



# KIWANEWS

WISCONSIN-UPPER MICHIGAN KIWANIS DISTRICT

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## APPLETON-FOX CITIES KIWANIANS SUPPORT OLD GLORY HONOR FLIGHTS

*Submitted by Art Malcom, Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis Club*

*Here's a riddle:* What program, conceived and inaugurated in 2009, turned 40 this year? *The answer:* Old Glory Honor Flight. This program – which offers WWII, Korean War and Vietnam War veterans a memorable, safe and rewarding tour of our nation's capitol and the monuments erected in their honor – flew its 40th mission on June 7, 2017, and returned to the Appleton airport to a tumultuous welcome home!

*Here's another riddle:* What has 36 legs and volunteered 39 hours maintaining crowd control for 1,500 onlookers and shuttling wheelchairs for 87 veterans on this historic mission? *The answer:* 18 members and guests of the Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis Club.

The club's association with this effort goes back several years, when Old Glory Honor Flight directors realized they needed assistance in maintaining order with the crowds that swelled almost immediately to several hundred men, women and children. The fact that so many children attend these veterans' "homecomings" makes participation a natural fit for Kiwanis. It affords club members an opportunity to live up to our dedication to changing the world, one child and one community



*Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanians proudly support our veterans by volunteering at Old Glory Honor Flight homecomings.*

at a time. Whether giving directions to the restroom or reminding young ones their flags should not touch the ground, members of the Appleton-Fox Cities club are always ready to help, and to have fun while doing so!



*A Vietnam-era veteran is welcomed home by one of the smallest members of the crowd after taking part in an Old Glory Honor Flight.*

Patriotism can be defined as "love and support of one's country," and that love and support was certainly evident at the Appleton International Airport as two WWII vets, 25 Korean War vets, 60 Vietnam vets and 42 vets from Operations Desert Storm, Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) and Iraqi Freedom – who had served as guardians – were given a heartfelt welcome home by the throngs of spectators which included sons, daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

However, patriotism is not innate. It has to be taught and one of the best teaching methods is demonstration. By maintaining order and control of the large crowds that show up to welcome veterans home, the Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis Club helps to demonstrate the high level of love and support due these men and women who have served faithfully in our nation's armed forces.

The Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis Club is honored to provide this service to our veterans and our community.

# LET'S RECRUIT AND RETAIN MEMBERS, BUILD AND STRENGTHEN CLUBS

By Justin Hahn, 2017-2018 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor



Justin Hahn

I am honored and privileged to serve as your WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor. If you're wondering who I am, where I came from and how I can help your club please read on!

I began my Kiwanis experience in 1996 by joining Key Club. I had

a difficult upbringing and when I joined, I discovered a passion for serving others in need. While at Carthage College I learned that the K-family extended to the college level. I realized that Key Club and Circle K are a part of the bigger picture of Kiwanis. Holding various positions at the club and district level – including Circle K District Governor in 2003-2004 – helped me develop into the leader that I am today. The importance of serving others through leadership became second-nature to me and I knew that I would be a life-long Kiwanian.

Upon joining Kiwanis in 2004 I wanted to immerse myself in as many opportunities that Kiwanis and life could offer. I have served three terms as Lt Governor, held several WI-UM Chair positions, served 10 years as Key Leader Site Coordinator, three years as District Key Leader Coordinator and nine years as Circle K Assistant District Administrator. In 2015 District Governor Jim Burmeister invited me to become part of the district's I-Plan team.

I never dreamed of becoming Kiwanis District Governor, but after the I-Plan conference, I felt inspired to give back to our members. I was chosen in 2016 to be your governor-elect and in 2017 to be your governor. I will use my vast experience in the Kiwanis family to serve members as we strive to accomplish our best year ever!

This will be a momentous year as we celebrate 100 years as a district. We have much to celebrate from our rich history, but we also have plenty of work to do to

set ourselves up for the next 100 years. In this issue of the *Kiwanews*, I want to focus on one goal in particular: membership. We must recruit new members, engage existing members, strengthen clubs and open new ones.

To recruit new members, we can't be afraid to go out and talk about Kiwanis and ask others to join us. All of our clubs do amazing things and we have to be able to talk about all of the wonderful achievements and ask people to help us make a bigger impact.

