Two Chippewa Valley Kiwanis Clubs recently partnered with the WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation (KDF) to support an equine-assisted therapeutic riding program. The Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls Kiwanis Clubs each donated $500 and the KDF donated $2,000 to the non-profit Trinity Equestrian Center to purchase a horse, now named *Kiwanis*.

This is not the first time for the Eau Claire Kiwanis Club and the KDF to partner in the purchase of a therapeutic horse. In 2010, the KDF helped the Kiwanis Club of Eau Claire purchase a horse for Trinity Equestrian Center. That horse was renamed *Kiwanis* and she quickly became known as the most intuitive, affectionate, approachable, safe and reliable horse at Trinity – truly one of a kind!

*Kiwanis* was the number one choice for the Equestrian Therapy team and youth clients and she provided more than one hundred 50-minute riding sessions per year. She also worked with veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder, depression, anti-social behaviors and anger management issues in more than 100 sessions. Her personality and spirit enabled the therapists to produce positive outcomes in record time.

Unfortunately, *Kiwanis* became ill with a fast-growing bone cancer and passed away in 2013. Her death meant that the many children and veterans who were able to participate in Trinity’s programs had to wait longer to continue their therapy or, in some cases, cease therapy.

Because of the increased potential for good that *Kiwanis* demonstrated, the Eau Claire Kiwanis Club reached out to the Chippewa Falls Kiwanis Club as a partner in providing funds to help purchase a therapeutic horse.

“The partnership between the KDF and the two Kiwanis clubs was critical in making the purchase of a new horse affordable,” said Toni Mattson, Trinity’s owner. “Our mission is to provide hope and healing by connecting people and horses,” Mattson added. “*Kiwanis* will be an integral part of a therapy program that offers individual and group riding sessions nearly every day of the year. Hundreds of children and veterans will benefit from this addition. On behalf of them and how they will benefit, I can’t thank the Kiwanis organization enough.”

For details on Trinity Equestrian Center, *Kiwanis* and the therapeutic riding program, visit www.trinity-ec.com.
My first wish is that you had a happy holiday season. I’m writing this column at the absolute last minute, in the middle of the season, but by the time you read this, it will be over!

The first quarter of 2014-15 is done! During the next quarter, we will select most of our Lt. Governors for the 2015-17 term. We will continue to search for, and train, division-level volunteers, whether they are deputy Lt. Governors or Formula volunteers. Clubs will make sure they have at least one Club Membership Chair listed in the club officer roster.

What I really want to do in this column is to invite you to join the District Board at a Midyear Conference!

These meetings are spread over the district, completed in a single day, priced to cover lunch and chock full of workshops. They also provide a time and place for a division caucus. Odd-numbered divisions will use this time to elect their Lt. Governor for the 2015-17 term. The registration form on page 3 indicates which division elections will be held at each location. If you’re unsure of which division your club belongs to, visit the district website and check out the Club Listing page.

Now, about those workshops. Like last year, we have three tracks and one half-day Club Leadership Education (CLE) workshop, focused on club presidents-elect. The tracks are Service, Club Leaders and The Formula.

The Formula track has a new set of membership-oriented workshops. Kiwanis International has been working hard on these. You can be among the first ones to check them out. Anyone interested in working on club membership should consider attending this track.

The Club Leaders track is a good place to get some of the details of club management and I feel compelled to remind you that we are all Club Leaders, except some of us don’t have an office…yet!

The Service track is devoted to Service Leadership Programs, Eliminate Project, etc. Advisors and those working on service projects in your club should consider this track.

Finally, all three tracks will end with a panel discussion that allows attendees to discuss the track and/or share what their clubs are doing in these areas.

There are some differences between the Midyear Conferences. The first conference will be held in Eau Claire, during the Circle K District Convention. If you’ve ever wondered what it’s like to attend a convention of college students, this is your opportunity to find out. We will be joining them for lunch. Bring your club’s brochure! The graduating seniors will be looking for a Kiwanis club to join next August.

There’s a rumor circulating about the last conference on April 25. The conference ends early enough and the days are long enough to play a round at the golf resort where the conference will be held. Bring your golf clubs and hope that the weather cooperates!

