The Kiwanis Club of Eau Claire, the oldest service club in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, is celebrating its 100th anniversary by donating more than $100,000 to help children in Wisconsin’s Chippewa Valley. Recipients of the donations include the Paul Bunyan Logging Camp Museum, Acres for Joy and Eau Claire County foster children.

The Paul Bunyan Logging Camp Museum was originally built by members of the Kiwanis Club of Eau Claire and presented to the City of Eau Claire to celebrate and educate residents and visitors about the Chippewa Valley’s rich logging history. Thousands of people visit the camp annually, including more than 2,600 elementary students. The Paul Bunyan Logging Camp Museum will use the funds to renovate the museum to accommodate large pieces of historical logging equipment, including a new exhibit featuring a 30 foot dugout canoe.

Acres for Joy is a non-profit ranch started in honor of Jeff and Margaret Jackson’s late daughter, Abigail Joy. The organization offers equine assisted learning, mentoring, and outdoor activities for children – a place where horses and humans connect. Funds donated by the Kiwanis Club of Eau Claire will go towards riding lesson scholarships, the purchase of a new wagon and a substantial contribution towards the construction of a new barn.

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It has been my honor to serve as your District Governor this past year. Thank you for this opportunity. I have enjoyed visiting many of the clubs in the District this year. Whether it was installing officers and new members, attending club anniversary celebrations, divisional council meetings, club chartering or service projects, I have learned a lot and made many new friends.

This year we have focused on areas which needed attention, including membership and strengthening our clubs. Under the leadership of Dale Vannes and Anna Bruhn the Membership and Engagement Team has done an outstanding job. Besides helping clubs in the District, the team has started a new club in Slinger, Wisconsin and is currently working on a new club in Ashwaubenon, with a target launch date of September 30.

### Membership Growth Recognition

I would like to recognize 19 clubs for increasing their membership by four or more members this year.

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I leave the District in the capable hands-of 2019-2020 Governor Roger Krogstad, who will do a great job.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the District clubs for their hard work in supporting their communities and children and allowing me to serve as your governor.

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.

#KIDSNEEDEDKIWANIS
2018-2019 WI-UM DISTRICT GOALS
By Jim Buskel, 2018-2019 WI-UM District Governor

Progress towards District goals as of September 24, 2019:

District Convention Attendance
75 Clubs Attend DCON – (65%)
49 clubs attended

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

Club Leadership Education
75% of Presidents-Elect –
86 Trained (79%)

Club Secretary Training
75% — 59 Trained (54%)

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 – $599,625 reported (71.3%)

Club Reporting
110 Clubs Submit Monthly Reports – 90 clubs have reported at least once (82%)

Service Hours
Perform 86,231 Service Hours –
68,300 hours reported (79%)

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

Membership Gain
Net Membership Increase of 50 – 3,897 members – a net gain of 17 members (34%)

EIGHT CHARACTERISTICS OF GREAT KIWANIS CLUBS
Submitted by Ron Smith, KI Trustee

In great Kiwanis clubs...
...the mission is so clear that everyone wants to give their time, talent and treasure;
...the meetings are so enjoyable that members only miss when it is unavoidable;
...the service projects are so inspiring that there is a waiting list for volunteers;
...the leaders empower and equip the members to become leaders themselves;
...the members are proud of their club and invite their friends to join;
...the club plan serves as a map and compass to make sure the direction is clear;
...the value of the club to the community and the members is obvious to everyone;
...the fun and laughter is so contagious that members are still smiling on their way home.

Club Donates $100,000… continued from page one

Children who are removed from their homes for their own safety and placed in foster care often have to leave everything behind. To help promote normalcy and physical fitness, the club will purchase bicycles, scooters and helmets for foster kids in Eau Claire County.

