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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time

Time to think 'dues'

It's never too early to think about dues. The Kiwanis fiscal year starts October 1, so clubs must have their rosters into Kiwanis International by that date.

Members were very cooperative with regard to paying their dues early last year, and your board of directors asks the same thing again this year.

In previous years the club paid dues to Kiwanis International based on anticipated membership, and some Kiwanians then chose not to renew their memberships in the greatest organization in the world, thus costing our club some funding.

To avoid this from happening, the club will not renew members as of Oct. 1 if their dues have not been paid in full.

There will be no change to the dues structure. They remain at \$150 for the entire year, which includes Kiwanis International fees, Southwest District fees and local costs. Fees are prorated through the year as new members come on board. Thank you!

Hanging with Ronald

Noon Kiwanians spend more time with suffering families

For the second time in two months, a contingent from the Noon Kiwanis Club traveled to a Ronald McDonald House in Phoenix to serve a dinner to families whose children were undergoing treatment for serious illnesses.



During the July 22 visit, the Kiwanians were able to connect with several of the family members and hear their stories regarding illnesses that have stricken their younger members. A young couple had a premature baby with complications. Another couple had to move here from Yuma as their young one experienced unexplained seizures. Another gentleman said his wife nearly died during a C-section and their baby weighed less than two pounds. They all had positive attitudes. They were all appreciative of our efforts to cook and serve dinner.

"It is always rewarding watching the faces of those who are going through so much with their family medical issues smile and enjoy us as a group being there for them," said Kiwanian Jon Geller. "It is always good for multiple Kiwanis moments."

New member Charlie Fox, who has a special needs daughter himself who was born premature, conversed with a young family who had a "preemie." He was able to give them some tips for coping with the situation and dealing with medical bills.

"We're hoping to schedule another visit this fall," said club Vice President Mike Scharnow. "Spots fill up fast because it is a popular activity for groups. It is a perfect way to serve children. It's the least we can do for these families who need help."



Charlie Fox, Phyllis Horan, Jim Shepherd, Brenda Scharnow, Jo Nelson and Jon Geller were all smiles after serving about 50 people at the Roanoke Ronald McDonald House on Sunday, July 22.



These cute girls were staying at the facility with their family as their four-year-old brother was treated.



A WORD FROM PRESIDENT C.T. WRIGHT: 2012 International Convention

First, let me express my appreciation for your allowing me to represent our club at the 97th Annual Kiwanis International (KI) Convention in New Orleans. I shall always be grateful for this experience. Over the years, I have attended numerous conventions including the 1980 Democratic National Convention, 2001 World Economic Summit in Davos, Switzerland and 2008 Republican National Convention, but none of these measured up to the 2012 KI convention.

I discovered that the “Big Easy” is recovering from Hurricane Katrina. People are returning, businesses are back and Bourbon Street is still Bourbon Street. Of course, you cannot prove the latter one by me!

Back to the KI Convention, I was able to gain a greater understanding of the six objects; gain greater respect for the role of International; and met fellow Kiwanians from the United States and other parts of the world. Although emphasis was placed on celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Women in Kiwanis and the Eliminate Project, each day had a different theme: Wednesday – Club and District Foundations; Thursday – Children and Service to Children; Friday – Administration and Governance; and Saturday – Women in Kiwanis.

For your information, I attended the following workshops: Dues Increase Proposal, Creating a Positive Kiwanis Image, Eliminate Project, Bridging the Generation Gap and Understanding the Kiwanis International Foundation.

During the Convention, there was good news and bad news for us. The good news, the delegates voted not to increase KI dues. The bad news, our own Ron Smith was unsuccessful in his quest to become an International Trustee. He was the most qualified candidate, but the process was too political. In my opinion, in the near future, he will be elected.

One of the highlights was a presentation by wife and husband Mary Matalin and James Carville. Even though their political philosophies are not the same, they offered a civil discourse. Lesson learned, regardless of one’s leaning, at the end of the day, we should strive to come together and “form a more perfect Union.” Likewise, as Kiwanians, we should do the same as we respect each other.

