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Feb 26-28, 2015
Midwinter Conference
Holiday Inn
Bozeman, MT



June 23-26, 2015
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Toronto, Ontario
Canada
www.kiwanis.org/toronto



August 11-14, 2015
District Convention
Medicine Hat, Alberta
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Website:

Please check out our new website for all the up to date information on what is happening in the Montana District and view the district newsletters. www.mtkiwanis.org

WEBPAGE

Facebook and Twitter:

Sharing our stories and experiences on Social Media www.facebook.com/mtkiwanis



and twitter.com/MTKiwanis



KSpan:

How can I get more information about my club in the K-Span or Facebook page. If you have any news, projects, or fundraisers for the District newsletter, please contact Hana at kspan@email.com. The KSpan comes out six times per year.

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ONE MEMBER, PER CLUB, PER MONTH

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We have a resource for you!

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This website can help:

- ◆ **Develop your one minute speech to help you share Kiwanis with friends,**
- ◆ **Generate ideas with whom you can share your love of service,**
- ◆ **Help you plan an open house for your club,**
- ◆ **Discover unreached members of your community,**
- ◆ **Discuss the option of corporate membership,**
- ◆ **Get a new member form, and**
- ◆ **Create membership brochures for your club.**

They are here to help!

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and all of your Lt. Governors

CHALLENGING OUR BOUNDARIES OF WHAT KIWANIS WILL BE...

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE RESULTS

We just finished with the October/November membership drive and tallying the results. Over fifty percent (50%) of the clubs participated. Twenty-one (21) clubs brought in forty-four (44) new members.

- 🍷 Anaconda (2),
- 🍷 Billings Golden K (1),
- 🍷 Bozeman (1),
- 🍷 Capital City, Helena (1),
- 🍷 Columbia Falls (1),
- 🍷 Drummond (2),
- 🍷 Glacier, Kalispell (1),
- 🍷 Glasgow (2),
- 🍷 Glendive (3),
- 🍷 Great Falls (1),
- 🍷 Harlowton (3),
- 🍷 Headwaters (2),
- 🍷 Helena (3),
- 🍷 Kootenai, Libby (1),
- 🍷 Lewistown (3),
- 🍷 Malta (5),
- 🍷 Miles City (4),
- 🍷 Missoula-Sentinel (4),
- 🍷 Sidney (2),
- 🍷 Silver Bow, Butte (1)
- 🍷 and Sunrise Butte (1).

First name	Last name	Club name
Brianna	Math	Malta
Kate	Daniels	Columbia Falls
Jamie	Broaddus	Glendive
Joe Ann	McClellan-Niemeyer	Great Falls
Michele	Seadeek	Sidney
John	Gibson	Silver Bow, Butte
Brandi	Lien	Glendive
Matthew N	Smith	Glendive
F. Patrick	Bauer	Headwaters
Steve	McDonnell	Headwaters
Cathy	Brenneman	Glacier, Kalispell
Jacob	Augenstein	Helena
Dustin	Kalanick	Helena
Jospeh	Bradley	Sidney
Deanna	Arnold	Malta
Whitney	Brady	Lewistown
Sean	Estill	Malta
Duane	Hartman	Lewistown
Suzanna	Stenberg	Malta
Shirley	Trang	Glasgow
Leslie	Janshen	Miles City
Travis	Jess	Miles City
Sam	Sharples	Glasgow
Richard	Burke	Sunrise Butte
Dick	Schaffer	Drummond
Matthew	Buerkle	Anaconda
Ashley	Smith	Helena
Kyle	Greany	Drummond
Lisa	Bracco	Silver Bow, Butte
Amy	Blaquiere	Miles City
Chris	Kirschten	Missoula-Sentinel
Heidi	Nielsen	Anaconda
Steven	Crawford	Bozeman
Katy	Peterson	Helena
Taylor	Wittman	Miles City
Kody	Messerschmidt	Bitter Root Valley, Hamilton
Katelyn	Pokorny	Sunrise Butte
Lori Kay	Cox	Bozeman
David	Wigginton	Lewistown
Cynthia	Jessee	Billings Golden K

Membership Drive Winners:

Under 39 members: Malta – 5 new members (they will receive \$250 toward their service projects)

40 and over (Tie): Miles City and Missoula Sentinel – 4 members each (they will split \$250)

Member who brought in the most members: Mardy Demarais from Malta brought in five new members. Way to go Mardy!! She will receive one night's lodging and registration/meal package to either the Mid-Winter Conference in Bozeman or District Convention in Medicine Hat (\$250 value).

REACHING OUT TO “PAPA PAUL”

Submitted by Kristen Inbody
Great Falls Kiwanian
Great Falls Tribune
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Great Falls Kiwanians and Boy Scouts are lifting up the man they call “Papa Paul.”

