

# Kiwanis

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## Governor Don's Message

Don Glenn, District Governor 2008-2009

One of my greatest pleasures as Governor is visiting and interacting with our Service Leadership Programs. From the chartering of a new Circle K club at Drake University to chartering a new Key Club at Ankeny High School, it is wonderful to be able to bring these young people into the Kiwanis family.

Just recently, I had the opportunity to present the charter to the Leopard K-Kids club of Lemme Elementary School in Iowa City (see picture). They are the future of Kiwanis and future leaders of our communities. Each Kiwanis Club should experience the joy of supporting a K-family club.

The day after chartering the Leopard K-Kids, I was privileged to work beside Aktion club members from Iowa City in cleaning up a park they had adopted. It was so much fun to walk the park grounds, picking up trash and talking with the young men and women of this fabulous club.

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## New Leopards K-Kids Club

Helen Lemme Elementary School of Iowa City

Twenty third and fourth graders at Helen Lemme Elementary School in eastern Iowa City became charter members of the Leopards K-Kids Club of Lemme Elementary on Friday, May 15.



Governor Don Glenn spoke to the new Kiwanians about the objectives of K-Kids and challenged them to live up to those ideals. He then presented the charter to the K-Kids Vice-President.

Jim Dane, President of Old Capitol Kiwanis of Iowa City and Kiwanis Advisor to the K-Kids, presented the banner to the club. Faculty Advisor and Lemme School Principal John Bacon presented each K-Kid with a membership certificate.

Assistant Faculty Advisor Ruth Dane, who is a combined third/

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## Wes Bartlett Interview

By Frank Murphy, District Secretary

He was born July 11, 1915, the same year that Kiwanis was founded. He joined the Algona Noon Kiwanis club in 1946 and served as club president in 1950. He was elected Lt. Governor of his division in 1951, was the NE-IA District Governor in 1953 and was elected the International President for Kiwanis from 1971-1972.

Wes Bartlett is a humble man of 93 years who still attends Kiwanis meetings (62 years of perfect attendance), and where his International President's banner is proudly displayed. His home in Algona is filled with mementos of his life as well as the love of family and friends. Following are the highlights of my interview with Wes on May 7, 2009.

**Where did you go to college and what was your major?** I went to Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa from 1934-1938. My major was biology with double minor in math and chemistry.

**Why did you attend Parsons College?** Parsons College was close to New Sharon where I grew up. However, I was looking at the University of Iowa or University of Chicago until a Parsons senior recruited me. I visited Parsons, was guaranteed a job which would pay my college education, and I would be graduating from one of the strongest biology programs in the state.

My first-year job was to maintain the science building which was quite a job because it was three floors of cleaning. The government had a NYA (National Youth Administration) program which paid 25 cents per hour -- unheard of in 1934.

Because of my interest in biology, I got acquainted with the head of the Biology Department, who wanted a laboratory assistant. For my last three years of college, I worked at least a 40-hour week as a laboratory assistant running the freshman anatomy and dissecting labs besides going to school.

Also, for three years, I operated one of the first bird banding stations which the college had in agreement with the U.S. Biological Survey and taught a course in the college on "Birds of Iowa."

**What do you remember about the Depression?** The Depression started in the late 20's but extended into WWII. One thing I remember was Southern Iowa Utilities which operated out of Centerville and supplied power for several southern Iowa towns. They had a savings plan in their Oskaloosa office. It was just like a bank and I put anything I saved in their savings plan because they paid a pretty decent interest.

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On another recent Governor's visit to Division 11, my wife, Linda, and I had the pleasure to work side by side with over 150 members of the Kiwanis family to package food packs to be shipped to Africa.

We had K-Kids, Builders and Key Club members from Nevada, Circle K club members from Iowa State University, Kiwanians from eight clubs, including two Golden K clubs. Together, we packaged 14,500 meals to help starving people.



What a wonderful sight to see small kids working shoulder to shoulder with grandparents to help those less fortunate than themselves. This is what Kiwanis service means.

I hope you and your club members can enjoy sponsoring a Service Leadership Program. If you have one already, go to a meeting, help them with a service project, get involved. If you don't have one, contact one of our great district chairs, Lenora, T.J., Hal, Glenn, or Floyd, to discuss starting one of these clubs. And if, for some reason, you can't start one because of the school system or the financial commitment, consider donating to the Tomorrow's Leaders Fund.

The Tomorrow's Leaders Fund was set up by then Governor Roger Lawrence as a way for clubs who did not sponsor a SLP club to assist with the program. The Fund is administered by the District Foundation but distributed by the current Governor to pay for SLP expenses, such as sending members to their respective International Conventions, paying for nationally known speakers to come to their district conventions and other expenses as the Governor sees fit.

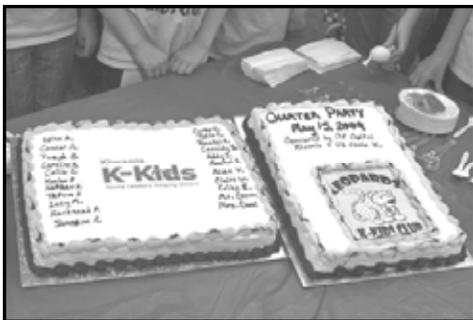
If your club can, donate the equivalent amount to support a K-Kids club. Just send it to Linda Glenn at the District Foundation and designate it for the Tomorrow's Leaders Fund. Please enjoy this edition of the Kiwanian focused on our Service Leadership Programs as much as I have enjoyed working with these future leaders this year.

### Governor Don Glenn

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fourth grade teacher at Lemme School, handed out member pins.

Hal Kleinsmith, a member of Old Capitol Kiwanis and the Kiwanis Advisor to the University of Iowa Circle K, spoke to the K-Kids about the importance of K-Kids in the Kiwanis Family.



Cake and ice cream was served to all in attendance, which included parents and family members, local Kiwanians, and staff members of Lemme School. Division 14 Lieutenant Governor Geof Northridge was also present.

Within a week of being chartered, the Leopards K-Kids Club performed their first service project, a landscaping project to beautify the area surrounding the new Lemme Leopard statue that sits in front of their school.

## Marvel Dunaway Nominated as Candidate for District Treasurer

The Nominating Committee of the Nebraska-Iowa District is pleased to announce that Marvel Dunaway is a candidate for the office of District Treasurer for the 2009-10 fiscal year.



