Circle K members from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and University of Wisconsin-Green Bay collected enough food to fill the entire trunk and back seat of a car in only a few hours during the K-Family Service Day held on Saturday, November 3.

K-Family Performs Six Hundred Hours of Service in One Day

By Barry Hersh, WI-UM Kiwanis District Marketing Committee Chair

On Saturday November 3, the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Circle K District Board sponsored the annual K-Family Service Day in Madison, hosted by the Edgewood College Circle K club. The annual one-day event, which is held in a different city each year, is designed to bring all levels of the K-Family together for a day of service, fellowship and fun.

144 participants, including members from thirteen Circle K clubs, four Key clubs and eight Kiwanis clubs, gathered to perform nearly six hundred hours of service. Kiwanians in attendance included Past District Governors Gail Pachucki, Mike “Fitz” Fitzpatrick and Barry Hersh, Immediate Past Governor Fred and First Lady Nancy Dietze, District Governor Lynn Messer and Governor-elect Gurdip Brar, who helped to organize portions of the event. Camp Wawbeek’s Ken Saville was on hand for the activities as was Circle K District Administrator Janet DeGroot.

K-Family Service Chair Emily Condon from UW-Whitewater provided a list of service opportunities available. The choices were Lakeshore Nature Preserve, Vilas Park Zoo, St. Vincent DePaul, UW Arboretum, raking neighborhood lawns and making awareness ribbons. As people arrived and registered, they chose one service opportunity. Volunteers departed for one of six different sites to perform four hours of community service. While each site had enthusiastic participants, it appeared that the crew at the zoo had the largest numbers. Workers at the zoo helped spread mulch, trimmed dead branches off trees and raked leaves off the paths and grounds to help prepare the zoo for the winter months. The Vilas Park Zoo is open year ‘round.

Participants returned for a social lunch hour of pizza and ice cream. Volunteers shared information about the projects they did at their various sites or talked about …continued on page thirteen
The following items were discussed and or approved at the October board meeting:

**Reports**

- Governor Lynn Messer reported that he is already extremely busy, mostly due to the Governor’s Project on Autism. He is hoping that district involvement in the project will help increase membership.

- Governor-elect Gurdip Brar reported he will be helping with the K Family Service Day, November 3. He is also on Governor Lynn’s Autism committee and planning projects with other service organizations.

- Immediate Past Governor Fred Dietze reported that the last function he attended as Governor was the Aktion Club Conference in Fond du Lac. He was very pleased with how it went. Fred suggested that if there are local community meetings, Kiwanis clubs should join other service clubs and put on a session “Why Join a Service Club.”

- The upcoming new structure meetings that Fred will be setting up were reviewed. There was much discussion on the information which is going to be presented to the current Lt. Governors.

- Executive Director Mark Finger presented the 2012 District Convention finance report. The attendance was up and expenses were less than income received. A report was presented showing the attendance of most of the district conventions since 1964. In comparing the district membership to the district convention attendance, the numbers showed a range of 7 to 9% attendance in the late 1970’s to late 1980’s. Since 1995 the attendance ranged from 4 to 6%. This year the attendance was 5%.

- For the 2013 International Convention Mark will be looking for sites to hold a district dinner in Vancouver. He may be able to do a site visit after the first of the year.

- Mark presented a proposal for the 2014 District Convention from the Holiday Inn in Marquette, MI. Governor-elect Gurdip requested that the district look at holding the 2014 District Convention in the Madison area and hold the 2015 District Convention in Marquette. After discussion the board approved to postpone the decision until the February board meeting and look at proposals from both the Madison area as well as any from the Marquette area.

- The trustees reported on the state of their divisions. Most of the regions had Lt. Governors set for 2012-13 and the dates and locations for their respective Midwinters have been set.

- District Foundation President Lori Bents reported to the board. The board accepted her report.

- Circle K Governor Morgan Fierro reported to the board. A written report was previously presented and is available on Box.net.

- Key Club Governor Sam Leicht reported to the board. A written report will be submitted and will be available on Box.net.

- Craig Wesley, Key Club District Sergeant of Arms, has been chosen as the Parliamentarian for the Key Club District. The board approved Craig Wesley as the Key Club District Parliamentarian.

- Key Leader Coordinator Gail Pachucki reviewed her report. A written report was previously submitted and is available on Box.net. Gail also reported that the American Legion was interested in promoting a Key Leader in the De Pere, WI area. Gail noted that there has not been a strong response to the Key Leader program in the past from that area. The board suggested that Gail pursue this for now to see if there will be enough interest to commit to one in that area.

