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Combined Convention

Aug, 7-10 2014

Billings, MT



KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
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DISTRICT

Go on line to: www.montana.kiwanisone.org

This is the Mt District web site. Here you will find “Conventions and Training” with links to registration forms and information about all the scheduled activities. Order forms for convention shirts, hotel registration phone numbers and room block information are all there. Check back often for any up-dates or changes.

Membership drive winners for convention are:

Grant Creek, Missoula—80% growth—\$500.00 for club projects

1st - **Andrew West**—Grant Creek-6 New Members- Reg.+ 1 night for Convention-\$250.00 value

2nd-**Ed Panburn**-Polson-3 New Members-Registration for Convention-\$150.00 value



Golf — “Pub Crawl” of 7 plus breweries — Zoo Montana and a BBQ — “Alive After Five” — Magic City Blues Mustangs Baseball game — Hughie Lewis Concert — Tour of Moss Mansion, Western Heritage center and Yellowstone county Museum — Tour @ lunch of Dan Walt Gardens



The Montana District is alive with the joys of the new

summer! Activities abound around the district from the Miles City Bucking Horse Sale to the Libby Family Day in the Park; from the Butte Sunrise B.U.G. completion for the year to the Missoula clubs honoring the 2014 graduates, Kiwanis folks continue to serve their communities, honor the hard working youth, and enjoy the fellowship our activities provide.

And even as we wind down the school year with our Key Clubbers, Builders' Club, and Circle K members, we pursue the projects our clubs plan and complete. All of the K Family continues to strive to provide for those who can't quite provide for themselves.

The District Leadership Team met at the home of Lt. Governor Bill Jones in Harlowton for Lt. Governors' training. Governor Elect Alida Wright, District Secretary Mary Brydich, and former Governor Glen Wheeler put together an excellent session with an eye on the future.

I had the good fortune to travel to Missoula to spend time with the Kiwanis Club members who were honoring the Key Club graduates in the Missoula area. What a great idea! A send off for the kids who have donated some much of their time during the past 2-3-4 years; an opportunity to applaud them for their efforts. I'd like to add my applause to Lt. Governor Sherry Munther who was the Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening.

Plans are in the making for the International Convention in Chiba-Tokyo, Japan in July. Nine Montana Kiwanians plan to attend (at least that's the latest number I've heard) this the 99th International Convention. Secretary Mary has been busy arranging flights and accommodations. International President Gunter Gasser will bring down the gavel on a great year, while a new slate of leaders will take the reins for another great year. Our new International President will be Dr. John Button of Ontario, Canada.

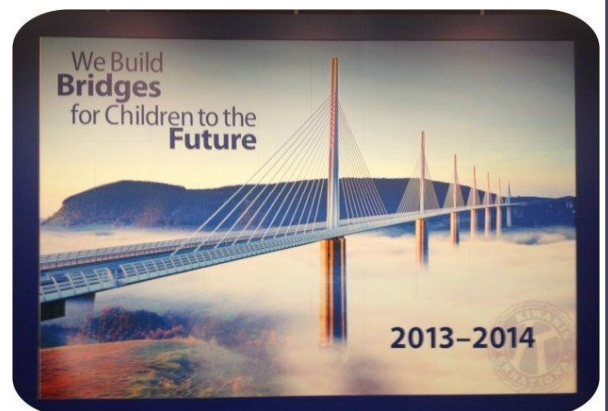
We'll be hearing more from former Governors Glen Wheeler and Chuck Amdahl who are co-chairs for the FORMULA, KI's new effort to raise awareness and increase membership. They will be heading for a major kickoff in Las Vegas. Let's hope that what happens in Las Vegas doesn't really stay in Vegas. The whole team will be bringing back great ideas and plans.

Past Governor Joe Burst has posted information for the District Convention in Billings in August. Remember this is the combined convention with the Western Canada folks. It promises to be a fun-filled weekend. Joe has posted a couple of FACEBOOK messages; check them out!

Club Presidents and Secretaries should be able to soon download information on the 100th year of Kiwanis International celebration and convention to be held in Indianapolis in 2015.

Former Governor Ed Mangis, the Chair for the Eliminate Project in Montana continues to provide the numbers, the efforts, and the results of Kiwanis International's major fundraising project. We have pledged to raise \$110 million US dollars to help in the fight to end Neo-natal Maternal Tetanus in developing countries around the world. We have a chance to make a difference in the lives and of thousands and thousands of children, their mothers, and the futures of their countries. For less than the cost of a daily latte or soda pop we normally consume, we can save the life of an expectant mother and her soon to be born child, or the recently born little ones and their mothers.