Pick a Midyear Conference location and register. Bring three or four of your club members with you. I promise, you won’t regret the choice!

Anna Bruhn

The District Foundation will be having basket raffles at each of the Midyear Conferences. We sure appreciate your continuous basket donations. All funds raised support scholarships and grants.

KDF matches club scholarship monies, designated for a Circle K or Key Club member, in an amount of up to $500. The KDF also matches club scholarship monies for non-sponsored youth up to $250.

Kiwanis Club service projects and programs which promote the ideals, goals and objectives of Kiwanis International, our District, and which have a scope benefiting multiple individuals are eligible for consideration.

The forms are available at www.wiumkdf.info. All applications must be submitted by March 15. Take advantage of these scholarship and grant opportunities to help your clubs.

Anna Bruhn

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December 2014/January 2015

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# 2015 Midyear Conference Registration Form

**February 28, 2015** – Plaza Hotel and Suites, 1202 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI – Div. 9 Lt. Gov Election  
$25 per person (includes lunch)/$35 after February 14 deadline

**March 7, 2015** – St. Patrick’s Parish School, 534 Sunset Dr, Elkhorn, WI – Div. 1 & 5 Lt. Gov Election  
$25 per person (includes lunch)/$35 after February 21 deadline

**March 21, 2015** – Fox Valley Technical College, 1825 N Bluemound Dr, Appleton, WI – Div. 7 & 11 Lt. Gov Election  
$20 per person (includes lunch)/$30 after March 7 deadline

**April 25, 2015** – Deer Valley Lodge, 401 Industrial Dr, Barneveld, WI – Div. 3 Lt. Gov Election  
$35 per person (includes lunch)/$45 after April 11 deadline

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Choose a Workshop Track that best fits your interests and go to that room; the workshop presenters will come to you. We are also offering a Club Leadership Education Session in the afternoon for Presidents-elect. One person per registration form please.

**Workshops Track 1**

**Service Opportunities**

- Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, Kiwanis Kids, Aktion Club, Bring Up Grades, Terrific Kids
- Key Leader
- CK/KC Graduate Program
- Kiwanis District Foundation
- The Eliminate Project
- Share the Good Things Your Club is Doing

**Workshops Track 2**

**Club Leaders**

- Youth Protection Manager
- Risk Management
- Online Resources and Portalbuzz
- Public Relations
- Leadership Roles
- Share the Good Things Your Club is Doing

**Workshops Track 3**

**The Formula/Membership Growth**

- What is The Formula?
- Kiwanis… Love It!
- Kiwanis… Share It!
- Kiwanis… Live It!
- Share the Good Things Your Club is Doing

Please indicate the session you would like to attend so we can plan for meals and room requirements. Please check if you are attending Club Leadership Education and select the workshop track you will attend.

- Feb. 28 Eau Claire, WI
- Mar. 7 – Elkhorn, WI
- Mar. 21 – Appleton, WI
- Apr. 25 – Barneveld, WI
- Club Leadership Education (Club Presidents-elect)

- Workshop Track 1 – Service
- Workshop Track 2 – Club Leaders
- Workshop Track 3 – The Formula

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Member Last Name ____________________________ First Name ____________________________

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Mail registration to:  
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571 Center Street  
Berlin, WI 54923

Fax registration to:  
866-484-4745

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wiumkiw@wiumkiwanis.org
Three Workshop Tracks Planned for Midyear Conferences

By Mark Finger, WI-UM Kiwanis District Executive Director

The 2015 Midyear Conferences will be held in February, March and April this year:
• February 28 – Eau Claire, WI;
• March 7 – Elkhorn, WI;
• March 21 – Appleton, WI;
• April 25 – Barneveld, WI.

Please refer to the registration form on page 3 for exact locations. Members can attend any of the Midyear Conferences, but there will be Lt. Governor elections at these locations: Division 9 in Eau Claire; Divisions 1 and 5 in Elkhorn; Divisions 7 and 11 in Appleton; and Division 3 in Barneveld.