In addition to these donations commemorating 100 years of service by the Kiwanis Club of Eau Claire, the club annually provides services and funding to a variety of causes. It sponsors the Robbins Elementary K-Kids Club, South Middle School's Builders Club, Memorial High School's Key Club and the Circle K Club at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. It also provides college scholarships to worthy students and sponsors youth athletic teams and swimming lesson scholarships. Club members are also busy volunteering to serve hot meals at the Community Table, participate in the Food Bank's annual “Empty Bowls” fundraiser and the Career Development Center’s annual Christmas party.
KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION HELD IN BROOKFIELD, WISCONSIN

Submitted by Jerry McCormick, Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis Club

The 101st Annual Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District Convention was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Brookfield, Wisconsin, August 23-25. The WI-UM District includes 147 clubs with approximately 4,000 members. Brookfield Mayor Steven Ponto welcomed guests following the presentation of flags by Potawatomi Area Council Boy Scouts, under the direction of Scout Leader and Kiwanian Jim Kieso. Also welcoming guests was Jim Buskel, 2018-2019 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor. Opening day activities were capped by 150 guests attending the Milwaukee Brewers game.

Strengthening service to others – especially children – tightly packed the convention agenda. Youth leadership activities included education, coaching, service projects, power of partnerships, membership building and fund raising for service projects. Circle K Clubs for college students, lead by District Governor Cole Nelson and Key Clubs for high school students, lead by District Governor Justice Moore, were key participants.

Attendees joined in making no-sew fleece blankets to benefit homeless dogs and cats at the humane society. In addition to community support and fun, the project demonstrated leadership, education, power of partnerships, coaching and fundraising. Forty blankets were completed and delivered to animal shelters.

The keynote speaker at the honors luncheon was Case Van Kleef, Naples, Florida. Van Kleef is a past Kiwanis International President and past Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District Governor. Outstanding awards for service projects, club excellence and club member achievements were presented. $1,000 Kiwanis District Foundation Van Kleef Fellowship awards were presented to Justin Hahn, Timothy Lubinsky, Bryan Bents Zimmerman, Donna Martin and Dennis Mattioli.

Roger Krogstad, Marshfield, Wisconsin, was elected Kiwanis District Governor for the 2019-2020 term. Jean Long Manteufel, Appleton, Wisconsin, was voted 2019-2020 Governor-elect. These elections and seven proclamations were sanctioned by the House of Delegates representing clubs throughout the District.

Jim Buskel, outgoing Kiwanis District Governor – host of the Governor’s Banquet – presented the gavel and medallion to Governor-designate Roger Krogstad. Elm Grove Golden K Club President Jim Fagan presented the home club banner to Marshfield Kiwanis Club President Donna Martin. International Trustee Ron Smith, Fountain Hills, Arizona Kiwanis Club, installed newly-elected officers and recognized outstanding achievements of outgoing officers. A Sunday memorial service honored District Kiwanians who passed away during the year.

Convention Chair, Dick Boulay, and the many volunteers greatly contributed to a memorable convention.
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION BRINGS SERVICE TO LIFE

Submitted by Roger Krogstad, 2019-2020 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor

Many Kiwanians have heard hundreds of times the words “Kiwanis International” but to experience it at an international convention makes the term literally “pop”. This year, in Orlando, the international flavor was on display. Representatives from Europe, the Caribbean, Asia Pacific and Central America all came together for inspiration, education and fellowship.

I was afforded the opportunity to rejoin my 53-member Governor-elect group to hear the challenging words of Incoming Kiwanis International President Daniel Vigneron of the Belgium Luxembourg District. The message of “Kids Need Kiwanis” is still relevant around the world. President Vigneron challenged us to recruit more Kiwanians and open more clubs to serve kids’ needs.

Asia Pacific is setting a great example with dramatic growth in Taiwan, the Philippines and Malaysia. Through the enthusiasm and dedication of Past Kiwanis International President James Rochford and his “Eye of the Tiger” campaign, we see some areas of growth in the Americas and we are finally recovering from years of slow loss of members and clubs. Interestingly, the newer clubs tend to be younger members, ages 30 to 40, with the less traditional 3-2-1 organizational schedule.

Two resolutions passed by a very wide margin of delegates: #SAFE KIDS—“Therefore let it be resolved, that Kiwanis International stands against violence, neglect, and abuse directed towards children.” And #NONDISCRIMINATION CLAUSE—“Kiwanis clubs shall not discriminate based upon race, color, national origin, gender, age or sexual orientation when considering membership or during any of their activities or operations and shall conduct business in compliance with local nondiscrimination laws.” About time.