Last year, Paul Grosvold volunteered more than 1,100 hours as Troop 1 Scoutmaster, Order of the Arrow adviser and a Kiwanis member, part of a long record of service to his community. This year, Grosvold is battling esophageal cancer.

Colton Monroe, 15, is among the hundreds of boys whose lives are better for knowing Grosvold.

When his Dad deployed, twice, Colton found campouts much harder. But he also found a mentor in Grosvold.

“He helped a lot. He was caring and kind,” he said. “He showed me how to be more independent.”

Even without his Dad, Colton still had to meet Grosvold’s high standards. He became a patrol leader.

Grosvold is a strong, silent type, though Colton said he gets chatty on car rides as they travel around the state for camps and campouts.

“He tries to figure out who you are. He always wants to know the person. He cares about them instead of talking about himself,” Colton said. “He tells stories about his youth and when he did things wrong. He’s not worried about looking perfect but shows it’s OK to make mistakes.”

Colton remembered Grosvold helping him start a fire with flint and steel at the Scouts’ winter survival campout, an urgent matter at 17 degrees — below zero with wind chill factored in.

“He taught us to make shelters. We didn’t have tents,” he said. “He’s very patient.”

Grosvold has modeled service, too, and how to interact with people, whether veterans at the annual pancake breakfast or families at St. Vincent de Paul, Colton said. Colton said he has seen people warm up as he’s visited with them when they come for food and presents to put under the Christmas tree.

“When you take it all out to the cars and talk to them, they like to say thank you a lot. It changes their outlook on the world knowing people want to help,” he said. “I was timid to talk, but now I can. He tells us to look our best and to show it, that it means something to you and you care about them.”

For boys without dads, “He tries to care for them a little more because they need a father figure,” said Colton’s Mom, Kim Monroe. “He doesn’t pick one kid, but he loves them all. It’s amazing how he keeps track of each boy on his Scouting journey. He encourages them to find their purpose and passion.”



Photo by Julia Moss/Great Falls Tribune

Grosvold helped Elliot Roberts, 13, earn his Tenderfoot rank.

“He sat with me three hours helping me finishing the requirements. He asked lots of questions,” Elliot said. “He showed me what it means to be a Boy Scout. Everybody knows him and loves him. He’s so friendly and kind.”

Colby Aderhold, 14 and a patrol leader, said Grosvold “has always been there.”

**One of our own needs us
and we can help at:
gofundme.com/kydfay2k**

“When I was working on Tenderfoot, he took me under his wing and helped me figure out all my knots. He was my personal fitness counselor, and when I got lousy with charting, he motivated me to get it done,” Colby said. “Cooking was one badge I left hanging, and he pulled me back in. He pulls me aside and tells me, you’ve had this

merit badge open for a long time, and he helps with skills. He pays attention to everybody.”

Kyle Roberts stepped into Grosvold’s “rather large footsteps” as Troop 1 Scoutmaster.

“Troop 1 has a long history, and he’s been everything to Troop 1 in recent history,” Roberts said. “Paul came in a time when parental involvement was lower, and he kept it going and made it thrive. He’s well respected. Everybody knows what Paul stands for. People joined Troop 1 because Paul was the Scoutmaster.”

Grosvold organized his time around Scouts’ needs.

“Scouts do a lot of things, and service is one of them. It’s always been huge for Paul. This is a very service-oriented troop, and it’s because of Paul,” Roberts said. “He retired as Scoutmaster but stepped up to be adviser for the Order of the Arrow. He’s still leading boys.”

Eagle projects under Grosvold’s leadership have touched numerous organizations, among them schools, churches, Malmstrom Air Force Base and Flag Hill.

Colton said Grosvold was reluctant about the benefit — he’s more comfortable serving others — but the dinner will “show I’ve learned what he’s taught me, that we listened to him.”

You can also give at : Embark Credit Union, Attn: Benefit to Paul Grosvold, P.O. Box 2649, Great Falls, MT 59403

DIVISION 1

Bitterroot Valley Kiwanis

The Bitterroot Valley Kiwanians finished their Kiwanis Youth Soccer program in October; now, their Kiwanis Swim Program is in full swing. The club then cleaned up Skalkaho Highway with their Key Club in what has become a staple of each spring and fall. Their Hamilton High Key Clubbers had a "Trick-or-Treat" for non-perishable food to support Haven House Food Bank. The Hamilton High Key Club also had their Sweetheart Dance, which is the primary fund raiser for this Key Club. See their 41 year Success Story here: 

Sentinel Kiwanis Club of Missoula

The Sentinel Kiwanis club finished another successful apple sale. How do you like them apples? They also continue in their efforts to help the DESTINY Orphanage and School in Uganda (as seen in the Kiwanis International Magazine). The current DESTINY project involves latrines. Their members also shopped for the gifts for the YWCA Missoula family.



