined Circle K in 1975. When I went to our sponsor's breakfast meeting, there were two women in the room, the waitress and me, the morning's speaker and entertainment. When our club joined the Kiwanis Club and the Key Club at the local festival, the Kiwanis Club had the beer truck, the Key Club had the peanut concession and the Circle K sold soft pretzels. My Kiwanis sponsors made sure I had enough to drink that day. So, Kiwanis was a men's organization that shared beer with college girls. (In their defense, I was old enough).

This new Kiwanian, a woman, asked me to speak to her club and then to join. I needed new roots, so I joined. My community expanded from Kurt and his family to quite a few folks in Sauk Prairie.

Over the course of time, I went to interclubs with my club and met other Kiwanians in the clubs surrounding mine. I came to respect those men and women and my Kiwanis community expanded.

**Then one of these Kiwanians encouraged me to become Lt. Governor.**

As Lt. Governor, I got to know Kiwanians working at the district level – Lt. Governors from all over the district, committee chairs and Mark Finger. I met even more Kiwanians in my division, too. I was part of the process of reopening the Reedsburg club, which added more new Kiwanians to my community!

**Then one of these Kiwanians encouraged me to become a District Committee Chair.**

Each committee position I worked in – District Convention, K-Family, Builders Club – added new Kiwanians to my community. Each time I came to a district event, I found more people that I'd spent time with at other meetings. Because you live all over the

district, my community expanded to cover more of the district. As Builders Club Administrator, I needed to work with Kiwanis International (KI) headquarters and they also became part of my Kiwanis community, as did other Builders Club administrators from other districts. I think my Kiwanis Community's geopolitical boundaries are pretty close to "North America."

**Then one of these Kiwanians encouraged me to become Governor-Elect.**

During my training for this role at KI headquarters, I met people from all over the world who were going to be doing the same job as me.

My class of governors took to heart the admonition to go build new clubs. The first club we built was an internet club whose members came from our class. We are, quite probably, the only global Kiwanis club. Earlier this month at our meeting, which fell on my birthday, they sang to me. At that meeting were members from Japan, Austria, Canada and the United States. We have other members from the Netherlands, Iceland, Norway, Australia, Switzerland, France, Belgium and Germany. There's room for you too!

**And now my Kiwanis community is global.**

I have come to understand that "community" can be a simple political boundary, like the "edges" of our villages. It can also mean the people within other kinds of boundaries: families, clubs, divisions and districts.

During my year as Governor, I have been able to visit quite a few of our district's clubs. You've shared your projects and your worries about your clubs. We have partied and held meetings. We have shared donuts and fried chicken. Some of you send me your newsletters.

**All of you have an impact on your community.**

My wish for you is that your Kiwanis community could be as large, as rich and as diverse as mine, that you could see the range of projects and the lasting impact that a Kiwanis club has on its community, no matter how large or where it is, that you, and your club, can clearly see and are proud of your part in your division, this district and our global organization. I encourage you to do what we tell our Key Leader participants, "take a risk and step out of your comfort zone." You will be well rewarded when you expand your community!

Thank you for your service, and thank you for allowing me to serve with you!

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MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR-DESIGNATE

# Governor-designate Jim Burmeister Outlines District Goals

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



*James Burmeister*

The District Convention is over and I have officially been elected to be the next Governor of the WI-UM Kiwanis District, beginning October 1. While the past year has been really busy getting prepared for this job, now the real work starts. Let me begin by laying out my main goals for the next year.

At the District Convention in August, the House of Delegates approved the revised district bylaws that Anna Bruhn, Charlie Price, Mark Finger and I worked on throughout the past year. The district board had previously approved the revised policy document, contingent on approval of the bylaws. To revise the bylaws, many former portions were moved to the policy document which was then restructured. Much still needs to be done to refine the policy document, which then can be approved by the new District Board.

As we refine our policies, it will be with a new strategic plan in mind. Kiwanis International has approved the new I-Plan, which was presented in a previous edition of the *Kiwanews*. I, along with several other district representatives, will be attending a regional workshop in Dallas in December to get advice on how to structure our district strategic plan. The four basic areas of the plan are *inspiration, impact, image* and *investment*. A major strategy in the *inspiration* portion is the Formula to build new and strengthen existing clubs. We really need to pull together and fully staff Division Club Counselors and Club Builders. We have lost half our membership over the past decade and must reverse this trend. With the help of Formula Chair Dale Vannes, working with the Lt. Governors and the Counselor/Builder teams, my goal is to have a net gain in district membership during the 2015-16 Kiwanis year.