We also need to retain our members. To keep members engaged, ask yourself "what is our club doing to make our members feel special?" Whether celebrating birthdays or professional promotions or having fun as a club and going out to brunch or bowling, we must keep our members engaged and feeling a part of something bigger. Have fun as a club and new members will come.

To strengthen our clubs, we must be willing to try new ideas and new projects in order to offer a menu of service to our communities. To ensure our strength as an organization, we must also be willing to take advantage of the opportunities provided by the district at midyear conferences, the district convention and through utilizing the Formula. The Formula is an amazing tool that can help strengthen your club and possibly even double its size.



The last element of membership I would like to stress is chartering new clubs. We want to introduce Kiwanis into communities that don't have a club. We also want to open additional Kiwanis clubs in communities that might have a need. For example, if you are the only Kiwanis club in your community and you meet for lunch there might be a need to open a club that meets in the evenings. By doing this, we are inviting a larger portion of our communities to come along with us as we serve the children of the world.

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# JIM BUSKEL WILL HARNESS VAST EXPERIENCE TO SERVE KIWANIANIS

*By Jim Buskel, 2017-2018 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor-elect*



*Jim Buskel*

My name is Jim Buskel and I am your District Governor-elect. I would like to introduce myself to all Kiwanians in the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District who I have not had the honor to meet.

I have been married for 57 years to the greatest woman in the world, my wife June. We have four grown children – Lori, Cari, Jodi and Jason – and four grandchildren – Stefan, Christian, Duncan and Jordan.

After graduating from Oklahoma State University in 1965, I worked in the financial and information technology industries and retired in 1998 from W. R. Grace & Co. after 28 years.

I joined the Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis Club (EGGK) in 2004 and served on the club's Board of Directors as treasurer (6 years), president-elect, president and past president. I have also served the WI-UM District as a lieutenant governor (4.5 years) and now as governor-elect.



*Governor-elect Jim Buskel has been instrumental in the success of the iPads for Autism project within his own club, which has awarded 50 iPads since 2012.*

My Kiwanis service includes serving as EGGK webmaster since 2011 and leading new member orientation since 2013. Participation in club fundraising projects includes spelling bees, iPads for autism, pancake breakfasts and



*Governor-elect Jim Buskel (right) recently attended the Kiwanis Whitewater Breakfast Club and led the induction of three new members.*

spaghetti dinners, either as chairperson or as assistant to the chair. Participation in service projects includes iPads for autism, Salvation Army bell ringing, highway clean-up, Camp Wawbeek and the Boy Scouts of America Kiwanis Kabin at Camp Long Lake. My favorite project is providing iPads for children on the autism spectrum.

I was honored to receive the George F. Hixson Fellowship from my Kiwanis Club, the Kiwanis International Foundation President's Challenge Award and the WI-UM Governor's Cup as a distinguished lieutenant governor.

Other community service includes being an active member of the Boy Scouts of America since 1983. Having served as assistant scoutmaster, merit badge counselor, district unit commissioner, district religious chair for the Potawatomi Area Council and counselor for the P.R.A.Y. Religious Emblems program to scouts since 1983.

I received the Boy Scouts of America District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver Award for distinguished service to youth and the Lamb Award for religious service.

My vision for the WI-UM Kiwanis District is to continue growing and strengthening clubs in the district so that they can be more successful in offering exceptional service opportunities in their communities.

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# KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND EXPANDS TO THREE CLUB GRANT CYCLES

By Bev Burnap, Kiwanis Children's Fund WI-UM District Chair



Bev Burnap

My name is Bev Burnap. I am the new WI-UM District Chair for the Kiwanis Children's Fund (KCF). I live in Bruce, Wisconsin, about 60 miles north of Eau Claire. I've been in Kiwanis for 21 years. In my new position I will keep club members updated on the activities of the KCF.

The Kiwanis International Fund changed its name to the Kiwanis Children's Fund last year to better reflect who and what we are. KCF is 78 years old and has helped many clubs in the United States and throughout the world to complete major service projects they could not otherwise complete without grant funding.

Since 2007, grants have been awarded in 82% of Kiwanis districts. From bike safety and backpack programs to assistance programs for kids with disabilities, KCF grants have helped improve the lives of children in more than 250 communities over the last three years. On October 1, the KCF initiated a new way to apply for grants.

