Kiwanis Club of Stoughton Organized “Let’s Fly a Kite Day”

By Laura Mays, Kiwanis Club of Stoughton

The Kiwanis Club of Stoughton, Cummins Asian Affinity Group and the Optimist Club partnered together to invite families with children five to 14 years of age to join in a kite-building workshop on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at Sandhill Elementary School.

More than 20 children participated and received a free kite, string and winder handle. The kite was hand-decorated by the children and then assembled with help from a parent, guardian or club member. After the kite building, participants had time to fly their kites behind the school. Participants enjoyed the event and the opportunity to gather for a fun-filled day of flying kites.

The weather cooperated, and kites flew above Sandhill Elementary School. Also on hand were kite-building experts who demonstrated and talked about kites, the science of kite flying and kite flying in other countries.
Governor Burmeister Urges Clubs to Help Eliminate Tetanus

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

Time is fast running out for the promotion of The Eliminate Project. We are approaching the goal of $110 million to eliminate the excruciating death by neonatal tetanus in third-world countries, but we are not there yet. While the promotion of the project will end Dec. 31, 2015, clubs can still contribute. Your club can make a pledge to The Eliminate Project and take up to five years to pay it off. Through the end of this year you can also make a pledge towards one of the awards such as a Zeller Fellowship, which will save lives and recognize the service of one of your club members.

The beauty of being part of a large organization like Kiwanis is we can do things together on a scale that no club can do on their own. Sadly, too many of our clubs do not recognize or accept that Kiwanis exists beyond our local community. We are part of a District community, a national community and a world community. Nothing we can do within our local community can have the impact The Eliminate Project has on life or death for people all over the world.

Too many of our clubs have given nothing to The Eliminate Project. Many clubs have given a great deal; to them go our deepest thanks. To those clubs that have given nothing, are you really going to just stand by while babies are dying? I hope everyone takes advantage of this last opportunity to do the right thing. If you have given already, please consider giving more. If you have not given anything yet, please see if there is something you can do. Help push this project over the top and to a strong finish.

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

Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee Celebrates 100th Anniversary

By Julie Gmeinder, Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee

The Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee kicked off its 100th anniversary year with a celebration dinner on October 28, 2015, featuring keynote speaker John Gurda at Best Place in Milwaukee. Gurda is an author and Milwaukee historian. His presentation outlined the major founding fathers of Milwaukee, and who and what influenced the city’s growth. He also highlighted the importance of Kiwanis’ influence within the Milwaukee area over the past 100 years.

The club was blessed to have many special guests in the audience for the celebration, including WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor-elect John Collins, District 2 Lt. Governor Jim Buskel and two interclubs – the Elm Grove Golden K and North Shore Milwaukee.

This was the first of many special events and keynote speakers that the Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee is planning during its centennial year. In November, the club’s featured speakers were Wisconsin Senator Alberta Darling and Admiral Michael Mullen, 17th Chair of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who was in the area for the commissioning of the USS Milwaukee.

The 100th anniversary year began October 1, 2015 and ends September 30, 2016. The Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee was founded November 23, 1916 and is the “flagship” club of Kiwanis International in Wisconsin.

To keep with the ‘100’ theme, the Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee will also be expanding its service programs, including donating 100 Thanksgiving meals, donating 100 wrapped gifts for children in December, collecting 100 duffel bags or backpacks for youth in the foster care system in January and planting 100 trees in April.

“Every month of the year,” President Joe Wilson explains, “we will complete a service project involving the number ‘100’ that benefits the children and youth of the greater Milwaukee area, our Aktion Club members or the environment.”
The following items were discussed and or approved at the October board meeting:

**Minutes**
- The minutes of the August 28, 2015 and August 30, 2015 board meetings were approved.
- The September 30, 2015 financial report was presented by Executive Director Mark Finger and was accepted.

