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MONTANA DISTRICT

**OF KIWANIS** 





Key Leader



It's never too early to start inviting teens to Key Leader. Kiwanians, we ask you to print and share with your members, Key Club, and Builders Clubs members too - thank you!



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By Stephen Bostrom

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#### **Share Successes and View Your Impact on Montana**

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K-Span

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 K-Span comes out six times per year.



#### Governor R.W. (Bob) Keene

#### **New Kiwanis Year!**

Welcome to a new and exciting Kiwanis year. We have been making good positive progress and I'm sure the enthusiasm will continue. Membership is up and therefore service is also up.

I'm sure many of you have seen the commercials about "Kids Need Kiwanis." This is certainly true even more today than when Kiwanis was founded. Every community has children who want a better life and until that changes, there will be a need for Kiwanis.

We are working to Eliminate Maternal and Neo-Natal Tetanus and we will. We also need to eliminate hunger and homelessness, abuse and neglect. In order to do that, we need the hands and hearts of both existing and new members. It's a simple formula, more members means more help for kids.

You and I can make it happen but we've got some work to do. The Formula is working and our youth leadership organizations continue to need our help and guidance. Children need to be able to dream and we need to work to erase any barriers that stop the dreaming and give them the opportunity to reach their full potential. In 2016-2017, we energize the dream that every child is happy, healthy, safe, and loved.

Please join me in the year ahead to make it happen. You will not be disappointed.

R.W. (Bob) Keene
Governor
Montana District of Kiwanis
2016-2017

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## MONTANA DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

#### October-November is Membership Drive Month

We believe that members who join earlier will become more engaged in the club and are more likely to renew their membership the following October.

The board decided to give two \$250 awards toward the club's service project: One for clubs 39 members and under and one for clubs 40+ members rather than a percentage of membership. The member who brings in the most new members (two or more) will receive one night's lodging and registration/meal package to either the Mid-Winter Conference or District Convention (\$250 value).

Please enter your members online so we have immediate tracking.

Many hands make light work! Let's make a difference in our clubs and communities.

Sincerely,

Mary Brydich

Secretary-Treasurer
Montana District Of Kiwanis

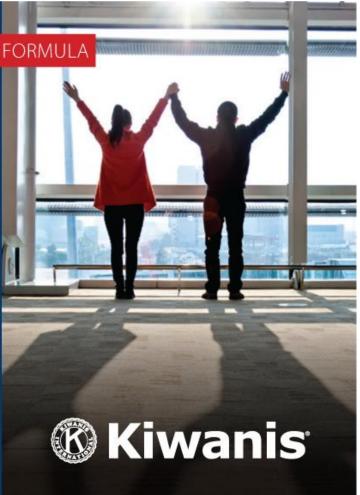




# Sponsor a new member. Win a trip for two.

Every time you sponsor a new member to a new or existing club between October 1 and November 30, you receive an entry for our drawing to win two round-trip airfare tickets to anywhere in continental North America. So what are you waiting for? Share your love for Kiwanis.

For more information, including eligibility, visit kiwanis.org/kickstart





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## 2016 — 2017 District Leadership



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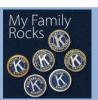


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# PROJECT



JOIN LOVE SERVICE THRIVE VOLUNTEER PROSPER **DEVELOP GROW FLOURISH** 

INNOVATE FUN PARTNER DONATE BUILD CREATE SUCCEED HEART

#### ONE MEMBER, PER CLUB, PER MONTH

Are you stumped for new member ideas? Do you want to share your love of service, but are intimidated to share it? We have a resource for you!

PROJECT480.org

#### 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.**

CHALLENGING OUR BOUNDARIES OF WHAT KIWANIS WILL BE...



# JOINT WESTERN CANADA / MONTANA DISTRICT CONVENTION RECAP



If you want to have an outstanding time, join Western Canada for a convention! The Montana District of Kiwanis joined Western Canada at the Medicine Hat Resort, Medicine Hat, Alberta, on August 12-14 for our 96<sup>th</sup> District Convention.

Western Canada graciously hosted the seventh joint convention known as "A Sunshine State of Mind Under the Big Sky." Fortythree (43) Kiwanians and 3 guests attended the event. Thursday night started with Kiwanis Trivia. Key Club Governor Mason Hutchinson and Circle K Governor Dylan McPhail also attended. The opening session kicked off with a luncheon at Noon on Friday with guest speaker Dave Curry discussing the joint opportunity for a Pre-convention European trip and cruise before the 2017 Paris International Convention.