The process begins with a community needs assessment. To serve your community effectively, you must learn what it needs. Conducting a community needs assessment will help measure the needs of the community and what is already being done to address those needs. Once the assessment is complete, you may begin the multi-step process of applying for funding through the Club Grant program by submitting a Letter of Inquiry (LOI). The LOI provides the KCF with an overview of how your club plans to meet a community need.

The LOI prompts a phone call from a KCF staff member – typically within two weeks, although response times may be longer. This discussion helps staff determine whether the project meets eligibility requirements and is a good fit for funding. During the call, the club's representative is notified whether the project has been approved to move forward in the process and apply for a grant. Clubs

invited to complete a grant application will receive access to the full online application. Clubs not invited to complete an application will be informed why the proposed project did not meet funding/eligibility criteria.

The grant application is an extensive document and provides essential information – so the grants committee can make a knowledgeable decision based on a thoroughly considered club request.

Once your club's application has been submitted to the KCF, it is reviewed according to the same criteria used for all applications. Funding recommendations are based on scores from the evaluation guidelines and shared with the grants committee, which makes funding decisions.

You can submit a Letter of Inquiry at any time during the year. Use these dates to determine the cycle that best fits your project's time line.

- For June 1 funding decisions:  
Submit LOI any time before February 1. If approved, submit the full application by April 1.
- For October 1 funding decisions:  
Submit LOI any time before June 1. If approved, submit the full application by August 1.
- For January 1 funding decisions:  
Submit LOI any time before September 1. If approved, submit the full application by November 1.

Grant funding resources are available on the KCF website at [www2.kiwanis.org/childrensfund/impact-and-programs/club-grant-program#](http://www2.kiwanis.org/childrensfund/impact-and-programs/club-grant-program#).

Clubs must have previously donated to the Kiwanis Children's Fund to be eligible to apply for a grant. Where else can you give a small donation each year and receive so much more to help the children of your community or the world? I hope that you will keep the Kiwanis Children's Fund a viable part of Kiwanis.

*Kiwanis Children's Fund District Chair Bev Burnap can be reached at 715-868-5633 or [bjburnap45@gmail.com](mailto:bjburnap45@gmail.com).*



# WI-UM KIWANIS DISTRICT FOUNDATION APPRECIATES YOUR SUPPORT

*By Mark Finger, Kiwanis District Foundation Secretary/Treasurer*

The Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District Foundation (KDF) would like to thank clubs who contributed baskets to the basket raffle at the district convention. It was a big success, raising more than \$2,300. We also want to thank clubs who contributed to the KDF's annual club donation. Money from annual club donations as well as the basket raffles helps support the KDF's matching scholarships and club grants.

Club	ACD	DSP	VK	MC	DC
Burlington	\$500			x	
Elkhorn	\$110	x		x	x
Greater East Troy	\$200				
Kenosha	\$200				
Mukwonago	\$100				
Waterford Area	\$50			x	x
West Racine	\$310	x		x	
Western Kenosha	\$300				
Brookfield	\$45				
Elm Grove Golden K		x			x
Menomonee Falls	\$75				
Milwaukee	\$250				
Parkland, Greendale	\$40	x			
Belleville		x			
Dodgeville	\$305				x
Downtown Madison	\$400				
Madison East	\$150				
Madison West	\$350		x		x
Mineral Point	\$110				
Monroe	\$200			x	
Platteville	\$250				
Prairie Du Chien	\$85				
Beaver Dam	\$123				
Cambria	\$125			x	x
La Crosse	\$50				
Markesan	\$200				
Portage	\$185	x		x	x
Reedsburg	\$100	x		x	x
Sauk Prairie, Prairie Du Sac	\$75				
Wisconsin Dells	\$95				
Beloit, State Line Golden K	\$100				
Janesville			x		
Janesville/Blackhawk Golden K	\$400				
Jefferson	\$150				
Oconomowoc Breakfast	\$200				
Pewaukee	\$100				
Watertown		x			
Waukesha, Early Risers	\$100				
Whitewater-Breakfast	\$140				x
Chilton	\$150	x			
Greater Sheboygan		x			
Manitowoc	\$100	x			
New Holstein	\$200				
Port Washington	\$140				
Sheboygan Falls	\$200	x		x	x

The report of clubs who made annual club donations (ACD) for 2016-2017 is shown below. Columns have been added to recognize clubs who contributed to the District Signature Project (iPads for autism – DSP) as well as to a Van Kleeef Fellowship (VK) and clubs who contributed baskets at the midyear conferences (MC) and the district convention (DC). If your club was overlooked, please let me know.