Salmon Kiwanis Club

Salmon Kiwanis presented 1st quarter Terrific Kids awards for all kids 1st to 5th with straight A's to the Pioneer Elementary school. They also had a great turn out for The Kiwanis Fundraiser where proceeds went to the Elks Furnace Fund. They send their thanks to Cori, Ryan, Sony, Meri, Ross and Callie for hosting. Their Christmas party was a HUGE success. We thank every one that that came and donated to our cause, The Lemhi After School Promise.



DIVISION 2

Electric City Kiwanis of Great Falls

WELCOME! Our newest club had their charter night gala and is now the newest club in the Montana District. People from all over Montana attended to support this new club.



DIVISION 2

Great Falls Kiwanis

Annually the Great Falls Kiwanis club holds a Christmas party at Skyline with the Head Start kids. The months of planning and fundraising goes into one intense night of wrapping. Their thanks to the Key Club, JMG and band students for their help! Great Falls Kiwanis also wrapped presents for the Great Falls Children's Receiving Home as a fundraiser. They spent a work day with the Great Falls High School Key Club creating a book nook.



DIVISION 5



Glendive Kiwanis

The Glendive Key Club held a Key Club faculty basketball game. It looks to be a great time and a very unique idea! Glendive Kiwanis posted flags in honor of Veteran's Day as they have done for many years. The Annual Kiwanis Christmas dinner was held at the YRI with the Glendive Kiwanis. The DCHS Chamber Chorale graciously sang some Christmas songs. Listen to them here: [▶](#)

DIVISION 6

Tombstone Kiwanis, Virginia City

Members of Tombstone Kiwanis worked with the East Middle School Builders Club and Sunrise Kiwanis of Butte in purchasing presents for children whose parents are incarcerated. Tombstone Kiwanians also purchased or placed wreaths at the graves of servicemen for Christmas in many locations including Great Falls, 1st Calvary in Arlington and Colorado, and past Kiwanian of Silver Bow Butte, Dan O'Neill (at Arlington). Tombstone Kiwanis also sent 54 cards to those serving in the DMZ between North & South Korea.



DIVISION 4

Columbus Kiwanis

Help Special K Ranch in Columbus
Receive \$250,000 In Matching Funds!

The Special K Ranch has seven ranch homes and houses people with disabilities. The ranch has made an all-important commitment of providing life-long homes for its residents. In the past, they have also had an Aktion Club there. If you are looking at an end of the year donation, please think of the Special K Ranch. They just learned that all donations up to \$250,000 and pledged by December 31, 2015 will be matched. Here is the link for the website for the Special K Ranch:

<http://specialkranch.org/>

If you would like to make a donation, please make your check to:

Special K Ranch Foundation (SKR Foundation)
PO Box 479
Columbus, MT 59019

If you would like more information, please feel free to contact:

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Special K Ranch
(406) 550-2224
steve@specialkranch.org

DIVISION 6

Bozeman Kiwanis

Congratulations to Bernie Casey and Heidi Pfeil on their receipt of a Snell Award. Roger Craft was honored with a Zeller Award. Our sincere thanks to Bill Jameson, Ed Sedivy, and Kirke Frantz for serving the people of Montana for fifty years. A reminder that Bozeman Kiwanis supports the book Kevin's Last Walk (www.kevinslastwalk.com) and for every sale \$5 is split between the Montana District Foundation and the local D.A.R.E. program. Use the code BZMTKIW when ordering.

Bozeman Kiwanis held their 91st Pancake Breakfast at the Fairgrounds. The community looks forward to this event and what a great team to make it happen! They also celebrated with a Christmas party, complete with Santa giving gifts to their Kiwanis Children.



Harlowtown Kiwanis

Harlowton Kiwanis held their installation and welcomed three new members. Congratulations to Past Governor Ron Fischer on his receipt of a Hixson Fellowship Award. They also had a chili fest and held their annual Christmas brunch with many special guests.



DIVISION 6

Headwaters Kiwanis

Headwaters Kiwanis had a productive day with a face painting fundraiser for the local Food Bank.



DIVISION 4

Billings Kiwanis



Billings Kiwanis announced a major \$1,000,000 initiative fundraising campaign to help build Landon's Legacy Miracle League Baseball Park in Billings, MT. In honor of Landon Patrick Smith, Landon's Legacy Foundation and Billings Kiwanis are working to create Billings' first special needs baseball field which will provide a smooth, seamless surface for players and mobility equipment to maneuver. This field in addition to an integrated playground with adaptive equipment, will ensure that **all** special needs children and adults can play **together**. Integrated sports play allows those with physical limitations to slip the bonds of their wheelchairs, walkers, or prosthesis and interact unhindered with their contemporaries. Through this play, those with **no** physical encumbrances are encouraged to approach and most importantly **learn** from those with special needs.