Friday workshops included: Membership Growth, Communications for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, Kiwanis and Service Leadership Clubs, Meeting with District Secretaries and Women's Impact on Community thru Kiwanis. The day ended with a self-guided tour, dinner and music at Pioneer Village.

Saturday morning breakfast speaker was Frances Graham, Fund Development Manager, Unicef Canada . Ed Mangis was presented an award for his support and leadership in the Montana District for the Eliminate Program. Breakfast was followed by a club planning session for the Strategic I-Plan at the club level.

International Board Counselor and Trustee Fred Dietze presented the luncheon address. Following lunch, Governor Bill opened the House of Delegates. There were 26 delegates and 4 delegates-at-large representing 30 clubs so all divisions were represented.

Alan Loendorf, Vice President of the Montana Foundation, gave the Foundation report which included 13 scholarships were awarded, Mike Patterson is the new chair for the investment committee and the foundation is supporting the signature playground project chaired by Glen Wheeler. Howard Skjervem (Division 9) and Alan Loendorf (Division 5) were elected to a three-year term and Peter Walther (Division 8) was elected to replace Dan Dickman on the board.





# JOINT WESTERN CANADA / MONTANA DISTRICT CONVENTION RECAP



Bob Keene (Billings Golden K) was elected as Governor Designate. Barbara Monaco (Polson) was elected as Governor Elect. The following Lt. Governors were elected by their divisions: Michele Wheeler (Div. 1), Nadine Preston (Div. 2), Cathy Tutty (Div. 3), Scott Atwood (Div. 4), Chuck Rushing (Div. 5), Jeff Wade (Div. 6), Charles Wilson (Div. 7), Dan Dickman (Div. 8) and Mary Williams (Div. 9).

Governor Bill was presented a life membership from the Montana District of Kiwanis.

The House of Delegates approved adopting the I-Plan as presented to the clubs as the District Strategic plan. The district highly encourages clubs to also adopt this I-Plan as their strategic plan.

The banquet Saturday night was very lively including installation of Governors and District Secretaries, honoring the retirement of Western Canada District Secretary Dirk Bannister, auction and music. The convention ended Sunday with a memorial service breakfast honoring our deceased members.

A special thank you to Governor Sam Sekhon, District Secretary Dirk Bannister and his wife Cheryl, District Secretary Designate Peter Harrop and especially all the Medicine Hat Clubs with Sandy Siefert and Governor Designate Bill Grady as co-chairs for an outstanding job. Respectfully Submitted,

> Mary Brydich
> Secretary-Treasurer Montana District of Kiwanis

LIFESTYLES

Friday, September 2, 2016— THE MEDICINE HAT NEWS



#### Kiwanis helping kids

SUBMITTED PHOTO ANDREA BARON

Bill Grady and Sandy Seifert, co-chairs of the Kiwanis Joint Western Canada and Montana District Convention with a full playpen of stuffed animals were collected by the Kiwanis Club for the Medicine Hat & District Health Foundation. The stuffed animals will be distributed to sick children at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital.

At the joint Western Canada and Montana District Convention stuffed animals were collected for the sick children at the Medicine Hat Regional Hospital. It was featured in the Medicine Hat News.



# KIWANIS ONE DAY THINK YOU WON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE? THINK AGAIN!



Each year, Kiwanis clubs around the world join in a day of service. Starting in the 2016–17 administrative year, Kiwanis One Day will be held on the fourth Saturday of October. In 2016, Kiwanis One Day will be observed on October 22.

The Kiwanis International board decided to move the annual Kiwanis One Day observance to October to align with future sponsorship opportunities.

Clubs seeking ideas for the October observance could consider participating in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF as a Kiwanis-Key Club event. Clubs that wish to participate in the Legacy of Play contest, held with partner Landscape Structures Inc. can start planning their submission to win US \$25,000 worth of playground equipment available in that contest.

Kiwanis One Day is a great opportunity to bring together the Kiwanis family of clubs to focus on local community service. It's an example of our belief that kids need Kiwanis—kids in the community need Kiwanis to provide programs and services no longer available because of school and municipal budget constraints, and kids who want to be in youth clubs need Kiwanis club members as mentors to help them thrive, prosper and grow.