Club	ACD	DSP	VK	MC	DC
Two Rivers	\$100				
Allouez, Green Bay	\$500				
Appleton				x	
Appleton Golden K	\$200	x			
Appleton-Fox Cities	\$560		x	x	x
Darboy	\$250				
De Pere		x			
Green Bay	\$100	x			
Neenah-Menasha Roundtable	\$500				
Sturgeon Bay		x			
Antigo	\$70				
Lakeland Area, Minocqua		x			
Marshfield	\$300			x	x
Medford	\$350			x	
Neillsville				x	
Plover	\$300			x	
Wausau	\$190				
Wisconsin Rapids	\$100				
Bruce	\$200			x	x
Eau Claire	\$500				
Eau Claire, Early Risers	\$75				
Eau Claire-Clear Water	\$180			x	x
Eau Claire-Indianhead	\$125				
Greater Hudson	\$160				x
New Richmond	\$160			x	x
Alger County	\$105			x	
Copper Country, Houghton					x
Escanaba	\$150			x	
Gladstone				x	
Greater Ishpeming-Pioneer	\$275				
Iron Mountain-Kingsford	\$315				x
Ishpeming	\$275				
Manistique Area	\$85				
Marquette	\$150			x	
Berlin	\$300	x			x
Fabulous Fond du Lac					x
Fond du Lac	\$495			x	
Fond du Lac-Lakeside	\$200				
Omro				x	
Oshkosh, Mid-Morning		x			
Ripon	\$250			x	
Ripon Early Birds	\$150				
Wautoma Area, Wautoma	\$300	x		x	
West Bend, Early Risers	\$150	x		x	x
Wild Rose	\$200			x	x

# SIGNATURE PROJECT ASSISTS CHILDREN ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

*By Lynn Messer, District Chair, Kiwanis Autism Project*



*Lynn Messer*

The Kiwanis Autism Project is officially the WI-UM Kiwanis District Signature Project for the next five years following approval at the 2017 WI-UM Kiwanis District Convention. When the project was implemented in 2012-2013 as my Governor's Project, the goal was to raise \$500,000 and grant 1,000 iPads to children diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder from families with need.

As I write this report, 910 iPads have been granted and the combined funds raised – including iTunes gift cards clubs have purchased to provide helpful apps – exceeds \$400,000. We are very close to the original goals that were set. That's amazing for a project that some said would not flourish because the scope was massive with unattainable goals. Clubs in the WI-UM Kiwanis District have had a major impact on the lives of more than 900 children. Thank you for your contribution to the success of this project! Wouldn't it be great if we exceeded the original goals this year and had to reset them?

Some clubs have taken a step back from the project because they're unaware that this is now the District Signature Project. New clubs have come on board and many clubs that have participated from the beginning are still fully on board.

We are now in another school year. If your school's special education department knows about what Kiwanians are doing for children on the autism spectrum, applications will continue to be submitted. Kiwanis clubs need to be committed to the project by budgeting funds or by holding special fundraisers to provide iPads for the children in need in their communities.

It's not difficult to raise funds for this project. My own Sheboygan Falls Kiwanis Club, for example, started out originally with a budget but this year did not need to budget additional funds. Due to the success of the

special fundraisers for the Kiwanis Autism Project, we now have a funding surplus. My club has awarded 47 iPads since the project was started. My wife, Merita, and I are available to travel to clubs to make a presentation about the Kiwanis Autism Project and how it works. I challenge you to grant at least one iPad in your community. When you do, I guarantee that you will become passionate about the project. The rewards are the thanks received from the child, the parents and the therapists and teachers working with the children.

This is a project that truly changes the lives of children, one child and one community at a time.