**Old Business**

- Mark Finger presented a revised budget with some changes to the one tentatively approved in August. After discussion the board approved the revised 2012-13 District Budget.

- *Kiwaneews* Editor Tonya Alling presented a proposal for soliciting ads for the *Kiwaneews*. She does not have time to solicit ads but suggested that the district provide a 20% sales commission. Tonya suggested that someone could solicit ads with the commission going to the District Foundation or someone could solicit ads with the commission going to their club or the commission could go to the individual itself. The board approved that a preference be given to those soliciting for the District Foundation, then to a club and finally to an individual. Tonya would oversee the ad solicitations.

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MESSAGE FROM THE IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR

Reorganization to Facilitate Increased Communication

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

We are about to take a historic step in improving the communications with our clubs in our District and to give clubs a greater voice in the operations of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District of Kiwanis. As we move forward in this historic process which takes effect on October 1, 2013, we are striving to make sure that the implementation of our newly reorganized district goes as smoothly as possible. In order to do this, your current Lt. Governors are arranging implementation meetings in each of the 11 new divisions.

New Division 1 (Current Divs. 1 and 2)
Lt. Govs.: Sampson/Chestnut; Trustee: Soellner

New Division 2 (Current Divs. 6 and 8)
Lt. Govs.: Dodge/McCormick; Trustee: Soellner

New Division 3 (Current Divs. 4 and 5)
Lt. Govs.: Kussow/Cooley; Trustee: Lee

New Division 4 (Current Divs. 14, 15 and 16)
Lt. Govs.: Scott/Burmeister/Rasmussen; Trustees: Hable/Thalacker

New Division 5 (Current Divs. 3 and 9)
Lt. Govs.: Drake/Wagner; Trustees: Lee/Thalacker

New Division 6 (Current Divs. 10 and 11)
Lt. Govs.: Jacobson/Keckonen; Trustees: Thalacker/ Manteufel

New Division 7 (Current Divs. 17 and 18)
Lt. Govs.: Ingersoll/Ratsch; Trustee: Manteufel

New Division 8 (Current Divs. 19 and 25)
Lt. Govs.: Bailey/Welles; Trustees: Scheibl/Hable

New Division 9 (Current Divs. 20, 21 and 26)
Lt. Govs.: Joyal/Burnap/Suennen-Rickard; Trustee: Hable

New Division 10 (Current Divs. 22, 23 and 24)
Lt. Govs.: Histed/Peterson/Benson; Trustee: Scheibl

New Division 11 (Current Divs. 12 and 13)
Lt. Gov.: Pinch; Trustee: Thalacker

The Immediate Past Governor, Fred Dietze, shall be the facilitator for each of the implementation meetings.

The implementation meetings shall be conducted to answer attendee’s questions without rehearsing discussions that took place at District Convention.

Guidelines for the Implementation Meetings

At a minimum the attendees shall include:

- The current Lt. Governors whose divisions will be merged to form the new divisions.
- The current Trustee whose current region includes all or part of a new division.
- Any club members from the new division.

Expected Outcome of the Meetings

1. Determine when the division will have a division council meeting; either before or at Regional Midwinter Conferences but not later than the second week of April. The primary purpose of the Division Council Meeting is to elect the Lt. Governors.

2. Determine the roles of past Trustees and Lt. Governors.

3. Decide if the division wants a Lt. Governor-elect, especially for those divisions that will be electing for only one year (odd-numbered divisions). If it is determined that this should take place, an election for the Lt. Governor-elect will take place at the Division Council Meeting.

4. Determine a division Secretary for the transition period. Between now and Division Council (who will act as a single source of information for the new Division and who shall run the Division Council Meeting). Unless approved at the Division Council meeting, this position will be dissolved on September 30, 2013.

New divisions 1 and 10 have already scheduled their Implementation Meetings.

Please urge your current Lt. Governors to schedule an implementation meeting as soon as possible. Once the meeting has been announced, plan to attend the implementation meeting in your new division and encourage your club officers and members to attend.

