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

Who the heck does 'Kapers'?

Did anyone notice we didn't have a newsletter last month?

I know Jon Geller noticed, because he asked me about it. Anyone else?

So I did some inquiries, wondering just who the heck is responsible for putting out that monthly newsletter. I mean, we've gotta have a monthly newsletter out every month, for cryin' out loud, don't we? As current club president, it's my job to make sure ALL these things get done and people follow through. I asked more than 60 Noon Kiwanians, and they all said, "Nope, not me."

I finally asked my wife Brenda, and she responded, "I noticed you spent less time in the man cave this month, what gives?" Then it dawned on me: Oh yeah, dummy, I put the newsletter together each month. Guess the summer heat got the best of me in late June and early July.

So here is the August issue. And the point is? Ken Brown will be looking for ALL kinds of volunteers in the coming year as he takes over the club presidency. Let's help him out by raising our hands and signing up on clipboards for those projects. It's why we joined Kiwanis. Let us all get involved and stay involved!

— President Mike S.

Visiting Kiwanis clubs

One of the traditions started many years ago by Kiwanis was the concept of "interclubs," in which clubs are encouraged to visit other clubs within their respective divisions.

It was probably intended as a means to encourage Kiwanis camaraderie along with education. Clubs can get ideas and "best practices" from other clubs and perhaps apply them to respective organizations.

Such interclub visits might also spark some joint projects and allow clubs to announce their upcoming events, fundraisers and service projects. It's probably a dying tradition around the country, and some areas are more suitable for reasonable club visits than others.

We are part of Division 12, which consists of 11 clubs, basically located in the Scottsdale and north Phoenix areas.

They include McCormick Ranch, North Phoenix, Valley of the Sun, Phoenix, Downtown Scottsdale Young Professionals, Sunset, Sunnyslope, Camelback, Capital Gateway and South Mountain.

Former club president Ed Kehe agreed to coordinate these interclub visits on behalf of our club this year.

"I'd like to thank Ed for taking on this task, which is not an easy one," said current club President Mike

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Scharnow. "He started this back in December, visiting McCormick Ranch and North Phoenix before Christmas.

"The other visits have occurred since January. I'd like to thank Ed and the many other club members who traveled with him to these clubs."

As evidenced by "The Formula" logo above, our job is to "Love it. Share it. Live it."

"I know that when other clubs come to our meetings, they are impressed with our friendship and with the many projects that we perform," Scharnow said. "While we only get a patch because of these interclubs, it does show the strength of our club and our willingness to travel around the division and visit with other Kiwanians. Ultimately, we all have the same mission. We just might approach that mission in different ways."

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Helping at Ronald McDonald



One of the regular service projects performed by our club throughout the year is serving home-made dinners to families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Phoenix. Families who have ill children in the hospital and cannot afford to stay at other locations choose to stay at the Ronald McDonald House. It has been a very worthwhile effort for our club and its members. Following are various scenes from visits to the Ronald McDonald House courtesy of photographer Jon Geller.



Food Bank assistance



Jerry Comeau helps pack up a box at Extended Hands.



Jim Terpstra lends a helping hand at the food bank.



Paul Appeldorn is always thinking outside of the box when it comes to service projects — or should that be “inside the box” when it comes to the food bank?



Dan, we'll miss ya

Funeral services were recently held at the Presbyterian Church for Dan Foster, pictured above with his wife Jean at our 2015 annual banquet. Dan was honored at the time for having 25 years membership with Kiwanis International. Dan, a former club president (1987-88) and Hixson Fellowship Award winner (2008), was an active member of our club for many years and served many other community causes, including the Golden Eagle Education Foundation and Civic & Cultural Assn. Our condolences to his family.

Our annual banquet set for September

The annual officer installation and awards banquet has been scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 29. Details are still being worked out as of presstime, but it will be held that evening at Eagle Mountain, where the banquet has been held the past couple of years.

Kiwanians are urged to mark their calendars now for this special night of awards and looking back at the past year — and looking ahead to the next year under President-Elect Ken Brown.

“I urge everyone to support our club and our incoming officers by attending the banquet,” said club President Mike Scharnow. “It will be a fun evening.”



Upcoming Calendar of Events

Aug. 2	Aktion Club project
Aug. 4	Luncheon meeting; FH Youth Theater
Aug. 5-7	Southwest District annual convention
Aug. 11	NO MEETING
Aug. 14	Ronald McDonald House dinner
Aug. 16	Aktion Club
Aug. 16	Adopt-A-Street litter patrol
Aug. 18	Luncheon meeting; Boys & Girls Club
Aug. 19-20	Community blood drive
Aug. 25	NO MEETING
Aug. 27	Service project at Extended Hands Food Bank



Helping Rotary?

That's right! Our club is willing to help out just about any type of community project, even if it is one being coordinated by the Rotary clubs in town. At left, Steve Ryan and Sandy Davis from the Four Peaks Rotary Club accept a \$1,000 check from President-Elect Ken Brown to help with the outdoor musical park that will be installed near the playground at Fountain Park. Some musical pieces will be installed this fall, to the delight of families and children visiting the park. Thanks, Rotary, for a great project!

Scholarship winners

The Noon Kiwanis Club for many, many years has proudly awarded two scholarships to deserving high school graduates as part of the Senior Recognition Night hosted by the Golden Eagle Education Foundation. This year our club bumped up the scholarship donation to a total of \$3,000, giving out two \$1,500 scholarships to a male and female student. Deserving winners this year were Julia Burgess and Christopher Truong. Club Vice President Bernie Hoenle had the honors of presenting the scholarships. Great job, students, and good luck with your higher education!

