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WI-UM District Cookbook of Service & Fundraising Ideas

Brought to you by Kiwanis Clubs in our District



Remember the “real” recipe book Susan and Case Van Kleef sold to raise funds low those many years ago???? What a success story; and we had so much fun in the process. I hoped we could do it again, this time with a twist.

Since October 2008, the start of this Kiwanis year, I’ve been collecting recipes of sort for fundraisers and/or service projects the WI-UM Kiwanis clubs are promoting and hosting. This book is the culmination of a year-long project.

Our District’s clubs perform some amazing service, and are creative in their fundraising endeavors, as witnessed by your monthly reports. Thank you to the clubs who submitted information to me for this “Cookbook of Service & Fundraising Ideas”. I hope you enjoy reading about events happening throughout WI-UM Kiwanis and try new events in your club.

Continue the efforts to MAKE A DIFFERENCE in your communities, and celebrate your service opportunities. Thank you for all you do in the name of Kiwanis service.

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Section 1



WI-UM Kiwanis Fundraising Events

TEXAS STYLE CHILI FEST Appleton Golden K Fundraiser

If you want the recipe for the chili in the quantities that we make it in for our Chili Fest, Bill can get that for you. They make 150 gallons of chili over a four day period, and it is quite a process that we go through. It usually takes at least 6-8 people 4-5 hours 4 afternoons to complete the process. We make the 30 five gallon pails at the Salvation Army, transport them to the Thompson Center the morning of the event and then reheat the chili in 20 gallon roasters for serving. Its quite a process from beginning to end. We sell two types of chili, regular and Texas style. The Texas chili is on the hot side . The cost of tickets is \$6.00 / adult with children 11 years old and younger \$3.00. This is an all you can eat meal to include hot dogs and dessert.

We usually start planning this event at least two months in advance of the actual serving date. We have to reserve time at the Salvation Army where all the chili will be made. This process normally takes four afternoons to make 150 gallons of chili. We store the chili in 5 gallon buckets which we store in the cooler at the Army. At 6 A.M. on the day of the fest we transport the chili to the Thompson center.

Once the chili is at the Center it is put in 20 quart roasters to be heated. When a roaster becomes empty as chili is being served it is refilled from the 5 gallon buckets. We also have 1 qt. containers for \$6.00 and 2 qt. containers for \$10.00 as take outs. Last year we served 750 people which include the take outs. 600 people were actually served in the Thompson Center.

After expenses were taken out we realized a surplus of \$3,740. There is a lot more that I could tell you but it would be better if another club wanted to do this that they contact me at 920-734-5416 or E-mail me at billbrandt460@sbcglobal.net. As you can imagine, there is a lot of work and planning that goes into a project such as this. If anyone would show an interest, I would be more than happy to go over everything in detail with them, -planning-scheduling-timing-costs etc.

PEANUT DAY SALE

La Crosse Kiwanis Club Fundraiser

CONCEPT: Since 1951, Kiwanis Peanut Day Inc. has been helping Kiwanis Clubs raise nearly 60 Million dollars for their local charities. Kiwanis Peanut Day is one of Kiwanis' most successful fund-raisers. The traditional 3/4 oz. red or blue bag of peanuts cost the club just US\$0.12 each. All members are needed to help make this fundraiser a success. Annually we raise around \$10,000 by just selling peanuts.

Members are divided into two person teams; each team is given a list of businesses to call on ranging from 10 to 25 each (depending on their daytime availability). We try to keep the same members assigned to the same lists year after year so our donors are familiar with the member calling on them. A mail merge letter is sent out about two weeks prior to our teams hitting the streets. Teams are also provided a master list of all the businesses we mailed that year. This helps teams to identify new businesses to approach each year. Teams record the donations they collect and turn in their results each meeting to our "Peanut Chairperson", who also give a status report at each meeting. We ask for donations of \$25, \$50 or \$100 in exchange for a 50 count, a 100 count or two 100 count cases respectively. In different years we have mixed in canisters of honey roasted peanuts and/or cashews as well.

Some teams are able to complete their lists in a day or two, others may take up to two or three weeks based on their daytime availability.