**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/agh stabbing238n6/1/5056684025])

- Governor Jim Burmeister provided a written report (on file). Jim talked about the meetings he has attended in the short period he has been Governor. Jim is seeking invites to divisions for his Governor's visits and noted those visits he already has scheduled.
- Governor-elect John Collins provided a written report (on file). John noted it has only been three weeks in his new position so there is not much to report. He is planning on attending the Governor Training in Indianapolis in November and the Regional I Plan meeting in Dallas in December.
- Immediate Past Governor Anna Bruhn noted that her purpose as Immediate Past Governor is to advise (torture) the Governor. She has been helping with setting up the new District Website and working with Justin Hahn to develop a budget for Key Leader.
- Past Governor Trustee Lyle Plagenz reported that he is looking forward to being on the board this year.
- Executive Director Mark Finger presented the finance report on the 2015 District Convention. He noted that the general expenses for the convention were lower than budgeted but the cost to cover the District Leadership was higher than budgeted due to the distance to Marquette.
- International Convention Chair Mark Finger will be attending the District Secretary's meeting in Toronto in January. While there, he will be looking at options for a District Dinner or reception. Fred and Mark will be promoting the International Convention at the Midyear Conferences this year.
- Mark reminded the board that the 2016 District Convention will be in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, August 12-14, 2016.
- Mark presented two proposals for the 2017 District Convention. They are from the Paper Valley in Appleton, Wisconsin and the Holiday Inn in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. Immediate Past Lt. Governor Joan Pinch, Regional Sales Director for the Holiday Inn in Fond du Lac, reviewed her proposal. The sleeping room costs were higher than the Paper Valley, but breakfast was included in the rate. Governor-elect John Collins, the Governor who will be presiding at this convention, presented his thoughts on the choices and noted both facilities are good but preferred the Holiday Inn in Fond du Lac. The board approved contracting with the Holiday Inn in Fond du Lac for the 2017 District Convention. The board also chose to hold the convention on August 18-20, 2017.
- Mark requested that the District include in his salary the amount that the WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation (KDF) is paying him for his role as Executive Secretary/Treasurer and that the KDF reimburse the WI-UM District for that amount.

**Reports**

- Lt. Governors reported on how things were going in their division.
- Formula Committee/Youth Protection Chair Dale Vannes encouraged Lt. Governors to review the Youth Protection policy with their clubs and ask the club secretary to report on their monthly report when each club completes the training. Dale also suggested the Lt. Governors help identify those interested in doing the online training for club counselors. Dale offered to put together a team to come in and work with weak clubs in the division.
- Kiwanis District Foundation (KDF) President Jim Sanderson reported to the board. Club giving to the foundation was down last year. Lt. Governors should promote the pass-through opportunity the KDF offers for clubs to accept donations that need to go through a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation and then pass through to the club.
- Circle K Governor Five Yang was not in attendance but provided a written report (on file). The upcoming K-Family Service Day and K-Family Badger Hockey night was discussed.
- Key Club Governor Joshua Dvorak was not in attendance but provided a written report (on file). Key Club Administrator Kathy Gillis updated the board on what the Key Club District board has been and will be doing.
- Key Leader Coordinator Justin Hahn reported on the 2015 Key Leader event, which was a great success. The board approved the 2016 Key Leader dates of September 16-18. The board also approved the proposed 2016 Key Leader budget.
- CK-KC Graduate Program Administrator Fred Dietze reported to the board. The ultimate purpose of the program is to get graduates of Circle K and Key...
We are at the beginning of another Kiwanis year with Jim Burmeister at the helm. I enjoyed serving as the WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor last year and I know working with Jim this year will be awesome!