Marvel has a lengthy and distinguished record of service in Kiwanis. She joined the Kiwanis Club of Monroe, Iowa in 1995 serving as club Secretary for 12 years of perfect attendance. She was twice a Distinguished Lt. Governor for Division 15 (once in 2001-02 and again in 2002-03).

During 2004-05, when her husband Bob was the Governor of the District, Marvel was instrumental in facilitating a district-wide backpack program targeted for children staying in homeless shelters.

Marvel has served two terms as Secretary of the Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis District Foundation (2007-08 and 2008-09), has been on the District Strategic Planning Committee and currently serves on the Growth Committee.

Marvel and Bob now reside in Urbandale, Iowa and she has joined the Merle Hay Urbandale Kiwanis Club. Marvel is a Diamond Level Bartlett and a Third Level Diamond Hixson through the District and International Foundations.

Marvel is a graduate of Waldorf Junior College and Iowa State University. She is a registered dietician and employed part time as a Health System Specialist with the VA Central Health Care System. The Dunaways have five children.



## Dwight Hauff

### Downtown Sioux City Kiwanis

Pictured is Kiwanian Dwight Hauff at the age of 104. Hauff still goes to his office at the sporting goods business he founded in 1932 in Sioux City, Iowa. He has been a member of the Downtown Sioux City Kiwanis Club for 52 years.

At the age of 100, Hauff was the honored guest on the Jay Leno show as one of the oldest still working Americans. Hauff has set up a foundation so that his Kiwanis Club, along with other worthy organizations, will benefit financially even though he "may not be around."

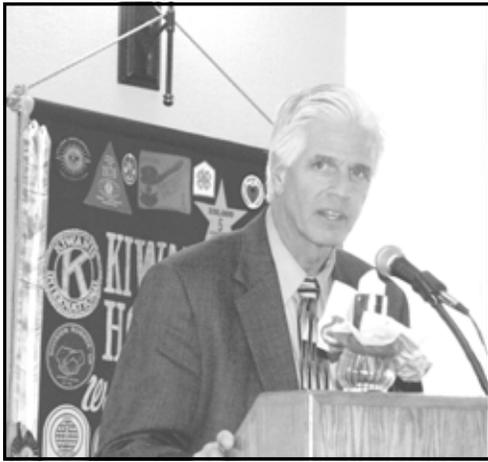


Needless to say, all Sioux City and particularly his Kiwanis Club are proud of Dwight Hauff.

## Kiwanis Club of Lincoln Celebrates 90 years of Service and Fellowship

by Stephanie Dohner

The Kiwanis Club of Lincoln met for dinner on Friday evening, April 24, 2009 in the Nebraska Club Banquet Room. It recognized the Club's founding in 1919, and highlighted the major social, economic, and club service events that occurred during the first 20 years of the Club's history.



It considered what may be in store for Lincoln's future, and celebrated friendships old and new. Music was provided by the Nebraska Wesleyan Faculty Brass Trio. Pictures of former Club presidents and other historic items were on exhibit.

Nebraska's Lieutenant Governor, Rick Sheehy, read a State of Nebraska Proclamation from Governor Heineman, recognizing the 90th year of the Kiwanis Club of Lincoln.

Past President Doug Curry described the Club's early activities, which were highlighted in a Power Point projection by Jim and Carol Budka. In 1919, General John J. Pershing was elected to an honorary Club life membership. In 1920, the Club secured 10 acres for a new City Hospital. In 1922, it raised funds for the construction of the new State Capitol Building and Memorial Stadium. In 1926, the Club supported an "aviation field for Lincoln."

In 1929, the Club's Distinguished Service Award went to Nebraska author Bess Streeter Aldrich. In 1931, it held a joint meeting with Lions, Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs and also held a Golf Tourney. Friday programs in 1933 included "The Sales Tax," "The Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment," and "Stabilization of Business."

Jim McKee, Lincoln historian, spoke on Lincoln's major historical events from 1915-1939. He featured General Pershing and the construction of the Capitol and showed slides from his extensive collection. Cindy Lange-Kubick, Lincoln Journal-Star feature writer, spoke nostalgically about Lincoln's development from a small town of neighborhoods to the bustling city it has become.

Among those in attendance were representatives of the Seward, Milford, and Cornhusker Kiwanis Clubs. From the NE-IA District: Governor Don Glenn and Governor-Elect Ron Petsch. From NE-IA Division 21: Don Edwards, Lt. Governor, and Brian Baxter, Lt. Governor-Elect. From the NE-IA Kiwanis Foundation: Warren Spencer, President, Linda Glenn, Treasurer, and Jerry Jordan, Division 21 Board Trustee.

## NE-IA District Key Club Officers Elected

at Annual Convention in Omaha  
by Denver Trojan, Bulletin Editor

The Nebraska-Iowa District Key Club elected new officers for the 2009-10 year at their annual convention in Omaha. The convention was held at Comfort Inn and Suites on March 27-29. Key Club members kicked off the convention with dinner, followed by an activity to greet and meet the other members throughout the district.

Saturday began with breakfast, followed by icebreakers and meetings. These were held throughout the day, focusing on current Key Club topics and programs including Time Management, Club Re-

sources, Key Club 101, Making Meetings Move and Key Leader. The guest speaker for Saturday morning was Ty Schenzel of the Omaha Hope Center for Kids.

During the afternoon caucus, potential candidates were questioned in front of all attendees. These question sessions allowed delegates to get to know the candidates better and focus on what type of leadership they might provide. Following the caucus sessions, the House of Delegates voted to elect individuals to fill the various board positions.

The evening's Recognition Banquet featured awards to individuals and Key Clubs for outstanding service, projects and achievements for the current year. Some of the awards given were for Outstanding Club Officers, Scholarships, Projects and other notable achievements.

Members had social time to participate in various activities prior the evening banquet followed by a dance for all Key Club participants. Sunday mornings breakfast was followed by the Farewell Session which recognized retiring 2008-09 board members and installation by Ron Petsch of the 2009-10 board members.

Receiving \$1000 Key Club Scholarships at the 2009 Key Convention were Michaela Nolte (Lincoln Southeast), Allison Thongvanh (Newton), Samantha Davis (Lincoln Southeast) and Jennifer Parr (West Monona) (not pictured). The scholarships were presented through a matching funds effort on behalf of the Kiwanis



International Foundation and the NE-IA District Foundation.