The conferences will start with registration at 8:15 a.m., followed by Division Councils at 8:30 a.m. and the Opening Session at 9:30 a.m. Workshops will be presented using a track schedule. You choose a track that best fits your interest and go to that room and the workshop presenters will come to you. Workshop tracks will start at 10 a.m. and run through 4 p.m. with a break for lunch at noon.

The first track is titled Service Opportunities and is designed for those interested in our Service Leadership programs, Kiwanis Branded programs and our Signature Service programs. You may notice something new – the Key Club and Circle K Graduate program. Come see what that is all about.

The second track is titled Club Leaders. It is designed for those in leadership positions in the club and those that may be interested in a leadership role in the future. This track looks at Youth Protection and Risk Management, Online Resources, Kiwanis’ Portalbuzz program which all members may access, Public Relations and Club and District Leadership Roles.

The third track is titled The Formula/Membership Development. As you may know Kiwanis’ membership development program is titled The Formula. Attend this track to find out how The Formula can help your club and our District grow.

All three tracks will end with an opportunity for attendees to share the good things that are happening in their club.

We are also offering a Club Leadership Education Session in the afternoon for Presidents-elect.

More details and the registration form can be found on page 3 as well as on the District website where you can download a .pdf version of the registration form as well as a Google Forms version for those that want to fill in the registration on your computer and submit it directly to the District office.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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

Upcoming Dates on the WI-UM Kiwanis District Calendar

By Mark Finger, WI-UM Kiwanis District Executive Director

District Board Meeting . . . . . . . . . . Jan. 31, 2015
Holiday Inn Convention Center, Stevens Point, WI

Plaza Hotel, Eau Claire, WI

Eau Claire Midyear (Division 9 Election). Feb. 28, 2015
Plaza Hotel, Eau Claire, WI

St. Patrick’s Parish School, Elkhorn, WI

Hyatt on Main, Green Bay, WI

Appleton Midyear (Div. 7 & 11 Elections) Mar. 21, 2015
Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton, WI

District Board Meeting . . . . . . . . . . April 24, 2015
Deer Valley Lodge, Barneveld, WI

Barneveld Midyear (Div. 3 Election) . . . April 25, 2015
Deer Valley Lodge, Barneveld, WI

Circle K Spring Fling . . . . . . . April 24-26, 2015
Camp Wawbeek, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Indianapolis, Indiana

Holiday Inn, Marquette, MI

Aktion Club Leadership Conference . . . Sept. 2015
Faith Lutheran Church and School, Fond du Lac, WI

Key Leader . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . September 25-27
Camp Wawbeek, Wisconsin Dells, WI

Circle K Membership Conference . . . Oct. 9-11, 2015
Camp Wawbeek, Wisconsin Dells, WI
Supporting the Kiwanis International Foundation
By Fred Dietze, 2014-15 Kiwanis International Foundation District Chair

The Kiwanis International Foundation’s Children’s Fund is very important to Nancy and I. Over the years we have donated small amounts to the Kiwanis International Foundation, but we decided to step up and make a major commitment to the International Foundation and the Children’s Fund. The first step of that commitment was a $1,000 contribution which secured a Hixson for Nancy.

Nancy and I believe in the Objects of Kiwanis and we believe that we can change the world one child and one community at a time. A contribution to the Kiwanis International Foundation ensures that the foundation can continue to support our Kiwanis Clubs and the children of the world. If you wish to donate, please go to www.kiwanis.org/foundation.

Past Governor and Kiwanis International Foundation District Chair Fred Dietze can be reached by email at mainsailhr@hotmail.com or by phone at 715-781-7167.

A Donation to The Eliminate Project Gives the Gift of Life
By Marv Amundson, The Eliminate Project District Committee Chair

Governor Anna Bruhn has selected The Eliminate Project as her Governor’s Project. The Eliminate Project is Kiwanis International’s worldwide project to prevent maternal and neonatal tetanus by providing tetanus shots to young mothers which prevents death from tetanus for the mother and her unborn children. The Kiwanis International Foundation buys the vaccine and UNICEF administers the shots.