WI-UM Immediate Past Governor Fred Dietze welcomes your comments. Reach him by cell phone at 715-781-7167 or on his home phone at 715-381-0038 or by email at mainsailbr@baldwin-telecom.net.
Message from the Governor

Teamwork: Members, Clubs and WI-UM Kiwanis District

By Lynn Messer, 2012-2013 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor

The first month of my official duties as Governor flew by. The last two months have been quite busy for Merita and I with many requests for us to present the Governor’s Project on Autism. I am receiving calls from Kiwanis Clubs and from individuals who have autistic children. There is a lot of work to be done in the areas of corporate sponsorships, club commitments, and other fundraising initiatives. Before we can help these autistic children, we need to get the finances to get started. I have requested that all the clubs make this a part of their budgets and each club should appoint at least one person in their club to be the coordinator in charge of the Governor’s Project.

I have been doing club visits and will continue to do so as the requests come in. I would like to do my visits initially as a division visit to hear what the clubs are doing and to make the Governor’s Project presentation. The presentation takes 30 minutes without questions but there are always many questions which extends the time.

Membership is always a priority. The 2012-13 District Membership Chair is Fred Dietze. We have experienced negative growth again this past year and we must stop the bleeding. There is always that three letter word: ask. Ask a friend, a co-worker, a neighbor, a new person in your community or anyone with whom you come in contact. It does work. The Governor’s Project will give Kiwanis a great exposure and we have already recruited new members as a result of the project.

The Eliminate Project is a Kiwanis International effort to rid the world of maternal and neonatal tetanus. The project is in its second year and if goals are not set by clubs it is past the time to move in a positive direction. If you are looking for a presentation for your club, contact the District Eliminate Chair, Mike Fitzpatrick, at 414-350-1310 or mfitzpatricklaw@gmail.com.

The entire Kiwanis family is a team working together not only for our individual communities but also for the District and Kiwanis International.

“Kiwanis International is a global organization of members of every age who are dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.”

I am proud to serve as your Governor for the 2012-13 year and I know we can make a difference in every community in the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District.

Lynn Messer can be reached by email at lmmsr001@gmail.com or by phone at 920-946-0652.

Hixson Fellowship Award Presented to Ken Koscik

The George F. Hixson Fellowship Award, established in 1983 to honor the first Kiwanis International President, was presented to Ken Koscik. Ken is a skilled craftsman and teacher in the art of building wood-strip canoes and kayaks. Under his direction Downtown Madison Kiwanis Club members have built five canoes which have been raffled to net nearly $45,000 for club service programs. Ken spearheaded a Kiwanis project to collect medical supplies for shipment to Lithuania and has been involved with many other projects. He has served as Club President, Foundation President and Secretary, and as a member of the Board of Trustees. Ken is active in his church, carries out mission trips repairing homes, and works in the food pantry. In recognition of Ken’s significant commitment to Kiwanis, a $1,000 donation has been made in his name to the KI Foundation.

2012-13 WI-UM Governor Lynn Messer presents a George F. Hixson Fellowship Award to Madison Downtown Kiwanian Ken Koscik.
Downtown Madison Kiwanis Supports Children’s Programs

The Kiwanis Club of Downtown Madison selected two youth-oriented programs as recipients of the 2012 Bob and Carroll Heideman Community Service Grant Awards. Tri 4 Schools and the Simpson Street Free Press each received a check for $2,500 at the annual Kiwanis Awards Banquet on October 15.

"Tri 4 Schools and the Simpson Street Press impressed our grants committee with their important work and their commitment to the Guiding Principles of Kiwanis, which include development of a more intelligent, and serviceable citizenship and facilitating a means for forming enduring friendships and building a better community," explained Ken Kosick, Grants Committee Chair.

The mission of Tri 4 Schools is to encourage children to live active and healthy lifestyles through participation in many sports activities such as swimming, biking, running and by supporting school health and fitness programs.

Through its funding of programs and equipment, Tri 4 Schools has worked to improve school resources in the areas of nutrition, athletics and overall health and fitness. It also supports students from low-income families by offering additional financial support, scholarships and assistance with equipment needed to compete in its events.

Since its inception in 1992, as a modest neighborhood newspaper based in south Madison, the Simpson Street Free Press has grown to become one of Dane County’s most effective and highly regarded youth programs built on innovative teaching methods, time-tested curricula and extensive collaborative efforts. The program provides a challenging experience for its teen writing staff, helping them acquire essential vocational and academic skills through writing and publishing and spreads a positive message of youth achievement, academic success, and community service throughout Madison and Dane County.

Message from the Executive Director ... from page two

New Business

• Mark Finger recommended the district use KSF CPA from Ripon to do the financial review for the 2011-12 fiscal year. This is the same company that did the review for 2010-11 and had proposed to do the same for 2011-12 for the same cost. The board approved KSF CPA to do the financial review again this year.