The new district board includes Matt Johnson, Governor; Evie Ward, Secretary; Bianca Tamasi, Bulletin Editor; Denver Trojan, Bulletin Editor; Walker Edwards, Lt. Governor Area 1; Lauren Johnson, Lt. Governor Area 2A; Zach Panzer, Lt. Governor Area 2B; Karissa Sanderson, Lt. Governor Area 2C; Ellie Groenendyk, Lt. Governor Area 5 & 6; Samantha Dotts, Lt. Governor Area 8A; and Mara Blish, Lt. Governor Area 8B. Leading the district Key Club are 2009-10 Administrators, Glenn "TJ" Tjaden and Tina Potthoff and District Assistant, Jenny Gruber.



Front Row: Bianca Tamasi, Denver Trojan, Matt Johnson, Evie Ward, Zach Panzer, Karissa Sanderson. Back Row: Ron Petsch, Jenny Gruber, Tina Potthoff, Mara Blish, Samantha Dotts, Walker Edwards, Lauren Johnson and T.J. Tjaden. Not pictured: Ellie Groenendyk.

## Omaha Loveland Golden K Food Bank Service Project

Omaha Loveland Golden K Kiwanis Club volunteered to run one of several service projects April 4 for the benefit of the Omaha Food Bank. Nineteen Loveland members worked on this service project.



Jim Jackson staffing the donation table

We received over \$415 in direct cash donations at the tables set up for the drive. The cash donations were run through the Hy-Vee cash registers at the donation table as a "Sale: Kiwanis." Donors could also pick up pre-filled bags priced at \$5 or \$10 and pay for these when they checked out. The bags were props used for the symbolic donation of food and were recycled back to our volunteer tables after customers checked out. Shoppers also dropped items into the large barrels provided by the Food Bank.

Food drives like this work very well for the Food Bank. Individually donated items are picked up by the Food Bank. Full cases of items are provided by Hy-Vee using the funds donated. Full cases save considerable sorting and handling at the Food Bank.

In total, Hy-Vee reported collections of \$510, which is considered a very successful drive. About 80% of the money came from cash donations at the two Food Bank tables which we manned at the store entrances. 20% of the donors took one of the pre-priced donation bags to the checkout with their groceries.



Kim Pacaj and Bill Holdcroft

In addition to staffing the donation tables, we distributed about 35 Loveland Golden K new-member recruiting brochures. Several members made personal contacts with potential members. One those receiving a brochure attended our regular club meeting the same day and we anticipate several more will visit in the next few weeks.

## Kiwanis Club of Florence

by Mary Louise Buckwalter

The Florence Kiwanis Club in Omaha is proud of two club members who recently received awards from the United Way at the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on April 22, 2009.

Dr. Jerry Fischer was honored with the Adult Health Care Volunteer award for the clinic which he established at the Open Door Mission. The clinic is open two afternoons a week and offers free medical care to residents of the Open Door Mission and Lydia House.



Dr. Jerry and his assistant PA Pam Stenechek (see picture) see approximately 60 patients a week. Ten percent of those patients are children. The Florence Kiwanis Club sponsors the clinic and helps to round up supplies as needed.

Long-time member Connie Rose was honored as the Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. MC John Oakey announced that Connie had

been nominated by six different people or groups and promptly dubbed her "the Energizer Bunny of Florence."

Whenever the club is looking for a new project, Connie always has an idea ...or two ...or three... or more! Some of the projects she has brought to the club include: Foster Care Kits, providing packages of personal care and grooming products for children entering foster care; a reception for new citizens following their naturalization ceremony, held monthly at the federal building in Omaha; a one-day Railroad Merit Badge blitz for area Boy Scouts; planting shrubs and flowers in the medians and planters along 30<sup>th</sup> Street.



In addition to organizing projects for the Kiwanis club, Connie planned an antique auction to benefit a Florence community development organization, a Florence Town Hall meeting in January and a Florence small business exchange and seminar in February. She is now busily rounding up participants for activities to be held during the Florence Days celebration in May.

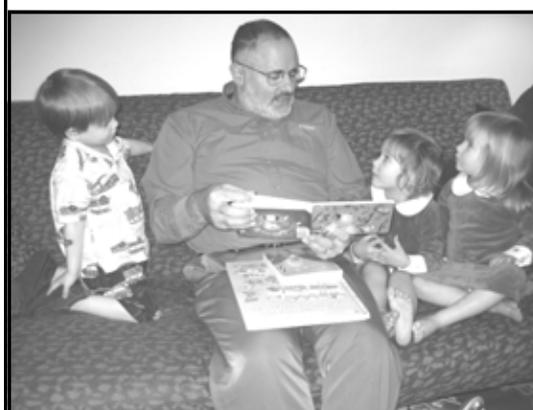
## "The Magic of Kiwanis"

By Stewart Ross, Mankato Kiwanis Club

In my fifth year as a Kiwanian, our club invited me to be part of a project to read to children for our local Head Start Program. I read to our two children nightly, so I volunteered to help. The Head Start children were children of parents who came from Mexico, and many did not speak or read English well.



We were asked to read once a week for eight weeks. The first time I went, none of the children paid much attention to me so I read to children who walked by now and then. The second week, a 5-year-old girl named Maria asked if I would read to her, and I did. She wanted to read English even though her parents only spoke Spanish. The third time I went to read, Maria greeted me at the door and grabbed my hand and yelled, "You are MY reader." Other children came by but clearly I was now Maria's reader!



After that she greeted me each week with a big hug and I read to her. On week eight, I was saddened to think my reading was ending. I was in for a big surprise!

As I walked into the building, Maria ran up and gave me a big hug and announced, in the best English she could muster, "Today, I read to you." Sure enough, Maria read to me.

I had tears in my eyes as she sat on my lap and read through a short picture book. No one had been reading to Maria and yet she worked that last week to be able to read to me. This was a "Kiwanis moment" I will never forget.

(Stewart Ross, PhD lives in Mankato, Minnesota and is Director of the Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning at Minnesota State Mankato)

## Golden K of Omaha

By Bob Williams

To promote literacy, members of the Golden K Kiwanis Club of Omaha donated over 700 hours to literacy during the 2008-09 school year. Sixteen volunteers faithfully read each week with an assigned classroom at the Conestoga Magnet School in Omaha.



When schedules would not allow their presence, other club members who had signed up as volunteers took their place.

Classes from kindergarten through fourth grade participated as Golden K President Linda Placzek coordinated the program. Volunteers read to or listened to pupils one on one, working with several pupils within one hour.



