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KIWANIS KAPERS



Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated



to changing the world one child and one community at a time

Buddy, Spare A Dime

Don't forget that our faithful club Secretary Betty Pantuso not only keeps our records, she keeps a small coin canister in front of her at every meeting.

Members are asked to "spare a dime," or perhaps a few bucks, to donate toward the Kiwanis International Eliminate program.

What is Eliminate? This worldwide service project intends to eradicate maternal/neonatal tetanus from the face of the earth. This is possible through low-cost immunizations that are needed primarily in Third World countries.

In cooperation with UNICEF, Kiwanis International will be successful. Please consider donating...



Betty Pantuso and Joanne Smith, seated, join Ed Kehe, Ron Smith, Mike Scharnow and Vanessa Richards met up at the recent mid-year conference in Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Dressed up for a conference

Fountain Hills was well represented at the recent mid-year conference hosted by the Kiwanis International Southwest District in Las Cruces, N.M. The district includes all Kiwanis clubs in Arizona, New Mexico and the El Paso area of Texas.

Representing the Noon Kiwanis Club were club President-Elect Ed Kehe, Secretary Betty Pantuso and Vice President Mike Scharnow. Fountain Hills High School senior Vanessa Richards was in attendance, who is the district governor for Key Club.

Also at the convention were Ron and Joanne Smith. She is a member of our club, while Ron is a former president of our club and a former district governor. He currently is the Southwest District representative for Eliminate, Kiwanis International's worldwide service project that aims to eliminate maternal neonatal tetanus from all countries. Both Richards and Ron Smith conducted workshops at the convention.

The Noon Kiwanis Club received 2010-11 Southwest District Interclub Awards along with the district Five-Star Award. We also received the Distinguished Club Award for that year, during which resident Phyllis Horan was club president.

Kehe, Scharnow and Pantuso attended a variety of workshops and seminars on the Saturday of the convention, garnering ideas and motivation for the club this year and into next.



A WORD FROM PRESIDENT CT: Believe it or not, it is halftime!

I have completed the first half of my tenure as your president. To say the least, I continue to enjoy every minute of it and am delighted to have a committed team to actualize our mission of helping to improve the quality of life for one child at a time. Our leadership team shall always be grateful to you, individually and collectively, for insuring that our club remains among the crème de la crème in the Kiwanis family.

Since last October, the club has been confronted with several challenges, some of our making, others just happen. One major problem has been a reduction in our membership. It is my belief that the membership has stabilized and with your help over the next few months it will grow.

On a personal level, there have been times it appeared as if I had taken on too many other commitments such as boards, commissions, councils and committees. Nevertheless, the Kiwanis Club of Fountain Hills (Noon) has always been my top priority and it will remain so. Thanks to all of you, we have been successful in keeping all of the balls in the air.

As you may recall at the beginning of my tenure, we indicated that this was a year of transition in preparation for Ed Kehe, Mike Scharnow and other future leaders. Thus far we have been successful in achieving this goal and over the next six months you can count on me working even harder to help move our club forward.

Finally, let me share the following from our Lt. Governor Amy Buchman: *“Help save women across the world by honoring the women in your life. Mother’s Day comes around once a year. This year you can honor your mother, daughter, sister or another inspirational woman by helping save mothers around the world. Make a gift to the Eliminate Project... What better way and better time?”*

ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



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Helping FVV, Ronald McDonald House

This month the K-Kids completed their two projects for Fountain View Village. They put together Easter hang-up kits for the residents made out of pre-sticker foam pieces. Last week, they painted wooden stand-up Easter figures. They had a choice of keeping them for themselves or sending them to Fountain View. Only two of them wanted to keep them for their families to enjoy. They have a great heart for doing for others.

They are still selling doughnuts and collecting coins for the Relay for Life and looking forward to taking part in that in April when they will sell popcorn, pretzels and hot chocolate. During the Eggstravaganza, K-Kids will be at the egg hunt passing out flyers with directions to our Pancake Breakfast and encouraging people to come have breakfast at our set-up spot on the other end of Golden Eagle Park.

At our next two meetings they will be making the remembrance pillows for the children whose parents will be leaving to go overseas in July. Some of the pillows will go to the Ronald McDonald House. When we bring these pillows to the house, it might be a good time for our sponsor to provide a dinner there for those staying at the facility. This then would be a joint project. See you at the breakfast. This is a good time for the whole club to come meet our K-Kids and Builders, if you haven't been to any of our joint fundraisers or would just like to visit with them again.

Phyllis Horan K-Kids Club Advisor

Steffnie Beck School Advisor



Pencil drive, Relay for Life

The Builders only have few more meetings left in the year! It has gone by so very fast. We are eager and excited to help our Kiwanis sponsors again at the Eggstravaganza breakfast; we will be providing beverage service and working crowd direction.