Join with me as we continue to improve the world, one child and one community at a time.



ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



Kiwanis



100 Montanan's Who Care:

One of the efforts that you will be hearing about is our search for Montana's who care about our district actions to eradicate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus. At the Mid-Winter Conference, 25 individuals stepped up to personally contribute to the cause by pledging \$50 per month for two years to become a member of the "Walter Zeller" Fellowship. Through their generosity, these individuals are each saving a life a day for those two years. Now that's making a difference!

Our goal is to have a total of 100 Montanans "come on board" in 2014 for this effort, each one saving countless lives as we rid the world of this scourge. As I have traveled for this cause, I have seen an awakening as folks across the country start to understand just how important this work is, and one of the great things is that we are almost to the half way point.

Thanks to the following for their generous contribution this year to the cause:

- **Bozeman:** Mary Brydich, Ron Schafer, and Jeff Wade
- **Billings Golden K:** Jackie Goller-Willis, Bob Keene, and Mike Paterson
- **Billings Heights:** Scott Atwood
- **Dillon:** Mike Miller
- **Great Falls:** Leesha Ford and Lorraine Jacobs
- **Helena:** Chuck Amdahl and Ed Mangis
- **Malta:** Ann Motichka
- **Miles City:** Ken Holmlund
- **Missoula Sentinel:** Glen Wheeler and Michele Wheeler
- **Silver Bow, Butte:** Jessica McGee, Lee Miller, Mark O'Neill, Shawn Ori, Tim Rogers, Kristi Scott, Paul Tash, Cathy Tutty, and Paul Vang

This is another opportunity to save and transform lives, one day at a time!

Thanks for what you are doing, Dave Curry

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THE WORLD IS CHANGING!!

The Mid-May Eliminate Project numbers are in – and the results are indicative of the magnitude of change Kiwanis is bringing out via the Eliminate Project. As of that date, we are nearly 1/2 the way to our \$111,000,000 goal and have protected 29,457,180 women and their future children from the threat of death by Maternal Neo-Natal Tetanus! We are truly living up to our pledge to change the world.

The Montana District is working toward our goals – we are at 1/3 of our “fair share” level and 1/5 of the Model Level. We are credited with nearly \$210,000 at Kiwanis International and there are several thousands of dollars collected or pledged that have not been recorded yet.

There are several high points. First, we have protected 116,635 women and their unborn children from the threat of death by Maternal Neo-natal Tetanus! Plus we have several thousand dollars collected or pledged, but not yet registered with Kiwanis International. Second, we have 100% club participation – due to a generous contribution of a non-Kiwanian who divided her \$1000 gift over the clubs that had no contributions to date. Third, we have had a good response to the “100 Montanans Who Care” project. More about that in a minute. Fourth, many clubs are getting excited about supporting the Eliminate Project. And, finally, our SLPs are making a big contribution – they have collect more than any single Kiwanis Club except the Helena Club.

More on the “100 Montanans Who Care” project. The effort is to find 100 Montanans, Kiwanians or not, who will pledge or buy a new Zeller commitment - \$1,250 – between the Mid-winter Conference and the District Convention in August. Dave Curry made the initial presentation at Mid-Winter and received a great response. 25 Kiwanis Leaders stepped up to the plate! That equated to 17,361 women and their children protected! And since then we have had a flow of others who have signed up. These Zeller Awards can be purchased at \$50 a month over a two year period or about the amount needed to inoculate a women – every day. We have a “I saved a child today” patch for those

who make the commitment to wear. If you have not already done so, please consider making the pledge and encourage others to follow your lead.

We are lagging on Model Clubs – those who commit, over the next five years to raising \$750 per member. That sounds like a lot, but if you break it down, it is \$150 a year, or \$0.42 cents a day per member. That makes it a lot easier to visualize. And that also means that every member would protect over 415 women! From that perspective, \$0.42 a day seems to be a pretty small price to pay. There are many ways to raise these funds, but first we need to set the goal. Please discuss with your board and members the possibility of making the Model Club commitment. Once that happens, we can build plans to reach that goal.