During our Eliminate committee conference call this month, we decided to contact all Kiwanis members in our district and ask for an individual contribution as well as a contribution from each club in support of Governor Anna’s and Kiwanis International’s project. A holiday donation by all Kiwanis members and clubs will ensure an end to this deadly disease in all the countries where it is now a major cause of death of newborns.

An individual donation can be used as a tax-deductible donation if the check is made out to the Kiwanis International Foundation. On the memo line, please write “Eliminate” plus the name of your club to ensure that your club gets credit for an Eliminate donation.

Any donation amount is appreciated. A contribution of $180 protects 100 mothers and their babies; $1,000 provides protection for 556 mothers and their babies and qualifies the donor for a Hixson Fellowship; $1,250 protects 690 mothers and their babies and qualifies the donor for a Walter Zeller Fellowship; $1,500 protects 833 mothers and their babies and qualifies the donor for a Centennial Award.

We are asking all clubs for a donation to this cause as well. One suggestion to all clubs who are cancelling a holiday meeting – collect for the meal you are missing and send that to The Eliminate Project. This money (and any additional money) can be used to honor a member with one of the awards above.

The holidays are a time of bringing joy to others. Just imagine the joy you will be bringing to the families of children saved by your gift of a tetanus-free start in life.

Happy holidays and a blessed New Year to you and the children of the world.

WI-UM Kiwanis District Eliminate Project Chair Marv Amundson can be reached by email at mpa@chibardun.net or by phone at 715-637-3551.
Dodgeville Kiwanis Sponsors Holiday Musical Event
By Satb Menon, Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville

The Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville exclusively sponsored a community musical event during the Christmas season titled “Community Holiday Social” on Monday, December 8, 2014 at the Dodger Bowl. The event included dinner, entertainment and fellowship.

The musical entertainment featured Dale Kitchell, acclaimed operatic tenor from Miami, Florida. Dale’s vocal talents include a variety of musical genres including gospel, contemporary, country, classical and Broadway. This award-winning musical genius was accompanied by Michael Massey on the keyboard. Michael is a regionally-famous pianist, songwriter and singer in his own right. Dale and Michael were joined in song by Dodgeville elementary school music teacher Susan Jorenby.

Wisconsin Music Ambassadors visit Dodgeville Kiwanians
By Charles Price, Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville

This past summer the Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville helped sponsor a group of seven Dodgeville High School (DHS) students who joined 100 Wisconsin students on a Wisconsin music ambassador tour of Europe. On November 24, 2014, the group provided Kiwanis members with a report on the three-week tour. Music presentations were made in England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria and Germany. DHS students Maggie Piper, Lindsay Hess, Bri Humke and Alex Harman were joined by advisor Julie Piper and Kiwanis President Steve Michek at the presentation at Dodger Bowl. Although the entire trip was enjoyed by all, the students report the highlights were a concert they presented at St. Marks Cathedral in Vienna, Austria and the hospitality of Switzerland.

Dodgeville Kiwanis Children’s Book Donation Program
By Satb Menon, Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville

Children’s Librarian Carol Gleichoff provided a list of recently-published titles and the cost of each. The Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville paid for the books. The club, under the leadership and coordination of Sath Menon, has donated 131 books in cooperation with the library and the Southwest Wisconsin Library System.

Every week, the club’s guest speaker autographs a book template. That template is affixed to a book and delivered to the library to be put into circulation. As an added bonus, the club gets credit for the “Read Around the World Program,” a Kiwanis sponsored project.
Metro Milwaukee Nights Members Shop for 20 Kids
By Bec Loss, Metropolitan Milwaukee Nights Club

Members and guests of the Kiwanis Club of Metropolitan Milwaukee Nights gathered at Jackson’s Blue Ribbon Pub for their annual holiday party and gift wrapping on December 5, 2014. Attendees enjoyed food, drink and fellowship while wrapping gifts for families in need this holiday season. The club adopted families from the Christmas Clearing Council of Waukesha County. The club sponsors approximately 20 children by buying and delivering gifts for the holidays.