• District Foundation President Lori Bents had requested to allow a basket raffle, a District Convention package raffle and maybe some other fundraisers that might be needed to make up for the fundraisers which would have been done at one Midwinter location in the past. She was concerned that there would be a loss of revenue having three separate locations for the Midwinter Conferences. The board suggested that a decision on this be postponed until the February meeting so a more detailed plan by the District Foundation could be presented.

• The approval of 2013 Midwinter Budgets and Registration Fees was discussed. Financial details for each Midwinter Conference have not been finalized as of the board meeting. The Executive Committee will approve the registration fees for each of the Midwinters as they become finalized.
From Punjab to Middleton . . . A Kiwanis Journey
By Gurdip Brar, 2012-2013 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor-elect

Growing up on a farm in a small village in Punjab, northern India, I did not know much about the United States let alone Kiwanis. Very early on, while helping the family with farm chores, I learned the necessity of hard work to be successful. Serving others was a norm in our home.

While an undergraduate at Punjab Agricultural University (patterned after land grant institutions in the United States and having extensive collaboration with Ohio State University), I decided to come to the U.S. for my graduate studies. From my two choices (the University of California and the University of Wisconsin) I chose the former, not knowing I would spend most of my life close to UW-Madison.

My wife Dorothy and I, along with our two-year-old daughter and two-month-old son, moved to Madison when I accepted a position at a newly formed biotechnology company in Middleton, later to become the world-renowned Agracetus, and now a campus of Monsanto. It enabled me to make significant contributions to plant biotechnology and it led me to Kiwanis.

In 1992, a neighbor asked me if I could arrange for the Middleton Kiwanis Club to visit Agracetus, which was not open to the public. Later, when I was invited to a Kiwanis meeting as a thank you gesture, I found many wonderful, fun loving and welcoming folks. Soon I joined Middleton Kiwanis. “To build” was the Kiwanis motto at that time – to build leaders, to build communities!

Immediately, Middleton Kiwanis put me to work. I was on the board of directors and a member of the Youth Services Committee. Knowing my kids were school-aged and that I was heavily involved as a volunteer with the Middleton schools, I was challenged to start a Key Club at Middleton High School, which they had been trying to do for a long time. Middleton Key Club, started in 1994, is the oldest in the Madison area and one of the largest in the WI-UM District with well over 250 members.

Kiwanis provided me with many opportunities for community service. Our club started the Community Leadership Education Workshop (somewhat like Key Leader) for Madison Metropolitan high school students. I also helped start Kiwanis Kids Day, Builders Club and Kiwanis K Kids. It has been a very rewarding journey.

I feel honored and privileged to serve you as your 2012-13 Governor-elect. This is a great responsibility and opportunity.

K-Family Hockey Night to Support The Eliminate Project
By Sarah Nolan, WUM Circle K Kiwanis Family Outreach Chair

One hundred and sixty babies die each day from neonatal tetanus. We are the ones that need to make a difference. The Kiwanis Family Hockey Night is approaching fast and it is time to make our goal to stomp out neonatal tetanus.

The Milwaukee Admirals will be taking on the Chicago Wolves on Friday November 30th 2012 at the BMO Harris Bradley Center. The price of the tickets is $17 with $3 going towards The Eliminate Project. Have you ever wanted to wear a mustache for a day? The Lucky Tiger men’s grooming company will be passing out free mustaches when you come into the game.

We would love to see you there! If you have any questions, please contact Sarah Nolan, WUM Circle K Kiwanis Family/Outreach Chair at nolans24@gmail.com.

Go Admirals!
Key Club Partners with Hershey’s Track and Field Games

By Sam Leicht, 2012-13 WI-UM Key Club Governor

My Key Club International Convention experience was unbelievable. Not only was I able to meet Key Club members from all over the United States, but I was able to learn, observe, and grow as an individual.

I chose to attend the workshop for the Hershey's Track and Field Games because they are one of our new co-sponsors of Key Club, and I’m very glad I did. I learned about an opportunity to hold track and field games for youth in your community. They emphasized that the games were all about “helping get kids on the right track, teaching lifelong lessons, and having fun every step, leap, jump, and throw along the way”.

I was so inspired by the workshop that I decided right then and there that I would plan those games in my community. With the atmosphere I was in and with Key Clubbers who were ready to make anything happen, I even decided to take these games to the next level and add a separate section of the games for kids in the community with special disabilities.