You are all invited to come and experience the Kiwanis International convention next year on our doorstep in Indianapolis, June 18-21. Factoid: There is only one other city in the US with more monuments and memorials than Indianapolis, that being Washington, DC.

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RIPON KIWANIAN JOHN DIEDRICH RECEIVES BILL SOLBERG AWARD

Submitted by Joan Karsten, Ripon Early Bird Kiwanis Club

Ripon Early Bird Kiwanis member John Diedrich was honored with the Hilmar L. “Bill” Solberg Distinguished Service Medal. Division Lt. Governor Timothy Lubinsky presented the award at the club’s annual golf outing on September 4. A Ripon Kiwanian for many years, Diedrich is also a member in Arizona (his winter residence).

Recipients of the Solberg award must have actively served in Kiwanis for not less than ten years, must have served as a Lt. Governor or District Chairperson, must have actively participated outside of Kiwanis in other worthy endeavors and must be nominated by a Kiwanis Club’s Board of Directors.
Our Speaker Didn’t Show Up! Now, What Do We Do?

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

Here are some ideas for impromptu programs:

• Ask members to stand up and share “Why do I love this club?”

• Two truths and a lie: Give each person four minutes to write about themselves – two things that are true and one that is a lie. Read the answers and have the group guess who the member is. If you have a large group, end when you run out of time. If you have a small group, each can explain their story.

• Kiwanis Connection: Surprisingly, we often don’t know what members do professionally. Ask members to briefly tell you what they do for a living and how members might connect with them at work.

• My favorite Kiwanis memory: Ask members to share their stories.

• Club handshake: Break the club up into small groups. Their goal is to create a club handshake. Give them 8-10 minutes to come up with it. Reassemble and have each group demonstrates their handshake. Naturally, you will vote on the best one. Now, when you tell new members that you will teach them the club handshake, you really can!

• Do you have a Kiwanis banner with patches? Ask past presidents to share what some of the awards are and what they did to receive them.

• My Name Is: Go around the room. Each person introduces themselves by saying their first name proceeded by a word that starts with the same sound and describes their personality, then why. “My name is Joyful Jean because I have fun in everything I do!”

• Who and why? Ask members to say who invited them to Kiwanis and why they decided to join.

• Extreme rock, paper, scissors: Battle it out to see who is the rock, paper, scissors champion as the losers of each mini-round cheer the remaining winners on! For large groups of 15 or more.

  1. Have each member of the group pair up for the first round of rock, paper, scissors.
  2. Everyone should be in pairs. Ask them to play three games, and the best two out of three will win.
  3. Instruct the losers of the first match to start cheering the name of the person who beat them and following that person around to their next game.
  4. Have all the winners pair up and face off against each other while the ones they beat are cheering for them. When one winner advances, all the people behind the losing player should start cheering for the winner.
  5. Repeat this process in elimination, until there are only two players left. Each should have a large group of people cheering them on from their previous wins. Let them play the final match.

2019-2020 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor-elect Jean Long Manteufel can be reached by phone at 920-585-7769 or by email at jean@longmoving.com.

Childhood Doesn’t Come With a Road Map. Kids Need Kiwanis.
Editor’s note: The WI-UM Kiwanis District’s long-serving Human and Spiritual Values Chair, Ron Soellner, has left the position to address family issues demanding his attention. He submitted the following farewell message which strongly reflects his personal Christian beliefs. Although Kiwanis is a religiously all-inclusive organization, out of respect for Ron’s service and dedication, this article is being presented as written. It does not necessarily reflect the viewpoint of the District or Kiwanis International.