Here are some of the highlights of my gubernatorial term:
• Team building with Charlie Price, Jim Burmeister and Mark Finger while working on bylaws and policies (note: chocolate desserts make everything better!).
• Being awarded a Walter Zeller Fellowship and the prestigious Key Club Eliminate Medallion by Jim Buskel, from Division 2! By the way, we finished last year with 74% of our clubs participating and at 22% of the district target.
• The hospitality of every club that I visited, the laughter of friends sharing their club with me, and the worries that come with clubs being smaller than they would like.
• Finding out that Racine has been doing pancake breakfasts for 60 years, and that their “mascot” is recognized with “I love you pancake man,” definitely sets a pretty high goal.

This year, Detroit #1 turned 100 years old. We also have clubs designated in the first 50 clubs in existence. First up this year is the Downtown Milwaukee Kiwanis Club, followed by Racine. We’re going to be starting our own series of 100th anniversary parties! It should be a pretty good, wonderful, awesome year!

Immediate Past WI-UM District Governor Anna Bruhn can be reached at anna.bruhn@gmail.com or 608-393-6811.

Division 2 Recognized by Kiwanis International Foundation

By Fred Dietze, Kiwanis International Foundation District Chair

Every year the Kiwanis International Foundation President issues the President’s Challenge to clubs, divisions and districts. The challenge encourages Kiwanis leaders to support the Kiwanis International Foundation by promoting and supporting the annual fund within each club, division and district.

The president challenged Lt. Governors to be the Foundation’s advocate and to actively promote the Foundation within their division by increasing the division’s cumulative giving (from individuals, clubs and other entities) to the annual fund by 10%. The division’s combined total must reach a minimum of $750.

It has been a long time in coming, but one of our Lt. Governors, Division 2’s Jim Buskel, received the President’s Challenge Award for the 2013-14 year. The Award was announced at the WI-UM Kiwanis District Convention in Marquette, Michigan, but wasn’t presented until the district board meeting in October.

WA-UM District Foundation Seeks Investment Advisor

By Mark Finger, WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation Executive Secretary/Treasurer

The WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation (KDF) is seeking an investment advisor to oversee the KDF’s portfolio, which is in excess of $250,000. An ad-hoc committee is compiling a Request for Proposal (RFP) which will include a copy of the KDF’s Investment Policy. The RFP will be sent to all interested parties. For details, please contact KDF Executive Secretary/Treasurer Mark Finger at mfinger@wiumkiwanis.org.
The American Legion Auxiliary presented 12 veterans with Quilts of Valor on Saturday, September 26. The ceremony took place at the Elks/Easter Seals Wisconsin Respite Camp during their Veterans Family Camp Weekend which was held September 25-27 at the camp.

Quilts of Valor is a foundation with a mission to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts. The organization started in 2005 and, since then, has given away more than 115,000 Quilts of Valor to veterans throughout the country. In a similar ceremony at the Spring Veterans Family Camp on May 2, 25 quilts were also given to veterans attending the camp.

Joanne Van Wie, Wisconsin Dells, led the effort to distribute Quilts of Valor to the veterans taking part in the family camp weekend. She and her husband, John, Easter Seals Wisconsin Board member, are long-time supporters of Easter Seals Camps and were on hand to help present the quilts at Saturday’s ceremony.

During the ceremony, before each quilt is presented, a national citation is read as the quilt is wrapped around the recipient. The citation reads “On behalf of the Quilts of Valor Foundation, through Wisconsin Quilts of Valor, in recognition of your service and sacrifice for this nation, it is a privilege to serve, honor and comfort you through the award of this Quilt of Valor. Though we may never know the depth of your sacrifice to protect and defend the United States of America, as a gesture of gratitude of a grateful nation we award you this Quilt of Valor.”

“The Quilts of Valor presentation was emotional and beautiful,” said Joanne Van Wie, who not only took part in sewing the quilts on Quilts of Valor National Sew Day in February, but was also on hand to wrap each veteran in their quilt.

Twice a year, Easter Seals Wisconsin offers a Veterans Family Camp Weekend at no charge to veterans and their families. The weekend offers a chance for veterans and family members to relax and spend some much-needed time together at beautiful and accessible Camp Wawbeek in Wisconsin Dells. All meals and lodging are provided. Camperships to help a veteran and family are always needed and welcome.