Additionally, 50 third graders were presented with dictionaries through the Dictionary Project. Kiwanis readers distributed dictionaries in November to excited and enthusiastic students.

Teachers planned lessons to help students become acquainted with the dictionaries. Children loved finding the longest word in the world, checking out the multiplication tables and learning to read Roman numerals.

The Kiwanis club also conducted four book giveaways for Conestoga pupils from Head Start through the sixth grade. The pupils selected new books — 1,225 in all — for their personal libraries.

In the giveaways, the Kiwanis club partnered with Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), an arm of the United States Department of Education. RIF provided \$1,700 and the club contributed \$600 to purchase the books. The Conestoga librarian surveys pupils to help guide the purchase of books, which are bought from a number of vendors.



## Lemme Elementary Bike Rodeo

Old Capitol Kiwanis Club

Old Capitol Kiwanis held its first annual Bike Rodeo at Lemme Elementary on April 18. It was organized in response to the Kiwanis One Day initiative with Kiwanis International.

In the picture, a fourth grader at Lemme Elementary skillfully pedals through a Figure 8 pattern at the Leopard K-Kids Club Bike Rodeo.



The Bike Rodeo was conducted by Ken Gibson and Bob Saunders, members of Old Capitol Kiwanis.

## Sacred Heart K-KIDS Celebrate First Year Anniversary Norfolk Noon Kiwanis

The Sacred Heart K-Kids just celebrated their first year anniversary. Sponsored by the Norfolk Noon Kiwanis chapter, the club has 50 elementary members and has had a busy first year.

The K-Kids assisted the adult club with landscaping the Dederman Cabin as part of a Kiwanis Foundation Grant project and the adults assisted the K-Kids with their Halloween party which was held at the Kiwanis Camp.



The Sacred Heart K-Kids do a service project at least once a month and some of the projects this year have been Teacher of the Month, Salvation Army Angel Tree, serving cookies and cocoa at the Salvation Army, and Christmas caroling. The favorite project was Kids Against Hunger with 22 K-Kids making meals for underfed children around the world.

Officers for the next year have been elected and we are looking forward to recruiting more members, initiating more service projects and having an even stronger second year.

## Chuck Kline Bartlett Medallion

Governor Don Glenn awarding Algona Morwens member Chuck Kline a Bartlett Medallion.

Chuck is also a Diamond level Hixon and a charter member of the Algona Morwens Club.



# Kiwanis District Convention

90th Annual NE-IA Kiwanis District Convention  
August 14-16, 2009

## Family Friendly Holiday Inn

We invite you to the District Convention and Kiwanis Family Reunion at the renovated Holiday Inn Convention Center located at 3321 South 72nd Street, Omaha, Nebraska. Come to the convention and bring the family.

Whatever the weather outside, it's always Key West at the 60,000 sq. ft. indoor water park with three thrilling 40 foot high slides and giant whirlpools. Parrot's Perch has water cannons, spray nozzles and a huge 300-gallon dump bucket. In addition, the hotel has a Key Quest Arcade which is full of state-of-the-art video games. There is something for every family member.

Our room rates are a low \$89/night plus tax but make your reservations before Friday, July 17th. After that date, our block of rooms is released to the public. To make your hotel reservations, call the hotel directly at 402-393-3950 and tell them you are with the NE-IA Kiwanis District to get our special rate.



## A District Convention for the Family

### Tentative Convention Agenda

#### Friday Evening (5:00pm to 10:00pm)

**Durham Museum and Dinner** - Tour the museum and enjoy dinner in the renovated Union Station that is home to many historical exhibits and family-oriented activities which spotlight Omaha's great history.

#### Saturday Convention (8:30am to 4:30pm)

Registration from 7:00am to 8:30am  
Opening Session and Keynote Speaker  
Breakout Sessions #1 (Simplified Dues, Officer Training, Planning Goals and Objectives, Leadership Programs, Community Assessment, Online Training, etc.)  
Breakout Sessions #2  
Lunch  
Breakout Sessions #3  
House of Delegates Meeting  
Closing Session

#### Saturday Evening (6:00pm to 9:30pm)

Banquet and Officer Installation

#### Sunday Morning (9:00am to 11:00am)

Memorial Service and Sunday Brunch

**Special Drawing:** Members that have room reservations at the Holiday Inn and are registered for the District Convention prior to July 24th will automatically be included in a special drawing for a free hotel room (e.g., \$89 plus tax) for one night during the convention.

#### Friday Golf Tournament

The Golf outing will be played at the Benson Golf course (5333 North 72nd St, Omaha, NE 68134) on Friday, August 14th from 8:00am to 1:00pm. This course is city owned and well-maintained. Bermuda grass is the main medium, with 18 holes in play. Total yardage on this par 72 equals 6,799. Teri Layton (402-681-0536) is the Golf event coordinator. Check the District Website under "Conferences" for details on teams, shotgun starts, directions, lunch, prizes, etc.

#### Saturday Partners Tour

The Partners Tour is planned for Saturday, August 15th from 8:30am to 3:00pm. The program includes transportation for the day, admission to Lauritzen Gardens (Omaha's Botanical Center) and a ride pass for the Tram. A box lunch will be provided which includes a sandwich, chips, a cookie, and a drink. After lunch, we will tour the Prairie Crossing Winery and tasting room.

#### Key Convention Websites

**District Website:** [www.ne-ia.kiwanisone.org](http://www.ne-ia.kiwanisone.org)  
**Holiday Inn:** [www.holidayinn-omahaconv.com](http://www.holidayinn-omahaconv.com)  
**Durham Museum:** [www.durhammuseum.org](http://www.durhammuseum.org)  
**Lauritzen Gardens:** [www.lauritzengardens.org](http://www.lauritzengardens.org)  
**Prairie Crossing:** [www.prairiecrossingwine.com](http://www.prairiecrossingwine.com)



# 90<sup>th</sup> NE-IA DISTRICT CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

August 14-16, 2009 – Holiday Inn Omaha Convention Center  
 3321 South 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, Omaha, NE 58124, Phone 402-393-3950  
 (You can register online at [www.ne-ia.kiwanisone.org](http://www.ne-ia.kiwanisone.org) or by mail)

One Kiwanian per registration form. **Please print.** Thanks!