**Start planning today for Kiwanis One Day: <u>Tools</u>**. Got a game plan? Click to get one, including project ideas.

#### Media resources:

- Customizable News Release
- Kiwanis 'Just The Facts' fact sheet
- Public Awareness Page
- Success stories

**Contests.** Kiwanians are invited to enter the <u>Kiwanis One Day photo contest</u> for the chance to win a US \$200 gift certificate to the Kiwanis Family Store. The <u>Legacy of Play Contest</u> with Kiwanis partner Landscape Structures was held during the April 2016 Kiwanis One Day and will be offered again during Kiwanis One Day 2017.

How will your club make a difference in your community on Kiwanis One Day? Let us know at pr@kiwanis.org.





# FIRST LADY PROJECT

### MONTANA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS

FOR CHILDREN

The Montana District Kiwanis and CASA of Montana have formed a partnership to assist the more than 3200 children in foster care in Montana. The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) are volunteers trained to be the "voice of the children" in legal matters. There are currently over 650 trained volunteers in the Montana CASA program, with more being trained to cover the current needs.

This Kiwanis project will provide materials for Advocates to use when they work with children in foster care. Tote bags have been purchased by the Montana Kiwanis Foundation for Advocates to carry these supplies. Local Kiwanis clubs are asked to deliver the bags to the 14 local CASA officers and help supply materials useful for the volunteers to use in bonding with the children. The tote bags then become Activity Bags—a way for the volunteers to carry supplies containing activities children will look forward to playing with. The donated supplies will be available at the CASA offices for the Advocates to borrow for use with their children and return when they are finished with them, making the supplies available for other volunteers and children to use.

CASA volunteers work with boys and girls from birth to the age of 18. Supplies available at the CASA offices are limited. The Kiwanis project should augment CASA supplies so volunteers aren't needing to purchase supplies to enhance their work with the children. Kiwanians providing supplies for the Advocates to use is a way to reach out to many children throughout the state.

With 40 Kiwanis clubs and 14 CASA offices in Montana, this is a great opportunity for Kiwanis Clubs to work collaboratively with clubs in their area. "Many hands make light work."

Suggested guidelines and supply list are distributed with the bags, and have been emailed to the club officers.

If you have questions or concerns about the project please contact us:

Susan Keene

Montana District of Kiwanis First Lady 2016-2017 sskeene406@gmail.com Bob Keene

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President Elect Jane Erickson's theme is: Energize the dream. In 2016-2017, we energize the dream that every child is happy, healthy, safe and loved. With the Kiwanis/CASA partnership, Montana Kiwanians can help reach this goal.



Click for the Montana District CASA Offices and Contacts



Click for the Suggested Guidelines for the Montana District / CASA Partnership



# Prayer & War



Steve Bostrom attends the Helena Kiwanis Club and serves as District Chaplain. Steve is a descendant of Swedish homesteaders, husband of Via (40 years), father of eight, grandfather of nine, loves Helena and serves as a pastor at large for his denomination, the Presbyterian Church in America. You can email him at stevebostrom@gmail.com. See www.LivelyLexicon.com for more essays.

June 22, 1940, France acquiesced - capitulating to Germany in an armistice. Overwhelmed, France had attempted to resist the Nazi onslaught that, in less than two months, conquered much of Western Europe. Years ago, a friend told me his mother survived those dark days in France by scavenging snails.

With France removed, Nazi's military might focused on Britain. Newly appointed Prime Minister Winston Churchill's doggedly determined response began: "We shall defend our island – whatever the cost may be..." Thus, he rallied the Brits and reminded everyone that the Nazis must depend upon their Luftwaffe's air power to conquer this island nation.

Luftwaffe air strikes began August 13 –15 – attacking radar and military bases. The Blitz - German for 'lightning' - continued for 267 days. More than 100 tons of bombs were dropped on sixteen British cities. Pictures of this wicked destruction sear our souls. For those who appreciate the need for authorized physical resistance when peacemaking alternatives fail, the Brits and their Royal Air Force show us how to wrestle physical evil.

#### Another Kind of "Aerial" Warfare

But, another kind of "aerial" warfare began Sunday, November 10, 1940. At 9:00 PM, BBC broadcast the chiming of Big Ben – the Silent Minute. British Major Wellesley Tudor Pole suggested devoting one minute each evening at 9:00 to praying for peace. King George and Churchill supported the idea – as did President Roosevelt. The Silent Minute quickly spread across land and sea.