Donations can be made to:

Billings Kiwanis Landon's Legacy
PO Box 22903
Billings, MT 59104-2903

In addition, Billings Kiwanis was a cosponsor for the City Council candidates forum at the Babcock Theater with League of Women Voters and Forward Montana. Billings Kiwanis was at Shopko this Christmas at bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Billings Kiwanis and Billings Senior High Key Club also celebrated Christmas at the Salvation Army Dress A Child at Kmart Saturday.

In an ongoing project, Don Stanaway continues to lead a project where bikes are repaired and eventually go to disadvantaged children. They have picked up 25 bikes from the City of Billings, with another 45 to be picked up in Laurel.



Billings Golden K Kiwanis

Billings Golden K had a large turnout for their Kiwanis Christmas party at the Crowne Plaza. Their Builders Club has been working hard at the at the Billings Food Bank and making collection sacks for Box Tops for Education during their lunch. If you have any Box Tops, be sure to send them to the Riverside Builders Club.



DIVISION 3

Silver Bow Kiwanis of Butte

The Silver Bow Kiwanis had a busy November and December. They had a table at the Mining Museum's Treat Street for Halloween providing happy faces to approximately 3,500 children. With the help of their K-Family (Montana Tech Circle K and Butte Central Key Club), Silver Bow Kiwanis participated in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. To help one of Central High School's retired teachers, Butte Central Key Club and Silver Bow Kiwanis members contributed thirty-eight (38) hours toward Habitat for Humanity. For a club social activity, they took a field trip to The Peak. Their Butte Central Middle School Builders Club raised \$250 at their bake sale to assist the Catholic parishes of Butte to help those in need this holiday season.



Sunrise Kiwanis of Butte

Sunrise Kiwanis of Butte regularly cleans one of the largest trash collection areas in the Adopt-A-Highway program history, the stretch between Harrison Ave and Montana St in Butte. Sunrise is still selling their Dining and More books. Just two meals and the book pays for itself. With their Builders Club, Sunrise Kiwanis sent Christmas cards to the 1st Calvary deployed to the DMZ in Korea. Their East Middle School Leaders of Lunch Builders Club is our featured Success Story; read about them here: [▶](#)



Butte Kiwanis

Butte High School Key Club collected for the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF program.

Sunrise Kiwanis, Montana Tech Circle K, and Silver Bow Kiwanis of Butte

These three groups joined together to provide gifts and warmth for families of Butte and families of Montana Tech students. Read more about this effort from The Montana Standard here: [▶](#)

In Case You Are Keeping Track ...

Every Butte K-Family Club, Montana Tech Circle K, Butte High Key Club, East Middle School Builders Club, Butte Central Key Club, Sunrise Kiwanis, Silver Bow Kiwanis, and Butte Kiwanis all collected for the UNICEF Trick-or-Treat campaign for a total of \$1,857 with 43 members of the K-Family (not including Kiwanians).



Dillon Kiwanis

The Beaverhead Chamber of Commerce's annual Halloween party for Dillon area children was another huge success. As in past years, the first stop for the children was the Kiwanis table. Each child was given a 'trick or treat' bag with their first treat of the party, a tasty, fresh apple. Manning the table this year were Jim Cusick, Steve Morehouse, and Derek Canton.



DIVISION 5

Miles City Kiwanis

Mile City Kiwanis volunteered at the Custer County Community Table (Miles City Soup Kitchen). They also had a fun time reaching out to the community at the CCDHS Cowboys Football 'Tailgating' Fundraiser. It was EPIC! The CCDHS Choir sang carols to make for a beautiful meeting.



DIVISION 7

Glasgow Kiwanis

Glasgow Club recognized the top four 4-H Clubs in the County with cash awards of \$100, \$75, \$50, and \$25 recently, sacked peanuts for a fund-raiser with help of the Key Club, rang the Salvation Army Bell, and sang Christmas Carols at three local care facilities for three meetings in December.



DIVISION 7

Havre Kiwanis

The Havre Kiwanis Club worked with the Key Club at Thanksgiving to shop for food for local needy families. Havre Key Club and Kiwanians were at the Mall furiously wrapping presents for free-will donations. Havre Kiwanians also volunteered to ring the Salvation Army Bell.

Malta Kiwanis

The Malta Kiwanis Club provided and served lunch for students at their speech and drama meet. The Malta Club also took needy children Christmas shopping for gifts for their parents, helped them wrap the gifts, and gave them a stocking stuffed with candy and small toys.

DIVISION 8

Kalispell Kiwanis

Before the snow fell, Kalispell Kiwanians performed their highway cleanup. They volunteered to ring the bell at the Kalispell mall. They also held their successful holiday auction complete with items for those who are naughty, or nice, or like a good mystery gift, or just like pie.



DIVISION 9

Helena Kiwanis

Helena Kiwanians conducted the BUG program at Smith, Central, Kessler, Rossiter, Warren, and Bryant Elementary Schools. Each month, the Helena Kiwanis Club recognizes one student who has exceeded expectations and is on the road to graduation from the PAL (Path to Alternative Learning) program. Every year, Helena Kiwanis members enjoy a Christmas party with each other while wrapping Christmas presents for Helena area youth.