Kiwanian's Name (for badge) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Guest or Partner (**not** a Kiwanian) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No. (in case we have a question) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Kiwanis Club of \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_  
 Are you a Club Delegate (Check one) \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Are you a (Please check appropriate boxes):

\_\_\_\_\_ First convention attendee  
 \_\_\_\_\_ New Kiwanis Member (joined since 10/1/2008)  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Past Lt. Governor  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Past Dist. Governor  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Legion of Honor member

Make check payable to and mail to:

**NE-IA Kiwanis District**  
**501 Raider Drive**  
**Williamsburg, IA 52361**

Send your check with this form.  
 No refunds after July 24, 2009.

Special Dietary Requests:

		<b>If Received By July 24</b>	<b>After July 24</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b><u>FULL REGISTRATION:</u></b>					
		\$130.	\$150.	_____	\$_____
Kiwanian or Partner (Includes the convention registration and four meals listed below)					
<b><u>REGISTRATION AND MEALS PURCHASED SEPARATELY:</u></b>					
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>If Received By July 24</b>	<b>After July 24</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Aug. 14</b> (Friday)	<b>District Dinner</b> At the Durham Museum	\$25.	\$25.	_____	\$_____
<b>Aug. 15</b> (Saturday)	<b>Convention Registration*</b> For on-site convention sessions	\$45.	\$50.	_____	\$_____
	<b>Lunch*</b> (at the convention)	\$18.	\$18.	_____	\$_____
	<b>Installation Banquet</b>	\$39.	\$39.	_____	\$_____
<b>Aug. 16</b> (Sunday)	<b>Memorial Brunch</b>	\$18.	\$18.	_____	\$_____
<b><u>SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS:</u></b>					
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>If Received By July 24</b>	<b>After July 24</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Aug. 14</b>	<b>Golf Outing (Friday)</b>	\$40	\$40	_____	\$_____
<b>Aug. 15</b>	<b>Partners Program (Saturday)</b>	\$30.	\$30.	_____	\$_____
Space is limited for these events. Sign up today!					
<b>Total Enclosed \$</b>					_____



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\* Please note that convention registration and lunch are not necessary if you are going on the Partners Program. The Partners Program includes lunch, and will take place away from the convention center.

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS:** Our special room rate is only \$89 plus tax. Attendees should arrange for their own housing by calling the Holiday Inn Omaha Convention Center at 402-393-3950. Identify yourself as part of the NE-IA Kiwanis group. Room reservations should be made prior to Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

## Distinguished Club Criteria for 2008-2009

By Frank Murphy, District Secretary

The Distinguished Club Criteria has changed slightly for 2008-2009. Additional emphasis has been placed on growing membership and the NE-IA District has added a requirement that clubs provide support for the NE-IA Kiwanis Foundation. For 2008-09, 90 points will be required by the NE-IA District for the Distinguished Club award.

To qualify for the Distinguished Club award, a club must excel in service, leadership education, and growth. The 2008-2009 score sheet for Distinguished Club is due November 15, 2009 and can be found on the NE-IA Website at [www.ne-ia.kiwanisone.org](http://www.ne-ia.kiwanisone.org).

**Remember:** The criteria must be satisfied by September 30, 2009. To ensure your clubs criteria is satisfied, we recommend new member submissions and Foundation donations be completed by early September.

### Service

- The Kiwanis club fulfills its responsibilities to Service Leadership Program club(s) (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club, or Kiwanis Junior), which includes providing club leadership education to club officers - **10 points**
- The Kiwanis club builds and charters a new Service Leadership Program club (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club, or Kiwanis Junior) - **5 points maximum**
- The Kiwanis club participates in a Kiwanis-branded service project, such as Young Children: Priority One, Read Around the World, Bring Up Grades, Terrific Kids, Key Leader - **10 points**
- The Kiwanis club financially supports the Kiwanis International Foundation - **10 points**
- **(Added by Governor for 2008-2009) The Kiwanis club financially supports the NE-IA Kiwanis Foundation - 10 points**

### Leadership Education

- The Kiwanis club president and secretary participate in the Club Leadership Education (CLE) training session (or equivalent) prior to assuming office - **20 points (10 points per officer)**
- The Kiwanis Club ensures that all new members receive the Kiwanis International new member orientation - **10 points**
- The Kiwanis club is represented at two of the following three educational opportunities: the district midyear conference (or equivalent of Kiwanis University, zone conference, regional conference), the Kiwanis International convention or the Kiwanis district convention - **10 points**

### Growth

- The Kiwanis club has a net membership gain by the end of the administrative year.
  - 1 member - **10 points**
  - 2 members - **20 points**
  - 3 members - **30 points**
  - More than 5 members - **additional 10 points**
- The Kiwanis club sponsors (or co-sponsors) a new Kiwanis club - **20 points**

A Kiwanis club that accumulates at least 90 points and has properly submitted its annual report will qualify as distinguished and receive appropriate recognition acknowledging the achievement. The president of a distinguished club who also has received distinguished member recognition will receive a Distinguished President lapel pin.

The Secretary of a distinguished club who also has received Distinguished Member recognition will receive a Distinguished Secretary lapel pin.

## Lincoln Zoo's New Playground

Lincoln Center Kiwanis

Kiwanians from the Lincoln area gathered at the Lincoln Children's Zoo on Saturday, April 4, 2009 to spruce up the zoo before its season starts and to celebrate the dedication of the zoo's new playground.

The Lincoln Center Kiwanis Foundation and The Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis District Foundation each have donated \$12,500 for the playground, which carries the dinosaur theme and features nine play stations, including a rock climber, talk tube, Crazy Bones Bridge, drums, telescope, hand swing, and bells.



The equipment and space meet all safety and playground standards. It is ADA accessible so that children of all abilities can learn in this area. The Lincoln Center Kiwanis Club has been involved with the Children's Zoo since its inception in 1959.

Club member Leo Hill was instrumental in identifying and proposing the site. Lincoln Center Kiwanis (then Kiwanis Club of Lincoln) was the first service club that John Chappo addressed when he became Director in 1986. They met in the Miller & Paine dining room.

Lincoln Center has donated funds for a handicap-accessible train car, the spider web rope climber, and Stego's Big Dig, where children can be paleontologists and identify the bones they find. The Club's Zoo Committee meetings are hands on. Kiwanians built a tunnel for the train, extended its track and erected its water tower on A Street.

Club members have constructed corrals for the ponies, put up buildings, assembled benches, built animal cages, made up notebooks for science classes, strung name tags, fixed plumbing, supplied shingles, laid brick, set out plants, strung holiday lights and painted just about everything on the premises, including the red painted gates at the entrance. Members enjoy driving the train on a regular basis.