As we work to strengthen our clubs and add new

members, we need to remember what makes Kiwanis so great. While we do great things in our own communities, we are part of something much larger. By being part of a district and Kiwanis International we are able to do so much more than a club can do on its own. We need to get back to being active in the whole organization. We were in danger at the recent District Convention of not having enough clubs represented to have a quorum to conduct business. Conventions and Midyear Conferences are opportunities to receive training for officers as well as sharing with other clubs what we do well or learning what we could be doing better. My goal is to have every club represented at one of these district events.

One of the external projects Kiwanis is a part of is The Eliminate Project. I do not know how we could have a bigger impact to the children of the world than eliminating neonatal tetanus. It takes so little to do so much and yet 20% of our district clubs have done nothing over the five years of this project. We still have until the end of this year to make a commitment to The Eliminate Project. We then have an additional five years to meet this commitment. My goal is to have every club in our district contribute to this project.

We have an opportunity this year to show the rest of Kiwanis International what we can do in the Key Leader program. We have been chosen to do a pilot program for local funding for this amazing program that has the potential to change a young person's life for the better. Key Leader Administrator Justin Hahn is taking on this challenge and is doing great things, but the success of the pilot depends on having a minimum of 60 participants at Camp Wawbeek September 25-27. Time is running out to get students registered but you can still help get a student into this program. My goal is to show Kiwanis International we can do this and to continue this tremendous program.

The last goal I have at this time is my Governor's Project. Camp Wawbeek is in need of a "people mover" for some of its camper to get around. This is an eight-seat golf cart and is estimated to cost around \$12,000. I think this is a modest request and I am sure our district can easily raise the funds.

I look forward to meeting and working with all of you over the next year. Together we can make the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District thrive. *Love it, Share it, Live it.*

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

## Mark Your Calendar

- Key Leader . . . . . September 25-27, 2015  
Camp Wawbeek, Wisconsin Dells, WI
- Circle K Membership Conference . . Oct. 9-11, 2015  
Camp Wawbeek, Wisconsin Dells, WI
- Kiwanis International Convention . June 23-26, 2016  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
- Kiwanis International Convention . July 13-16, 2017  
Paris, France

## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Highlights of the August Board of Directors Meetings***By Mark Finger, WI-UM Kiwanis District Executive Director**Mark Finger*

The following items were discussed and or approved at the two August board meetings;

**Friday**

- The minutes of the April 14, 2015 and July 28, 2015 board meetings were approved
- The board accepted the June 30, 2015 finance report.
- International Trustee Barb Thompson spoke briefly to the

board. She talked about the usual big drop of membership in the month of September. Barb also asked for the board to share their concerns so that she can bring them back to Kiwanis International.

**Officers Reports**

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

- Governor Anna Bruhn talked about how much she enjoyed all of her visits and all of the good food.
- Governor-elect Jim Burmeister shared his report with the board *(on file at box.net)*.
- Immediate Past Governor Gurdip Brar reported to the board on his activities since the April board meeting.
- Executive Director Mark Finger reported that he did not expect any overruns of major budget categories.
- Executive Director Mark Finger reported on the numbers for the convention. We are about 75 lower than what was expected. He also reviewed how the Division caucuses were going to work.
- The Lt. Governors reported on how things were going in their division. Some reports are on file.

**Reports**

- Finance Committee member Mark Finger reported on the 2015-16 budget review meeting with additional comments from John Collins and Jim Burmeister.
- Foundation President Jim Sanderson reported to the board. He noted that they are looking for Zone Reps for Divisions 2 and 8.
- International Foundation District Chair Fred Dietze updated the board on the Kiwanis International Foundation grant to the district. Fred also asked the board to undo a motion previously made a couple years ago regarding how to spend the grant money given by the Kiwanis International Foundation. Fred was asked to bring an updated policy to the October board meeting regarding the KIF donation.
- Fred Dietze reviewed the KIF President's Challenge where clubs that donate \$10 per member receive recognition. He will be working with the Lt.

- Governors to encourage all clubs to participate.
- Formula District Chair Dale Vannes reported.
- Circle K Governor Five Yang reported.
- Key Club Governor Joshua Dvorak reported.
- Key Club Administrator Kathy Gillis presented the Key Club Crisis Plan. After discussion the board approved the plan subject to review by Anna Bruhn.
- Key Leader Coordinator Justin Hahn brought the board up to date on the progress of this year's Key Leader. He noted that we do not have to have 60 participants in order to break even. If we have less attendees, less will be spent. Actually a group of 40 is easier to work with and the program is more effective.