We continue working our pencil drive and are still raising funds for the American Cancer Society. We have volunteered to host a booth for the American Cancer Society at the Relay for Life walk. We will be helping people make cards for kids with cancer and then we will collect them and send them to different hospitals in the area who have children who need to know someone cares. We will also be raising funds at this event by selling hot popcorn. We invite all of you to come join us honor the memory or celebrate the recovery of a loved one. Unlike us, you do not have to stay all night!



Toni Kelly and Elizabeth Van Voorhees

Your Builders Club Advisors



**FOUNTAIN HILLS
NOON KIWANIS CLUB**

Presents a

**SPAGHETTI WESTERN
HOEDOWN**

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

with

**THE
OK CHORALE**

BEER AND WINE 6PM

DINNER 6:30 PM

SHOW 7:30 PM



Dress Western Pardon

**Sunset Kiwanis Activity Center 16957 E Kiwanis Dr. F.H.
For Info: Mike Scharnow 480 226 6524**



Helping kids beat hunger

Five club members traveled to Mesa in early March to help participate in the Weekender Food Bag Project, which is organized locally through a ministry at Church of the Ascension.

Gary Oakeson, Jerry Comeau, Jim Shepherd, Phyllis Horan and Mike Scharnow carpooled with other volunteers to the headquarters of AZ Brainfood, a non-profit organization.

The five Kiwanians helped prepare and load up more than 1,000 plastic grocery bags of food that were to be distributed to children in public schools for use over the weekend. About 50 students in Fountain Hills have been taking advantage of this program, since they use the free or reduced lunch programs during the school week but have little food at home over the weekends.

A representative from the local group had given a presentation at a Noon Kiwanis meeting, so the club followed that up with some "hands-on" volunteer labor that directly impacts children.

The Arizona Brainfood group uses a donated warehouse to assemble the food bags, making 1,000 or more food packages every school week.

The Fountain Hills contingent then delivers the food bags to local schools and teachers. Students who receive the items are personally selected by the teachers. It takes \$1,000 a month in donations to fund just the Fountain Hills portion of the program.

"It was quite an impressive operation," Scharnow said. "The program was well organized and it's amazing how quickly 1,000 bags are filled up. The volunteers were smiling and everyone pitched in some way. We need to do this more often."



Jerry Comeau, left, Phyllis Horan, Gary Oakeson and Jim Shepherd still smiled after all the work.



Jerry Comeau, upper right, Phyllis Horan, above, and Gary Oakeson, left, worked hard on various phases of the Weekender Food Bag Program.



It's a talented bunch. No, really.



The talent show returned for another engagement this season. Musician and music teacher Debbie Fisher accompanied future American Idol star Madison Key, who wowed members with her yodeling skills. Thanks to Jerry and Jackie Miles for producing the talent show.



Was that Betty Pantuso or Minnie Pearl?



Bud 'Moneybags' Fuls performed two songs for the show. And he didn't even take any money for his concert.



George Burns and Gracie Allen traveled from Hollywood to make an appearance at our very own talent show.



Debbie Fisher and Jackie Miles performed the grand finale, 'Will the Circle Be Unbroken?'



Nothing like a picnic under the near famous Noon Kiwanis ramada



Members wait for lunch to begin, and the activities included an interclub visit from Scottsdale McCormick Kiwanis.



Al and Donna dive into the goodies....



Members, above, dive into the goods at the recent picnic at Fountain Park. All that remained were the cardboard boxes the subs came in, left.



If you have a Noon Kiwanis meeting, you gotta have a song! One of our talented song leaders, Alan Roselieb, left, leads the faithful at the picnic.



BIRTHDAYS

April 1 Gary Oakeson
Bruce Hansen
April 3 Nate McGuire
April 24 Ed Kelso

ANNIVERSARIES

April 5 Bill & Sandy Myhr
April 8 Gary & Barbara Oakeson
April 22 Bill & Shirley Eckhardt

APRIL 2012 CALENDAR



April 5 DJ Lott, new director of the local Boys & Girls Club
April 12 'Lettuce Feed You' salad contest
April 14 **Rummage Sale** at Sunset Kiwanis (admin fundraiser)
April 19 Recap of the Mid-Year Conference in Las Cruces
April 20-21 Blood Drive
April 21 **Kiwanis One Day** project at Boys & Girls Club
April 26 NO MEETING
April 28 **Relay for Life** at Fountain Park
April 28 **Spaghetti Western Hoedown** at Sunset Kiwanis (admin fund)



New member?

Bruce Hansen last month once again became a member of our Noon Club. Bruce is a former club president who actually served about 18 months as president. Bruce is current chairman of the Sanitary District Board, former Chamber chair and is married to Cassie Hansen, who just happens to be on the Town Council. Bruce has always been a hard worker for our club and always remained involved in Breakfast with Santa. Welcome back, Bruce!

Adopt A Street

Monday, April 16

7:30 a.m.

Meet at Saguaro and Rand

Call Paul at 836-8213

It's exciting, fun and enhances our beautiful community.

Remaining dates for 2012 include

May 28, July 23, Aug. 20, Sept. 1,

Nov. 12 and Dec. 31