We wrap-up the fundraiser with the traditional store front solicitation of passing customers at four different locations in town from 9am until 3pm. This portion both promotes community awareness of our club and about 15% of our profits for the fundraiser.

CHICKENFEST

Darboy Fundraiser

Brief explanation/description of the project or fundraiser:

Chickenfest is an annual summer festival that is coordinated by the Kiwanis Club of Darboy. The event involves a variety of food options, carnival rides, live musical entertainment, national recording artists, kids shows, free kids games, a parade, and a craft show. The event runs for 3 days (Thursday evening 5 – 11 pm, Friday evening 5 – 11 pm, and Saturday 9 am – 11 pm).

Cause helped - or - amount of money netted to club:

The event has grown each year with the amount of money collected from ticket sales now up to \$100,000. The money from the ticket sales goes to a variety of things, paying the carnival rides provider, paying the musicians and kids show entertainment, paying the food vendors, and other costs involved in running the event. Due to the size of the event, many of the local groups in the area have agreed to work with us to help raise money for their groups (i.e. local soccer clubs, other Kiwanis clubs and other service groups). At the end of the event, our club usually makes between \$15,000 and \$20,000, with an additional \$10,000 to \$15,000 being paid out to the other groups that work during the event to raise money for their clubs.

How long it takes to plan the event:

This is a very labor intensive event with the planning of the event taking the entire year. The total hours spent planning the event split between the 4 event co-chairs is about 1000 hours. The actual event involves about 100-150 people volunteering for various shifts during the 3 day event. While the event planning and running of the event are very labor intensive, the enjoyment of the people attending the event is worth all the work.

Contact name, phone number, email address (should a club want to try the project in their area):

John Polansky (Darboy Kiwanis Club), 920-954-1316, jrpolansky@msn.com. **You can also see additional information about this event by going to the events web site: darboymfest.org**

CHILI DINNER & TRAVEL/HISTORY PROGRAM Fundraiser

Kiwanis of Belleville invites you to our 25th annual winter fund raiser day Sunday February 22, 2009 at the Belleville High School cafeteria and theatre.

CHILI DINNER served 11:00A to 7:00P (all you can eat chili) plus French bread, veggies, beverage and homemade desserts. \$6 adult, \$3 youth 6-12, under 6 free. Tickets are available from Belleville Kiwanis members or at the door.

LOCAL HISTORY & TRAVEL PROGRAM A program of local history and the story of the Stewart Railroad tunnel will be presented at 1:30 PM and again at 3:00 PM. in the high school theatre. There is no charge for the programs – however, a free will offering will be appreciated.

All profits from the day support local Kiwanis children and youth programs.

Fred Bonacker – President
Belleville Kiwanis

COULEE REGION Fundraisers

The Kiwanis Club of the Coulee Region currently has two regular (annual) fund raisers.

BUTTON SALES AT THE LACROSSE RIVERFEST (La Crosse)

We have one person coordinate with the fest committee. We volunteer to sell fest buttons at the entrance to the park/fest grounds for the entire week. The coordinator receives instructions from the fest people and recruits the workers from the club. This requires about 60 to 70 man-hours. As a result, we receive a percentage of the sale either based on number of buttons sold or man-hours contributed. The fest has used both approaches.

HAMBURGER FOOD STAND AT APPLEFEST (La Crescent)

We fry hamburgers and sell various versions, soda, water, and chips to the Applefest crowd. This is about a 180 man-hour effort to include the erection and dismantle of the hamburger stand and equipment. For the past several years we have received help from the UWL Circle K members so this is a joint effort. However, the majority of the man-hours is accomplished by the Coulee Club.