Capitol City Kiwanis of Helena

Capitol City Kiwanis made thirty-four (34) cards for Montana Supporting Soldiers, held a Back to the Future Social, celebrated a successful year with a Christmas party, and decorated their tree for the Festival of Trees.



Boulder Kiwanis

The Toys for Tots in Boulder is organized and sponsored by the Boulder Kiwanis Club. They also held a gun raffle fundraiser with the help of Hardware Hank. The Boulder Community Christmas Dinner was a big success. They would like to thank Billy Bullock and Greg Liedle, the AYA kids, the Robotics team, and the Boulder Community Library. We appreciate all the work the Boulder Celebrations Committee did in starting this great holiday tradition for the community; Boulder Kiwanians plan on continuing it for years to come.



Kiwanis Insurance

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Nobody expects to be involved in a lawsuit, but insurance is designed to protect against the unforeseen. In the U.S. and Canada, directors and officers liability insurance helps protect Kiwanis clubs, districts and members against such claims—so Kiwanians can concentrate on service and fellowship.

Kiwanis International's D&O Liability Insurance Program makes this coverage less expensive for most clubs in North America. In fact, the insurance costs just US\$4 per member for Kiwanis clubs (which can be paid from your service account). For any club with fewer than 125 members, that's a savings from the previous \$500-per-club premium. The coverage is effective November 1 (the beginning of the policy year), and all clubs in the U.S. and Canada will be billed for this coverage with their dues billing.

Why coverage matters

D&O liability insurance protects club or district assets and the assets of members against the costs of lawsuits. Just a few of the potential costs covered are employment practices liability (including accusations of discrimination, sexual harassment and wrongful termination), allegations of mismanagement of funds, failure to enforce bylaws and violation of state/provincial and federal bylaws.

D&O liability insurance protects the club or district itself as well as directors and officers—and it also includes committee chairs, other club members and even volunteers and employees. Thanks to the broad coverage, financial protection can even extend to foundations, and the Key Club and Circle K International clubs that a Kiwanis club sponsors.

What does the premium pay for?

For Kiwanis clubs, the low per-member cost of D&O liability insurance pays for the premium and a small administration cost. It also helps fund Kiwanis International's payment of the US\$50,000 deductible.

The premium can be paid from the club or district's service account. As with general liability coverage, the premium will be automatically included with the dues billing. The claim process is also the same as for general liability insurance.

Mary Brydich

As your Montana Risk Manager, I want to call attention to Optional Insurance Coverage as risk management tools for your club. Part of your Kiwanis International dues includes:

- **General Liability,**
- **Liquor Liability,**
- **Directors & Officers Liability,**

as outlined in the Club Insurance Resource Guide sent to every club secretary annually.

There are two types of optional insurance coverage:

(1) Club Crime Insurance and (2) Club Accident insurance.

CLUB CRIME INSURANCE - This insurance protects your club from the theft of funds or embezzlement by dishonest club members, officers, volunteers or employees. Premises coverage includes computer theft, safe burglary and robbery. In my experience there are many dishonest acts other than stealing cash that can put your club at risk. Crime coverage protects the financial integrity of your club.

- A \$10,000 policy is \$125/Year with a \$250 deductible.
- A \$25,000 policy is \$155/Year with a \$500 deductible.
- A \$50,000 policy is \$225/Year with a \$500 deductible.

CLUB ACCIDENT INSURANCE - General liability protects 3rd parties from bodily injury or property damage, but Kiwanis members serve as volunteers at their own risk. This policy provides excess medical and accidental death or dismemberment coverage if an accident injures a club member in the course & scope of Kiwanis events. This would pick up the deductible and/or co-pays not covered by your personal Health Insurance.

- A \$10,000 limit starts at \$3.00 per person, per year.
- A \$25,000 limit starts at \$4.00 per person, per year.

If your club sponsors a Builders Club or Key Club, add the students to your membership count.

In my opinion, a Club's Board of Directors should review the Optional coverage annually and put it to a vote of the membership. If a Kiwanis Club member was seriously injured; who would argue in hindsight, that you should not have spent \$3 bucks? The application forms are in the Optional Insurance resource guide.

John S. Menyhart

RETHINKING THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY



Steve Bostrom attends the Helena Kiwanis Club and serves as our District Chaplain. Steve is a descendant of Swedish homesteaders, husband of Via (39 years), father of eight, grandfather of nine, loves Helena and serves as State Minister for his denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America. You can email him at stevebostrom@gmail.com.