The Hershey’s Track and Field Games is a service project from which any community would benefit. I can’t wait to get my games started and I hope that you might be interested in starting your own as well. If you want more information about the Hershey’s Games, check out the website at www.hersheystrackandfield.com/#/Learn-All-About-the-Games.

Let me know what you think!

WI-UM Key Club District Governor Sam Leicht can be reached by email at samuelleicht@gmail.com.

My Key Leader Experience

By Melissa Spannbauer, Fond du Lac St. Mary’s Springs Academy High School

Key Leader is a weekend I look forward to each year. I was given the chance to be a Student Facilitator in the fall of 2012 and was so excited to be a part of being able to practice the leadership skills I learned from my first time attending in 2011. What I really love about the Key Leader workshop set up by Kiwanis is that the Adult Facilitator always has passion for teaching and helping create new, young and rational leaders. This weekend is not a time to fool around but an extension of the classroom.

The Site Coordinators and Site Committee have always been a joy to work with and also easy to work alongside. They make sure that we as students know what the rules are, but also make sure we have a fun time, too.

The group of Student Facilitators my first year were great and made me feel welcomed and that coming to learn about leadership would be fun. I not only had the chance to learn more my second year, but I was also given the chance to impact other people’s lives just as my facilitator did my first year.

Finally, just very recently, I was asked to come back a third year, to attend Key Leader weekend again. I gladly told our Key Leader Coordinator that I would love to come back as a Student Facilitator in the fall of 2013.

Key Leader a Success

By Gail Pachucki, Key Leader Coordinator

The best descriptions and comments of our Key Leader weekend come from the participants.

• Alex stated, “Thanks so much for organizing the Key Leader weekend and making it such a memorable experience. I’ve learned so much invaluable knowledge for me to utilize back in my community.”

• Brienna commented, “Thank you so much for giving me this experience. I met a lot of great people and it was very interesting.”

• Ian noted, “Thanks for being a great boss-leader. I had an amazing time learning all of this Key Leader-ness!”

• Taylor said, “Thank you for being a wonderful ultimate leader and efficient Curfew Cop!” Ah, relief!

Now we move forward to Key Leader Year Nine, September 20-22, 2013. Your club support propels our program. Keep it going . . . thank you!

Key Leader Coordinator Gail Pachucki can be reached by phone at (262) 728-3711 or by email at cheeky2@tds.net.
First Annual Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Aktion Club Leadership

By Linda Schlaak, Fox Valley Aktion Club President

History was made on Saturday, September 29, 2012. While the world was largely unaware of this momentous event, it was celebrated by those of us who have waited for it for years. On this day, the first (but definitely not the last) annual Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Aktion Club Leadership and Training Conference took place at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

No other Kiwanis Family clubs were present – this was all Aktion – and, believe me, there was more than enough “action” to go around! This was a chance for area Aktion Club Presidents, Vice Presidents and any other of our loyal constituents to get together, get acquainted, compare notes on each other’s meetings and share ideas for our respective clubs.

The day officially began at approximately 10 a.m. with a welcome by WI-UM Aktion Club Administrator Charles Zarno. The clubs who brought their banners paraded them led by our national flag. Invocation preceded the National Anthem and greetings by 2011-12 WI-UM District Governor Fred Dietze.

Jean Long Manteufel, Aktion Club Advisor and WI-UM Kiwanis District Trustee, led a rousing, roundtable discussion consisting of selected Aktion Club Officers – with a fair representation from each club – answering such questions as “How has Aktion Club affected you, personally?,” “What great fundraising projects has your club sponsored or participated in?,” and a general idea of a typical meeting.

One question that seemed to stump the majority of us, was “what do you do for FUN at your meetings?” It seems most of us need a little shot in the arm in that area. After all, we do want to increase our membership!

After a quick break, we had our choice of two service projects: making Cards for Soldiers, and assembling Friendship Bracelet Kits that hospitalized children or teens could make to offset boredom.

After a delicious spaghetti dinner it was time for the various project leaders to make their presentations. 2012-13 District Governor Lynn Messer presented a touching “Focus on Autism” slideshow, emphasizing the need to raise funds for those with autism to be able to obtain a type of “board” that enables communication with others. Mike “Fitz” Fitzpatrick, District Coordinator for The Eliminate Project, spoke next. Mardy McGarry explained...
the Parliamentary Procedure for Aktion Club Meetings (i.e., the “right way”), to which this article’s “smart-aleck” author replied, “Do we really have to do it this way?! It’s called a bell, a hammer, and ‘we’re done; let’s go!’”