West Bend Noon Club Provides Gifts for Children in Need
By Marilyn Merten and Tom Bergerud, West Bend Noon Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of West Bend sponsored three families this holiday season, providing clothing, toys and basic household needs. The Washington County Department of Health and Human Services connects donors to qualified families. With the help of the club’s “shopping elves,” the club was able to stretch donated dollars and help three families celebrate the joy of the season and hope for their future.

After the presents were purchased, the club provided a grocery store certificate for each family, fruit snacks, oranges, peanut butter, a small box of candy and a gingerbread house kit. Each family also received a large box with facial tissue, toilet tissue, soap, shampoo, paper towels, toilet paper, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

Members of the Appleton Fox Cities Kiwanis Club goof around with Santa at the Breakfast with Santa event for underprivileged kids on December 6.

“Shopping Elves” from the West Bend Noon Kiwanis Club sponsored three families in need this holiday season.
95th Anniversary Festivities Held in New Richmond

By Debbie Suennen Rickard, Kiwanis Club of New Richmond

On November 8, 2014 the Kiwanis Club of New Richmond was honored by a visit from WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor Anna Bruhn at the club’s 95th Anniversary celebration. The Governor’s Meeting, dinner and program was also attended by Division 9 Lt. Governor, Joe Burnap, Deputy Lt. Governor, John Rheinberger, WI-UM District Eliminate Project Coordinator, Marv Amundson and Division 9 Eliminate Project Coordinator, Bev Burnap. Club Members from Barron, Bruce, Eau Claire Clear Water, Hudson and Eau Claire Indianhead joined the festivities. Guests were entertained with an instrumental guitar performance during social time and dinner.

On display was a Wall of History which included newspaper articles and memorabilia for each decade of the New Richmond Club’s existence beginning in November, 1919. A presentation of past and current club members and activities was shown during the event which brought back many memories. A memorial table included pictures of long-time members Bob Heebink and Dick Newman, who passed away earlier this year. These men were very active and are greatly missed.

Lt. Governor Joe Burnap introduced the head table and the division clubs attending. Club President Gina Moe Knutson recognized past club presidents and members with 20 years of service or more. Past President and Historian Bob Peirson provided interesting facts about the club’s history and contributions to the area. Bruhn followed with her Governor’s Address and discussed her visions and goals for the district.

A raffle was held with items donated from the New Richmond, Bruce, Eau Claire Clear Water and Barron clubs. Proceeds from the raffle were designated for The Eliminate Project at Governor Anna’s request.

In 1919, when New Richmond city officials approached Kiwanis International about starting a club, they didn’t support the idea because the city had a population of approximately 2,100 people. Officials at Kiwanis International doubted that New Richmond could sustain a club that required a minimum of 50 members to start. At the time of its charter, New Richmond was the smallest community ever to have a Kiwanis club.

From the beginning, the Kiwanis Club has been actively involved in the advancement of the community. The club was instrumental in bringing the Friday Canning Company to the community, which became one of New Richmond’s largest employers. The club was also an integral part of the construction of Holy Family Hospital (now Westfields Hospital), construction of shelters in Mary Park, installation of lights on Main Street and pushed for the city to develop a plan to pave community streets.

The community chest, an early version of the United Way effort, was started by Kiwanis. The Kiwanis Club of New Richmond was among the first proponents of locating Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College in the community and was behind the efforts to clean up the Willow River.

The Club has sponsored the local Key Club and Boy Scout Troop 460 for more than 50 years and also sponsors Cub Scouts and the Venturing Crew. Current projects and activities include scholarships, annual Honors Banquet, Service Learning Day, annual Easter Egg Hunt, sponsor of students for Leadership Training, back pack program, volunteering at Five Loaves Food Shelf, Peanut Day, Bnaakwii Giizis event and the Holiday Home Lighting contest.

Club Historian Bob Peirson gave a history of the New Richmond club.
Kiwanis Club of Chilton Celebrated 85 Years of Service

By Jean Van Frachen, Kiwanis Club of Chilton

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Chilton gathered on December 3, 2014 to celebrate 85 years of service to children and the world. Club members reflected on a history of the organization in Chilton.