Speaking of raising the funds, we have many examples from clubs and SLPs. The Key Clubs in one Division held a golf tournament. Several Clubs have sponsored pancake breakfasts. Others have conducted a new fund raising project specifically for Eliminate. Clubs are passing the “Pocket Change Can Change The World” can at meetings – one club has collected over \$1000 since November 1st. Some clubs have also placed these cans in local businesses. For the person who would like to give \$1000, but cannot afford to do so out of their own pocket, servicing such a collection can would fill their desire if they only get \$0.55 a day! Individuals have contacted non-Kiwanians with big hearts and deep pockets for contributions.

Other districts have partnered with local athletic events where Kiwanis is given a bloc of tickets to sell and keep the proceeds. They get recognition at the event and pass collection cans and/or sell 50/50 tickets. Covering parking at public events has also been a lucrative fund raiser.

A final tip. The SLPs are easily excited about the Eliminate Project and are great fund raisers. Consider using them on your projects and supporting their efforts. You do them a great favor through participation in a world changing effort. It is something that they will be proud of for the rest of their lives.

As always, thanks for all you do for the children through Kiwanis. The world is truly a better place because of you.

Ed Mangis,

Montana District Eliminate
Project Coordinator.

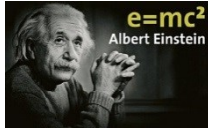
Membership News for Montana District of Kiwanis

Greetings once again from the District Membership Committee. We have some exciting news!!

THE FORMULA is coming to Montana! You ask, "What is the Formula?"

The "Formula"

is not



but rather

More Kiwanians in your club = More Service to Children in your community!

KIWANIS has been experiencing a rather steady and alarming loss of membership numbers for several years. Kiwanis International has struggled with this but this year, under the leadership of President Glasser Gunter, I believe there is truly a "better idea".

Each District has developed a District team which is composed of District Chair, District Leadership, Lt Gov, New Club Builders, and Club Counselors for each Division. These District teams are receiving organized training for the program and the positions. After the training is completed, each Divisional team will develop a plan in the division to assist the clubs of the division to become even stronger Kiwanis clubs and even more equipped to deliver more and better service to their communities and kids.

Many of the Divisional teams in Montana will have the Lt Gov, two club counselors and a New Club Builder to help the interested clubs in that division. KI is providing the training and KI is providing financial aid to the Districts to implement and carry out the programs in the Divisions. I am very excited about The Formula program because it is designed to help "rekindle" that Kiwanis spirit from the past and can help us grow our existing clubs and reach out to communities across the District who no longer have a Kiwanis presence and work with those who are interested to bring the Kiwanis service back to the kids and schools of their community.

The Formula committee in Montana has at least one Club Counselor for each Division. Divisions 1, 4, 6, and 9 have two Club Counselors. In addition, there are a total of 6 New Club Builders available to help identify and begin planning for new club opportunities. This group of Montana Kiwanians are dedicated to working with clubs across the District to assist them in the planning needed to insure they are a continuing vibrant tool for service to their communities. The committee is co chaired by myself and Chuck Amdahl; Ed Mangis has agreed to assist in this effort as needed; we are interested in adding additional individuals in each Division as we go forward with the implementation of The Formula and as we work with those clubs who are interested in growing and increasing their impact on the kids of their respective communities. If you are interested in joining or in hearing more, contact either Chuck or I.

The next phase of The Formula in Montana will involve Chuck, Ed, and I traveling across the District and holding meetings with the teams in each Division to encourage, and if necessary, assist the teams in organizing their efforts to reach out to the clubs. We will offer assistance to the teams if they wish to have our input and we will offer assistance to the clubs if they desire our involvement. This team is committed to making our great Montana District even better and to seeing the clubs in our District become forces of the future.

You and your clubs will be hearing from The Montana Formula team in the near future. In the interim period, Chuck and I encourage you to communicate with us and share your thoughts and feelings with us so we can become even more effective and even more efficient as we move through the coming months.

Growth Continued:

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We truly need your individual help and involvement in order to make this membership effort be as successful as I am convinced it can be.

A special thanks from Chuck and I to those individuals who have agreed to serve on The Formula for Montana. We will include a roster for you in the next KSPAN article, but you will learn soon who those dedicated Kiwanians are in your division.

I will close this article with a special thanks from the Membership Committee in the Montana District for all your efforts in serving people and in finding new arms, legs, eyes, and hearts in your communities to be part of the Kiwanis message and service in the future.