SPARTA FUNDRAISING PROJECTS

1. We have radio days as our main activity to raise money for our annual board discretionary funds. This year we will try to present it as donations to Kiwanis and then get on air mentions. In the past we have been selling it as radio advertising. We hope this new approach will bring in more funds.
2. Laser Monks at the Cistercians Monastery has provided matching funds of up to \$500 for new initiatives. We used this money to help fund Lids for Kids. We buy bicycle helmets, and then make them available to all third-graders, absorbing about ¾ of the cost. We give a safety presentation at the schools and follow up with a bike rodeo that we sponsor with the Boy Scouts.
3. We work as wait service at Pizza Hut one night per year. All tips go to the Kiwanis Club. The manager pays his wait staff higher wages that evening, and they work with us. This happens on a Monday evening, traditionally a slow night for Pizza Hut.
5. Our special project this year was a spaghetti dinner to raise money to send kids to Camp Wawbeek. We asked Thrivent for matching funds. They usually match 1 for 2 on a project once per year. They finally agreed to match us 1 for 1 up to \$700. We also

got the spaghetti donated by the Italian Restorante. Almost everything else was also donated by local businesses. We mentioned all donors in a story, and sent a 'Letter to the Editor' recapping the goodness of our local businesses.

6. We serve soup, hotdogs, and hot drinks at Holiday Lights in the Park. All profits are given to the city to reinvest in Lights in the Park.

7. We team with the Boy Scouts for the annual ButterFest Parade. The Boy Scouts collect food donations for the two food pantries. Kiwanis members carry buckets and work the crowd for cash donations from people who forget to bring food.

For more information on any of these fundraisers, contact Tom Schauer, President, Sparta Kiwanis Club

KIWANIS RADIO DAY

La Crosse Kiwanis Club Fundraiser

CONCEPT: The Kiwanis Club asks local radio stations to donate commercial time on one day of the year during morning and evening 'drive', which Kiwanis members go out and "sell" to local businesses as a fundraiser. The checks are written to the local Kiwanis Club as a donation, and the participating businesses get "free" advertising in exchange for their donation. Then on the actual day of Kiwanis Radio Day, club members go to the participating radio station(s) and read the commercials live on the air and talk about Kiwanis. In the process of thanking businesses for their donations to Kiwanis, we get to talk about how we donate the money raised to worthwhile youth-related charities, events and organizations. We also talk about our service projects, and what Kiwanis is all about. So, not only is this a great fundraiser, it's a very good public relations opportunity!

STEP ONE: Find a chairperson. It's very helpful to have someone from a radio station in your club to serve either as chair or advisor, but we have had non-radio people chair this fundraiser as well.

STEP TWO: Contact the radio station, explain the concept, and ask whether they'll participate. Decide on a date and time range for Kiwanis Radio Day, and how many radio stations you're capable of working with. Besides selling the commercials in advance, you need to schedule members of your club to be on the radio. We usually break it up into shifts of 60-90 minutes, and put two club members on each shift. Over the years, almost every radio station in La Crosse has participated in Kiwanis Radio Day. In any given year, we've had as many as seven radio stations and as few as one. In the years where we have had only one or two radio stations participating, we would schedule Kiwanians to be on the radio from 6:00AM-6:00PM to fit in all the ads we sold. In more recent years, with six or seven radio stations participating, we have scheduled all of our ads and Kiwanis members to be on the air just during morning drive, 6:00AM-9:00AM or 10:00AM.

STEP THREE: Decide on price-points or donation amounts. Even though the radio station is donating the commercial air time, get their input on how much it normally sells for – so you're not offering commercials for significantly more or less than the normal price. We have found it helpful to offer several price-point or donation amounts. For \$50, we offer businesses their choice of 4-10 second commercials, or 2-30 second commercials, or 1-60 second commercial on any of the participating AM radio stations. We offer similar packages for \$75 or \$100 on some of the higher priced FM radio stations. It's amazing how many business owners will choose their favorite station, or the station they normally advertise on, even if the donation required is more. Also, some businesses will choose more than one station, and make an even larger donation to Kiwanis.

STEP FOUR: Put together a one-page order form with all the information your club members need, and pass these out at a club meeting 6-8 weeks in advance of your Radio Day event. We've learned from experience that a selling period longer than two months results in procrastination, and shorter than 6 weeks doesn't give your club members enough time to get out and see or call everyone they could hit up for a donation. Our club's Radio Day typically is late March or the first week of April.