Spring cleanup day at the zoo is scheduled to coincide with Kiwanis 1 Day, when Kiwanis Clubs all over the world tackle projects to be completed in a single day. Members pick up trash, clear brush and sweep the paths.

In 2008, one of the gibbons decided that the eyeglasses of a Kiwanian who was cleaning in the area of his cage were a prize and made off with them. The member got them back a bit altered.

Every August since 1970, Lincoln Center Kiwanis sponsors a Zoo Day. Children and senior citizens from Lincoln and the surrounding areas get in free. Members volunteer at sites throughout the zoo to act as hosts and assist with wheelchairs.

## Service Leadership Programs For Our Youth

Kiwanians are volunteers changing the world through service to children and communities. Kiwanis members help shelter the homeless, feed the hungry, mentor the disadvantaged and care for the sick.

Through Service Leadership Programs, Kiwanis members develop leadership in our youth, build playgrounds, raise funds for pediatric research, and much more. No problem is too big or too small.

Why? Because working together, members achieve what one person cannot accomplish alone. When you give a child a chance to learn, experience, dream and succeed, great things happen!

The Service Leadership Programs that are sponsored by Kiwanis Clubs include the following.

**K-Kids** is the youngest and fastest growing service organization for elementary students worldwide. These clubs are ideally suited for students in grades 1 through 5 (ages 6 to 12).



K-Kids is a "student-led" community-service organization that operates under school regulations and draws its members from the student body.

K-Kids clubs can also be established in a community-based organization. Such organizations might include, but are not limited to, community library, Boys Club, Girls Club, YMCA, YWCA or a church.

K-Kids is unique because it's sponsored by a local Kiwanis club, composed of leading business and professional people of the community.

**Builders Club** is the largest service organization for middle school students (ages 12 to 14), with more than 40,000 members worldwide.



The first Builders Club was chartered in 1975. Today, there are more than 2,000 clubs in Aruba, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Canada, Italy, Jamaica, Korea, Martinique, Netherlands Antilles, Philippines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, and the United States.

Builders Club is a "student-led" community-service organization, which operates under school regulations and draws its members from the student body. Community-based Builders Clubs also may be established at community facilities such as churches, libraries, YMCAs, or lodges. Builders Club is unique because a Kiwanis club, composed of leading business and professional people of the community, serves as the club's sponsor.

Builders Club is structured only on the local club level but is supported by the Kiwanis International office in Indianapolis, Indiana, which provides programs, literature, and opportunities to relate to teenagers from countries all around the world!

**Key Club** is the oldest and largest service program for high school students. What makes Key Club so successful is the fact that it is a student-led organization that teaches leadership through serving others. Members of the Kiwanis International family, Key Club mem-

bers build themselves as they build their schools and communities.

Today, Key Club exists on more than 5,000 high school campuses, primarily in the United States and Canada. Growth efforts, however, have taken the Key Club experience internationally to Canada, the Caribbean nations, Central and South America, and most recently to Asia and Australia.

**Circle K International (CKI)** is the largest collegiate community service, leadership development and friendship organization in the world. With more than 11,000 members in 17 nations, CKI is making a positive impact on the world every single day.

Circle K clubs are organized and sponsored by a Kiwanis club on a college or university campus. CKI is a self-governing organization and elects its own officers, conducts its own meetings and determines its own service activities.

CKI blends community service and leadership training with the opportunity to meet other college students around the world. Projects such as the Six Cents Initiative, CKI's International fundraiser that aims to provide water to the 2.2 billion children worldwide who lack safe drinking water, bring CKI members together to make a difference in the world.

### 2008-2009 Interclub Contest

By Betty Borchardt, District Interclub Chair

At the 2009 Midyear Conference held in February the winners of the 2007-2008 NE-IA District Interclub contest were announced and the awards earned were presented.

The winners of the four district awards consisted of the Diamond Section (76 or more members) - Iowa City Old Capitol; the Ruby Section (46-75 members) - Nevada; the Emerald Section (30-45 members) - Lincoln Northeast; and the Coral Section (fewer than 30 members) - Northwest Des Moines. In addition there were 12 division winners announced and nine interclub recognition awards.

The club in each division with the most points submitted is the interclub division winner and any club that submits a minimum of 250 points receives a recognition award. In theory, every division should have a winner and every club in the district could earn the Interclub Recognition Award.

Only 28 clubs in the NE-IA Kiwanis District submitted a score sheet for the 2007-2008 interclub contest. We know that many clubs are going on interclubs but unless the official score sheet is submitted they cannot be considered for the contest.

The 2008-2009 Interclub Contest started on October 1, 2008 and will conclude on September 30, 2009. There is still time to organize visits to another Kiwanis club, Service Leadership club, or other official Kiwanis activity such as division council meeting, the District Convention, the International Convention, or the Governor's Official Visit to collect interclub points.

The 2008-2009 contest rules and scoring sheet are on the district website at [www.nikiwanis.org](http://www.nikiwanis.org). With many more clubs enjoying the fun, fellowship and benefits of interclubbing, we hope to present a winner for every category at the 2010 Midyear Conference.

Kiwanis interclubs are an important ingredient in developing the health and growth of every Kiwanis Club in the NE-IA district. As the District Interclub Chair it is my goal to encourage every Kiwanis club in the district to experience the joy of interclubbing and to submit a score sheet for the 2008-2009 interclub contest.

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My dad told me one day, "I think these companies are going to have trouble and it would be smart to move your money to our local bank in New Sharon." I moved my money and, within a few weeks, the New Sharon bank locked its doors. Banks were locking their doors because customers were demanding their money, and although the banks had the assets, they lacked ready cash. Eventually, I got 90% of my savings back.

I remember farmers burned corn in their furnaces instead of coal because corn was ten cents a bushel, cheaper than coal. We really don't have it very difficult now compared to the Depression.

**Where was your first teaching assignment?** My first teaching job was at Primghar High School, from 1938-1941. I taught biology, chemistry one year and physics the next year, plus math and all the physical education for boys 8<sup>th</sup> grade and up. I was the assistant coach for football, coached the reserves for basketball and was the head coach for baseball. When I started teaching, I made only \$900 a year and worked 12-hour days.