“In God we trust” is such a familiar phrase and yet so many of us take it so lightly. With so much turmoil in the world today we need our faith more than ever! I was asked to chair the WI-UM Kiwanis District Human and Spiritual Values committee several years ago. Prior to that I was the Community Services Chair. When I started as Human and Spiritual Values Chair, God and my faith opened my eyes to more than I thought was possible. It brought me so much more in touch with my fellow Kiwanians, the kids we mentor, the poor we feed, the elderly we nourish, the youth we educate, the autistic we provide for, the camps we support, the disasters we help mend and the disabled we help. And many others, too. God’s only Son has given us – the Kiwanians – the insight, the knowledge, the strength, the passion and the ability to carry on the work to create a better world!

In reflecting back on my work as Human and Spiritual Values Chair, the memorial service at the Kiwanis District Convention has left a lasting impression on me. We honor the passing of Kiwanians for all they have given to Kiwanis. Sometimes they sacrificed their family and their health to perform work for Kiwanis. Many of them were our friends. They are our family and have been for years.

I started a memorial picture album a couple of years ago. Not all clubs are sending in photos of deceased Kiwanians. Why not? Please do. Members who attend the convention love looking back and remembering the fellowship they had with past Kiwanians and know now that they are at rest with God in heaven.

Hopefully when I start sounding the bell after each name is read, while the candle is burning, and white carnations are being placed in the Big K, Kiwanians will know that we will and do already miss our faithful Kiwanis family brothers and sisters.

I read an article that says “I learned that each death brings to a close a way of life. Each passing changes who we are and how we will deal with the world going into the future.” The poet John Donne says “any man’s death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind; and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.”

And if every death is equal in the grand scheme of the universe, then every life must be equal and deserving of respect and dignity, too. Regardless of race and faith and means and health and nationality and all the other ways we use to separate ourselves from each other.

And with this prayer, I will close:

Lord, I worship you for all that you are. You are my Lord in the good times as well as the difficult… on the mountaintop as well as in the valley. I praise you in times of great blessing as well as in times of great challenge. It is because of you that I can stand strong, even when I feel weak. For I know that when I am weakest, you show yourself strong. I am grateful for your salvation, deliverance, protection, goodness and blessings in my life every day. I know that everything I have comes from you. Because of your great strength I go from glory to glory and strength to strength, no matter what is happening in my life. (Psalms 8:47)

Thank you for the honor of letting me be the Chair of Human and Spiritual Values of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District the past several years. I have been blessed.

I am sad. You have given me so much! God speed.
Ron Soellner
KIWANIS CHILDREN’S FUND IMPACTS WI-UM DISTRICT AND BEYOND

Submitted by Bev Burnap, Kiwanis Children’s Fund District Chair

As the 2018-2019 Kiwanis year draws to a conclusion, it’s time to give you an update on some of the Children’s Fund activities.

Disaster Relief
After tornadoes touched down in Ohio, Kiwanis clubs in multiple communities helped get laundry facilities for those in need, hosted a cleaning supply drive with the help of a local restaurant providing up to $40 to families. Others provided clothing and shoes to kids, distributed toiletries, food, water, blankets, pillows and first aid supplies. Another club sponsored a free meal to needy families and volunteered at a Children’s Hospital. The same was true in Alabama.

After flooding in Taiwan, Kiwanians helped by providing nutritious lunches, backpacks and notebooks. They also provided a community center with drinking water and food. In Mississippi, Kiwanians partnered with Warren City Emergency Management and the United Way to distribute disaster kits to 100 families. Northern Alabama and the Mid West USA received disaster grants.

Sponsored Leadership Programs
Children’s Fund grants helped Circle K members experience SPARK, a four-day interactive program to explore leadership styles, in Chicago. Key Club members were able to attend Key Leader at a reduced rate thanks to a grant from the Children’s Fund. Grants helped Circle K and Key Club members begin or continue their education. A Circle K member from Catawba, Wisconsin received a $1,000 scholarship and a Key Club member from New Richmond, Wisconsin received $500.

Eliminate and Iodine Deficiency Disorders
During the Kiwanis International Convention this summer the Children’s Fund issued a challenge called “All In For Kids” to raise money for iodine deficiency disorders and Eliminate (split equally). More than 900 Kiwanians raised over $300,000. There’s still an urgent need in Nigeria, Pakistan, and South Sudan. With appropriate funding, UNICEF can reach and protect 16 million women.