December 3, 1929, the Kiwanis Club of Chilton held its organizational meeting at the Chilton Hotel, headed by President H. F. Arps, with Kiwanis International representative Thomas Marshall and District Governor Norton Williams of Neenah. A motion was made to hold weekly meetings on Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. Dues were $15 per member. There were six charter members at the meeting. In the following weeks, plans were made to further organize the club and add more members. By charter night the membership stood at 26.

The Club was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Appleton and was chartered on January 14, 1930. The banquet was held during a heavy snowfall and there were anxious moments the evening of the charter night. The Seymour club had to have a snowplow precede them in order to make the trip. The night ended in a success despite the worries.

The first committee report was submitted by the Public Affairs Committee for arrangements of an Ice Carnival campaign for a new high school. During the first year, the club began its support of the local Boy Scout troop and assisted in the campaign for the bond issue to concrete the roads in Calumet County. In the following years, Kiwanis formed a 4-H club, was instrumental in building a swimming pool, assisting with the building of the football field, skating rink and getting a traffic light at the intersection of Main Street and Madison Street.

In 1932, during the depression, the Club suffered financially and meetings were down to four members attending. Many thought of disbanding, but Club President George Goggins encouraged members to stick with him and keep the club going. In 1934, members worked and voted for a successful referendum to bond the district to build a new $100,000 school. They also sponsored the celebration of the opening of State Highway 57. In 1935 a motion was made to endorse the project of locating a State Park on the east side of Lake Winnebago.

In the 40s, club membership reached a high of 75 members. The main activities were assisting at the County Fair, sponsoring the Athletic Banquet, donation of eyeglasses, sponsoring a Badger Boys delegate, food baskets for the needy, providing transportation for children to the State Fair and supporting the recreation programs in the city.

The single biggest activity in the 50s was the Calumet Memorial Hospital benefit dinner, which started in 1955 and continued for 17 years. Approximately $18,200 was raised to help finance construction of the hospital.

The many projects in the club’s 85 years started with six men of Chilton who saw a need in the community.
Hixson Fellowship Award Presented to Jeremy Tabin
By Bob Voelker, Kiwanis Club of Greater Wausau

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Wausau recently awarded the George F. Hixson Fellowship for exemplary leadership and service to Jeremy Tabin. Jeremy is a long-time club member who was active in Circle K during his days as a student at Penn State University. He has continued to be active in WUM District Circle K leadership while also serving as club liaison with the Key Club at Newman High School in Wausau. He participates in many local club activities, including coordinating the club’s popcorn wagon fundraiser for a number of years. Jeremy is also the editor of the club’s Web site and newsletter.

In 1983, the Kiwanis International Foundation established the George F. Hixson Fellowship. Named for Kiwanis International’s first president, Hixson Fellowships are bestowed upon donors who give $1,000 or more to the foundation. It’s a way of recognizing people who have contributed significantly to Kiwanis’ history of generosity. In fact, clubs and Kiwanians often give in honor of another person or organization – recognizing others’ help and commitment with a Hixson Fellowship. Consider making a gift today toward a George F. Hixson Fellowship for yourself or to honor someone else with one.

Greater Wausau Kiwanians Donate 14 iPads
By Bob Voelker, Kiwanis Club of Greater Wausau

Eric Hartwig, Director of Marathon County Special Education (MCSE), was the featured speaker at a recent meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Wausau. Mr. Hartwig was invited to officially receive a gift of 14 iPads and software, valued at almost $900 each, for students on the autism spectrum and their families, who are served by MCSE. Mr. Hartwig reported on the positive effects of this donation, which was delivered in the fall. The club has received letters of thanks from the school districts of Abbotsford, Athens, Edgar, and Spencer, which serve the students who received the iPads.
Greater Hudson Kiwanian Named Distinguished Member
By Fred Dietze, Kiwanis Club of Greater Hudson

Johannes Dahle, a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Hudson, has been designated as a Kiwanis International Distinguished Member. To receive this international honor, Dahle recruited two new members to the club, participated in numerous service projects and was instrumental in ensuring that club members and guests were presented with outstanding programs at the club's semi-monthly meetings.