**Old Business**

- Mark reviewed the proposed Standard District Bylaws. It was discussed as to how they were going to be presented at the Delegate session.
- The new proposed District Policy document was reviewed by the board. The board approved the new District Policy document contingent on the approval of the new Standard District Bylaws on Saturday at the Delegate session.

**New Business**

- After a positive review of the Executive Director by Governor Anna, the board extended the contract of the Executive Director till September 30, 2017.
- The board Endorsed Fred Dietze as a candidate for International Trustee to run in Toronto in 2016.
- Community Service Chair Ron Soellner spoke.

**Sunday**

- International Trustee Barb Thompson spoke briefly to the board. She discussed the Formula, Eliminate and great Leadership.
- The board approved Governor-designate Jim Burmeister's appointment of Tonya Alling as District Bulletin Editor.
- The board approved Governor-designate Jim Burmeister's appointment of Mark Finger as District Website Administrator.
- The Lt. Governors chose Jim Buskel to be the Lt. Governor on the Executive Committee.
- Governor-designate Jim Burmeister reported to the board on his aims and goals. Jim is going to monitor and encourage monthly reports be completed by all of the clubs and Lt. Governors. Jim's goal is to staff all district positions (chairs and administrators) and is looking to have a net gain in growth. Jim's Governor's project is a 12-person cart for Camp Wawbeek.
- The board approved the interim budget for the 2015-16 year.

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# Dietze Garners Endorsement for International Trustee Bid

By *Tonya Alling*, *Kiwanews editor*



*Fred Dietze*

In a unanimous vote, Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District Past Governor Fred Dietze received the District's endorsement for Kiwanis International Trustee. The vote came during the House of Delegates meeting at the District Convention in Marquette. The election will be held at the 2016 Kiwanis International Convention in Toronto, Canada.

Two years ago the District Board and the House of Delegates endorsed my candidacy for Kiwanis International Trustee. Though I was not selected in Chiba, Japan, the journey and the friends made were well worth the effort. Over the past year, while evaluating the pros and cons of running again, I pondered the question of 'what do I want to do if elected?' Then I attended another Circle K District

Board meeting and a Key Club District Board meeting and the answer became clear. I want these programs to continue and they will only continue because of Kiwanis. I do not do this for myself, but rather for all of the young people that our Kiwanis clubs and Kiwanis International support. It really is all about the 'kids'.

Dietze's formal campaign will begin October 1. Shortly thereafter a website and Facebook page will be up and running where you will find a comprehensive discussion of Dietze's goals and background.

A member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Hudson where he serves as Vice President, Dietze also serves as the Kiwanis International Foundation District Chair, Secretary of the WI-UM Kiwanis E-Club and Assistant District Administrator for the Key Club and Circle K.

*Candidate for Kiwanis International Trustee Fred Dietze welcomes your comments and can be reached by email at [info@freddietze.com](mailto:info@freddietze.com) or by phone at 715-781-7167.*

# Circle K Plans Year of Serving the Children of the World

By *Five Yang*, *Circle K District Governor*



*Five Yang*

It is hard to believe that it's already September! In Circle K that means we are hitting the halfway mark of the 2015-16 year. On the bright side, Circle K is back in full swing now that school is in session. Fall is one of the most exciting times for us! At the club level, the fall semester is typically when we see the most activities from all of our clubs and members. Their schedule is

filled with service and fellowship events such as tutoring children, movie nights and much more. More importantly, this is also the time clubs recruit the most members. They will welcome returning and new members to Circle K and the Kiwanis family!

At the district level, we will be busy organizing three fall events – the Membership Awareness Conference, the Kiwanis Family Service Day and Kiwanis Family Hockey Night. It is frightening to think about, but we will also be preparing for our district convention in early March. The Board will work together to come up with decorations and activity ideas to make this convention as memorable as the ones before it. This year we decided to honor the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International by selecting our theme to be *Serving the Children of the World*. The convention will

focus on global awareness and the needs of children around the world. The board is very excited for the coming months!

On behalf of the district board, I would like to thank all Kiwanians who came to support the Kiwanis Family Baseball Game in early August at Miller Park. Everyone had a great time watching the Brewers defeat the Cardinals! Best of all, we saved or protected 138 mothers and her future babies by raising \$250 for The Eliminate Project!

Please mark the Kiwanis Family Service Day – scheduled for November 7, 2015 – on your calendar. This is our district's large-scale service project with all branches of Kiwanis. It will run from morning to early afternoon in Oshkosh. There will be a variety of projects from which to choose. More information will be available soon.