TIPS:

- You can do this fundraiser any time of the year but you may find radio stations more receptive to doing it in 1st quarter since that is typically a less busy time for them.
- Sell the radio stations on the idea that this fundraiser will be very little work for them, but great P.R. and that they can take credit for helping you raise all the money.
- Because your club members come into the radio stations to read the ads live, and have already written the ads with the business owners, the radio station doesn't have to do much writing or producing of commercials unless a business feels

strongly they would like their spot(s) pre-recorded, perhaps because of risk of mispronunciation of their name if it's a difficult or foreign-sounding name.

- Find out from each radio station how many minutes of commercial time or how many commercial units they will allow you to sell for each hour that you will be on their station. Most stations will not run an unlimited number of commercials, since they have to squeeze in news, weather, music, etc., and still allow time for you to talk about Kiwanis, plus play their regular commercials.
- Offer to type up a schedule of which Kiwanis commercials will be read in each hour, and tell the radio station they do not need to run this through their traffic system - since they don't have to send out bills or provide proof of performance affidavits. Your club will collect all the money in advance.
- Insist that your club members collect payment in advance and obtain the written ad from the business owner the same day they sell them. Otherwise your club treasurer is stuck with the job of sending out the bills - and your Radio Day chairperson is stuck with the job of going through the Yellow Pages and trying to make up advertisements. If you go with the 10-second commercials, all you really need is name, address, and phone number of the business, and a quick slogan.
- Consider getting some donated prizes or gifts for your top Radio Day sales people. If you get a little contest going, you'll probably raise more money.
- Keep track of who sold which businesses from year to year, so club members can go back to the same people. First year you might consider going through a Chamber of Commerce directory or some other list of area businesses to decide who's calling on whom.
- During your 6-8 week "selling" period, have club members turn in their order forms at each week's club meeting - and make announcements about your progress. It takes weekly reminders and 'attaboys' to maximize this fundraiser.
- Be sure to write thank you letters to all radio stations that help you out on this fundraiser. Lavish them with praise so they'll consider doing it again next year. You might also consider thank you letters to the businesses that "buy" ads, although we have never done this.

AUCTION

Kiwanis Club of Downtown Madison Fundraiser

Our annual "fundraising" auction is one of the club's main fundraising events during the year. Club members, and some friends of the club, donate items for the auction. Typically there might be 24-36 items donated. The actual auction is held in May, at a regular meeting, and usually consists of a live and silent auction. The big ticket items are usually auctioned live, as we get the most \$\$ bid. Smaller items are auctioned in the silent auction. We try to have items with a wide range of \$\$ values, so that all can participate. We generally raise from \$5,000 to \$10,000 during the auction.

One of our club members (Richard Wildermuth) is a professional auctioneer, and his expertise and technique add a great deal to our success at these events. A real auctioneer adds a lot of enthusiasm during the live auction, which results in higher bids for donated items.

One of the methods that we employ so that folks feel more free to bid on items during the auction is to track winning bids. The data that we collect for this purpose also allows us to track important information like the number of donated items, the number of successful bidders, distribution of bid\$\$, etc. This helps us plan better for future auctions.

This year we are trying something new with food during the event. It will be in a buffet/finger food style, with different offerings on different tables in the meeting space. This will allow our members and guests to better access the silent auction areas, where items or images of items are displayed, to hopefully get more participation in the silent auction. It also provides a different food experience from our normal buffet-sit down meal.

Michael Doran - Madison (find out which club)

ICE OUT 50/50 RAFFLE

Wisconsin Rapids Kiwanis Fundraiser

Guess when the ice will go out East of the Lake Nepco Bridge.

Participants will guess the day, the hour and the minute. The individual guessing the closest without going over will win this 50/50 raffle. If more than one individual guesses the correct date, hour and minute, the 50/50 pot will be split equally.

On March 1st, a 75lb cement block will be placed on the ice. When the block falls through the ice it will stop a clock. The hour and minute reading on the clock will determine our raffle winner.