During their weekend, veterans enjoy fully-accessible recreational opportunities for the whole family. Veterans with disabilities can participate fully in fishing, swimming, sports, ropes course and zip line, nature activities, and trips to Dells-area attractions. While the focus is primarily on fun, participating families have the opportunity to begin forming social and support networks that often prove helpful to them throughout the year.

For more information on Easter Seals Veterans Family Camps, please visit www.eastersealswisconsin.com, e-mail veterans@eastersealswisconsin.com or call 608-237-1979.
Support the District Foundation with Van Kleef Fellowship

By Susan Van Kleef, Northside Naples Kiwanis Club, Naples, Florida

The Northside Naples Kiwanis Club in Naples, Florida is proud to have recently presented a Case Van Kleef Fellowship award to club president Michael Homes. Three members of the Naples club, including Case Van Kleef, are now Van Kleef Fellows.

Case Van Kleef served as WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation (KDF) President, was WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor in 1995-96 and served as Kiwanis International President in 2004-05.

Please consider honoring a deserving club member with a Case Van Kleef Fellowship award. The $1,000 dollar donation to the KDF from a club or an individual will strengthen the club in the future. Honor a club member, strengthen your District Foundation and provide more service through our district at the club level by honoring someone with a Van Kleef Fellowship.

If a minimum of 25 Van Kleef Fellowships are reserved before the district convention in August, 2016, Case Van Kleef himself will be at our convention to present the awards. Contact the KDF to reserve yours today.

Ray Farr Honored with Zeller Fellowship by FDL Noon Club

By Tiffany Heim, Fond du Lac Noon Kiwanis Club

The Fond du Lac Noon Kiwanis Club awarded a Walter Zeller Fellowship to Ray Farr. The Zeller Fellowship was established by the Kiwanis International Foundation in support of The Eliminate Project which seeks to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. The club honored Ray Farr by making a one-time gift of $1,250 to The Eliminate Project. This gift will save the lives of 690 women and their future babies.

When Past President, Kathy Leifer thinks of Kiwanis one of the first images that comes to her mind is the face of Ray Farr. “He is smiling and welcoming, rarely says no, always offers a hand to help, is at every event, provides the club with historical perspective, gives advice and guidance, brings humor and life to the club, and is a friend to all.” Congratulations, Ray, on this well-deserved honor.

Fabriculous Fond du Lac Club Awards Hixson Fellowships

By John Cooper, Fabulous Fond du Lac Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of Fabulous Fond du Lac recently awarded two Hixson Fellowships. A $1,000 donation was made to the Kiwanis International Foundation in the name of Sharon Kollman and Pastor Dan Leeds in recognition of their hard work for Kiwanis. Congratulation to Sharon and Dan.
Chilton Kiwanis Club Honors Bill Elliott with Zeller Fellowship Award

By Jean Van Frachen, Kiwanis Club of Chilton

On October 7, 2015 the Kiwanis Club of Chilton held their installation, with Division 6 Lt. Governor and Past District Governor Lynn Messer presiding. Perfect attendance tabs were distributed with Carl Siebert receiving his tab for 43 years of perfect attendance. Lt. Governor Messer also inducted three of the club’s four new members.

The highlight of the evening was presenting Bill Elliott with a Walter Zeller Fellowship Award. Bill has been a Kiwanis member for 54 years and has served several terms as president, many years on the board of directors and helped implement the club’s high school scholarship. The Chilton club now has three Zeller Fellows among its members.