*"Mind that you start with something to part with;
Books that are silly, clothes outworn and chilly,
Whate'er to the furnace by nature calls 'Burn us!'
Any old grudge that refuses to budge,
We'll make it the tomb for all sorts of gloom,
We would not deceive you: the fire shall relieve you,
The world will feel better, and so be your debtor.
Be welcome then—very—and come and be merry!"*

December 31, 1885, George and Louisa MacDonald sent this invitation to friends. It noted: "Bonfire at 7 P.M. and Dancing at 8" (*Discovering the Character of God* by George MacDonald – a man CS Lewis called his "father").

Have you ever joined such New Year's Eve festivities? What a spectacular idea! What appeal – particularly when compared to our tradition of having too much to drink.

If we wanted to choose "something to part with," wouldn't our ritual misuse of alcohol top our list? According to the American Automobile Association, New Years Eve is the most dangerous time for drunk driving crashes: "When we looked at the national DUI (Driving Under Influence) statistics, we found that the New Year's holiday consistently ranks as the year's deadliest day for alcohol-related fatalities."

Some who drink choose a designated driver – others call a shuttle or a cab for help. "In Billings, at City Cab dispatch, it'll be a white-knuckle night for about six hours on New Year's Eve. The company expects an average of one phone call every three seconds from about 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. that night." New Year's Eve drivers, watch out! Those who think they are only "buzzed" are at large.

Our DUI challenge in Montana continues long after New Years. We rank among the worst states in the nation for annual DUI statistics.

Put heartache aside for a moment and consider economic costs inflicted by alcohol abuse. From "two sources of data – death certificates, and motor vehicle crash reports -- we find that early death due to alcohol imposes a cost of \$312.2 million on the Montana economy each year in the loss of earnings due to excess mortality" ("*The Economic Cost of Alcohol Abuse in Montana*," Patrick Barkey, 2009). This is the largest part of at least \$510 million that alcohol abuse assaults Montanans with each year.

Missoula County Sheriff Carl Ibsen observed: "We seem to worship drinking here in Montana. That's got to change."

Acclaimed author David Foster Wallace comments: "Everybody worships. The only choice we get is what to worship. And the compelling reason for maybe choosing some sort of god or spiritual-type thing ... is that pretty much anything else you worship will eat you alive." Certainly, worshipping alcohol leads to destruction.

John Underwood, Olympic coach and exercise physiologist, cautioned student athletes in Helena: "It takes two weeks for your body to get rid of the negative effects of getting drunk." But, at a time when alcohol can do significant harm to their brains, nearly half of high school students in Helena report using alcohol. By

college, too often drinking becomes habitual. How many of our Carroll students binge? One of our sons, a Resident Assistant at MSU, lamented the slow descent of some classmates into alcoholism. Some ran into it headlong.

Today, more and more women are romanced by drinking. In her 2013 book, "The Intimate Relationship Between Women and Alcohol – Drink," Ann Dowsett Johnston combines in-depth research with her personal story of alcoholism and recovery. She raises hard questions about professional women today: "Is alcohol the modern woman's steroid, enabling her to do the heavy lifting involved in a complex, demanding world? Is it the escape valve women need, in the midst of a major social revolution still unfolding?" Johnston warns that "risky drinking has been normalized." Women can turn to alcohol to calm anxiety, and numb depression. In some places, women's rates of alcohol abuse are equal with men's.

Speaking of men, a friend accompanied his elderly father on a long trip. Their destination – family members his father had not seen in decades. My friend's brother came along. Several times, while the family was home sharing intriguing stories, the brother was at a bar – with strangers. My friend remembered his own days as an alcoholic and grieved: "How can the call of drink be so strong?"

Will we continue to worship drinking? How can we face the grim realities of DUI and alcoholism? Can we find something or someone we worship more?

In Montana that transformation can be a feat comparable to climbing the Himalayas. Judy Griffith, an addiction counselor and interventionist in Helena for 32 years, informed the Helena Ministerial Association that alcohol addiction is a medical illness. Like other diseases, it is a combination of genetic and environmental factors. Increasingly, neuroscience has found that alcohol and other drugs cause profound changes in the structure and function of the brain. For some these changes result in addiction characterized by the inability to stop resorting to the addictive behavior. Inappropriate behavior or severe consequences can make little difference. As a result, although some can use alcohol with moderation, others must stop, period.

Thankfully, most adults use alcohol in a social and responsible manner. However, alcohol is the most commonly abused addictive in the U.S. 18 million - one in every 12 adults - suffer from alcoholism along with several million more who engage in risky drinking patterns that could lead to alcohol problems. More than half of all adults have a family history of alcoholism and more than seven million children have at least one parent who abuses alcohol.

What can help? Judy pointed out that specialized treatment might be necessary for some. Others may find the answer in Alcoholics Anonymous (AA). The most successful approach combines both. In our beloved Helena there are over 70 meetings of AA each week. When a newcomer braves attending an AA meeting, he or she will find a warm welcome and a cross section of the entire community. Judy estimated that smaller meetings may have 8 or 10 attendees.