"After the war, a British intelligence officer was interrogating a high Nazi official. He asked him why he thought Germany had been defeated. The official replied: 'During the war, you had a secret weapon for which we could find no counter measure. I believe you called it the 'Silent Minute'" (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Silent Minute).

#### **Considering Prayer**

What shall we say? Is this account of the efficacy of prayer an urban legend? Hopefully, no. But, if it is not true, in the spiritual realm how do we understand the impact of wistful longings for a lost dominion – a lost community? Are they insubstantial or weighty?

Hear the profound necessity of spiritual resistance to evil in Paul's words: "We...wrestle against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Eph 6;12). Command Central in this conflict is the church. Jesus tells us: "My house will be called a house of prayer" (Mk11:17).

What shall we say? In the mid-1600's church leaders stoutly defined prayer. "We pray with an awful apprehension of the majesty of God, and deep sense of our own unworthiness, necessities, and sins; with penitent, thankful, and enlarged hearts; with understanding, faith, sincerity, fervency, love, and perseverance, waiting upon him, with humble submission to his will" (Larger Catechism, Q 185). The Shorter Catechism (Q 98) was more succinct: "Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies."

And, how does such prayer compare with the Silent Minute? Raised in England, Wellesley Tudor Pole (1884 – 1968) most likely was conversant with the kind of prayer the authors of Westminster advanced. But, at 26, Tudor adopted the B'hai faith. Still active in that faith thirty years later, 1940, his rationale for the Silent Minute shows he neglected God altogether. "There is no power on earth that can withstand the united cooperation on spiritual levels of men and women of goodwill everywhere. It is for this reason that the continued and widespread observance of the Silent Minute is of such vital importance in the interest of human welfare."

What shall we say to such a Godless sentiment? Is it even prayer?

#### God's Mercy and Prayer

Come back to Jesus' phrase: "My house will be called a house of 'prayer' (proseuché) for all 'nations' (ethnesin)."

First, "proseuché." The "pros" portion indicates movement – God's movement toward us. When he moves, we get unstuck – we draw near to God – in weakness, desperation, repentance, trust, gratitude, adoration or sorrow. If I never move toward God, I do not know who God is – nor do I know who I am myself. Aha.

The "euche" portion of this word has a range of meaning – from a "wistful thought" to a "solemn vow." Wow.

Secondly, from "ethnesin" we get "ethnicity." In the temple God reserved the Court of the Gentiles for any ethnicity to worship him. Trespassing efficient business had taken over that under-utilized high rent district. Jesus pugnaciously purged that Court so seekers from any people would have a sanctuary to draw near to God – in robust prayer or, more likely, with the wistful thoughts of tentative foreigners in a new home.

Connect the dots. As a father welcomes mature conversation with an adult child, so God values articulate prayers. Still, God has such mercy he can hear and act upon our wishes – even, as with the Silent Minute, when we don't include him in our thoughts. I have a grandson who was born two months ago. He has not spoken a word to me yet. Still, I love him. God has love for many who do not yet love him. Remarkably, even a movement like the Silent Minute may eventually prompt us to draw near to God in Christ – who not only physically crushed Satan on the cross but also spent whole nights wrestling in prayer (Lk 6:12; 22:45). David, who battled Goliath and many others, wrote: "Trust in God at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge" (Ps 62:8).

#### Let's Pray

Christians and those who will come to Christ, let's pray. Satan doesn't mind us reading or thinking about prayer. He dreads us praying. Set your alarm for 4:06 (our area code) - pray for Montana. At 7:00 PM (MST) join more than 124 million worldwide still using the Silent Minute. Pray with others. Take prayer walks. Find a church that is a house of prayer with a prayer meeting. Text 'Pastor' to 74574 to receive a daily prompt to pray for your pastor. Go to <a href="www.pray1tim2.org">www.pray1tim2.org</a> to get a reminder every day to pray for six Montana legislators. Pray at and for our Capitol. When we pray to the God of the universe, we truly are. Let's call upon God. For Christ's sake, be a combatant in spiritual warfare - pray.



Russell Edward Myers, 87, of Beaverton, Ore., passed away on July 26, 2016. Russell was born May 17, 1929 in Eugene, Ore., to parents William Russell Myers and Hazel Thelma Myers.