A Talent Show and Speech Contest headlined some very astute singers and speakers – such talent we have among us! Very impressive! These people need to be seen/known by the outside world. Awards and presentations were given for the “best” of the singers/speakers, for the most pennies contributed for The Eliminate Project (although each club received a certificate of thanks), as well as for feats such as “the farthest to come,” the “largest club,” and the “club with the most attendees”. The advisors then convened to a meeting, while the rest of us gathered in the dining hall to belt out some tunes in Karaoke.

It was a very rewarding experience – one that I know we all enjoyed and look forward to attending again next year. It is a rare and wonderful thing to be among those like ourselves – those who know and understand our struggles and challenges and do not judge.

I am honored to be part of such an organization – one that has given me opportunities I may not have otherwise had, not the least of which has been the opportunity to lead a group of some pretty wonderful people whom I have come to love – Aktion Club members and advisors.

Governor Dietze Inspired at Aktion Conference

The last official event that I attended as your District Governor took place on September 29 in Fond du Lac. It was the First Annual Wisconsin Upper Michigan District Aktion Club Leadership and Training Conference. It was truly an awe-inspiring event. I especially want to mention one event. There was a Talent Show and Nicole Bole, a member of the Janesville Aktion Club recited one of the poems that she had written – she has written over 400 pages since 2009. Here is her poem – no punctuation corrections or anything – just a poem that I hope will inspire you just as much as it inspired all of the Kiwanians and Aktion Club members who heard her read it.

*When a child goes hungry, we feed them*
*When a child needs a bed kit we buy them*
*When a child has tetanus, we eliminate it*
*When a child needs toys, we donate them*
*When a child is homeless we give them a place to sleep*
*We help out in every way for a child*
*That is why our mission to help children in our community and worldwide*
*So, what you waiting for you can help too.*

Nicole may have some challenges, but she writes and speaks from her heart. What are you waiting for? Thank you all for making this such a special year.
Save the Date for Regional Midwinter Conferences

In an effort to bring Midwinter workshops to more District members, three Regional Midwinter Conferences are planned for 2013. Attend any of the three Regional Midwinters. We will offer a Club Leadership Education seminar as well as an Achieving Club Excellence workshop and 12 other workshops with two sets of three workshops. A registration form will be available in December at www.wiumkiwanis.org.

Get to Know Your WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation

By Lori Bents, Kiwanis District Foundation President

Do you know about the Kiwanis District Foundation? I didn’t either until I was asked to be on the board as a zone rep. Now I’m the president – and of course I want everyone to know! Your Kiwanis District Foundation has just printed a new brochure. I hope that you see one soon as your zone rep visits your club or when you attend one of the Midwinter Conferences.

While you are at the conference, be sure to buy chance raffle tickets for the baskets that will be offered. This is one of the ways that the KDF raises funds for grants and scholarships. We will also be having a raffle for meals and hotel for the District Convention in Racine in August. It’s a great prize – buy lots of tickets!

The KDF will be holding a session on fundraising for your club, your district or your personal interest charity work at the Midwinter Conferences. The KDF board recently heard a sample of the presentation – we know you will be able to put this information to good use!

Kiwanews Schedule Set for 2012-13 Kiwanis Year

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Please submit stories to Tonya Alling, 11 Stanton St., Ripon WI 54971 or tonya@allingenterprises.com.

Board Approves 20% Commission for Kiwanews Ad Sales

Kiwanews editor Tonya Alling proposed to the District Board that the District provide a 20% commission on ads sold for publication in the Kiwanews. She suggested that the WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation (KDF) could solicit ads with the commission going to the KDF; a Kiwanis member could solicit ads with the commission going to their club, or the commission could go directly to the salesperson. The board approved the 20% commission rate with preference given first to those soliciting for the KDF, second to those soliciting for a Kiwanis club and last for the commission paid to the individual. The Kiwanews editor will oversee ad sales.

Advertising rates are:
• $900 annually for non-Kiwanis member businesses
• $600 annually for Kiwanis member businesses
• $50 for a single-issue ad for a Kiwanis club or $100 for a double-size ad.

The goal is to sell up to forty ads per issue, which will cover the costs for all six issues to be printed and mailed each year. If you or your club are interested in earning a commission on Kiwanews ad sales, please contact Tonya Alling at 920-748-6468 or tonya@allingenterprises.com.
Menomonee Falls Kiwanis Club Distributes Dictionaries

By Tony Katsune, Menomonee Falls Kiwanis Club

The Menomonee Falls Kiwanis Club is in the midst of distributing a personal dictionary to every third grader in the Menomonee Falls public and parochial schools.