The Children’s Fund is behind in contributions from many Districts. The Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District is behind about $14,000 compared to last year at this time. That’s why I would like to issue a challenge to the clubs of our Kiwansi District to submit that amount now. I know many club wait until this time of the year to make an annual donation. If your club hasn’t donated yet please consider doing so. The Children’s Fund can only meet the needs of kids with your help. Where else can a small donation reap a much bigger reward?

Kiwanis Children’s Fund District Chair Bev Burnap can be reached at 715-868-5633 or bjburnap45@gmail.com.

INAUGURAL EAU CLAIRE INDIANHEAD GOLF SCRAMBLE IS SUCCESSFUL

Submitted by Roger Dillenbeck, Eau Claire Indianhead Kiwanis Club

The Eau Claire Indianhead Kiwanis Club held its inaugural golf scramble fundraiser on Monday, September 9. It was held at the Mill Run and Wild Ridge golf courses. More than 100 golfers participated in the event, which consisted of a four-person team scramble, dinner, live and silent auctions and raffle drawings.

With the support of the event sponsor, dinner sponsor, cart sponsor, hole sponsors and team sponsors, this was a huge fundraiser for the club. Using the money raised, the club will be able to increase donations to the organizations that help the children and the needy of the Eau Claire area. Club members look forward to continuing this event next year.
From its earliest days more than a century ago, Kiwanis clubs across the world have been involved in a number of service projects – particularly those benefiting children. The 62 members of the Kiwanis Club of Western Kenosha have been holding true to this mantra this year by taking part in a larger scale effort aimed at serving youth diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, said Ron Soellner, District chair of human and spiritual aims.

This year, local Kiwanians have been participating in the WI-UM Kiwanis Autism Project, which has already surpassed its goal of providing iPads and software applications to 1,000 children with Autism Spectrum Disorder across the region. “Over 1,100 have been given away, and still more to come,” said Kyle Kellogg, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Western Kenosha County.

The local Kiwanis chapter, which has been in existence for more than 40 years, has thus far given away 37 iPads to students on the autism spectrum. In mid-July, 10 of the devices were distributed to students in need at the Kenosha Unified School District’s Educational Support Center. “The kids were really moved by the gesture,” Soellner said as he recalled the day he and fellow Kiwanians stopped by to make their deliveries. “Everybody pretty much was in tears.”

Kiwanis clubs across Wisconsin and Upper Michigan chose to zero in on bringing iPads to children diagnosed with autism for a number of reasons, Soellner said, including preliminary evidence the devices are benefiting the population.

In a report to the WI-UM Kiwanis District Board, Lynn Messer, who is chairing the project for clubs across the region, said there has been a correlation between iPad use and improved skills for children across the autism spectrum. “Children with autism need help now, and with the help of an iPad, their future is drastically changed for the better, which follows the Kiwanis theme,” Messer wrote in a report, outlining the rationale behind the regional endeavor.

Locally, Soellner said the Kiwanis Club of Western Kenosha County continues to raise funds to bring additional iPads into the hands of Kenosha-area children diagnosed with autism. Plans call for distributing at least five additional devices to young recipients in September.

The Kiwanis Club of Western Kenosha County raises funds through multiple avenues, including such community-based fundraisers as Taste of Wisconsin, the annual golf outing and a marathon.

In addition to the iPad distribution, Western Kenosha County Kiwanians have given back to local children through endeavors such as scholarships and contributing to local sports teams. “The Kiwanis is all about helping children,” Soellner said. “It’s very important to us.”

For more details on the current regional iPad-related effort, visit www.kiwanisautismproject.com.

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On July 13, 2019, the Kiwanis Club of Slinger, sponsored by the West Bend Early Risers Kiwanis Club, received its Charter at an especially well-attended celebration event that was themed with the hashtag #kidsareourcompass.

More than 100 people gathered at the The Chalet of Little Switzerland, a beautiful venue space generously donated by its owners.

A silent auction, 50/50 raffle, “Wheel of Spirits” game, and gift card punch board game helped add to an already energetic and youthful atmosphere, while heartfelt speeches, kindred claps, and a live band capped off the fun. But the heart of the evening came in the form of channeling the deep and moving historical impact Kiwanis has had – and continues to have – on children during their formative years.