For this honor, Dahle received a Distinguished Member pin and a letter from the 2013-14 Kiwanis International President, Gunter Gasser. The letter states in part, “You are making this world a better place to live.” The Kiwanis Club of Greater Hudson meets on the first and third Tuesday of the month at Hudson House at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Mike Moseman at (715) 531-8081 or visit www.greaterhudsonkiwans.org.

President Mike Moseman (left) congratulates Jo Dahle for being selected as a Kiwanis Distinguished Member.

Ripon Early Bird Club Collects Diapers, Underwear and Socks
By Lyn Herriot, Ripon Early Bird Kiwanis Club

“Diapers, Underwear and Socks (D.U.S.) donations kicked off December 1, 2014 in the city of Ripon. A source in Ripon disclosed the dire need for these items in the Ripon community and the club jumped into action. Ripon Pick n’ Save, Hillside Dental Associates and Walgreens eagerly accepted the collection bins.

All infant through adult diapers, and infant through high school-sized socks and underwear collected will be distributed to those in need. The club hopes to continue the collection year ‘round but felt the holiday season would be a great time for the kickoff. The Ripon Commonwealth Press interviewed club member Lyn Herriot and published an article in the November 26, 2014 issue of the local newspaper.

Ripon Early Bird Kiwanian Lyn Herriot next to a D.U.S. donation box.

Watertown Kiwanis Club Supports Camp Wawbeek
By Roger Herbert, Watertown Kiwanis Club

Watertown Kiwanis Club President Roger Herbert recently presented a check for $1,000 to Ken Saville, Executive Director of the Easter Seal Society and Camp Wawbeek. The donation represents the club’s participation in the renovation project of the accessible outdoor swimming pool at Camp Wawbeek near the Wisconsin Dells.

Ken Saville accepts a $1,000 donation from Watertown Kiwanis Club President Roger Herbert. The funds were earmarked for the accessible pool.
Just the facts

**Kiwanis International**
This global organization of members is dedicated to serving the children of the world. Kiwanis and its family of clubs—more than 600,000 members strong—annually raise more than US$100 million and dedicate more than 18.5 million volunteer hours to strengthen communities and serve children. Members of every age attend regular meetings, experience fellowship, raise funds for various causes and participate in service projects that help their communities. Members also make an impact throughout the world by participating in Kiwanis International’s Global Campaign for Children, The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus.

**Adults**
Kiwanis International offers three clubs for adults: Kiwanis, Aktion Club and Circle K International. Kiwanis clubs serve their communities by sponsoring 150,000 service projects each year. Aktion Club is the only community service club for adults living with disabilities. It provides members opportunities to become integrated into their communities while developing initiative and leadership skills. CKI is the world’s largest student-led collegiate service organization with clubs on 504 campuses. More than 45,000 graduating Key Club and CKI alumni are now associate members, a new membership category to engage former Service Leadership Program members.

**Youth**
Key Club, the oldest and largest service organization for teens, teaches leadership through service to others. Builders Club for adolescents provides students with opportunities to develop leadership, improve self-esteem, increase civic engagement and learn life skills through service. Kiwanis Kids for elementary students provides students with opportunities to work together on service projects, develop leadership potential and create strong moral character.

**Programs**
Terrific Kids and Bring Up Grades, both for students age 6–12, teach children to plan, set goals, work with others and celebrate success. Key Leader is a weekend leadership retreat for teens.

**The Eliminate Project**
The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International’s Global Campaign for Children, will save or protect millions of mothers and their future babies. In partnership with UNICEF, Kiwanis is eliminating MNT, a disease that kills one baby every 11 minutes, by immunizing women of child bearing age. UNICEF and its partners have already eliminated MNT in more than 30 countries, and Kiwanis’ pledge to raise US$110 million will help fund the elimination of the disease in the countries that remain at risk.

NOTE: Some numbers are rounded.