*Kiwanis Autism Project Chair Lynn Messer can be reached at 920-946-0652 or by email at [lmmsr001@gmail.com](mailto:lmmsr001@gmail.com).*



*Autism Project Chair Lynn Messer was on hand when the Kiwanis Club of Cambria awarded an iPad to a youngster on the autism spectrum earlier this year.*

# FOND DU LAC KIWANIS CLUB CELEBRATES A CENTURY OF SERVICE

*Submitted by Peter Grimm, Kiwanis Club of Fond du Lac*

The Kiwanis Club of Fond du Lac, known as Fond du Lac Noon Kiwanis, celebrated its 100th year, having been granted its Charter on August 11, 1917 by then Kiwanis President George Hixson. Club members celebrated the centennial on September 26, 2017. WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor Justin Hahn and outgoing Division 11 Lt. Governor Larry Koziol attended the celebration with Larry installing the 2017-2018 slate of officers.

Many scrapbooks and photo albums showcasing the club's 100-year history of serving the needs of children



The Kiwanis Club of Fond du Lac celebrated its 100th Anniversary on September 26, 2017. Pictured front row left to right: WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor Justin Hahn, President Louise Gudex (holding the club's Charter), Division 11 Lt. Governor Larry Koziol; second row: Board Member Kathy Strong-Langolf, President-elect Andrea Brown, Secretary Joan Pinch, and Past President Don Kurki; third row: Board members Steve Schoofs and JJ Raflik, and Vice President Peter Grimm.



Past President Don Kurki presented a check for \$1,000 to JJ Raflik for the Noon Kiwanis Learn to Swim Program at the Fond du Lac YMCA.

and providing financial support to local charities and building projects were proudly displayed.

Fond du Lac YMCA Associate Director JJ Raflik thanked Noon Kiwanis members for 90 years of continuous support for the Learn to Swim Program, a free four-day water safety class for children and families.

## IMPORTANT KIWANIS DATES

<b>K-Family Hockey Night</b> (Badgers vs. Notre Dame) . . .	December 8, 2017 . . . . .	Madison, WI
<b>Midyear Conference</b> (Div. 2 & 6 Lt. Gov. Elections) . . .	February 17, 2018 . . . . .	West Bend Mutual, West Bend, WI
<b>Circle K District Convention</b> . . . . .	March 2-4, 2018 . . . . .	Sheraton, Madison, WI
<b>Key Club District Leadership Conference</b> . . . . .	March 16-18, 2018 . . . . .	Hyatt on Main, Green Bay, WI
<b>District Board Meeting</b> . . . . .	March 17, 2018 . . . . .	Hyatt on Main, Green Bay, WI
<b>Midyear Conference</b> (Div. 3 & 4 Lt. Gov. Elections) . . .	March 24, 2017 . . . . .	Easter Seals Camp, Wisconsin Dells, WI
<b>Midyear Conference</b> (Div. 10 Lt. Gov. Election). . . . .	April 21, 2018 . . . . .	Iron Mountain, MI
<b>District Board Meeting</b> . . . . .	April 26, 2018 . . . . .	Web Conference
<b>Kiwanis International Convention</b> . . . . .	June 28 – July 1, 2018 .	Paris and Bally's Hotels, Las Vegas, NV
<b>Kiwanis District Convention</b> . . . . .	August 24-26, 2018 . . . . .	Radisson Hotel, La Crosse, WI



# CAMBRIA KIWANIS CLUB RAISES FUNDS FOR DIDION DISASTER VICTIMS

*Submitted by Lois Frank, Cambria Kiwanis Club*

The Cambria Kiwanis Club hosted a live and silent auction on July 15 to raise funds for the Old Mill Foundation Didion Benefit Fund. This fund was set up to help those impacted by the Didion Mill explosion that occurred in the small community of Cambria. Thanks to the hard work of Kiwanis members, the generous businesses who donated items, and the supportive people of the Cambria community and surrounding areas, club members raised more than \$14,250.

The event included an evening meal thanks to the wonderful people from Columbus Pick 'n' Save and Roundys. They served a delicious meal to more than 90 people and raised an additional \$1,237 for the Old Mill Foundation Didion Benefit Fund.



*Silent auction items helped raise funds in support of the Old Mill Foundation Didion Benefit Fund.*



*Kattywampus Quilt Guild members presented 16 prayer quilts to the families most affected by the Didion Mill explosion.*

Another highlight of the evening was the display of prayer quilts made by the Kattywampus Quilt Guild. During the event, members of the guild – along with community members – put the finishing touches on the quilts by saying a prayer as they tied the final knots. The sixteen prayer quilts were then presented to the families most affected by the Didion Mill explosion.

The kindness and support the Cambria community has received from all over has been incredible and we'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone!