For more information, please contact Josh Schoenick

PASTA-BILITIES

Darboy Kiwanis Fundraiser

Name of Project or Fundraiser:

Pasta-bilities Spaghetti Dinner

Brief explanation/description of the project or fundraiser:

The pasta-bilities spaghetti dinner is a fundraising event that is designed to support the leadership programs in the area schools. The young people in school today have unlimited potential and the possibilities that are available to them are endless (thus the name pasta-bilities). The event itself is very easy to run since it only involves serving spaghetti, and sides (salad, bread, beverages) during the actual event and the people that attend enjoy a great meal knowing that their ticket purchase will go back to the schools that their children attend.

Cause helped - or - amount of money netted to club:

The money raised from the event helps to fund leadership programs in the area schools, namely K-kids, Builders Club, and Key club. This year we raised about \$800 for the youth programs. (Financial break-down: Total dollars \$1500, made up of Sponsorships from businesses \$660 and Ticket Sales \$840, minus event costs of \$700 (food, beverages, table items, etc))

How long it takes to plan the event:

The planning of the event took about 40 hours spread out over 3 months. This first thing that was done was to send out sponsor letters to area businesses to ask for their financial support for the event. Ad space on the placemats was sold for \$40 per business card sized space, and event sponsorships were sold for \$60 - \$100 depending on which part of the event the business wanted to sponsor (i.e. table items, beverages, desserts, meal items). Once the letters were sent out, the rest of the time spent on the event involved reserving the location for the event, pre-selling tickets for the event, purchasing and preparing the food, and event set-up and clean-up, and the actual event.

Contact name, phone number, email address (should a club want to try the project in their area):

John Polansky (Darboy Kiwanis Club), 920-954-1316, jrpolansky@msn.com

SPELLING BEE

Elm Grove Golden K Fundraiser

The Kiwanis Club of Elm Grove-Golden K (EGGK) conducts an annual Kiwanis Spelling Bee during the month of August. The fifth annual, event, the 2009 Spelling Bee will be held on August 6th at the Country Springs Resort & Hotel in Pewaukee, WI. This Spelling Bee pits contestants from eight (8) clubs in Southeast Wisconsin against each other to determine bragging rights, a \$500.00 prize and a traveling trophy.

EGGK members solicit a sponsor that covers the costs of the event, charges the contestant clubs an entry fee, solicits items for a raffle, sells tickets to a pre-contest dinner for anyone/everyone who wishes to attend and conducts the contest.

Previous contestants include clubs from: Pewaukee, Hartland, Waukesha Noon, Muskego, Waukesha Early Risers, Wauwatosa, Menomonee Falls, and The Governors.

The funds raised go to help the Literacy Council of Greater Waukesha (LCGW) and to various other youth assist oriented charitable purposes. EGGK is now quite good at all the planning and implementation tasks associated with this event, however to conduct this event properly a Chairman and committee of approximately 15 people are involved for about 6 months in the pre-event tasks and during the event approximately 25-30 club members are involved in tasks.

The EGGK has given the LCGW over \$28,000.00, mostly due to the success of this event.

Section 2



WI-UM Kiwanis Service Events

“SPARROW’S NEST” HOMELESS SHELTER Beloit Stateline Golden K Service Project

The Beloit Stateline Golden K and the Kiwanis Club of Greater Beloit in cooperation with the Builders Club of Mc Neel Middle School and the Converse Elementary School K-Kids are initiating a drive to collect suitcases and other much needed items for the “Sparrow’s Nest” which houses homeless individuals. It has to be hard for homeless people to arrive with all their earthly goods in plastic bags. Leaving with a suitcase gives them a sense of dignity. In addition to the local Kiwanis organizations’ involvement, they have been joined by local churches and other interested groups in this venture.

Ninety per cent of the individuals are men. Items like deodorant, cleaning supplies, large and extra large sweatshirts, towels, washcloths and cleaning supplies are in great need. The Sparrows Nest receives nothing from United Way so, everything they have; food, clothing, etc., are totally donated. The deadline for donations is February 28 and, the items will then be delivered by representatives from each Kiwanis organization and the other community organizations. It takes about 4-6 weeks to have this organized.