Glen Wheeler and Chuck Amdahl

Co-Chairs, Montana District, The Formula

Let Us Go Out And Grow For Service!

NEW MEMBERS

Eileen Donohue	Glacier, Kalispell	Jason Brothen	Sidney
Jason Chesbro	Grant Creek, Missoula	Christian Griffith	Sidney
Jennifer Blekestad	Sidney	Sam Hoshor	Grant Creek, Missoula
Mark Revis	Silver Bow Butte	Nate Tollefson	Grant Creek, Missoula
Kate Joyce	Grant Creek, Missoula	Lee Carlin	Dillon
KT Anderson	Silver Bow Butte	Patricia Carlin	Dillon
Elle Bateman	Billings	Jo Persons	Dillon
Lenora Burton	Great Falls	Steve Davidson	Hellena
Renee' Vincent	Great Falls	Carol Blair	Grant Creek, Missoula
Peter Schmidt	Belgrade	Robert Erickson	Grant Creek, Missoula
Ambree Blixt	Polson	Stacy Klippenstein	Miles City
Steven Eschenbacher	Polson	Amber Malenovsky	Miles City
Charles Wilson	Polson	Tawna Leonard	Billings
Deborah Kohler	Lewistown	Tana Jory	Dillon
Russ McDaniels	Belgrade	Ty Stetzner	Grant Creek Missoula
Shelliey Woods	Billings G/K	Jared Kuehn	Grant Creek, Missoula
Jocelyn Beaudoin	Silver Bow, Butte	Michelle Bateman	Billings

Summer Time Risks



Spring weather is finally upon us. Perfect for Kiwanis fund-raisers like BBQ's, pancake breakfasts & food booths. Our goal is to raise money, but keep the public safe in doing so. A General Liability Insurance premium is included in your Kiwanis International dues. If something should go wrong at your event; the Kiwanis International Commercial General Liability Insurance program will protect your Club, District & International from negligent acts that could result in (BI)Bodily Injury or (PD)Property Damage.

Call me, your Montana District Risk Manager, to review your event with Safety in mind. My goal is to help avoid, prevent & minimize risk to "Protect The Kiwanis Mission". If your event is held in municipal venues like City parks, County fairgrounds, or School gyms; they may request a "Certificate of Insurance"; as proof of the Kiwanis Insurance program. Again, call me and I can guide you in completing a Certificate of "Git er done" for you.

So enjoy the great outdoors and good luck with your Kiwanis Spring & Summer events!

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Membership Loss? Poor attendance?

Before dropping a member who has not attended club meetings or participated in service projects, the club should make an effort to "Remember" that person. ***Re-connect that member to the club's fellowship and service.***

- ⇒ Review the club roster to identify members who have become inactive.
- ⇒ Assign club members to contact "missing" members
- ⇒ Contact members by phone or personal visit
- ⇒ Invite members to attend a special meeting or project

Kiwanis clubs lose members for perfectly understandable reasons: death, sickness, economic hardship, business concerns, retirement, or transfer to another Kiwanis club. However, some members leave for an experience that could have been prevented. Find out and make an effort to recommit your club to the vision of service to ones community.



Remember Me

Faith of Our Fathers - Living Still

By: Steve Bostrom

Father's Day is Sundays away. Still, I invite you to join with me in reflecting about fathers by remembering my Dad with me. Perhaps you will think about your Father – and this marvel too - Jesus taught us to call God, "Father."

Each week at Kiwanis, I join fellow Kiwanians and sing a patriotic song that includes the words: ...“land where my fathers died.” December 8, 2012 – Pearl Harbor Day + one – my Dad died.

It was my sad duty and grand privilege to speak at Dad's funeral. I told about a shy boy from an isolated homestead in the plains of Colorado who travelled the world and left his imprint – through his career, his service, and 53 family members who called this only child “Dad” and “Pop Pop.” And I told about recent discoveries of Dad's influence. In preparing for his funeral I found a Father's Day card among his war memorabilia. Twenty-five of his sailors had signed it to their “Dad” – the Lt. J.G., “Happy” Bostrom. We never knew Dad had that nickname.

We did know Dad loved Scripture – he read through the Bible at least once a year for decades – sometimes three times a year. One Scripture he wanted me to read for his funeral was Jer 29:11: “I know the plans I have for you;” declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you - to give you a hope and a future.’ What were some of the good plans God had for Dad? God wanted Dad to grow old. And he wanted Dad to know Jesus.