Let’s start preparing to send Ed to Vancouver, British Columbia in 2013 and Mike to Macau, Peoples Republic of China in 2014. Hopefully some of us will join them.



Another blood drive success

What is Margaret Davis doing in this photo with Jo Nelson and Ed Cohen? Turns out Margaret was filling in for her sister, Dr. Liz Smith, during the recent blood drive. Liz and Paul Appeldorn continue as award-winning blood drive coordinators, but it was good to see Margaret as well, who now lives in Las Vegas with her husband, Shanon. The next blood drive is Aug. 31-Sept. 1.

Trailer times two

Historically, the vast portion of funds raised by the Kiwanis Club of Fountain Hills for its charitable mission has come from the sale of food at large local events. The key elements have been the big trailer and a dedicated group of volunteers. Both have served us well, and, over time, equipment additions, changes in scheduling and adjustments in supply and return have made our concession more efficient and productive.

At its June meeting the Board of Directors approved a proposal by its appointed trailer committee for a \$5,000 upgrade of the club's capital food equipment. The proposal, developed over a two-month study by the committee, will result in greater mobility, less physically demanding effort to set up and tear down, easier maintenance and cleaning, reduction of weight in the main trailer and more convenient and safer disposal of waste. The source of funds for the project is our money market account.

Specifically, the trailer committee proposal, as adopted, approved the purchase of a previously owned enclosed box trailer which will serve as support to the existing food trailer. The auxiliary trailer measures 20 feet by 8 feet by 80 inches and can accommodate the installation and self-contained operation of our three-unit commercial sink, hand washing sink, water heater, some refrigeration, related plumbing and electrical, and some storage. The new trailer can also be configured to serve alone at smaller events where a limited menu is appropriate.

Also included is the purchase of a new 125 gallon tank with dolly to contain and manually haul and dispose of waste on site. The trailer and tank have now been acquired; the dolly is in the design stage. It is fully anticipated that the total cost of the three items will be on budget.

We appreciate the support of the Board for this major project, and we acknowledge the extraordinary efforts of trailer committee members Tom Campbell, Bill Jaeger and, especially, Dale Schultz, who spent many hours in design and research.

By Ed Kehe

President-Elect



The support trailer purchased by the club will be equipped and stocked to make overall food trailer operations efficient and easier.

AUGUST 2012 CALENDAR

August 2	Lunch, tour at FHUSD Learning Center; Supt. Tom Lawrence
August 3-5	Southwest District Convention in Albuquerque, N.M.
August 9	NO MEETING
August 16	Lunch, tour at Boys & Girls Club; D.J. Lott, branch director
August 23	NO MEETING
August 30	NO MEETING

Fourth at the Fountain

The Noon Kiwanis Club was well represented at the inaugural 'Fourth at the Fountain' event held July 4 in Fountain Park.

Members Mike and Brenda Scharnow, Phyllis Horan, Donna Yordy and J.W. Clarkson manned a fundraising food booth that sold such snack items as popcorn, cotton candy, sno cones, nachos and pretzels. It was a major hit!

"We basically had a line all night long," Vice President Mike Scharnow reports. "We worked hard, but the weather cooperated for us and the event planners. Lots of families showed up for the Independence Day celebration, so kids really enjoyed the cotton candy and other goodies."

The club cleared nearly \$700, after expenses, from the event.

Since no one had any clues as to what the event's potential could be, the Noon Kiwanis booth sold out of many items, including popcorn, pretzels, nachos and cotton candy. Once the sky divers descended, the crowd starting thinning anyway.

"I give credit to Phyllis for coming up with the snack item ideas," Scharnow said. "We will definitely be back for this event next year and will be better prepared. Any funds raised will help our cause."



Phyllis Horan and J.W. Clarkson, above, work on pretzels and popcorn while Brenda Scharnow, left, spent hours manning the cotton candy machine. A shower never felt so good afterward!