RETHINKING THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY CONTINUED



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The largest meetings range from 40 to 60. Note: we have about the same number of churches in the Helena area. How does church attendance in a given week in Helena compare with attendance at AA?

What else can help? While AA is not a religious organization and requires no one to have certain beliefs, some begin their faith journey in AA. Founder, Bill W, counseled: "The alcoholic at certain times has no effective mental defense against the first drink. Except in a few cases, neither he nor any other human being can provide such a defense. His defense must come from a Higher Power."

Those are humbling words for overconfident people like us.

Let's turn a page and humbly consider one verse from the Bible. Solomon – and, about a thousand years later - James and Peter wrote: "God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble" (Proverbs 3:34; James 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5). When God speaks, we need to listen. When God repeats himself, let us doubly prick up our ears. When God says something three times, let us ask him write these words on our hearts.

"God 'opposes.'" Peter and James use a military term for organized resistance – an army bringing all its resources to repel an opponent. Imagine the omnipotent God of the universe marshaling his breathtaking power and his mighty angelic forces against one foe - the proud. The moneychangers provoked Jesus' zeal. Do you want God to get his battle armor? Be proud. Attack in pride. Be "sweet" in pride. Hide or indulge your alcoholism in pride. Get drunk and drive in pride.

When Peter and James warn us about being "proud," they use a word that includes self-deception – trying to be "more" than we are. In the 2009 movie, "Fantastic Mr. Fox," Mr. Fox expresses our natural arrogance: "I think I have this thing where everybody has to think I'm the greatest. And if they aren't completely knocked out and dazzled and slightly intimidated by me, I don't feel good about myself."

And "drink" can have the power to deepen our pride. Under the influence we sense we are braver, sexier, more loquacious – and certainly capable of driving. We are worse than we think we are. Our delusions are in for a head-on collision. "God opposes the proud."

Mercy. Severe mercy. Some survive those collisions and get low. They hear more than the warning; they hear this promise: "But (God) shows favor to the humble." To the One who knows them better than they know themselves, the humble admit: "My problems are too big for me to handle. I've done wrong. My behavior leaves far too many victims. God, will you forgive me?"

The "low" find that God's grace flows down hill. "Christianity is for people who have the particular kind of strength to admit their flaws are not superficial, their heart is deeply disordered. It is for those who can see they need Jesus Christ dying on the cross, to put them right with God" (Tim Keller, "Encounters with Jesus").

Those of you who are desperately searching for relief, do you hear the hope offered? Christian, and those yet to believe, cheer up; you are loved more than you can imagine. God's grace is greater than your sin!

Samuel Johnson (1709–1784), author of the incomparable "Dictionary of the English Language," knew that grace. After finding he drank too much, he quit. When he was 48, at the beginning of another year, he soberly prayed: "Almighty and most merciful Father, by Whose providence my life has been prolonged, and Who has granted me now to begin another year of probation, by Your grace grant me such assistance of Your Holy Spirit, that the continuance of my life may not add to the measure of my guilt, but that I may so repent of the days and years passed in neglect of the duties which You have set before me, in vain thoughts, in sloth, and in folly, that I may apply my heart to true wisdom, by diligence redeem the time lost, and by repentance, obtain pardon, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen" (revised).

Like Johnson, let us personally begin this New Year by humbly asking God for his sustaining grace.

Will we continue to worship alcohol instead?

Let us also pray for our neighbors. One long time member of our community emailed me: "Steve. I have wanted to write you...to share my daily prayer book: the Helena Independent Record. Every day the headlines evoke prayers; sometimes ones that I carry in my heart throughout the day."

Jesus calls such praying people "the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden" (Mt. 5:14). Kiwanian, may the "lights" of our clubs, our towns/cities sparkle and dance.

But, if we give way to DUI and alcoholism, what will keep our city from being disgraced?

Detroit, once a mighty city, surrendered to corruption and hopelessness. With less than half its former population, 90,000 homes are vacant, trashed. Bring on the bulldozers before the city burns. Detroit is a question begging to be answered. But let's press on beyond our typical economic questions. Where were the pastors of Detroit? Where were the sermons calling for repentance and faith? Where were the churches at prayer? Had the people of Detroit abandoned the worship of God only to be slowly seduced by idols for destruction?

We were made to question, made to choose. This New Year the choice is clear. We will not find what we need in a bottle. We need more. And we need more than a place with great natural beauty, a place that values community, education and the arts, a place with a sturdy economy, and even winning sports teams. These do not speak to the deepest needs of our hearts. We were made for more; we were made for true friendship, true worship. This New Year, the friend worth worshipping is asking us to choose. "Bonfire at 7 P.M. and Dancing at 8."



Give the most important gift of all.

Great news!! The Kiwanis International Foundation has collected contributions and pledges of over \$106,000,000 of the \$110,000,000 we committed to five years ago. And there is a very real possibility that we will reach that goal on time (the end of 2015.) Phase one of the Eliminate Project is nearly over.