Rev. Russ Myers joined the Billings Heights Club in 1992. He served at the District Spiritual Aims chair for over ten years and was the District Builder's Club Administrator. He was an extremely active member and Past President. He enjoyed working with youth and served as Key Club Advisor at Billings Skyview High School from 1995-2012 until heath forced him to move to Oregon to be closer to family. Russ once said "Working with today's youth keeps me feeling young and connected."

May 17, 1929

# Reverend Russ Myers

Aug 13, 2016

Russ, as he was known to his friends, loved people and he loved life. He made a life out of helping the under privileged, a trait that came to him early in life through his own personal struggles. A child of the depression era, Russ had to work hard to help his family and also to pay for his own education through college. He worked a job from the time he was in fourth grade (carrying newspapers) up until his retirement from the ministry at age 65.

Russ was called to the ministry at an early age and attended Northwest Community College in Eugene Oregon to start his training in fellowship. In these early years he met the person who would become his best friend, study partner, and ultimately his wife. Joyce Rae Hessler married Russell Edward Myers on June 27, 1952. Joyce was the perfect companion and life partner for Russ and together they served six churches.

Russ never regretted his decision to stand up for what he believed in and told this story numerous times reflecting on this period of his life often. Russ told many stories often and if you were around him likely you heard them all several times. The thing is the stories were all positive. He was known to list off what was truly important to him/his dogma. "The intangible vs the tangible," the "Five F's:" family, friendship, faith, fellowship, fitness.

Russ is survived by his sister Betty Jo Mikesell Florida, and brother Don Myers, Washington. He is also survived by his four children and their spouses Cathy Myers-Wirt (Doug Wirt) Oregon, David Myers (Sharon Myers) Washington, Chris Myers (Ching Myers) Utah, and Paul Myers (Carrie Blabac-Myers) New York. Also surviving are nine grandchildren Brandon Myers, Bryan Myers, Peter Myers, Rachel Myers, Jacob Wirt, Rollie Wirt, John Myers, Franklin Myers and Truman Myers. Russ was preceded in death by his Mother Hazel Thelma Orchard Myers, his father William Russell Myers, his wife Joyce Rae Myers, brother Maurice (Dick) Myers, sister in-law Juanita Myers, and granddaughter Angela Myers Wirt.



# "I absolutely loved this weekend. It was rea made me open my eyes.

I'd like you to consider going to a Key Leader weekend. Our world needs servant leaders and I think you have what it takes to be one. Please visiting key-leader.org to register today!

Transportation may be provided.

Sincerely,

July 21-23, 2017 – Lakeside, MT Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp 406-560-5311 or mtkeyleader@yahoo.com

#### What is Key Leader?

If you want to take your leadership skills to a whole new level, then this weekend is for you. It's a weekend of growth, leadership, personal development, fun and friends. Key Leader combines hands on learning, group interactions and focused discussions to help you grow as a leader and a person.

#### Leadership

It's more than a position. It's about the choices you make every day.

#### Friendship

As you challenge yourself to stretch and grow, you'll learn how to reach out and make deep and lasting connections.

#### **Awareness**

How well do you know yourself? Do you have the courage to pursue excellence in everything you do?





# TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF

Scare up some funds and fun this Halloween by participating in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. It's a great opportunity to collect donations instead of candy or to bring club members together for a fabulous event or party. All money collected by Kiwanis-family members through Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF will once again support The Eliminate Project and help save moms and babies from maternal and neonatal tetanus.

#### How to take part

The process is easy! You can participate in five simple steps:

- 1. Decide with your club what kind of <u>fundraiser</u> you'll do.
- 2. Order your collection boxes.
- 3. Collect donations.
- 4. Fill out the gift form and submit it with your club's donations.
- 5. Celebrate! You're helping save moms and babies.

Once you've collected all of your donations, send a check or money order (made payable to the Kiwanis International Foundation) **and** your completed <u>gift form</u> to:

The Eliminate Project: Campaign Office Kiwanis International Foundation P.O. Box 6457 - Dept #286 Indianapolis, IN 46206 USA

ATTN: Trick-or-Treat

Be sure to write your **club name or club number on the memo line** of the check. It's important to send your check directly to the Kiwanis International Foundation so we can keep track of all funds raised by Kiwanis-family clubs.