Our members are very excited for the coming months. So many things will be happening at the same time and we cannot wait to see what the future holds! In the meantime, if any Kiwanis Club needs help with an event, please don't be afraid to contact me. Live to serve, love to serve!

*Circle K WUM District Governor Five Yang can be reached at [fiveyang01@gmail.com](mailto:fiveyang01@gmail.com).*

# Ken Saville Retires from Camp Wawbeek After 37 Years

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



Ken Saville

On July 22 we had a great opportunity to celebrate Ken Saville, a legend in the Easter Seals Camps world. Just over 200 guests, including many Kiwanians, joined Easter Seals staff, Directors and campers to celebrate Ken at his retirement party. The day was filled with great stories and lots of memories from Ken's 37 years with Easter Seals Wisconsin.

Ken started at Easter Seals as a camp counselor in 1973 at Camp Wawbeek. During his second summer at camp, in 1974, he met Lois, who was the camp nurse at that time. They went on to get married and returned to Camp Wawbeek when Ken became Camp Director in 1978. Ken was eager to come "home" to Camp Wawbeek. "If you have ever spent a summer at camp," said Ken, "it is a magical place and a true home for many of us, both campers and staff.



More than forty years ago, Ken Saville began his journey with Easter Seals as a counselor at C

While Ken started out with the usual camp director duties, recruiting staff, welcoming campers and overseeing how camp was running, he would soon go on to have an even greater impact at camp. Ken eventually worked his way up to Vice President of Program Development, a much deserved title after helping

create the Veterans Family Camp, Wisconsin Elks/ Easter Seals Wisconsin Respite Camp and other specialty camp sessions to meet the needs of the ever-changing population at camp.

Ken has helped build facilities at camp such as the Gregory C. Van Wie Residence Hall, the Elks Respite Lodge, the Camp Wawbeek Dining Hall and the brand



*Kiwanis Clubs throughout the District have a rich history of supporting Camp Wawbeek. Many of the buildings and amenities at the camp were funded by donations from clubs.*

new swimming pool that was finished last summer. Throughout his years at Easter Seals Wisconsin, Ken has kept the campers and his staff in mind, making sure their needs were met while the mission of Easter Seals Wisconsin was upheld.

Over the years, Ken has not just been busy at camp, but with his local Madison Kiwanis Club as well. During his time as a member, he was president twice and active in a variety of projects such as the Midvale Grade School and Edgewood Circle K and he was the Christmas Pageant chairperson for a number of years.

As far as retirement, Ken says "It will be a sad and happy time. Sad that I won't have much contact with campers or staff. So many are not just campers and staff but true friends. Happy that I will have more time to spend with Lois and my grandkids, traveling around the country and maybe even starting a vegetable garden! I intend to stay engaged with camp, so I will be around on occasion."

Our next camp event, the annual Fall Sprawl, has been renamed in honor of Ken, who helped create the event and has been one of the largest fundraisers for the event since its inception. The Ken Saville Fall Sprawl will take place on Saturday, October 3 at Camp Wawbeek. More information about the Fall Sprawl can be found at [www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com](http://www.EasterSealsWisconsin.com).

Thank you for your 37 years of service, Ken! You will be missed!

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## Columbus Club Donates Supplies to St. Jerome Students

By Chris Behl, Columbus Kiwanis Club

The Columbus Kiwanis Club donated school supplies to St. Jerome Parish School in August. The school supplies included colored copy paper for the music program, playground footballs and a kickball, highlighters, Clorox wipes and other supplies.

St. Jerome's representative Jennifer Kandis, who received the school supplies from club members, will also be working with Builder's Club members as a faculty advisor. Builder's Club is a Kiwanis Service Leadership Program. It is a student-led club for children in grades 6, 7 and 8 that teaches leadership skills, teamwork, build's character and impacts others through community service.



*Kiwanians Dan Burnard, Richard Sheard and Laurie Braund present school supplies to St. Jerome's representative Jennifer Kandis.*

## WI-UM District Seeks Entries for Club Newsletter Contest

By Tonya Alling, Kiwanews Editor

The deadline for submitting entries in the WI-UM Kiwanis District Newsletter Contest is December 15. Please submit three separate **printed** editions of your club newsletter from the 2014-15 Kiwanis year. Provide

a cover letter with the name of the club, address, editor and contact information. Please mail to Tonya Alling, 11 Stanton Street, Ripon, WI 54971. The winner will be announced at the midwinter conferences.