The Zeller Fellowship is a very special opportunity designed exclusively for The Eliminate Project. Become a Walter Zeller Fellow by making a gift of $1,250 to The Eliminate Project. All Zeller Fellows receive a medallion, lapel pin and certificate. The International Foundation encourages you to support The Eliminate Project as a Zeller Fellow.

iPads, Apps and Autism

By Jerry McCormick, Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis

“This is amazing! What a wonderful service it is to provide iPads for children on the autism spectrum.” These are the words of Tanya Fredrich, Elmbrook Schools Special Education Director. iPads have been provided by the Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis Club to students from Elmbrook, Menomonee Falls, New Berlin, West Allis, Waukesha and Wauwatosa Schools. The latest presentations were held at Fairview South School on November 4, 2015. Three more iPads with special apps were presented to students recommended by their special education teachers.

The goal of this WI-UM Kiwanis District project is to raise funds to provide iPads to children on the autism spectrum who are recommended by school counselors. The iPads are furnished with apps especially selected for each student to help with learning language and math, communicating wants and needs or for calming behavior. The Elm Grove Kiwanis Golden K Club has joined the effort and has presented a total of 45 iPads.

Did you know autism affects one in 88 children in the United States? For those children, communicating, interacting and learning through normal methods presents challenges. A technological breakthrough that helps most children with autism is the use of iPads with special apps as a key tool in communicating, interfacing and teaching these children.

The autism project is a partnership between parents, teachers and Kiwanis to offer children on the autism spectrum hope, opportunity, love and a brighter future. Mitchell is just one of the students who received an iPad. His grandmother wrote, “I can’t begin to explain my gratitude. I wonder if you realize just how impactful your gift will be on his future. You’ve opened up the world to a child you don’t even know. I find that amazing.” That exactly captures the Kiwanis mission of helping change the world one child at a time.
Kiwanis Club of Chippewa Falls Inducts Lifetime Members

By Michele Paquette, Kiwanis Club of Chippewa Falls

Four long-time club members were inducted as Kiwanis Life Members by the Kiwanis Club of Chippewa Falls at a special ceremony on September 30. Individuals who achieve Life Member Status are those who perpetuate core values of Kiwanis, including the Golden Rule and altruistic service to build better communities.

“These men were instrumental in developing and sustaining committees that still remain today, some fifty years later. They gave of themselves without expectation and created a foundation of our club that gives thousands of dollars back to our community annually – specifically to youth – and will for years to come. Their unselfish character and tremendous accomplishments truly inspire our members. We could not be more grateful and proud of these humble men,” said club president Don Weibel.

Clean Boats Clean Waters Program Held in Dodgeville

By Charlie Price, Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) through its Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) program relies on volunteer efforts to educate boaters about Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) and how to prevent their spread. The DNR approached the Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville about participating in the 2015 CBCW summer project.

Eight Kiwanis members received training. The program included inspection of boats, trailers and equipment with the removal of all attached aquatic plants and animals, draining of water from arriving boats, vehicles and equipment and surveillance of minnows and other live bait. Club members provided 400 inspection hours at the Cox Hollow and twin Valley Lakes.
**Germantown Kiwanis Club to Sponsor Breakfast with Santa**

*By Larry Kolb, Germantown Kiwanis Club*

It will be early on a Sunday morning in the Village of Germantown when all the children will awake to the clatter of reindeer hooves as Mr. and Mrs. Claus arrive for the Germantown Kiwanis-sponsored Breakfast with Santa. It is a tradition in Germantown, Wisconsin for families to enjoy a wonderful all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast and spend time with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Moms and dads bring their cameras to capture treasured moments as their children enjoy a magical moment with Santa and his reindeer. The event will be held Sunday, December 20, 2015 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Florian Park Convention Center, N111W18611 Mequon Road in Germantown.

The full breakfast meal includes pancakes, eggs, sausages and all the fixings. The Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast has become a Germantown family tradition. The MacArthur School 4th- and 5th-grade choir will lead attendees in singing Christmas carols. Children may view Christmas movies in the North Pole room. Asked if the event is a fundraiser for Kiwanis, club president Dwayne Ketterer smiled and said, “We wouldn’t be doing it just to raise money. We plan the event hoping to break even on the cost.” He added, “this is an event put on for our community. We do it for the smiles it brings to the children... just to see the looks on their faces when they get to talk with Santa and Mrs. Claus. That's priceless.”