As we think about aging, we find help from three provocative ideas of Paul Tournier (1898 - 1986) in “Learn to Grow Old.”

1. Tournier: “You need a sense of history if you are to make sense of life. If you look only at the point where you are, you will see neither where you came from nor where you are going.”

Dad agreed. Dad was a grandson of Lars Magnus Bostrom who emigrated from Sweden and homesteaded the ranch in eastern Colorado. Dad loved history; it was his major in college. Although Dad went to war in the Pacific, his heart was in Colorado. He kept his watch on Mountain Standard Time. He wanted to remember when his folks were milking the cows – when they were eating.

Dad made history. Dad was on board the El Dorado – stationed just off the coast at Iwo Jima. Dad saw the Marines plant “Old Glory” on Mt Suribachi on February 23, 1945. Also on board was Joe Rosenthal, who took the legendary flag-raising photograph. Dad saw valor. He saw young men, severely wounded, who wanted to get back to Iwo Jima to help their buddies. But, they died on board ship.

Dad came home and decided, after what he had seen, that he could not be a farmer/rancher. He had to do something else to bring some measure of peace to this world. He knew where he wanted to go, and, as he went, he inspired others – especially his children.

2. Tournier: “One of the dimensions of your life is missing if you do not enter into relationship with all age groups, and especially with those who are nearing the end of their lives.”

Can we hear Tournier? Can we hear Scripture? “Honor your father and your mother.” Every young parent is grateful to have God's support in the challenge of sinners raising sinners. So, as kids, we Bostrom children, needed to honor Dad.

Continued:

But, when Jesus teaches us to “Honor your father and mother,” he clearly applies this commandment to adults – to those of us who have older parents. When are we to honor them? When there is weakness and failure brought on by age. We live in a culture that is embarrassed by people who use walkers; we are horrified by wrinkles and fearful of infirmity. Let’s hear Jesus and swim against the flow. Let’s honor those who are older. Let’s elevate them to the rank that God has given them - Person.

3. Tournier: “In the last extremity of old age it is not the triumph of wisdom, but rather decline. One never knows what is going on below the surface in the life of a human being, behind the appearance.”

The last months and months of Dad’s life were months and months of decline. He was not accustomed to such diminishment. His Dad, Louis Bostrom, was over helping a neighbor rancher at 6:00 AM when he keeled over and died. He was 68. One Easter Sunday morning, Dad’s Grandfather, Lars, was reading the Easter story in his Bible when God called him home.

But, not Dad. His life was not flicked off like a light switch but gradually dimmed. How sad to see Dad’s body – once capable of confidently sitting astride a galloping pony racing across the plains of Colorado – being confined to bed.

Can we get past the challenges that such confinement brings? Can we get past our own fears of being in that place? Can we make room in our “busy” lives to go and be with one who is declining?

Let’s join Tournier and ask what is going on “below the surface?” Inside that husk of Dad’s body, God was preparing a new body. I wondered if Dad’s ready willingness to apologize - his delight in simply hearing a friend’s voice – and his being sure to express his love before parting - were evidences of that preparation.

Can we learn from Dad?

One final thought – God’s good plans for Dad included more than having Dad grow old. He also planned for Dad to trust Jesus. When told of his imminent death, Dad invited others to celebrate with him. Why did Dad have this hope of heaven? Simply because of Jesus.

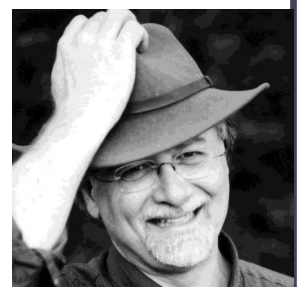
More than a year before he died, Dad said: “Steve, be sure to read Romans 8 at my funeral. That was the passage that connected me with God when I was a young man.”

Two days before Dad died, he was alert one morning. I read Romans 8 to him again: “We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him...What then shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all – how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?” In the wisdom of his 91 years and 8 months he looked at me and forcefully whispered: “Wow!”

One of the last trips Dad took was to Helena. Dad and I stood in the in the Cathedral’s side chapel – the one dedicated to Joseph. The sixth of six stained glass windows depicts Joseph in bed – either dead or dying – and Jesus standing beside him. What Scripture would you have chosen for this tender scene? The artist chose incomparable words from the Psalmist: “Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints” (Psalm 115:16). God numbered Dad’s days – God intended Dad to live until Pearl Harbor Day + one.