## Beach Party in Pewaukee Raised More Than \$57,000

By Pat Gallagher, Pewaukee Kiwanis Club

The Pewaukee Kiwanis club held its 20th Annual Pewaukee Kiwanis Beach Party the last weekend in June. This is the club's largest fundraiser, raising more than \$57,000 this year. It is a two-day event with live music, entertainment, food tent, beer tent, Leinie® Lodge, pancake breakfast, corn roaster, water activities, children's entertainment and vendors. The "Best Little Beach Party in Waukesha County" entertained more than 8,000 guests along the Pewaukee lakefront.



## Pewaukee Kiwanis Club Donates \$5,000 to Inspirio

By Pat Gallagher, Pewaukee Kiwanis Club

The Pewaukee Kiwanis Club donated \$5,000 to Inspirio, a Youth Ministry organization in Nashotah, Wisconsin, in July. Shown, left to right, Karen Repavich, club secretary, Bill Nicholson, Jan Nicholson, Don Gilpin, Pat Gallagher, Ken Coshun, club treasurer, Paul Brown, club president-elect, Lori Siehr, Cliff Muehlenberg, Inspirio director, Joe Nettesheim, Paul Evert and club president Wyatt Repavich.

# Sconniewood Youth Film Festival Seeks Student Entries

By Joe Jacques, Kiwanis Club of Green Bay-Downtown

The Kiwanis Club of Green Bay-Downtown proudly presents the Sconniewood Youth Film Festival as an annual event to encourage youth in the pursuit of artistic endeavors and creative communication.

Open to local students ages 18 and under, the Sconniewood Youth Film Festival in Green Bay provides a platform for young people to express their ideas, work together as a team and learn new technologies. These are the kind of opportunities that give them the confidence and skills to create a better future for themselves and our community.

Student participants are given the freedom to write, produce, shoot and edit their own short films. Those projects are then showcased at the Meyer Theatre in



Downtown Green Bay where the best of the fest have the chance to win fun prizes.

The Kiwanis Club strongly believes that investing in the development of young leaders will result in something we can all feel good about. Join us as we shine the spotlight on emerging talent in the area and reward their efforts!



## La Crosse Club Members Celebrate Centennial

By Cedric Friesen, La Crosse Kiwanis Club

The La Crosse Kiwanis Club celebrated Kiwanis's 100th Anniversary with a picnic in the park for members and families. Established in 1919, the La Crosse club is proud to celebrate 95 years this year having had 95 different Club Presidents!



Columbus Kiwanis Club President Christine Behl, left, receives a \$500 check from Shopko Assistant Store Manager David Garvey.

## Shopko Foundation Awards \$500 to Columbus Kiwanis

By Chris Behl, Columbus Kiwanis Club

The Columbus Kiwanis Club was awarded a grant from the Columbus Shopko Hometown via the Shopko Foundation in August. The \$500 grant will be used to help further the club's community impact in Columbus, Fall River and Rio. Grant proceeds will be used to fund an iPad for the Fall River School District's special education program, school supplies for the area schools and other projects.

Shopko Hometown of Columbus, Wisconsin has been instrumental in helping with the Columbus Kiwanis Club's school supply project and this is the second year that Shopko Hometown has partnered with the club.



# Mineral Point Kiwanis Club Stays Busy with Service and Fun

By Joelle Doye, Mineral Point Kiwanis Club

Mineral Point Kiwanis Club members were busy this spring and summer enjoying guest speakers, inducting honors students, awarding scholarships, serving pie and ice cream, celebrating birthdays and delivering bananas. Take a peek at some of the highlights of the last quarter.



### Better Than a Butter Burger?

The Mineral Point Kiwanis Club was fortunate to have Craig Culver, Chief Executive Officer of Culvers, serve as guest speaker in April. Craig spoke on the history of the successful franchise restaurant, the importance of perseverance, surrounding yourself with great people and providing excellent customer service.



### National Honor Society Induction

A tradition for decades, the Mineral Point Kiwanis Club again sponsored the Mineral Point High School National Honor Society induction ceremony in April. This year's guest speaker was Dr. Josh Lindsey, a MPHS alumnus and Harvard graduate, who practices medicine at Southwest Health Center in Platteville.

### May Scholars

The Mineral Point Kiwanis Club was proud to award scholarships, in conjunction with the Mineral Point High School Key Club, to three deserving graduates of the senior class at a ceremony in May. Here, Key Club member Winndie Darrow receives an award from Kiwanis President, Luke Francois.