## LAKESIDE EVENING KIWANIS WALLEYE DINNER NOVEMBER 8

Wednesday, November 8, 2017 – 4 to 7:30 pm

Fraternal Order of Eagles #270

515 N Park Avenue, Fond du Lac

Adult Regular Dinner \$12

Adult Large Dinner \$15

Chicken Tenders available for children \$5

The walleye dinner is the same meal the club serves during Walleye Weekend. Carryouts are available.



## PEWAUKEE KIWANIS RING BELL 80 TIMES FOR 80 YEARS OF SERVICE

*Submitted by Pat Gallagher, Kiwanis Club of Pewaukee*

The Kiwanis Club of Pewaukee recently celebrated 80 years of service to the Pewaukee community. The celebration was held at the Pewaukee Historical Society on August 26, 2017. A community achievement award was presented by president Wyatt Repavich to Roy



Schneider for chronicling Pewaukee events with excellent photography for many years.

At 8 pm, members of the club took turns ringing the bell 80 times. Paul Evert is shown pulling the bell rope.



*Club President Wyatt Repavich presented Roy Schneider with an award for chronicling Pewaukee events with excellent photography for many years during the club's 80th anniversary celebration.*

## KIWANIS CLUB OF ELM GROVE GOLDEN K CHARTERS SECOND KEY CLUB

*Submitted by Richard Brandt, Elm Grove Golden K Kiwanis Club*

Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove Golden K members have worked for many years as mentors for the Brookfield Central High School (BCHS) Key Club in Brookfield, Wisconsin. Currently the Key Club has 369 members – the largest in Wisconsin – and is ranked high Internationally. The Kiwanis advisor is Lenny Johnson.

This year Kiwanians were asked to charter a Key Club at Wauwatosa's Wisconsin International Academy (WIA). The academy is unique in that it is comprised of students from China who are in the United States to get a high school education, preparing them for college.



*Wisconsin International Academy Key Club members partnered with the Hunger Task Force to provide fresh produce for families in need.*

The student body includes 160 boys and girls from mainland China who arrived in the U.S. September 1 and will return home June 1. During the school year they attend one of six private schools in the area and join in on extracurricular programs as well as schooling. They live as a complete unit with the majority of their activities within the WIA complex.

There are currently 40 members in the Key Club – 25% of all students. Officers have been elected, bank accounts have been started and dues have been paid. Members meet on Tuesdays twice a month after they return to the academy from their respective schools. The meetings start out in English but when a difficult-to-explain subject comes up they revert to Chinese so that all of what is expected of them is understood.

The Key Club members are becoming active in local volunteerism, working at several elementary schools in the area for special events and Halloween parties. They are looking into volunteer opportunities with the Hunger Task Force, Urban Ecology Center, Habitat for Humanity and local elementary schools. The Kiwanis advisor is Richard Brandt.



# CLEAR WATER KIWANIS SIGNATURE PROJECT IS DOLL AND PET PARADE

*Submitted by Kelley Simon, Clear Water Kiwanis Club of Eau Claire*

In 2016, Betsy Patchet, acting president of the Clear Water Kiwanis Club of Eau Claire, brought forward the idea of adopting a signature project. Up to that point, Clear Water members had a strong service presence in projects such as packing weekend meals with Feed My People, supporting the UW-Extension's Parenting Newsletter, collecting supplies for Drug Endangered Children and volunteering in numerous other areas within the community. Betsy's vision was to find a project that would involve all club members and highlight the good work that Kiwanis clubs do in our communities.

The Eau Claire Doll and Pet Parade has been an annual event on Water Street in Eau Claire for more than 70 years. The parade is open to the public and gives children the opportunity to dress up in their favorite costumes and be part of a parade while bringing along their favorite toys or pets. In 2016, the City of Eau Claire was looking for an organization to take on management of the parade. Clear Water Kiwanis member Paula Stuetgen recognized this fantastic opportunity for club members to make an impact in the community and keep a long-standing Eau Claire tradition alive. The board unanimously approved her motion, and the Clear Water Kiwanis Doll and Pet Parade was born.