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TRIAD COMMITTEE

Manitowoc Golden K Service Project

TRIAD means a three-way commitment and partnership between the police, sheriffs and senior citizens. They agree to work together to reduce the criminal victimization of the elderly and to enhance the delivery of law enforcement services to older persons. A major purpose of TRIAD is to develop, start and expand effective crime prevention programs for the older community members. Activities center on both pre-victimization (preventive) and post-victimization (victim/witness assistance) aspects.

The TRIAD Committee works to improve the quality of life for seniors. By providing an opportunity for the exchange of information between law enforcement and older persons, TRIAD can also focus on reducing unwarranted fear of crime. These programs are most commonly aimed at older community members, but the same strategies can be used effectively by people of all ages.

The Manitowoc TRIAD Committee has a major role in the Neighborhood Watch program. TRIAD has also made the Neighborhood Watch Program a priority project. The Committee strives to ensure that Manitowoc remains a safe community.

The TRIAD Committee has sub-committees to take action on the following subjects:

- Neighborhood Watch
- Scams and Schemes Awareness and Education
- Community Awareness & Involvement

LIFELINE FOR LOW INCOME ELDERLY

Menominee Area Kiwanis Project

In my travels throughout Marinette and Menominee counties I occasionally encountered seniors who absolutely required the service to remain safely in their homes but could not afford the service. After discussing this at our club meetings it was decided to help especially needy seniors obtain the service. The lifeline service costs \$32.00 per month. We require the senior to pay \$5.00 or \$10.00 per month and our club pays the rest of the fee. Since 2003 our club has budgeted between \$18,000.00 to \$23,000.00 per year to fund this project. The financial need of the individual is verified by county social service departments or social services personnel at senior living & rehab facilities. Philips Lifeline of Framingham, Massachusetts leases the equipment and provides support for Northland Lutheran. This company provides service throughout the United States and Canada.

If you feel that other clubs may be interested in a program such as ours I could provide a list of hospitals and other organizations that handle the Philips Lifeline program throughout Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The clubs could contact these organizations and perhaps start a project similar to ours.

Bob Helmuth
Secretary/Treasurer
Menominee Area Kiwanis Club

WEST BEND NOON CLUB STRIKES IT RICH

Service Project

The West Bend Noon Kiwanis Club supports and participates in many projects to benefit young people and citizens with special needs in their community, but there is perhaps no project that has brought greater satisfaction to participating members than its twice annual hosting of the "Threshold Bowling Party."

The Threshold is a community rehabilitation organization that provides services to children and adults with various disabilities. Many of its adult clients are challenged by significant disabilities, but none seem too significant to benefit from the fun and excitement of an afternoon of food, bowling and camaraderie!

For many years, this event has been eagerly awaited by both Threshold clients and their new found friends from the Kiwanis Club. Everyone gathers at Lighthouse Lanes in West Bend for pizza, soda and homemade cookies (baked, of course, by a Kiwanis member). Typically 65-80 bowlers attend. Then the fun really begins with 24 lanes of action and flying pins. Kiwanis members are assigned to each lane to help organize bowlers and to be cheerleaders. Two club members have even created a regular friendly wager between two lanes of ramp bowlers, with each strike bringing increased gloating and bragging rights.

When the event is over, good friends say goodbye and talk about looking forward to the next outing. Best of all, those lasting friendships are not divided by who happens to have the Kiwanis Club shirts on.

OUTDOOR DAYS

Wisconsin Rapids Kiwanis Service Projects

There will be more than 20 hands-on outdoor activities for participate in like: archery, rock climbing, canoeing, fishing, shooting sports, horse rides and more.

The event is FREE for anyone to attend.

The event is targeted towards children ages 8-16. Younger children WILL be allowed to attend, but they will not be allowed participate in many of the shooting events for safety reasons. Additionally, children must be accompanied by at least one parent or guardian the entire time in attendance.

We are excited to announce that we will be giving away 100 fishing poles, made possible by the Alliant Energy Community Foundation.

In addition J & J Cranberries has donated two three-bird pheasant hunts and many will be many other prizes as well. The drawing will be held at 3:00 PM, and participants must have participated in at least six different activities and must be present to win. In the event of threatening weather, the drawing will be held earlier.