**What did your first car cost?** I needed a car during my first year of teaching because of athletics. The school paid five cents a mile for driving to sports events. I bought a used 1935 Ford four-door sedan with a new engine for \$400. It had no radio and the heater had been added. After the first year, I traded it in for a new four-door Chevy sedan with heater, radio and straight-stick transmission. The list price was \$750 but they gave me a trade-in of \$350 for the 1935 Ford. I drove this car through the war because you couldn't get a car during WWII.

**During WWII, did you experience rationing?** Yes, there was a lot of rationing. Many things were rationed during WWII like coffee, tea, sugar, flour and other things. Gas was rationed, tires were rationed. School was dismissed for a day and teachers issued the ration books. In the fall of 1941, I was teaching at Eagle Grove and I was on the Ration Board for Wright County.

My job was tires. If you needed a tire, you had to complete an application and I had to deny or accept and give them a coupon so they could get a tire. Even bicycles were rationed at one time. For gas, you got an "A Coupon" which entitled you to so much gas per month which wasn't very much. If, because of your work you needed more gas, you had to apply for the "B Coupon."

In the summer of 1943, I received a telegram from the head of the electrical engineering at Iowa State College telling me to be in his office on a certain date and time. He advised me that I would be teaching electrical mathematics and theory under a contract they had to train electrician mates for the Navy for WWII.

Because of my new job, I applied for an extra gas "B Coupon." The business manager at Iowa State drove out to my house and turned down my application because he computed the distance to my house as just a little over nine-tenths of a mile. He told me that I had to be at least one mile distant in order to qualify.

When the contract with the Navy was fulfilled, I taught Biology and Chemistry at Ames High School until December 1945 when we moved to Algona, Iowa.

**What are memories of your wife Mary?** I met Mary Foster when she was the music teacher at Primghar High School. We were married June 20, 1940. My fondest memory was of her musical talent. After we married, she continued to teach piano and voice. She also played the pipe organ and directed church choirs for about 50 years. She was a tremendous mother and homemaker. Mary passed away 12 years ago on February 7, 1997.

**What are your greatest memories of your children?** There are a lot of great memories of my daughter and two sons. All were good students, very active in the church and interested in helping other people. Both boys were very active in Boy Scouts. Sometimes they even took the blame for something they didn't do because they did not want their friends to get in trouble.

**Why did you move to Algona?** Mary's dad owned Foster Furniture Company in Algona and wanted to retire. I had helped in the store during vacations and knew the business. Back then, teachers received no benefits, no insurance and no IPERS. Teachers, doctors and preachers were excluded from Social Security for several years. I saw opportunity in the furniture store which I purchased, owned, and operated from 1946 until 1988.

**What was the process for becoming District Governor?** I hadn't thought of being District Governor. Unknown to me, a couple of old timers (one who had been a District Governor) had come down and asked my father-in-law: if they were able to get me elected as District Governor, would he run the furniture store while I was gone? He said OK. Then they told me they were going to run me as District Governor and I said, "Well, I don't know." They said, "We already have it arranged."

The year I was elected, the convention was in Fort Dodge, Iowa. They told me, "We are going to run this show and you just stay in your room. The only reason you come out is for a meeting you are supposed to attend or we come and get you." What I didn't realize was that a photography friend and his wife from Algona had traveled all over Nebraska and Iowa on vacations and visited almost every Kiwanis club. At each club visit, they had promoted me for District Governor. My opponent was the mayor of Ottumwa. He only got a handful of votes. I got the rest.

**How many clubs existed when you were District Governor?** The year I was governor there were 78 clubs in the NE-IA Kiwanis District. The only reason Nebraska is first in the name is because the first club in the district was in Omaha and the second club was in Des Moines. We also built six new clubs while I was Governor.

**What was the process for you becoming Kiwanis International President?** Candidates were nominated by their club or the district board. I served from 1953-1954 on the International Committee to establish a permanent office building in Chicago and in 1956 was chairman of the International committee for New Club Building which gave me a lot of exposure across all the districts. I also served on the International Board of Trustees from 1964 thru 1973. Once on the International Board of Trustees, I was encouraged by several to accept higher positions on the International Board. The NE-IA District took action to present me for the next higher office and conducted the campaign. I never campaigned myself.



**Why did the Kiwanis International Headquarters move to Indianapolis?** Prior to constructing our own building, the Kiwanis In-

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ternational office was on the second floor of the McGraw Hill Book Building in Chicago. Kiwanis International needed another building and had acquired property on East Erie Street, just a block from Lake Shore Drive.

The new Kiwanis headquarters building was a three-floor building but was designed so two additional floors could be added, if needed. The cornerstone was laid in 1958. Its location was 101 East Erie Street which is a block west of the city's famed "Miracle Mile."

The reason Kiwanis moved to Indianapolis was because the Chicago Water District was across the street from the Kiwanis building. While I was on the board, they offered to buy our new building several times for potential expansion, which we turned down. They even threatened to have our building condemned. My position was that they would have a hard time condemning a new building. After I was off the board, they finally talked the board into selling the property which resulted in the move to Indianapolis.

**What are your memories of being International President?**

Memories include the wonderful friends I made all over the world and, just as important, the community accomplishments by clubs around the world. The breadth of community projects was outstanding. We also sponsored Key Club and Circle K. My objective was to build cooperation between Key Club, Circle K and Kiwanis.

**What were your objectives or goals as International President?**

I had two goals: drug prevention education for 5<sup>th</sup> graders and environmental education. We created a lot of literature for both programs. For the drug prevention program, we created a 5<sup>th</sup> grade level comic book on drug prevention.

I was privileged to meet with President Nixon and discuss what Kiwanis was about and in particular my programs on drug and environmental education. As we waited outside the Oval Office for our appointed meeting, Nixon's secretary advised us that normally visitors get only about six minutes with the president. She said, "But the president has just returned from China and is preparing to leave for Russia so don't be disappointed if you only get three minutes."

My meeting with Nixon was a most relaxed and casual conversation. He acted like, "I'm just glad to meet an ordinary person." We talked about the 5<sup>th</sup> grade comic book on drug prevention. He gave it to a staff member and said he wanted to promote and support this program. We continued talking for over 23 minutes and I finally got up and thanked the president for his time. We were headed for the exit door, when he said, "Oh wait, I want to show you the Rose Garden where we had the wedding." With that, we continued our conversation into the Rose Garden.

**Where was your International Convention in 1972?** A year before the convention, we were advised that the location originally planned would not be ready for our convention. We scabbled to find another location. Atlantic City offered us the best deal as a convention site only one year away. Our keynote speaker was Art Linkletter, at a cost of \$20,000. I have attended 43 Kiwanis International conventions in my lifetime.