The Dictionary Project is a national program promoting ownership of an age-appropriate resource for third graders. Through the years of this project over 17 million dictionaries have been distributed. Over two million were distributed in 2011. Wisconsin third graders have been given 32,395, which is 45 percent of all Wisconsin third graders.

The Menomonee Falls Club became involved when Tony Katsune presented the idea to the club after seeing a third grader in Arizona use the multiplication table printed in the book.

He researched the idea and after discussing it with the club there was much enthusiasm to move forward with the project. Working with the superintendent of schools, principals and third grade teachers, details were worked out and the club is now in their third year of this project.

The photo featured at right reveals the enthusiasm of the recipients, the children and teachers write notes to the club expressing the fun they have with the many features of the book. A few of those features are the State Capitols, longest word, basics of sign language, animal facts, Roman Numerals, Declaration of Independence and Constitution, planet facts and weights and measures.

One third grader said, “I so love my dictionary that I keep it in my backpack so our dog doesn’t eat it.” Another said, “My mother uses my dictionary to look up words she doesn’t know.”

The club finds this project fun and rewarding. For more information on the Dictionary Project, contact Tony Katsune at (262) 792-0902 or jkatsune@wi.rr.com.

WUM Circle K to Celebrate 50th Annual District Convention

By Jackie Erzinger, WUM Circle K District Convention Chair

The 50th Annual WUM Circle K District Convention is coming up February 22-24, 2013 and my goal is to have it be a Kiwanis Family success! The convention theme this year is “Rolling Out the Red Carpet: Lights! Camera! Service!” and there will be plenty of opportunities for the Kiwanis Family to engage in fellowship, leadership and fundraisers, such as our first ever Eliminate Project themed-Kiwanis Family Luncheon. Circle K members look up to Kiwanians, so we naturally want as many possible at our convention!

Join WUM Circle K in rolling out the red carpet to celebrate fifty years of service, leadership and fellowship at this year’s District Convention. Registration cost covers all of the events, such as Kiwanis Family Luncheon, workshops, Presidents’ and Parents’ Banquet, as well as a t-shirt and souvenir to remember this glamorous weekend.

Registrations post-marked by January 8 cost $80. Those post-marked by January 22 cost $90. Onsite registration on February 22 will be $95.

K-Family Luncheon and Workshops .............. $25
K-Family Luncheon, Workshops & Banquet .... $61
Presidents’ and Parents’ Banquet ............... $36

Prices do not include lodging. The room rate at the Racine Marriott Hotel is $115.36/night (tax included).
Do You Like Surprises? Consider a Case Van Kleef Award

It's a very good thing that former first lady Nancy Dietze does. Her husband, 2011-12 District Governor Fred Dietze surprised her with a Case Van Kleef Award at the District convention in Eau Claire. The Van Kleef award is the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District's version of a George F. Hixson Fellowship Award. Named after former Governor and International Past President Case Van Kleef, the award is given to an individual in whose name a donation of $1,000 is given to the Kiwanis District Foundation. Fred donated to the KDF in honor of First Lady Nancy.

There were even more surprises in store at the District Convention. Longtime KDF secretary Jan Williams received a Van Kleef award donated by her Kiwanis friends. As a special honor, Francine Pease matched those donations and made Jan's a Van Kleef with Distinction.

The proceeds from the Van Kleef awards go into the Kiwanis District Foundation endowment fund, which generates funds for future KDF grants and scholarships. Anyone can honor anyone with a Van Kleef award at any time. A fellow club member, a friend or family member, even a non-Kiwanian! Can you think of someone YOU would like to surprise with a Van Kleef?

Case Van Kleef Foundation Fellowship Award Nomination Form

You may now become a Case Van Kleef Foundation Fellow. All recipients will receive a medallion as recognition of this elite status. You may recognize yourself, an outstanding Kiwanian in your club, or a worthy person in your community. Your tax-deductible contribution of $1,000 to the Kiwanis District Foundation. Contributions of $2,000 or more will merit a Case Van Kleef Distinguished Foundation Fellowship.

Remit this form with your donation to the WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation, 2380 Hwy 44, Suite H, Oshkosh, WI 54904, 920-237-5544 phone, 920-237-5545 fax, email kdfsecretary@aol.com, web site www.wiumkdf.org.