### Special Guest

Wisconsin Secretary of Tourism, Stephanie Klett was Mineral Point Kiwanis' guest speaker in June and she was outstanding! Her perspectives on tourism, and Mineral Point's role in particular, were refreshing. What a great ambassador for our state. Pictured are, left to right, Joelle Doye, vice president, Luke Francois, president, Stephanie Klett, and Lucille May, secretary.



### Independence Day Pie and Ice Cream Social

The Mineral Point Kiwanis Club held its biggest fundraiser of the year July 4. The money raised from the pie and ice cream social funds the club's scholarships for graduating seniors the following year.

### Top Banana

On July 25, longtime Mineral Point Kiwanis member Harry Hutchison celebrated his 104th birthday at Atrium Post Acute Care of Mineral Point. One Tuesday per month, Kiwanis members deliver bananas donated by Kwik Trip to residents of nursing homes in town. Here, secretary Lucille May is shown with Harry and his birthday bananas.



# 'Active' and 'Engaged' Describes Dodgeville Kiwanians

By Charlie Price and Sath Menon, Dodgeville Kiwanis Club

The Dodgeville Kiwanis Club strives to invite engaging speakers for their club meetings which helps guarantee exceptional meeting attendance. That, in turn, helps ensure active participation in fundraising events and service projects, which allows the club to support children and the community. Here are some recent examples of active and engaged Dodgeville Kiwanians.



### Impactful Donations to the Community

The Dodgeville Kiwanis Club donated \$300 to the Upland Hills Health Cardiac Pulmonary Rehab Exercise Center and the Foundation to partially fund the purchase of a multi-purpose blood pressure apparatus. Patients will be trained in the proper use of the equipment so that they can monitor their own blood pressure daily and be aware of their medical condition on an ongoing basis.



### Engaging Meeting Presentations

Mary Kay Baum, right, Nature Photographer and Kiwanian, spoke about "engaging art and nature for health and well being in all ages" to an Iowa County audience at a summer club meeting in Dodgeville.



### Dodgeville Kiwanians receive 2015 Farmers Appreciation "Tree Farmer Of The Year" Award

Retired attorney Brad and his wife Barbara, received the highly coveted 2015 Farmers Appreciation "Tree Farmer Of The Year" Award, for their highly acclaimed conservation efforts in Iowa County.



### Recognizing Terrific Kids

Kiwanians, teachers and family members recognized Dodgeville 6th, 7th and 8th grade Terrific Kids at Dodgeville Middle School (top) and St. Joseph School.



*Pictured on the Wautoma Kiwanis Club float are United States Armed Forces veterans and Kiwanis Club members Carl Grisar and John Hassmann in their military uniforms. Five kids road on the float and seven kids walked the parade route, passing out candy and dog treats.*

## Wautoma Kiwanis Club Works Hard for the Community

*By Mary Braatz, Wautoma Kiwanis Club*

The Wautoma Kiwanis Club was busy with many projects during the summer months. In May, the club took on a new project working the concession stand for the annual Beef Show in Wautoma and the first brat fry of the season was held Memorial Day weekend.

The club enjoyed a busy Independence Day weekend. The second brat fry of the season was held on July 3rd, followed by the Independence Day parade and working at the beer stand at Wautoma's Freedom Fest at which the club sells beer, soda and water after the parade until the fireworks are over on July 4th. On July 9th, club members got together for the annual summer picnic with a pig roast hosted by club members Pete and Mary Braatz. In August, the club provided concessions at the annual Wautoma August Fest.

To finish out the summer, the club worked the beer stand at the Waushara County Fair in mid-August. All summer, club members sold tickets for a quilt raffle with the drawing held on the last night of the Waushara County Fair. The quilt was made and donated by club member Mary Anne Nielsen to raise money for the iPad for Autism project.

The club decided to do a special project for the 100th Anniversary of Kiwanis, adding new playground equipment at the local Bird Creek Park. The new equipment will be built next spring in cooperation with the City of Wautoma.

The fall season will bring a new set of activities and new opportunities to support the community for the club.

### **Kiwanews Bulletin Schedule**

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# What 'Service' Means to One Key Club Lieutenant Governor

By Emily Li, Key Club Lt. Governor



What does service mean to me? It means everything. You've heard it in my phone interview; you've read about it in my introduction letter; I've written about it in my paragraph to the new trustee. I'll reiterate for you though.