#### **Banner Patches**

Clubs that raise and submit more than US\$250 by December 31 will receive a special banner patch. So don't forget to send in the funds you raise by the deadline!

#### PROJECT ELIMINATE

#### September 1, 2016 Report

The Kiwanis International Foundation 9/1/16 report shows us in the throes of an end of summer/Kiwanis Year malaise. We are up some \$500 last month with about \$2000 more I am aware of but not yet recorded. That puts us right at \$300,000 paid to date. Plus, we have another \$27,700 pledged and still being paid upon. So the good news is that we have passed the 50% mark on meeting our District commitment. The challenge is to raise the remaining \$320,000 over the next four years! A big number, but it is only (?) \$80,000 a year. However, with 1200 members of the district it means \$67 a year or \$0.18 a member per day. That we can do if we just put our mind to it. Plus, with our SLP Club members' participation, that number can be even lower.

The driving fact is that, at \$1.80 for the vaccine to protect a woman at risk of tetanus contracted during the birthing process (Maternal Neo-Natal Tetanus – MNT), we have protected some 182,000 potential mothers! And statistically each of them could give life to 4 babies over the next decade for a total of 728,000 newborns. That means we have protected almost one million lives from MNT (910,000)!!! Not a bad five years' work! If we meet our challenge, we will protect another 178,000 mothers and 711,111 babies for a total of 890,000 lives. They are depending on us to protect them from a gruesome fate. Can we just walk away from that commitment?

I encourage all Kiwanians to search their hearts to see what part you can play in this great humanitarian effort. Do you want to increase your gift? Will you encourage your club to hold another fund raiser for MNT? Do you know of individuals or businesses with big hearts and deep pockets that would like to contribute to such a cause? You only have to raise \$1.80 a day to do your part.

If you have any questions or ideas, please pass them on to the Montana Eliminate Team:

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#### Another year fades into the past, started off fast and strong and slowing down to a craw at the end.

Division 5 was showing a strong year in growth and as of the last count, after house cleaning the count shows the division has grown but two of the three clubs have stayed the same or are down on membership. I am proud of Division 5 for all of the

community service projects, which covers a multitude of hours and labor and has made a tremendous difference in our communities and has even reached other parts of the world. Members went to Uganda to help repair an orphanage and to participate in celebrating the dedication of wells and walls that the Montana Key Clubs raised funds for, Division 5 Key Club played a major role in this effort. Two sisters had this project in their hearts for awhile and the younger sister brought Aids Spirit to Miles City Key Club and then Division 5 Key Clubs, and then Montana District Key Clubs and then the Montana District of Kiwanis and they were off and running. This only shows how great the people are in the great state of Montana, and especially the ones that step up and join Kiwanis. This year has been a blessing and I am looking forward to next year as a Kiwanian and the Lt Goy for Division 5.

THANKS FOR A GREAT YEAR,

Chuck Rushing

#### DIVISION 5

#### Miles City Kiwanis

Punt, Pass, Kick

The Miles City Kiwanis Club held their annual Punt, Pass and Kick competition at Connors Field.

Twenty-one children ages 6-15 participated measuring a combination of accuracy and distance.



Backpacks For Uganda

CCDHS Key Club is collecting new/used backpacks to send to their adopted school in Uganda. If you have any type of bag that you are no longer using, they would appreciate your donation by October 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### Miles City Apples

Kiwanis Apple Sales are in full swing. Pre-orders by October 10<sup>th</sup>. \$20 for 10# boxes of apples (your choice: gala, granny smith, red delicious, OR golden delicious). \$25 for 10# box of pears (bartlett).

#### DIVISION 5

#### Sidney Kiwanis

How About Them Apples?

Sidney Kiwanis is conducting its annual presale of 13 lb. boxes of apples and/or pears. All proceeds support youth programs in our school and community. The fruit will be here in early October. Payment of \$25 is NOT necessary until the fruit is delivered or picked up. You can order full boxes of pear, or full boxes of apples or ½ and ½ mixed boxes.. We have Braeburn or Gala apples (no Red Delicious this year, something new).

#### DIVISION 5

#### Glendive Kiwanis

Patriot's Day

Bridge Day on Patriots Day! Glendive Kiwanians were busy posting flags in the morning and cooking all afternoon!