May all the days appointed to you and me be founded upon the “Wow” of an astonishment prompted by Jesus.

Rev. Steve Bostrom, Helena Kiwanis club member, District Chaplain, Spiritual Aims





KEY CLUB

Coming Together in Leadership...

All High School Students Welcome

Sponsored by Kiwanis International and the Montana District

I am proud to announce an opportunity for Key Club members and High School students to join us at the

2014 Key Leader event

Flathead Camp - Lakeside, MT

August 15-17

Register Now – Space is Limited!



Cost for Montana Students is \$200. A scholarship from KI Key Club is \$25 per member.

Clubs are encouraged to offer Scholarships to Local Students

KEYS TO EXCELLENCE - The Key Leader program is built on five essential principles. These principles reflect our mission to inspire young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership:

➡ *Pursuit of Excellence*

➡ *Personal Integrity*

➡ *Personal Growth*

➡ *Respect*

➡ *Building Community*

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**THANKS! I hope that answers all your questions,
if not- please feel free to give me a call.**

Dawson County High School Glendive, MT

KEY CLUB

A local student organization has earned high accolades for its outstanding achievement in the community. The Dawson County High School Key Club was recently named Montana Key Club of the Year for the second year in a row.

Student advisor Shana Kaufman said to her knowledge, this is the first time a Montana chapter has received such a distinction.

Kaufman said the club's high level of achievement is due to the active effort of student members backed by the support of its parent group, Kiwanis.

“Our Key Club would not be the success it is if it weren't for our Glendive Kiwanis members,” Kaufman said.

According to Kaufman, the Kiwanis offers the Key Club volunteer and mentoring support and awards scholarships locally, statewide and nationally.

According to its website, Key Club is defined as a service organization that assists Kiwanis in serving the children of the world by performing community service hours and fundraising to support childrens' causes.

Kaufman said the local chapter raises funds for the March of Dimes, UNICEF, the Childrens Miracle Network and the Shodair Hospital in Helena.

This year's agenda also lists over 30 local volunteering and fundraising efforts for the 2013-2014 academic year.

As an example, the group recently raised over \$2,800 in a butterbraid bread sale. Other local service activities for the month of December are ringing the Salvation Army bell and assisting with the Hoop Shoot.

The students members earn trips to state, district and international leadership conventions by performing community service hours, and much of the fundraising goes to pay expenses for their trips.

Assistant advisor Lory Heltemes said she believes in the organization because students “learn community responsibility and personal responsibility,” and said her reward is in getting to know the students better.

“They are a great bunch of kids and are quite diversified,” she said, adding that members range a wide strata of student life.

Kaufman said that despite the diverse group affiliations students come from, they coalesce when involved in Key Club activities.

“One of the things the kids will tell you is we are a family – and we are,” said Kaufman.

“We play together, work together, have meals together, share our successes and grow together,” she added.

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On April 26, the **Kiwanis Club of Missoula** held its 55th Annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. This community tradition is the Club's oldest and largest fundraising event and was a success again this year. Approximately 1,100 people were served a wonderful all-you-can-eat breakfast of fresh pancakes hot off the grills with butter and syrup, (including a few sprinkled with chocolate chips!), sausage links, applesauce, milk, juice, coffee and tea. Club Members sell tickets throughout the community in the weeks leading up to the breakfast. Several local businesses contribute by either buying tickets for their employees and/or donating supplies and food. Almost all members of the Club help in some way with ticket sales, organization and

planning, set-up, preparing and serving the breakfast, and the clean-up afterwards. Members of the local Aktion Club, Key Clubbers and Circle K members also



helped with the event. The proceeds from this event help fund the Club's 70th annual basketball program which is free to any middle-school teams in the area. The Club buys the gym time and the team t-shirts for all players. Club members serve as referees, timers and scorers for all games. At our annual basketball awards luncheon, teams are given trophies based on sportsmanship throughout the season (not on won-loss records). Several individual players receive scholarships to a Griz basketball camp. This winter marked our 70th year for the basketball program. This year, one of the girl's teams volunteered at the breakfast.



Sherry Munther,

Lt. Governor for Division 1, reports that the third annual Kiwanis-Family Fun Night & Graduation Celebration held May 6 at the City Life Community Center in Missoula was a big success. Several graduating Key Club members were recognized from the various



high schools in the Division. The Circle K President and vice-president from the University of Montana attended as well as several members of the Aktion Club. The Builders Club Graduates from St. Joseph were honored and encouraged to join Key Club in high school. The Key Club and Builders Club Faculty Advisors were acknowledged and thanked for their service.