When I grew up watching tragedy after tragedy on the 24-hour news cycle, I would be completely saturated with shootings in Milwaukee, hurricanes uprooting homes and families ripped apart by disease. It gets easier to avert your eyes when you're an adult and desensitized to the everyday suffering, but a kid can't look away. He or she is unable to. To kids, everyone is the same, regardless of race, gender, class or religion. We are all human. We all breathe and live and experience ...and some suffer. At the end of the somber report, there would always be a red box flashing at the bottom of the screen urging the viewers to "**donate now.**"

Money. That's what I thought would save the world. That's what I thought would make things better. You'd have millions of people send in their coins and checks, and someone would pack them away in boxes and ship them all over the world. That's what I thought would save us. *Dollar bills dropped on disasters. And that was what I thought the world was for a very long time.*

As I reached high school, I began to discover what service was. It is the **action** of helping someone or something. Service is making your teacher chocolate chip waffles the day after your paper is due because he has to grade 140 research papers (probably about the legalization of marijuana). Service is watching those middle schoolers throwing candy wrappers on the highway and donning your neon vest and picking up the litter for them anyway. Service is venturing outside your little bubble of a narrative. It is experiencing the suffering of another person and helping with anything that you might offer. *It can be as minuscule or as grandiose*

*as you wish for it to be because it shrinks and expands proportionally to how much you care.*

I have gradually come to discard this notion that the only individuals worthy of protecting and saving the world from "hurt" are the superheroes on the silver screens. It's not Batman or Ironman or even Harry Dent (the politician from Gotham). It's us. *Everyone has the ability to serve in any way that they can.*

I fell in love with this idea. The belief that **everyone** has the ability to make a difference. All my life, I've felt alienated because of my characteristics. I was always too young, too small, too inexperienced, too girly, too talkative, too bossy, too loud, too shy, too dumb, too smart, too... much! But service doesn't limit or discriminate against people like me. The ones that are too "everything" – that doesn't matter because the right time to act is now. Not after organizing binders or holding a meeting or waiting until after college, after a career, after acquiring wealth and success. The beauty is in its accessibility, immediacy and inclusivity. *Service means everything to me, and to service, I owe everything.*

To answer the second question, I feel very strongly about service and how we as young people can make a very noticeable difference in our communities and in our own lives. When I speak to the officers and members of my club and division – along with Kiwanians and kids in Builders Club – the best ones aren't concerned with the brand guide or the syntax of the international bylaws. They care about service first. Sometimes, members will lose their sense of purpose among the various clubs aimed at augmenting their college applications. I share with them how I see service and I tell them the story I just shared with you. I want to inspire them. I want to make them fall in love with service just like I have because when people love something, it becomes all consuming, boundless and infinite.

*Service becomes everything.*

## Highlights of the August Board of Directors Meeting... from page four

- The board approved Governor-designate Jim Burmeister's appointment of Fred Dietze as chair of the Circle K – Key Club Graduate program.
- Governor-elect designate (2016-17 Governor) John Collins spoke briefly to the board. He wants to continue to work with the current leadership team and develop a two-year program.
- Mark Finger reviewed the setup of the 2016 midyear conferences. One will be held in the area of Div. 2 and

6, another will be held in the area of Div. 3 and 4 and the third conference will be held in Div. 10.

- Mark Finger reviewed the dates and locations of the 2015-16 board meetings. The first board meeting is October 24, 2015 in Stevens Point. The February board meeting will be in conjunction with one of the midyear conferences. The April board meeting will be in conjunction with one of the other Midyears. The

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# Mukwonago Kiwanis Club Celebrates Kiwanis Anniversary

By Lori Shilts, Mukwonago Kiwanis Club

The Mukwonago Kiwanis Club celebrated the 100 year Anniversary on August 1 at Field Park in Mukwonago.

The fire department, police department and a local band, The Third Degree, participated in support of the event. Kiwanis members set up an informational table with pictures, news articles and the history of the club for the community to view. Mukwonago Key Club members staffed a table with activities for children, and there were inflatable basketball and baseball games for the kids to enjoy. Many Kiwanis members attended and visited with guests as they passed out free snow cones and nachos. It was a great way to connect with the community and showcase the support that the club offers to youth and the community.



Children enjoyed tours of a fire truck at the Kiwanis anniversary celebration in Mukwonago.

## Donate to the Kiwanis International Foundation

By Fred Dietze, Kiwanis International Foundation District Chair

It has been a good year... and a year during which we did not quite meet our goals.