**Greater Hudson Club Donates Books to Keshena Students**

*By Nancy Dietze, Kiwanis Club of Greater Hudson*

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Hudson made some children very happy by donating more than 600 books to students in grades pre-K through 5 at the Keshena Primary School on the Menominee Reservation west of Green Bay. The connection was made through past Circle K WUM District Governor Morgan Fierro who is a member of the tribe.

The Greater Hudson club was able to purchase “nearly new” books over a period of time, remove the old labels and box the books for transport. A new label was put on each book stating “Books are a Window to the World” and that this book is a “Gift from the Kiwanis Club of Greater Hudson”. Fred and Nancy Dietze made the big delivery in August on the way to the WI-UM Kiwanis District Convention in Marquette, Michigan.

Some of the books went into classroom libraries and the school library with the rest given to the students to take home. For many of the children, this was the first book they were able to keep for themselves. “This was a rewarding project for our club to do and we are busy at work on the next batch of books (more than 1000 this time) with a delivery date in March,” exclaims project chairperson Nancy Dietze.
The Pewaukee Kiwanis Club recently volunteered for a Restore Home at Habitat for Humanity in Waukesha County. Seven club members helped other volunteers at the beginning stages of restoring a home to be sold at cost to a family in need. The club’s job was to dig out trenches in the basement at dirt level so drain tiles could be laid. The work was to be done with a cobblestone and block foundation. Buckets of dirt were hauled out through a basement window and dumped in the back yard to be used for future landscaping. The day was hard work but very rewarding.

Rice Lake Golden K Club Adds Playground Equipment
By Wayne Arnold, Rice Lake Golden K Kiwanis

In September, the Rice Lake Golden K Club partnered with the Rice Lake Lions Club to contribute money and labor for a major enhancement to Rice Lake Veteran’s Memorial City Park. The clubs purchased and installed new playground equipment.

iPad Awarded to Sixth-grade Student on the Autism Spectrum
By Dan Weninger, Fond du Lac Lakeside Kiwanis Club

The Fond du Lac Lakeside Kiwanis Club awarded an iPad to 6th-grader Christian Haack at Theisen Middle School in October. The club has awarded more than a dozen iPads to children on the autism spectrum since the program’s inception in 2012. Shown here with Haack are, left to right, Kiwanians Joe Freund, Dan Weninger and Brian Olson (far right) and Haack’s teachers Julie Baltz and Mary Hartgerink.
Wautoma Key Club Members Volunteer at Halloween Party

By Mary Braatz, Wautoma Kiwanis Club

The Wautoma Kiwanis Club hosted a Halloween Party on Saturday, October 31 following trick-or-treating in Wautoma. Club members provided a pizza dinner and entertainment for the family at Parkside School. The event is hosted with the help of Wautoma Key Club members, many of whom enjoyed the event as children and are now experiencing the fun of giving back to the community by volunteering.

About 200 children and their parents attended this year’s party. Entertainment was Randy Peterson who kept the kids mesmerized for one hour. Randy has high energy concerts that are interactive, sing-along shows and humor geared for kids that is enjoyed by all.

This is a fun event that the Wautoma Kiwanis Club has been doing for years. Since the Wautoma Key Club began helping with the event several years ago, the club has never had a hard time getting volunteers to work. It’s understandable since it is a fun way to see so many kids dressed up for the special day. Many of the Kiwanis members dress up too. It’s a fun time for kids to be able to show off their costumes a little longer in a safe and warm environment.

Mineral Point Kiwanis Club Hosts Halloween Event

By Joelle Doye, Mineral Point Kiwanis Club

The Mineral Point Kiwanis Club, in conjunction with the Mineral Point Opera House and Mineral Point Public Library, held its second annual Halloween children’s costume contest and movie. Dental hygiene kits were donated by Daniel Gibbons, DDS with candy treats donated by High Street Sweets.