This new club was born out of the coming-of-age memories and experiences of its president, Desiree Rahmlow, whose grandfather, Leland J. Tikalsky, was a lifelong Kiwanis member and officer in New Holstein.

Growing up in a community committed to constant, natural service for children, Desiree knew nothing other, and considering Slinger’s comparable-to-none base of parents and residents who rally for kids like it’s their second nature, she knew a Kiwanis Club needed to take shape in Slinger.

The outpouring of support was evident given the following early time line of Slinger’s club formation: contact was made with the Engagement Team in January, an informational meeting for would-be members was held in February, and 33 members and seven Board members were inducted to form the official club in March. As Desiree states, “I think Grandpa would be proud that we share this compass.”

Rahmlow, whose grandfather, Leland J. Tikalsky, was a lifelong Kiwanis member and officer in New Holstein.

The Kiwanis Whitewater Breakfast Club Independence Day parade entry thanked Whitewater heroes for supporting and protecting the community.
The Pewaukee Kiwanis Club pledged $100,000 to the Kiwanis Village Park designated for purchase of playground equipment in the children's area.

The equipment was delivered and installed on August 20, 2019. Following ten hours of hard work, with thanks to the Pewaukee Kiwanis Club, along with friends and family, the Pewaukee Robotics, volunteers from Northwestern Mutual Life and Pewaukee Park and Recreation committee members, children can now enjoy updated playground equipment at Kiwanis Village Park in Pewaukee, Wisconsin.
RIPON NOON KIWANIS CLUB SPONSORS ANNUAL COMMUNITY THEATER

Submitted by Brian Reilly, Ripon Noon Kiwanis Club

The Ripon Noon Kiwanis Club sponsored the 23rd annual community theatre production of the Ripon Summer Players, May 31 through June 2.

The Summer Players performed George M. Cohan’s comedy melodrama, “Seven Keys to Baldpate,” about a 1940s pulp fiction writer, William Magee, who makes a bet to write a novel in 24 hours, locked away in sleepy Baldpate Inn, perched atop snow covered Baldpate Mountain. Magee is supposed to be alone and in possession of the only key to Baldpate, but as the title suggests, that may not be true, and hijinks involving love, bribery and murder ensue.

The Kiwanis club has been patrons of the Ripon Summer Players since its inception in the mid 1990s, partnering with Ripon College, where it’s normally performed. This year saw a departure of recurring director Ken Hill from the Summer Players production, leading perennial player Bob Amsden to step in as director, with Ripon Noon Kiwanis President-elect Brian Reilly serving as producer.

The production was staged in the style of a 1940s radio play, complete with sound effects supplied live by Foley Artists and featured members of the community in various roles, including Brian Reilly and fellow Kiwanians Jack Christ and Linda DeCramer.

KIWANIS WHITEWATER BREAKFAST CLUB SUPPORTS STUDIO 84

Submitted by Marjorie Stoneman, Kiwanis Whitewater Breakfast Club

Kiwanis Whitewater Breakfast Club continues to support the work and creative opportunities taking place at Studio 84 in Whitewater, Wisconsin, which specializes in working with all people, including those with autism spectrum disorders, physical disabilities, cognitive limitations and mental illness. Studio 84’s mission is to provide fully accessible opportunities in the arts to enrich lives by focusing on the strengths and abilities of the individual, and by encouraging the creative voice with self-directed activities, thus inspiring self-worth, pride, confidence and acceptance. More information about Studio 84 can be found online at www.studio84inc.org.

The Kiwanis Whitewater Breakfast Club is comprised of dedicated volunteers who help children in the Whitewater community and the world, with 100% of funds raised going directly to projects. Each year, the club distributes approximately $20,000, with more than half going to the Whitewater school district, including Ferradermis, ELL summer school transportation, shoes for students, Badger Boys and Badger Girls State, and scholarships. Kiwanis helped build and maintain the Flowing Well Shelter, the shelter and accessible playground at Starin Park and Treyton’s Field of Dreams, and the WHS football field lights and press box. The club donates to the Whitewater Youth Soccer Club, the Friends of the Whitewater Aquatic Center, the Whitewater Food Pantry, Bethel House and more.