**Motto**
Serving the children of the world

**Membership**
628,302 adult and youth members
277,025 adult members
351,277 youth members

**Clubs**
8,176 adult clubs
7,904 youth clubs

**Professional staff**
115

**Service**
Each year, Kiwanis clubs:
• Sponsor nearly 150,000 service projects
• Raise more than US$100 million
• Devote more than 18.5 million hours to service

**Locations**
More than 60 nations and geographic areas

**Established**
1915

**Web site**
www.kiwanis.org
Pancakes, playgrounds and parades are among the service projects Kiwanis club members have offered for 100 years to serve the children of the world. In 2015, Kiwanis members will renew their commitment to children by finding solutions to community needs and by eradicating a deadly disease from the world.

Globally, January 2015 kicks off six months of celebrations to honor the past century of service and launch the next 100 years of signature service projects. Each year, Kiwanis members devote 18.5 million volunteer hours toward projects in their communities and raise more than $100 million, all to help children thrive, prosper and grow. Kiwanis is a service organization with more than 16,000 clubs in 80 nations. Its members participate in 150,000 projects every year.

“Kiwanis began in Detroit as a club for businessmen but quickly changed its focus to service, and that commitment remains today,” said Dr. John R. Button, Kiwanis International president. “We are proud of our 100-year legacy and are excited about our future and the opportunities we have to help all the children of the world.”

As part of a Kiwanis Centennial Tour, Dr. Button will visit 13 international cities where Kiwanis members will celebrate the 100th anniversary with community events, playground builds and other special projects. The Centennial Celebration begins in Pasadena, Calif., with a float in the annual Tournament of Roses parade. The first stop on the Centennial Tour will be Detroit, home of the inaugural Kiwanis club. Known as the Detroit No. 1 Club to signify its status as the first Kiwanis club, the Detroit club will kick off the tour with a book distribution for children, and a reception and display at the Detroit Historical Museum followed by a gala at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center.

With the support of the Kiwanis International Foundation, playgrounds will be built at Centennial Tour stops in Redmond, Ore.; Atlanta, Ga.; Fullerton, Calif.; Taipei, Taiwan; Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Island Park, N.Y.; Chicago, Ill.; Milan, Italy and Indianapolis, Ind. Playgrounds built this fall in Troy, Mo., and Orlando, Florida, will be dedicated during the tour.

The Centennial Tour will conclude in Indianapolis, Kiwanis International’s home city, with the annual convention June 25-28 celebrating the Centennial. Plans are under way for a pancake breakfast on Indianapolis’ Monument Circle, a major downtown landmark, and a birthday bash on one of the city’s downtown pedestrian avenues, Georgia Street, near the Indianapolis Convention Center.

During the convention, Kiwanis and its partner UNICEF also will celebrate The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis’ global campaign for children to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) from the globe.

“This disease is deadly in so many Third World countries, and those of us in developed nations have not had to worry about tetanus for decades,” said Dr. Button, a former family physician in Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada. “We have been working to raise $110 million to eradicate this tragic disease from the world, and to save babies from suffering an excruciating death from MNT. Our commitment to The Eliminate Project is our 100th anniversary gift to the world.”

The Eliminate Project will vaccinate more than 65 million women of childbearing age to stop this disease. “The individual cost is small – $1.80 will provide the vaccine – but the cumulative effect is exponential in the number of lives saved around the world,” Dr. Button said.

More information on Kiwanis’ 100th anniversary events is available at www.kiwanis.org/100.
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K-Kids and Builders Club Members Spread Holiday Cheer

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Each year students from Washington-Caldwell School in Waterford, Wisconsin, collect non-perishable food items for their local food pantry right before the holiday season. The K-Kids and Builders Club members spend two weeks filling grocery carts decorated for the holidays. The nearby Wal-Mart graciously allows the students to borrow many carts.

Each day during those two weeks they focus on a specific type of product or theme. These themes range from baby food to cereal to canned goods to pasta and much more. Posters decorate the school halls to describe each theme and many times the students dress accordingly. Some pretty crazy titles arise from their brainstorming. As the club members tossed out ideas, one student popped up with a crazy title for collecting toiletries and personal hygiene items – taking care of business! They sure did gather plenty of those products!

These young people surely understand service to their community, aiding those in need and working together in service to their neighborhood. Many more people had extra food for the holidays because of the caring students. Assuredly, this project will happen again in 2015!