Division 3 Kiwanis Clubs Participate in Farm Tech Days

By Jim Glessner, Monroe Kiwanis Club

Every Kiwanis Club in Division 3 participated in Farm Tech Days, August 25-27 at the Statz Brothers farm in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. Club members manned a food tent and beverage trailer for the entire three-day event. Clubs were reimbursed for hours worked, so this was a huge fundraiser for the them. About 50 volunteers were needed each day and pre-show food safety training was required. The attendance at the show was estimated at 45,000 with more than 700 exhibitors. The 2016 show will be near Lake Geneva, and the 2017 show will be near Algoma. Kiwanis clubs in those areas may want to consider volunteering at these events.
Club to become members. There will be workshops at the Midyear Conferences promoting the program.

- Kiwanis International Foundation (KIF) Chair Fred Dietze offered to visit clubs to promote the KIF. Fred presented an award to Jim Buskel for having 100% club participation for Division 2 for the Kiwanis International Foundation during the 2012-13 year.

- Fred Dietze, candidate for Kiwanis International Trustee, is asking the Past Governor’s Council to choose someone from their group to be our District Political Action Chair (PAC). The board confirmed that Past Governors choose the District PAC chair.

- Eliminate Chair Marv Amundson updated the board on The Eliminate Project. More than $102 million has been raised or pledged for eradicating maternal and neonatal tetanus. Clubs can still pledge to contribute over five years, including money donated towards a Walter Zeller fellowship.

- Past Lt. Governor Chair, Fundraising Chair, Human and Spiritual Values Chair, and Community Services Chair, Ron Soellner, reported to the board.

- Autism Chair Lynn Messer reported to the board. More than 750 iPads have been given away to children on the autism spectrum since the beginning of the project.

Old Business

- Executive Director Mark Finger presented the proposed 2015-16 WI-UM Kiwanis District budget. Changes from the budget that was tentatively approved in August were noted and explained. Finance Chair Bruce Hoehne presented some Powerpoint® slides showing that the Restricted Reserves will be reduced to nothing if membership continues to decline and dues remain the same. The board approved the budget as presented. The board asked the Finance committee to review the long-term budgets and come back with a recommendation on a possible dues increase. The board also approved allowing the Executive Director to adjust his salary to handle the District Foundation contribution for his services and health insurance reimbursement reduction and send the results to the Executive Board.

- The District Policy committee will continue to meet to discuss additional sections that need to be added to the policies that are new items.

- Executive Director Mark Finger presented a base schedule for the 2016 Midyear Conferences. All of the workshops will be in the morning and the division council meetings will be after lunch. Preliminary plans show that one Midyear Conference will be held in West Bend, Wisconsin, in February, one will be held in Richland Center, Wisconsin, in April and one will be held in Escanaba, Michigan, probably in April.

- The board is still waiting for the year-end financial reports for 2014-15 from both Circle K and Key Club Districts.

New Business

- The board approved the Engagement letter from KSF CPA Services for the District Audit/Review.

- The board gave approval for Key Leader t-shirts to be sold at the Midyear Conferences and District Convention with proceeds going to Key Leader Scholarships. The board also gave approval for the KDF basket raffles at the Midyear Conferences.

- The board approved the 2016 Midyear Conference registration fee to be about $5 over the cost per individual for meeting space and lunch. The additional money will go toward meeting costs such as coffee and snacks.

- The Service Leadership Programs team has chosen to meet for their annual meeting on November 14th. At the same time and location there will be a Formula team meeting for the Lt. Governors to discuss what is going to work for their Formula team and what their next steps are.

- The Past Lt. Governor’s Council still has some work to do on the Distinguished Club Award.