Safe Children Playground

A local business owners received a donation to her business to add a safe play area for toddlers and babies. This included additional fencing and ground mats. Kiwanians hung their sign on the fence that will now keep these little ones safe.

#### Billings Golden K

Riverside Builders Club

Their builders club students participated at the Alzheimer's Walk at the Billings Zoo with Everett Jones, Cynthia Jessee and Don Russell.

**Box Tops** 

Golden K continues to collect Box Tops for local schools.

Boys & Girls Club

Golden K donated \$1,000 to the Boys and Girls Club.

**Ongoing Projects** 

Members of Billings Golden K continue to read to Head Start children, work Kiwanis peanut day, and are ramping up for the cold weather items for the Festival of Trees.





#### BILLINGS GOLDEN K, HARLOWTON, BILLINGS HEIGHTS, BILLINGS, & LEWISTOWN INTERCLUB

#### 5 Club Interclub, 2 Governors, & Mustangs Baseball

In total Kiwanis had about 50 people at the game. Governor Designate Bob Keene caught a baseball and two Kiwanians won binoculars. It was a great interclub, meeting, and night!!



#### KIWANIS HAS A CHOIR? YES, WE DO.

#### **Billings Golden K**

You might have known them as the Kiwanichords, the Golden K Kiwanis Choir, or the Billings Kiwanis Choir. The Kiwanichords was started in 1993 and grew to 22 men at its peak. The Golden K Kiwanis Choir has a long tradition of singing at funerals, conventions, and many times for our own Golden K Club. Art Brandvold started this group. Warren Frank began to lead in 2003 when Art moved to Arizona. This long tradition continue at many retirement homes, funerals, meetings, and other highly visible events. In 2013, membership had dropped to 11 members where sometimes only 5 or 6 could make a performance. We took a vote and decided to disband. About a year later, the members of all three Kiwanis Clubs in Billings were surveyed about join a Kiwanis Choir made up of both men and women. There was interest and the choir was reformed with 17 members which sang for our Kiwanis clubs and for several Kiwanis installations. They still sang at retirement homes and the Billings Senior center. One of the most fun things they did was to sing for the West End Billings Rotary Christmas Party. We sang a lot of Rotary Songs that the Rotary people had never heard. If you have interest in hearing this group of people sing, maybe they will put the choir together for you. Kiwanichords / Billings Kiwanis Choir is part of the long rich tradition of our Montana Kiwanians.







#### **Boulder Kiwanis**

Jefferson County Fair

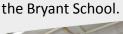
Members of the Boulder Kiwanis club volunteered at the Jefferson County Fair and Rodeo.



#### Capital City Kiwanis, Helena

Stuff The Bus

Capital City Kiwanians helped "Stuff The Bus" at





#### DIVISION 7

#### Malta Kiwanis

County Fair

Malta Kiwanis spent several very busy days helping the Boy Scouts serve burgers, dogs, and fries at the county fair.

Birthday Bag

Malta continues our Birthday Bag program with the children at Head Start. Each child is being given birthday plates, cups, napkins, cake mix, frosting mix, and a small toy so they can have a birthday party.

Aluminum Pop Can Tabs

Malta continues to collect aluminum pop can tabs for Key Club.

#### DIVISION 8

#### Kalispell Kiwanis

Kettle Corn Sales

Kalispell Kiwanians sold tasty Kettle Korn at the Brewfest as a club fundraiser.



Motorcycle Trail Ride

Kalispell held its first ever annual motorcycle trail ride event. It was fun and exciting and safe!!



#### DIVISION 6

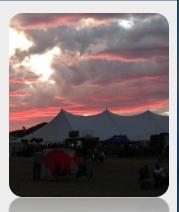
#### **Tombstone Kiwanis**

**Tombstone Kiwanis** members work every Friday on developing fine art and science skills with local kindergartners. In this project, they are learning about the rings of Saturn.



#### **Headwaters Kiwanis**

Rockin' The Rivers **Designated Drivers** Members of Headwaters Kiwanis volunteered to be designated shuttle drivers from the main entrance to the campsites. As a bonus, they earned tips.



#### DIVISION 6

#### **Harlowton Kiwanis**

Summer Attendance Competition Harlowton hosts a fun, family summer event with a little good-natured competition thrown in.