All participants enjoyed pizza, cake, oodles of door prizes, exciting raffle items, and fun and games led by Josh Jones of the Sentinel Kiwanis Club. The planning committee for this successful event involved members from both Sentinel and Missoula Kiwanis Clubs and the committee agreed it was a bonding experience to work together on this fun-filled event. Governor Mike Miller attended the event along with Dean Person, Key Club District Advisor.



Anaconda-Dillon– Butte-Division 3-Silver Bow-Sunrise



Sunrise Kiwanis began their B.U.G. (Bring Up Grades) program in 1993 with Ron Kautzman as chairman. This last year Butte Sunrise Kiwanis celebrated 20 years of hosting the B.U.G. program. Sunrise Kiwanis have served over 17,000 students and since 2003, they have spent over \$18,000 on the students who earn the B.U.G. Honor Roll. In 2013 they added Butte Central to the list of elementary schools they serve, now they have B.U.G. assemblies at all 7 of Butte's grade schools.

Two assemblies are held at each school, fourteen total for the year. At the assembly Butte Sunrise Kiwanis brings in a guest speaker to congratulate the kids and talk to them about the importance of



keeping their grades up. They buy each B.U.G. recipient a B.U.G. gift and works with Mile High Beverages and Domino's Pizza to provide the students a lunch of pizza and pop.

The students in the 3rd – 6th grades look forward to and work hard to be part of the B.U.G. programs in February and May. "It is fun to see the students get excited about working hard and their good grades" says Kristel Callahan, B.U.G. chairperson since 2003.

This program would not be such a success without the dedicated teachers, secretaries, principals, and Sunrise members.

May 31, 2014 was the 16th annual **Silver Bow Kiwanis** Bicycle Rodeo in Butte. This year we again had about 250 children go through our bicycle safety course, learning to watch for traffic, how to signal, and other bicycle safety skills. In addition, each child was fitted to a helmet and received a minor tune up on their bicycle if it was needed. A lot of brakes, shifters, chains, and spokes were adjusted. In addition, thanks to our partnership with **Anaconda Kiwanis**, we provided refurbished bicycles to about 30 children in need.



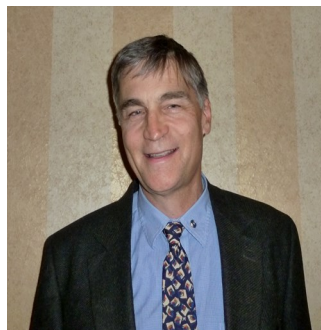
In addition to 18 Kiwanis volunteers and 6 Key Club volunteers, we had 10 other community members there to help out. We again want to thank Butte-Silver Bow Law Enforcement, Safe Routes to Schools, the Walking Bus Program, Wal-Mart, Steels' Warehouse, Insty-Prints, Harrington Pepsi, and Anaconda Kiwanis for their ongoing support and assistance with the Silver Bow Kiwanis Bicycle Rodeo. We also want to welcome Papa Murphy's pizza as a new partner who we are looking forward to working with on this project in the future.





Billings-Columbus-Blgs Golden K- **Division 4** -Harden-Blgs Heights

Brief report for Div. 4: **Billings** Club sponsors a bike rodeo to teach safety and provide bikes and helmets to kids and are continuing their movies in the park. **Billings Golden K** raked and cleaned the yard at Friendship House and donated \$8500 to buy a bus. **Billings Heights** is working with the Skyview Key club and bug program and completed a successful pancake breakfast. **Columbus** Club is actively supporting the Bug Program and helped to sponsor a blood drive. **Hardin** club continues to support AAU wrestling and had a successful dinner-theatre fundraiser. All three Billings clubs have participated in recent highway cleanup activities.



Glendive-**Division 5**-Miles City-Sidney

Nine rural schools and 245 students participated in the annual Miles City Kiwanis Track Meet and Spelling Bee held May 2nd. The morning started with the Spelling Bee held at Sacred Heart School where selected

students from each school competed at each grade level. County Superintendent, Doug Ellingson, organized the Bee and was assisted by school teachers and Kiwanians.