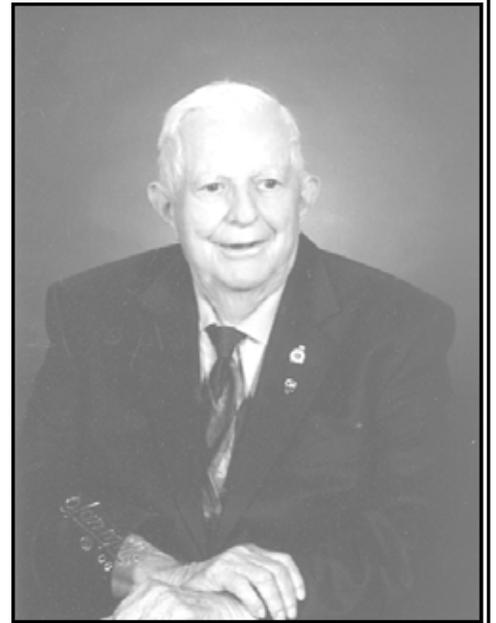
**Name two major advances in technology during your lifetime?**

I've seen dramatic changes in transportation. In my lifetime, I've witnessed transportation by horse, train, automobile, and planes. I visited Cape Canaveral to witness preparation for the Apollo launch to the moon and saw a man land on the moon. More recent technological advances include the computer, the Internet, microwaves, health care (penicillin, polio vaccine, rheumatic fever, heart conditions and MRIs). I remember early dentists that had foot pedal drills and used no Novocain.

**What were your greatest learning experiences in life?** My dad gave me a great foundation in economics. I was never without a job as a kid. I learned a lot from those experiences because it taught me to work hard, be dedicated, be on time and do your job properly. Kiwanis was also a great learning experience for me, as it is for all members because we learn to share our good fortune with others.

**What message would you like to communicate to NE-IA District members?**

I would hope that they would be dedicated members, make Kiwanis a priority in their lives, participate in the meetings, work on the projects, strive to make their communities better and never forget to seek the best for the children of the world.



**New NE-IA Kiwanis District Website**

We have complete the migration to our new NE-IA Kiwanis District Web site. The new web address is: [www.ne-ia.kiwanisone.org](http://www.ne-ia.kiwanisone.org).



**2008-09 Calendar of Events for NE-IA Kiwanis District**

- Jun 7-12 Camp OK, Nebraska 4-H Center South of Gretna, Nebraska
- Jun 12 Kiwanis Club of Des Moines, 90th Birthday Party
- Jun 15 Kiwanis District Golf Outing, Blank Golf Course, Des Moines (hosted by Des Moines Downtown Kiwanis, [www.downtowndesmoineskiwanis.org](http://www.downtowndesmoineskiwanis.org))
- Jun 25-28 Kiwanis International Convention, Nashville, TN
- Aug 14-16 NE-IA District Convention, Holiday Inn Convention Center, Omaha, NE
- Oct 16-18 Iowa Key Leader Camp, St. Charles, IA
- Nov 7-9 Nebraska Key Leader Camp, Gretna, NE

# We're All In This Together

By Joe Melcher, District Chair for Youth Services

On February 9, I got the call that our second grandson had been born. He came home from the hospital nine days later. We had heard about NICU (Neonatal Intensive-Care Unit) but I suppose like many, I had no first hand experience. Now we do.

This experience gave us new appreciation for "youth services", for it seems many are "teamed up"- sometimes working together without knowing it to improve the lives of our youth. This year our March of Dimes walk will take on new meaning.

For those of you supporting other agencies like Children's Miracle Network or Make a Wish Foundation, you already know about that "new meaning."

This year in Nevada our two adult clubs will fulfill a dream. We will have established our second K-Kids (this one in the middle school grades 5-6 versus the original one in elementary) and added a Builder's Club (grades 7 and 8 in the middle school).

These will complement our Key Club which has been in existence for about 10 years. I remember when many said "it couldn't be done." And I have to admit I had become skeptical. But with new members and a new adult club in town came new vision and determination.

In April for our Governor's (Division 11) visit, all clubs and all youth had the opportunity to package food for Kids Against Hunger -- a world-wide relief effort. I can remember when our efforts to assist others were kept in our own backyard. But again, with new members and new vision, we began to see beyond local borders.

I see clubs helping others clubs with projects like Habitat for Humanity. It's ok to team up -- we are all in this together.

Last year, while communicating with various clubs around the district, I learned the Holstein club sponsors the local Cub Scout pack, holds an annual bike safety and rodeo event, and has a wrestling tournament for pee-wees. I also learned that the Carroll club completed its biggest project to date by donating 12 Kaplan Alphabet Rugs to the public and private kindergarten classes in town. And the work goes on.

Think about the camps out there where we can send kids. Does your club participate? Do we take these camps for granted? Did you used to send kids (like to Camp OK) and got out of the habit? Sending

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candidates to these camps means that for a day, a weekend, or a week, families "do not have to worry about tomorrow."

Finally, remember Read Around the World. Get those dictionaries out there, and build up the next generation with "Terrific Kids" and "BUG". You will be glad you did.

(Joe is the District Chair for Youth Service programs like Read Around the World, Bring Up Grades and Terrific Kids. If you would like further information about these programs, please call Joe at 515-382-5811 or email at [peptuck@midiowa.net](mailto:peptuck@midiowa.net).)

## Words of Wisdom

- Laughter is the closest distance between two people. - Victor Borge
- Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work. - Thomas A. Edison
- Research is the process of going up alleys to see if they are blind. - Marston Bates
- A compromise is the art of dividing a cake in such a way that everyone believes he has the biggest piece. - Ludwig Erhard
- A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds. - Sir Francis Bacon
- History is the version of past events that people have decided to agree upon. - Napoleon Bonaparte
- There is nothing so useless as doing efficiently that which should not be done at all. - Peter Drucker
- You know that children are growing up when they start asking questions that have answers. - John J. Plomp
- If you haven't got any charity in your heart, you have the worst kind of heart trouble. - Bob Hope
- To avoid situations in which you might make mistakes may be the biggest mistake of all. - Peter McWilliams
- Whoever ceases to be a student has never been a student. - George Iles
- If we take care of the moments, the years will take care of themselves. - Maria Edgeworth

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