Clear Water Kiwanis is a 40-member, all female Kiwanis Club that celebrated their 30-year anniversary in August. The club rallied behind the new signature project, and soon club members were taking a crash course in parade planning, diving into tasks such as collecting prizes, making signs, determining costume contest criteria, marketing, collecting sponsorships and working with city officials to plan the route. One early decision was to move the date of the parade from its customary third weekend in May date (which at times was made difficult by the weather), to a new date the second weekend in July. This allowed Clear Water to pair the parade with a new city event, the Family Day in Downtown. Community members could march in the parade and then cross the railroad bridge spanning the Chippewa River to Phoenix Park, where games, food trucks and other events were planned.



*Pebbles and Bamm Bamm walked alongside Fred and Wilma Flintstone during the Clear Water Kiwanis Doll and Pet Parade.*

The morning of July 8, 2017 was sunny and warm. Under the shade trees of Owen Park, creatively-dressed children arrived with their equally creatively-dressed pets. The theme of the parade was "Celebrating Families," and the costumes were fantastic. There were Minions, Flintstones, Griswolds, cowboys, mermaids, clowns, a unicorn pony, a dachshund dressed as Superman and hula dancers. About 100 children participated in the parade, as well as the Municipal Band, business mascots and antique cars.

The parade lasted about an hour and ran along Owen Park to Grand Avenue, where prizes were given out for creativity. Each participant was presented with a gift bag containing candy, gift certificates and small gifts. The winners of each division received a ribbon and a larger gift. Two bikes were given out as grand prizes.

Mary Edna Hagen, co-chair of the parade, remarked, "We learned so much this year, and can't wait to do it again next year!" Overall, the club felt that developing this event into Clear Water's signature project was a good decision. Club members were able to work together on a singular goal, keep a long-standing Eau Claire tradition alive and bring joy and happiness to children in the community. It doesn't get much better than that!



## WHITEWATER BREAKFAST CLUB MEMBERS SUPPORT BETHEL HOUSE

*Submitted by Marjorie Stoneman, Kiwanis Whitewater Breakfast Club*

The Kiwanis Whitewater Breakfast Club donated \$500 to Bethel House to assist with the influx of new families seeking housing. Bethel House provides interim housing for homeless families with children for up to one year while assisting them with utilizing various social services to transition them back to independent housing.

Bethel House Coordinator Kristy Weinberg told club members that the needs for housing continue to grow and donations ensure that Bethel House can continue to utilize seven private housing units, located in Whitewater, to support families with ties to the community. Bethel House also provides assistance for families on the verge of homelessness. Families may receive financial help on a short-term basis with expenses such as rent, utility bills, food and gasoline, and also receive guidance in accessing available support services such as credit/financial, vocational and relationship counseling, legal and medical services and transportation.



*Bethel House Coordinator Kristy Weinberg accepts a check for \$500 from Kiwanis Whitewater Breakfast Club Secretary John Newhouse.*

Bethel House is an ecumenical project and does not receive or seek government funding, relying instead on churches, private contributions, United Way support, and two annual fundraisers.

## 18TH ANNUAL SHEBOYGAN FALLS PACKER PIG ROAST FUNDRAISER HELD

*Submitted by Karin Oliver-Kreft, Sheboygan Falls Kiwanis Club*

The Sheboygan Falls Kiwanis Club hosted their 18th annual Packer Pig Roast fundraiser on October 15, 2017 at The Village at 170 in Kohler.

The Packer Pig Roast is an annual tradition where the community comes together to enjoy a delicious pulled pork meal with all the trimmings and to socialize with



*Fans rooted for the Packers and supported Kiwanis efforts at the 18th Annual Packer Pig Roast, hosted by the Sheboygan Falls Kiwanis Club.*

friends and family while cheering on the Green Bay Packers. Big screen televisions showed the Minnesota Vikings hosting the Packers. Tickets were \$15 each and included a meal, sides, dessert and the chance to win a pair of Packers tickets and other cash prizes.

Attending guests participated in raffles, drawings and an extensive selection of silent auction items. One attendee won a pair of tickets to a Packers game at Lambeau Field!

The event helps to raise money to support the Kiwanis Club's efforts throughout the year – including projects such as the tree nursery, iPads for children on the autism spectrum, the "Ton of Food" food pantry drive, Operation Christmas Child, scholarships and more.

It was an afternoon of food and fun designed to benefit the Sheboygan Falls community.