- The board approved the Convention Fee waiver for the E-club and Madison Young Professionals club.

- Lt. Governor Melissa Histed was concerned about clubs in her division not being able to qualify for the Round Robin Award due to the distance between clubs. It was noted that clubs only need to have ten Interclubs and clubs can be visited more than once.

Announcements

- The new District Website will have all of the contact information for District Board Members, Committee Chairs and Appointed positions. These members need to make sure that their current information with Kiwanis International is correct – including their picture – since this is what is going to be showing up on the Website.

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

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The Barron Veteran’s Memorial in Wayside Cemetery was dedicated on September 11, 2015.

**Barron Kiwanis Club Designs, Installs Veteran’s Memorial**

*By Don Peterson, Barron Kiwanis Club Veteran’s Memorial Chairperson*

The Barron Kiwanis Club took the lead in fundraising and designing a Veteran’s Memorial at Wayside Cemetery in Barron, Wisconsin. The project started in the spring of 2014 with a comment from a Kiwanis supporter asking if there were any upcoming projects his business could help fund. Building a Veteran’s Memorial as a dedication to those men and women who had given the ultimate sacrifice to their country had been discussed by club members for quite some time.

The club began raising funds for the project and raised approximately $50,000. A major element of fundraising including selling brick pavers purchased to honor the service of a family member or just to say “thank you” to service members. The WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation (KDF) contributed to funds raised with a supplemental grant. A brick paver inscribed with the Kiwanis motto, one recognizing the KDF and one recognizing the Barron Kiwanis Club are embedded in the walkway. The club is grateful to the KDF for helping support such a worthwhile project.

The new memorial has eight 3x5 foot granite headstones designed to commemorate six branches of the United States armed forces plus two bearing the names of local soldiers who were killed in action from WWI to the present. The Barron Veteran’s Memorial was dedicated on Sept. 11, 2015 at the opening ceremony of the Barron Fall Fest celebration.

Brick pavers in the Veteran’s Memorial walkway denote funding from the WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation and the Barron Kiwanis Club.
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Key Leader Event Provides Valuable Insights, Experiences

By Justin Hahn, Key Leader Coordinator

33 students from 20 different schools gathered together September 25-27 to embark on a leadership weekend like no other. This was made possible due to the generosity of 18 Kiwanis clubs, Runzheimer International, the Kiwanis District Foundation and the Kiwanis International Foundation, sponsors of each of the attendees.

Key Leader changed the lives of many students through its focus on service leadership as the most meaningful leadership-development experience. Students attended large and small group workshops, discussions and team-building activities throughout the course of the weekend. Participants had opportunities to learn leadership skills that will help them to change their schools, communities and world for the better. While exploring leadership in a whole new way, participants made amazing new friends and had experiences they will never forget. Our lead facilitator, Carol Clyde, was phenomenal and changed the lives of each and every student in attendance.

This year, we were fortunate to have a participant, Mike Hipple, who uses a wheelchair and is only able to communicate through a computer device. This was a first for Key Leader in our district. The inclusion of this young man into the group and the respect and patience that the participants had for him was inspirational. He challenged everyone in attendance to invite and recruit at least one person with disabilities into their respective organizations. I have never been so moved by a group of students in my experience working with youth.

It is stories like this that make me excited for Key Leader year after year. I want to send a huge thank you to Ken Saville. Ken has served as Co-site Coordinator for the last 11 years and retired from the role this year. His involvement and dedication to Key Leader has been nothing short of amazing. Fellow Co-site Coordinator Lyssa Leege will be taking over the Site Coordinator role and has already done remarkable things. Because of her efforts, many local donors supplied this year’s snacks and souvenirs.

Start planning now for September 16-18, 2016 when Key Leader will take place again at Camp Wawbeek in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin. I look forward to many more successful Key Leader events. If you have any questions or want to know how to get more involved, please contact me at justinhahn1128@gmail.com. I would love to speak to your club about the program.