☐ Yes, I want to become a Van Kleef Foundation Fellow or am nominating a worthy recipient of this honor.

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

☐ $1,000 to become a Case Van Kleef Foundation Fellow.

☐ $2,000 to become a Case Van Kleef Distinguished Foundation Fellow.

☐ Partial payment ($200 or more) in the amount of $ ________ towards a “Van Kleef.”

Recipient’s Name __________________________________________________________________________________
Kiwanis Club of ____________________________________________________________________________________
Address __________________________________________________________________________________________
Contact person (if other than Recipient) ________________________________________________________________
Contact phone __________________________ C ontact email __________________________________________

On a separate sheet of paper, please include a summary of the recipient’s activities in Kiwanis, including the year he/she joined; leadership position(s) held with years indicated, notable accomplishments both in and out of Kiwanis, family information and anything else you believe pertinent.
Key Club members enjoyed the luncheon after volunteering at Kiwanis Family Service Day.

STUFH a Truck, organized by the UW-Madison Circle K club, stands for ‘Students Teaming Up to Fight Hunger,’ which is one of CKI’s preferred charities. The food drive took place at a Madison grocery store where volunteers collected non-perishable foods to donate to a local food pantry. The grocery store helped by making $5 and $10 pre-packaged bags that customers could purchase for donation.

During registration for the event, attendees participated in various service projects, including pinning hope ribbons, creating fall decorations for nursing homes (as shown in picture), making scarves and so much more.

Many fun activities were planned for the afternoon, from face painting to various games of skill and table games.

WT-UM Kiwanis Past Governor, Barry Hersh, Immediate-Past Governor Fred Dietze, and Governor Lynn Messer were among the many Kiwanians who attended K-Family Service Day.

Circle K members participated in Kiwanis Family Service Day alongside their Key Club and Kiwanis colleagues.

**K-Family Service Day ... from page one**

other Kiwanis District news and events. Several people participated in some of the games of skill or table games provided by the planning committee.

By late afternoon most folks were on their way home feeling a bit tired, but with the knowledge that they provided service to the community in the name of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis family.
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Upcoming WI-UM K-Family Dates

**K-Family Hockey Night, Milwaukee** . . . .November 30, 2012

**Circle K District Convention, Racine** . . .February 22-24, 2013

**Key Club District Convention, Green Bay** . . .March 1-3, 2013

**Midwinter Conventions:**
Capital/Great River, Camp Wawbeek . . . .March 9, 2013

**Suburban/Gateway, West Bend** . . . .April 6, 2013

**Fox Valley/Northwoods** . . . .April 20, 2013


**District Convention, Racine Marriott** . . . .August 23-25, 2013

**Key Leader, Camp Wawbeek** . . . .September 20-22, 2013
Wisconsin Dells Kiwanian Honored as Parade Grand Marshall

By Stephen Stuelke, Secretary/Treasurer, Kiwanis Club of Wisconsin Dells

Wisconsin Dells Kiwanian Larry Neal was honored by the Wisconsin Dells Area by being named Grand Marshall for the 45th Annual Fall Festival Parade. The annual festival, called Wo-Zha-Wa which is Native American for Fun Time, draws over 30,000 people.

Larry joined the Wisconsin Dells Kiwanis in 1958 and has been a very active member since. Over the years he served as chair of many committees and club projects as well as serving several terms on the Board of Directors. He also served as general chair for the annual Chicken Picnic fundraiser held during Wo-Zha-Wa for over 15 years. The annual two-hour parade features 100 units and bands.

The Wisconsin Dells Kiwanis Club has been honored to have seven of its members serve as Grand Marshall over the years.

Belleville Club Charter President Remembered

Robert L. Belle, charter member and three-time president of the Kiwanis Club of Belleville died October 20, 2012. A WWII and Korea Navy veteran, Bob left a great legacy of service to Kiwanis, community and country. His love of learning and respect for humanity and natural environment were guides to works that will carry into the future – Kiwanis academic achievement awards, leadership camp and graduate scholarships, river and lake restoration and the community UFO day festival. Memorials for Bob were/are directed to the Belleville club for future scholarships.

Verona Club Receives First Lady’s Food Pantry Award

District Governor-elect Gurdeep Brar presented the award for the 2011-12 First Lady’s Food Pantry Project to members of the Verona club: Amy Armstrong, Martha Booth, Howard Cagle, Steve Runde, Candy Seldt and Pam Hyng.