The event moved to the track at Miles Community College. The scattered showers and cool temperatures did not dampen the enthusiasm of the participants. The students in Kindergarten through eighth grade competed in sprints and relays, softball throw, and long jump.

Kiwanis volunteers served lunch in the rain to over 300 students, teachers, parents, grandparents, and siblings.

The meet ended with a rousing race for the pre-schoolers, followed by a Key Club race and a teacher race. No ribbons were awarded for these races but made for exceptional spectator sport.

The schools are divided into two divisions: A for the larger schools and B for the smaller one room schools. Sacred Heart School won the "A" division with 96 points. Kinsey School was second with 88 and Kircher was third with 28.

The competition was close for the smaller "B" schools but a large contingent of home schoolers was able to take home first place with a score of 67. SY School was second with 41 and Spring Creek, with a score of 37, edged out Riverview, 36. Other B scores: SH 19, Trinity Lutheran Classic School 14.



Twenty-four Kiwanis volunteers and twenty-three CCDHS Key Club members helped make this a fun day for all. Ben Hill, a teacher from Kircher School, Bart Freese, principal of Sacred Heart, Doug Ellingson, and Alan Loendorf, a Kiwanis volunteer, were all day on the job of marshaling and starting the sprints and relays, which made these events run smoothly.

This was the 90th year Miles City Kiwanis has run this event.

Montana K-Family News

This is a new section of KSpan devoted to noteworthy news of our Kiwanis Family and to *our* families!
Please submit your family news to the Editor, Roger Baker, at mdkroger@bresnan.net.
(Submissions may be edited for content and length as deemed necessary.)

The Anaconda Kiwanis 8 year Mystery?

The Montana Kiwanis District held its 2006 Annual Convention in Butte, Montana and the Anaconda Kiwanis Club, located only 25 miles west of Butte, wanted to make sure its presence was known by bringing along its oldest and most treasured Club Banner. This was accomplished by one of our long-time members, Mr. Lauren Damschen, a former District Governor and who's wife graciously sewed on many of the badges.

As has been done before at Convention's, the displayed Banner was left there for "someone" to take it home. Unfortunately, "someone" did not bring the Banner back to Anaconda. At our next meeting, Mr. Damschen asked where it was and no one knew. So, Mr. Damschen went to the Convention center and inquired about the Banner's location. It was searched for at the Center and was not located.

Mr. Damschen, being a former Governor and knowing many many Kiwanians, called them and asked if any of them knew where our Banner was. He thought, perhaps, that since we had unfortunately left it unclaimed, one of his friends took it and was planning, eventually, to return it to our Club. This did not happen, nor did it turn up anywhere else over the years. Mr. Damschen was not pleased over the loss of the Banner, as it had personal value to him and the Club.

Fast forward eight years to the 2014 District Convention at a location close to Anaconda. Near the end of the Convention, three of our members were called up to the stage, Mr. Jim Greene (president), and Mr. and Mrs. Don and Margaret Ulstad. A former District Officer, Mr. Ron Schafer, then made a special award to the group - Our Lost Banner!

Now, here is the "rest of the story." An individual from Bozeman, MT, a town 110 miles east of Anaconda, was in a Thrift store in town and saw the Banner for sale for One Dollar! He knew a local Kiwanian and thought it should be returned to the proper Club, as it has large white letters indicating it belonged to the Anaconda Kiwanis Club. He bought it and gave it to Mr. Ron Schafer for its eventual return at the District Convention in 2014.

When Mr. Roger Baker, a past District Secretary and good friend of Mr. Damschen, called Lauren and told him about the wonderful return of the Banner, he became very emotional over the find. He had put it out of his mind because it was so distressful to him. Now Mr. Damschen is so relieved that the Anaconda Kiwanis Club has been reunited with its long lost Banner, thanks to the graciousness of a friend of a Kiwanian.

Submitted by:
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Important Dates for MT Kiwanis:

Western Canada Joint Convention - August 7-10, 2014

(Holiday Inn Grand Convention Center - Billings)

Golf and other activities Thursday Aug 7

Club Leadership Training - Friday, August 8

District and Foundation Board Meetings - Friday, August 8

Key Leader — Flathead Camp — Lakeside MT Aug 15-17, 2014

Key Club — TBA

Circle K — TBA

Upcoming International Conventions

Japan - 2014 — On site registration only

Indianapolis - 2015 — 100 Year Celebration

Toronto, Canada - 2016

Paris France—2017

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