The Montana District has done our share in Phase I through our commitment at the last District Convention to raise our fair share over the next five years! When completed, we will have protected right at 360,000 women plus all their children born during the next decade from a hideous death by Maternal Neo-Natal Tetanus! That is about 1.8 million lives total. That is changing the world Kiwanis style!

Now Phase II begins – raising funds to cover the unpaid pledges over the next five years. For the Montana District, our pledge is for just under \$650,000. To date we have raised \$226,000 plus we have some \$23,000 in pledges and just over \$38,000 raised by our SLP members. So we have about \$360,000 to raise. That is \$72,000 a year over the next five years or about \$60 per Kiwanian per year. If our SLPs continue to raise funds at their current rate, those numbers are reduced to \$64,400 per year and \$53.50 a member.

That amount seems very “doable.” We just need to make up our minds to do so and decide on how to do it. The first is the most critical. As Dave Curry says, “When The Montana District decides to do something, it is as good as done.” So what I am asking each member and club to do is seriously consider what level they want to raise for this effort. And then commit to doing it.

Note I said raise not pay. Of course, contributions from Kiwanians are most welcome, but I would like to see a large share of our pledge come from outside money. Many of our neighbors, friends, co-workers, family, etc. have a need to serve too. We just need to give them the opportunity. What we need to do is explore all avenues – traditional fund raisers, pocket change collection cans, business contributions, other “giving” organizations, people with big hearts and deep pockets for major contributions. I don’t need to tell Kiwanians how to raise money – we do that very well.

For support, we have divided the District into four regions; The West, Divisions 1 and 8, with Alida Wright as coordinator, The South, Divisions 3 and 6, Dave Curry, The Central Divisions, 2, 7, and 9, Ed Mangis, and The East, Divisions 4 and 5, A volunteer is still needed for coordinator. These individuals will work with the Lieutenant Governors and Clubs to assist them in making their plans and raising the funds. They will be contacting the LTGs/Clubs, but don’t wait for them. Have the discussion about what you want to do and how to do it. About 200,000 mothers and their children are hoping to see our pledge filled before they become MNT victims.

Folks, this is an opportunity that comes only once or twice in a lifetime – to be part of an effort that measurably improves the world. Where else can we save a mother and her children for \$1.80? Who would not kick in a couple of dollars to do so? Who would like to join an organization that takes on that kind of a project? Don’t let this pass us by!

PS. The Zeller Awards (\$1,250) and Centennial Awards (\$1,500 - through Dec 31, 2015) are still available.

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SUCCESS STORIES

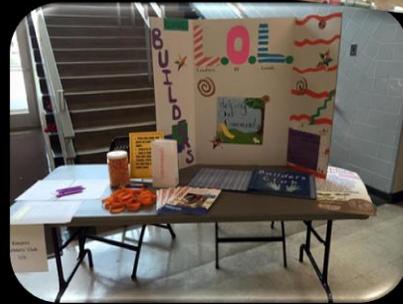
K-FAMILY – EAST MIDDLE SCHOOL LEADERS OF LUNCH BUILDERS CLUB (SPONSORED BY SUNRISE KIWANIS, BUTTE)

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Bravo to the East Middle School Leaders of Lunch Builders Club! Our hats off to their parent club, Sunrise Kiwanis of Butte and their advisors Francene Archibald and Kristal Callahan. They are some of the busiest service minded youth in our district. In the last two months, here are some of the things they've accomplished:

- Held a membership drive,
- Raised funds for Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF,
- Supported their parent club by selling Sunrise Kiwanis diner's club books,
- Managed their East Middle School Lost & Found
- Sent over 100 cards to the deployed 4-7 Army Calvary in the Korean DMZ,
- Joined their parent club for breakfast before school,
- Adopted a family for Christmas,
- Worked on a time capsule,
- Collected and sorted for the city food drive,
- Raised funds and shopped for Christmas presents for children with incarcerated parents.

Don't have a Builders Club? Form one! It's a great way to teach youth early about the joy of service and just may provide inspiration for your own club when they multiply what you give.



SUCCESS STORIES

SERVICE PROJECT BITTERROOT KIWANIS AND HAMILTON HIGH KEY CLUB CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

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In a service project that has continued on for forty-one (41) years, the Bitterroot Kiwanis Club and the Hamilton High Key Club collected 13,000 pounds of food.

This year there was incentive for free admission to “Star Wars: The Force Awakens” as the grand prize for food collection. The food is sorted in placed into food boxes which will assist over one thousand people in the cities and areas surrounding Hamilton and Darby. A special thanks to Caleb, Bill, Tom and Christina who did an outstanding job making it all happen so that we all could help our neighbors.

Read more about this project in the news:

KLYQ - <http://klyq.com/kiwanis-christmas-food-drive-will-help-hundreds/?trackback=tsmclip>

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