In effort to make the registration process as quick as possible, we encourage participants to bring a completed registration form to the event which can be downloaded here.



[Download Youth Outdoors Day Release Form](#)



[Download Youth Outdoors Day Flyer](#)

The Wisconsin Raids Kiwanis conducts a Winter Outdoor Day event as well. For information on the Winter event, visit their website at <http://wrkiwanis.org/>.

PIONEER PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Rhineland Kiwanis

The city of Rhineland removed all playground equipment from Pioneer Park in the early 1990's. In 1997 Rhineland Kiwanis undertook a process to come up with a hands-on project in the community. That process produced a project to build new playground equipment in Pioneer Park.

Our commitment was to build the best playground in northern Wisconsin. In order to accomplish this within our budget and with as much volunteer work as possible, we decided to build the playground in phases.

The first phase was installed in 1998, at a cost of more than \$18,000. The second phase cost more than \$26,000 in 1999. Rhineland Kiwanis contributed \$17,000 in cash plus many hours of volunteer time. The committee raised the rest of the funds from the city of Rhineland; the Logging Museum (located in the same park) the local Room Tax Committee, and Lions and Rotary Clubs of Rhineland.

The last two phases cost an additional \$16,000, with totally volunteer labor. Rhineland Kiwanis provided more than \$10,000 of this amount. The most recent aspect of the project is that last year we topped off the wood fiber base below the playground equipment. We once again did this in partnership with the city Parks and Rec Department and a dozen Kiwanians.

Total project cost was \$61,000. Kiwanis contributed nearly half the funds and 300 hours of volunteer time. The playground serves hundreds of children every year. When school groups come to visit the museum complex there is usually one busload of kids on the playground while the other busload is in the museums. The equipment is designed to serve toddlers to teenagers.

For additional information, please contact: Mick Fiocchi - mfiocchi@frontiernet.net

WINTER CLOTHING EXCHANGE

Rhineland Kiwanis

Brief description of the project/fundraiser: Kiwanis club collects winter clothing in good condition from community in October. The last Friday and Saturday of the month, the clothing is made available to anyone who needs clothing without question. Community members in need bring in a food donation to the local food pantries, and in exchange, they can take all the winter clothing they need. It's a project of people helping people. The food donation helps others as Kiwanis helps them. All remaining clothing is donated to local thrift shops or consignment shops. No cost, community project. Great media coverage, "feel good" story. No pictures allowed at event guarantees privacy of those visiting.

We start the planning process for this event in August. If you would like more information, please contact Julie Berndt, bowleslk@newnorth.net.

Capture the Energy --- Release the Potential

From the pages of your Monthly Report Forms

Service Leadership Programs

BUG & Terrific Kids

Adopt a Family

Attic Angels

Halloween Fest

Painting, cleaning, planting

Easter Egg Hunt

Kiwanis Parks

Blood Run / Blood Drives

Safety Town

Building Cabins / Shelters

Beach Party

Post Prom Parties

Scholarships

Soap Project

Hospital Volunteers

Humane Society assistance

Day Care Volunteering

Trauma Dolls

Youth Science Day

Reading for Head Start

Project Petunia

Soup Kitchen

Bowl for Kids Sake

Backpack Program for Youth

Cuddle Closet

Santa

Boo Bash

Place of Peace

Family Days

Lawn Mowing

Senior Bingo

Meals on Wheels

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Highway Clean Up

Holiday Baskets

Special Olympics

Parade Sponsoring

Habitat Restore

Building Wheelchair Ramps

Homeless Shelters

Banana Night

Cans for Kids

Relay for Life

Teacher Appreciation

Driving for the Elderly

Food Pantry

Playground Equipment

March of Dimes

Quarry Quest

Sole Burner

Counseling – Crisis Hotline

SCORE

Fire Safety Coloring Books

Pennies for the Pantries

Kiwanis One Day

Sock Hop

New Beginnings

Farm City Nights

Flag Burning Ceremony

SOAR Reading thru Bossy Bingo

and many, many more!!!

Keep up the great service work you do.