#### DIVISION 6

#### **Bozeman Kiwanis**

President's Picnic

Bozeman Kiwanis held their President's picnic in Lindley Park with outgoing President Paul Luwe and incoming President, Andrew Hurlburt! **Book Donation** 

For each speaker, Bozeman Kiwanis donates a book to a local elementary school! It's a successful way to thank those speakers.





#### Silver Bow Kiwanis, Butte

An Ri Ra Festival

The Silver Bow Kiwanis, Butte club set up a fun location at the An Ri Ra Festival! They set up sand boxes, face painting, arts and crafts, and a pool noodle 'caber tossing'.

Montana Tech Circle K – Rube Goldberg Machine The Montana Tech Circle K taught kids about Rube Goldberg Machines at Montana Tech's Kids College. Rube Goldberg Machines, the convoluted and humorous way to complete a simple task. The kids were able to go hands on and make their own RGMs with the end goal of popping a balloon.

#### BBQ

Silver Bow Kiwanis held a summer picnic in the park. Circle K members provided the burgers and the drinks. There were many friends, lots of family, some Frisbees, and of course, food!



#### DIVISION 4

**Billings Kiwanis** 

#### Up With People

Billings Kiwanis sponsored, housed, and fed the members of Up with People. 106 college students from 26 countries volunteered over 1,000 hours working hard to improve Billings and Columbus. Movies in the Park

Billings Kiwanis continued its successful Movies in the Park. One of their Friday's included donated boxes of new crayons that were given to Larry's Crayons for Kids campaign.



#### **Great Falls Kiwanis**

**Book Nook** 

The Great Falls Kiwanis book nook at West Elementary is taking shape again in time for the new school year. You can always donate books at the Great Falls Tribune for the project.



Baseball Night

Great Falls Kiwanis had a great social night to cheer on the Great Falls Voyagers tonight!



#### DIVISION 4

#### Heights Kiwanis, Billings

Patriot's Day

Heights Kiwanis sold hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats at Burn the Point!





Up With People Heights Kiwanis served Up With People dinner!

Kiwanis Peanut Day



#### DIVISION 3

#### Sunrise Kiwanis, Butte

Spirit of Columbia Gardens

From the Spirit of Columbia Gardens Carosel, Jim Ayres, spoke to the Sunrise Kiwanis, Butte. After his update on the project, Sunrise presented the project with \$500.

Tour of Montana Resources

Sunrise Kiwanis took an amazing tour of Montana Resources set up by Rich McLaughlin!





#### **Bitterroot Valley Kiwanis**

Ravalli County Fall Kiwanis Soccer Bitterroot Valley Kiwanis is ramping up for fall Kiwanis Soccer.

Ravalli County Fair

Bitterroot Valley Kiwanis sold those delicious Fat Boy ice cream sandwiches!! They also sold kebabs, corn dogs, fries, and ribbon fries. These are not your ordinary kebabs either; they are Hamilton Pack high quality steak which is marinated and



NFL Punt, Pass, & Kick Bitterroot Valley Kiwanis put on the NFL "Punt, Pass, & Kick" competition at Haynes Field in Hamilton.

#### Division 1

#### Salmon Kiwanis, Idaho

**Evening Socials** 

Salmon Kiwanis Club has been having successful even events of appetizers, dessert, and drinks at the Elks Lodge each month. Look for their events on their Facebook page and join them!

#### DIVISION 1

#### Missoula Kiwanis

NFL Punt, Pass, & Kick

Punt, Pass, & Kick competition was held at the Missoula county stadium at Big Sky High School.







#### Division 1

#### Sentinel Kiwanis, Missoula

Parking At Western Montana Fair

Sentinel Kiwanians served at the Dairy, Main, and Benton gate by working those gates and helping park cars.

Dash Mud Run

Sentinel Kiwanis parked cars at Dirty Dash Mud Run event in Missoula as a fundraiser. Thank you to Gary, our organizer extraordinaire, and all of the volunteers yesterday



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Fundraiser Sentinel Kiwanis Club is serving in style by purchasing Brenda Kay's beautiful jewelry to support Dolly Parton's Imagination Library!

Happy Shopping!

https://www.etsy.com/shop/brendakaygifts It's A Picnic!

Missoula-Sentinel Club members, families and potential new members attended the annual Missoula Sentinel Kiwanis picnic. They had hotdogs, buns, plates, pop, water, beer, salad, chips and dip, and dessert.