# KIWANIS CLUB DEDICATES WEST MADISON LITTLE LEAGUE PLAYGROUND

*Submitted by Ron Schuler, Madison West Kiwanis Club*

On October 5, 2017, the Peterson/Rothe/West Madison Kiwanis Little League Field Playground was dedicated. Art Peterson was a charter member of the Madison West Kiwanis Club and was WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor in 1974. Peterson provided the leadership in establishing the first little league fields at the current site in Madison.



The Madison West Kiwanis Club was instrumental in raising the funds for and planning the installation of a new playground next to the Little League field. The playground was dedicated on October 5, 2017.

Ernie Rothe was also a charter member of Madison West Kiwanis and his estate provided financial support for the playground. Additional financial support was received from the Kiwanis District Foundation. A sign recognizing the KDF's support was placed near the playground.

Madison West Kiwanis has been a long-time supporter of the West Kiwanis Little League team in the senior division. The club has also supported the Challenger League, a baseball program held at this field for children with disabilities.

The playground was planned for use primarily by the siblings of Little League players but is open to the public. Attending the dedication were Kiwanis members, Little League players, their parents, Little League board members and friends. The dedication was broadcast live by Madison TV Channel 15 on the 6 pm news.



## *Let's Recruit and Retain Members, Build and Strengthen Clubs... continued from page two*

By focusing on these four aspects of membership, we will strengthen our clubs and heighten the impact of service to our communities and children.

I want to come visit your club. Whether you need extra hands for a service project, help with recruiting members or member education, please reach out to me. Being a working professional, I do need to plan well in advance, but ask and I will come. I look forward to an amazing year together as we reach new heights in our district. If I can ever be of assistance, please contact me.

2017-2018 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor Justin Hahn can be reached by phone at 414-510-1609 or by email at [justinhahn1128@gmail.com](mailto:justinhahn1128@gmail.com).



Governor Justin Hahn and Circle K Administrator Janet DeGroot have made a commitment to make a difference for our youth, because #KidsNeedKiwanis. What will your commitment be?





2016-2017 President Ron Sonderhouse (left), and 2017-2018 President Doug Allen (right), presented Bruce Prange with the Kiwanis-Boy Scouts of America Community Organization Award.

## WAUKESHA KIWANIS PRESENTS COMMUNITY AWARD

By Niki Schaumberg, Kiwanis Club of Waukesha

At the annual installation dinner for the Kiwanis Club of Waukesha the Kiwanis-Boy Scouts of America Community Organization Award was presented to Bruce Prange. Bruce has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Waukesha since 2005. He is an active member, has served as club president and is a current board member.

Bruce has always provided a close link between the club and the Boy Scouts Council. He recently retired as director of the Potawatomi Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America but remains active in scouting. The Community Organization Award is a fitting way to recognize Bruce's commitment and service to scouting and to Kiwanis.

**IT'S A GREAT DAY  
TO RECRUIT A  
NEW KIWANIAN!**  
**#KIDS NEED KIWANIS**



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# WHERE WILL GUERNSEY AND HOLSTEIN GNOME BE DISCOVERED NEXT?

By Tonya Alling, *Kiwanews* editor

Much like Travelocity – the company which made the tagline famous – Governor Justin Hahn “Will Never Roam Alone.” He will always be accompanied by Guernsey and Holstein, the adorable Kiwanis gnomes that have been traveling with Justin since he attended Governor-elect training in Indianapolis last November.

Justin, Guernsey and Holstein want to attend a Kiwanis meeting or event near you. Invite them to your area, then snap a photo and submit it to the *Kiwanews* for inclusion in a future issue. Please email high-resolution photos to [tonya@allingenterprises.com](mailto:tonya@allingenterprises.com).



WI-UM Kiwanis District gnomes Holstein and Guernsey will travel with Governor Justin Hahn as he leads our district this year.



Holstein and Guernsey had a blast in Greater Port Washington during the officer installation and new member induction ceremony.



Members of the Ripon Noon Kiwanis Club hosted Guernsey and Holstein Gnome and Governor Justin Hahn on October 10. It was their first visit of the new Kiwanis year.



Holstein and Guernsey were spotted having a little Halloween fun on October 30 at the Kiwanis Club of Fabulous Fond du Lac meeting.



Guernsey and Holstein were all ears learning about the great work of the Kiwanis District Foundation at the October KDF board meeting.



Guernsey and Holstein helped promote Kiwanis membership at a recent new club informational meeting.