On behalf of the Whitewater Kiwanis Breakfast Club, President Lorrie Koppein presented $500 to Studio 84’s Director Deborah Blackwell.
REINS, Inc. seeks to create outdoor arena with Kiwanis support
Submitted by Karin Oliver-Kreft, Sheboygan Falls Kiwanis Club

REINS, Inc. is a non-profit organization in Sheboygan Falls that improves the lives of those with special needs through individually structured classes using therapeutic interactions with horses. Due to rising demand in those who wish to utilize their services, they are seeking donations to help create a new outdoor arena and are always seeking volunteers to assist with sessions.

Rachel Fischer, REINS senior instructor and equine professional explains, “expanding with an outdoor arena will allow REINS to better serve participants by providing a variety of additional physical, cognitive, socio-emotional, and sensory benefits, and will also allow them to increase the overall number of participants served. The horses provide unique multi-dimensional movement to target strength, balance, and core activation improvements. Terrain alterations – such as that in an outdoor riding space – provide additional challenges to see direct improvements in these key goal areas.”

To assist in this expansion, the Sheboygan Falls Kiwanis Club provided REINS with a check for $500 – in the hopes that it will help them expand before the program season begins next summer.

“We first became involved with REINS when they were invited to speak to our club at one of our weekly meetings,” said Sheboygan Falls Kiwanis Club treasurer Tammy Meyer. “As a club, we were impressed with what they do and how many people they help. When we found out that they’ve doubled the number of children they are helping from this year to last, we unanimously decided that we wanted to show them our support.”

Last year, the Sheboygan Falls Kiwanis Club provided funds to REINS to help ensure the program has enough helmets for all their riders. This year, the group increased their funding to help ensure everyone in the area who can benefit from the REINS program has the opportunity to do so.

REINS has been serving people with physical, emotional and developmental disabilities in Sheboygan and Manitowoc counties since 1982. They offer summer programs five days per week during the months of June, July and August to people ages four and up. Those who attend know that REINS is a place where people come to heal, grow and make friends that last a lifetime. They are an equine-assisted activities and therapy center accredited by the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International.
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CLC AKTION CLUB OF MADISON CELEBRATED 15TH ANNIVERSARY

Submitted by Sibyl Morgan, Madison East Kiwanis Club

On July 11, 2019 the Aktion Club of Madison celebrated its 15th anniversary. The club was chartered on April 15, 2004. The party was held at Winnequah Park in Monona. Following a picnic supper, each member was presented with a certificate signed by Madison East Kiwanis Club President Russell Theel and WI-UM District Aktion Club Administrator Charles Zarnoth, recognizing them as members of the club in the year of their 15th anniversary.

Each member also received a collage of pictures assembled on a page with great memories of past meetings and other events, Kiwanis key chains and Kiwanis membership pins. Four members were recognized as charter members and received Kiwanis coffee cups: Calvin Langdok, Tracy King, Martha Lehman and Dean Plon. The evening concluded with Bingo. Everyone shared in the prizes given out.

Several Madison East Kiwanis Club members were at the celebration including Bill Allen, Ginny Hesse, Larry Ryan, Gene Sturdevant, Lue Sturdevant and Sibyl Morgan. Special guest Charles Zarnoth and his wife, Judy, also attended with Charles congratulating the members.

Over the past 15 years, Aktion Club members have been involved with Salvation Army bell ringing, pancake breakfasts, Circle K and Key Club partnerships, craft projects given to nursing homes, food pantry collections, collection of pop tabs for Ronald McDonald House (so far totaling 286 pounds), bowling, attending Mallards baseball games sponsored by the Madison East Kiwanis Club, and selling concessions with Madison East before Olbrich Garden’s concerts. Over the past 13 years, this Aktion Club fundraiser resulted in $13,593 being proudly presented to Olbrich Gardens by the CLC Aktion Club.

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