Let's talk about the good stuff first. We received a grant for \$1,005 due to our District's 2013-14 contributions to the Kiwanis International Foundation (KIF), not including contributions to the Eliminate Project. This grant from the KIF is equal to 5% of the contributions the WI-UM Kiwanis District clubs and members gave to the foundation in the 2013-14 Kiwanis year. That money was used to support Key Leader scholarships. The amount that we received was almost \$400 more than what was received in the 2012-13 calendar year. Thank you for making this possible.

Also on the good side, this year (2014-15), we are ahead of our giving from last year and, as of July, if the 5% grant program continues, our District will receive more than \$1,100 to be used for Key Leader scholarships. This really is fantastic news and it reflects our Kiwanis belief that we can change the world one child at a time.

Now, for the bad stuff. As of the July report, none of our divisions have qualified for the KIF President's challenge award – given when 100% of the clubs in the division contribute. Out of 159 clubs in the district, only 26 qualify for the President's challenge of donating more than \$10 per member. We do, however, have four clubs that have donated more than \$20 per member. We also, unfortunately, have 73 clubs that have not donated anything to the KIF so far this year. Donations to the KIF go to the Children's Fund and are granted to clubs for major projects that benefit children. Those donations stay within the Kiwanis family.

Governor Jim Burmeister has reappointed me as the KIF District Chair. Thank you, Governor. I am available to travel throughout the district to speak to Kiwanis clubs and divisions. Feel free to contact me and let's arrange a time when I can speak to your club.

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## Highlights of the August Board of Directors Meeting... from page twelve

- last board meeting will be on the Friday of the August Convention August 14, 2016 in Oconomowoc.
- Governor-designate Jim Burmeister discussed his Governor's visits.
- Key Club District Administrator Kathy Gillis updated the board on the Key Club district. The Lt. Governors should be contacted by the Key Club Lt. Governors closest to their divisions.
- Kiwanis International Foundation District chair Fred

Dietze spoke to the board.

- Key Leader Coordinator Justin Hahn spoke.
- Autism District chair Lynn Messer spoke.
- Ron Soellner Fund Raising/Human Spiritual Values/Services District Chair spoke to the board.
- Builders Club Administrator Fay Burmeister spoke.

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*Youngsters from the Rhinelander area “Chased the Hodag” during a fun run held in late June. The run is organized by the Rhinelander Kiwanis Club.*

## **Rhinelander Kiwanis Club Hosts *Chase the Hodag* Fun Run**

*By Jenny Chiamulera, Rhinelander Kiwanis Club*

As the golden sun came up to warm a beautiful summer day in the community of Rhinelander, Wisconsin, the energy in the downtown started to grow as volunteers gathered to prepare for the mornings events.

In the distance ,two Hodags crawled out of their lair and started to make their way to meet the children for a friendly chase that would take place at the court house front. The families of children started to gather, many pictures were taken and laughs were exchanged in the anticipation of chasing the Hodag. Would one of the little people be lucky enough to catch him, or perhaps even pass him?

The warm ups began, the sweat started to drip off the Hodag’s brow, “don’t trip” repeated in the back of his mind... a whole year he trained for this moment. Toes on the line, the horn sounds, they round the first corner, the second, the third, the Hodag is passed by a spry boy about the age of nine as they round the fourth corner and make their way to the finish line! The Hodag gives it all he’s got as the crowd roars, but the young athletes prove to be too much for him as they cross the finish line! High fives and smiles were plentiful as some run back to join their friends as they crossed the finish line. The atmosphere of the day proves the good sportsmanship and team spirit of the people of this Northwoods community.

With the sponsorship of the Kiwanis Club of Rhinelander and the support of the YMCA of the Northwoods, the Chase the Hodag Fun Run is a free event that supports growing healthy youth and building strong relationships among families of the Northwoods.

The Chase the Hodag Fun Run is a unique event that encourages the involvement of the youth in the community. It starts with a Creative Art Contest – children in grades K-4 project their idea of what chasing the Hodag looks like through a colorful drawing. This year Bella Newlin, a 4th grader at Central School of Rhinelander, won the contest and her drawing was featured on the youth t-shirts for the event. Thanks to the Kiwanis club, children received a free t-shirt when they registered for the event.

We are proud to live in a place that comes together to take the time and spend the money to put on special events that support the wellness of youth and families. The community of Rhinelander really knows how to spread joy and strengthen the heart.

Thank you to the YMCA and The Kiwanis Club for organizing and sponsoring the fun run. Thank you to all the volunteers and supporters that helped the chase happen, including the volunteers from Kohl’s and the wonderful members of Kiwanis and the YMCA.