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#### Facebook and Twitter:

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



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and <u>twitter.com/MTKiwanis</u>

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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.



### **Mid-Winter Conference**

**Registration Form** 

February 26-28, 2016 Holiday Inn – 5 Baxter Lane (Off North 7<sup>th</sup> exit) Bozeman MT

#### Send this Registration form and check to:

#### Montana District of Kiwanis, 1150 Cobb Hill Rd, Bozeman MT 59718

or, please call, email or fax to (406)-388-4175 mbrydichkiwanis@aol.com

<u>Please do not mail or fax after February 19. No refunds after February 23rd. Registration on-site only Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup></u>. Meal availability is not guaranteed for on-site registration. Meals are catered and have limited flexibility to increase the count.

#### Make your motel reservations early – Room Block ends Noon Feb. 11!

Call Holiday Inn: (406) 587-4561 and ask for the Kiwanis rate: \$82 + tax

for single or double rooms – and our <u>room block ends Noon Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>. Cancellations for rooms must</u> <u>be made within 72 hours of event.</u>

#### **Kiwanis Registration**

Friday Club Leadership Education - Presid	ent-Elect: Secretary-Elect	ect	
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#### **Mid-Winter Highlights**

For those arriving Thursday, 6 p.m. informal gathering at Olive Garden (order off menu on your own) Club Leadership Education: Friday, 9 a.m. and Secretaries Hands On Training at 1:30 p.m. District Board Meeting: Friday, 9 a.m. - District Foundation Board Meeting: Friday, 10 a.m. Friday night (6 pm): Dinner at Historic Story Mansion (seating limited) Saturday Highlights:

- Identifying Community Partners and Service Opportunities
- Youth Protection Guidelines
- How to Brand Your Clubs and Social Media
- Representatives from Western Canada will discuss District Convention in Medicine Hat
- Immediate Past Governor Alida Wright Awards Luncheon 2014-2015
- District Caucuses to elect 2016-17 Lt. Governors
- Banquet Speaker Montana Attorney General Tim Fox children's issues in Montana

Saturday Night: Silent Auction Club and individual donations are encouraged!

HURSDAY NIGHT GATHERING We will be having an informal gathering for those arriving on Thursday night.

Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

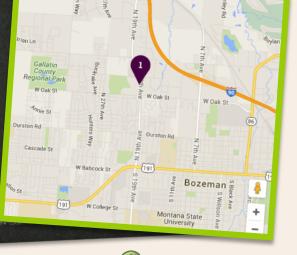
6:00 p.m. Olive Garden 1553 North 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. Bozeman, MT 59718

We will gather in the back room and order off the menu. As parking at the Olive Garden may be limited, please meet in the hotel lobby at 5:30 to car pool.

PLEASE RSVP TO BARBARA MONACO BEFORE FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> AS WE DO NEED TO GIVE A HEADCOUNT.

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Home: 406.883.7264



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### The Montana District of Kiwanis International

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### Mid-Winter 2016

February 26-28, 2016 Holiday Inn Bozeman, Montana

#### **TENTATIVE** Agenda

<u>Community Service Project:</u> Blessing Bags for the homeless – suggested materials to bring are : travel size soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, conditioner, hand cream, socks, comb, small notebook and pen.

**<u>Thursday, February 25, 2016</u>** Informal gathering at Olive Garden at 6 p.m. (Order off menu)

#### Friday, February 26, 2016

- 9:00 a.m. District Board Meeting (lunch provided)
- 9:00 a.m. Club Leadership Education (lunch provided) Cathy Tutty (Butte Silver Bow)
- 10:00 a.m. Foundation Board Meeting (lunch provided)
- 1:30 p.m. Online Secretaries Training (New Monthly Reports)
- 2:00 p.m. Meeting of SLP Administrators with Governor Bill
- 5-6 p.m. Hospitality Room
- 6:00 p.m. Leave for Story Mansion
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at Story Mansion

Hospitality Room is open after dinner.

#### Saturday, February 27, 2016

Breakfast on your own.

8:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony -

Welcome – Daryl Schliem, Executive Director of the Bozeman Chamber Opening Remarks – Governor Bill Jones

- 8:15 a.m. Introduction of Circle K International President Racheile Ricklefs
- 8:30 a.m. How to Brand Your Clubs and add Social Media (K'Lynn Sloan Harris, Capitol City Kiwanis)
- 9:15 a.m World Service Project (Dave Curry, Montana Co-chair Eliminate)
- 9:30 a.m. Break
- 9:45 a.m. What the Montana District Foundation is doing for you? (Howard Skjervem)
- 10:45 a.m.Presentation by Western Canada on Medicine Hat District Convention Aug. 11-14, 2016Video on International Convention in Toronto June 23-26, 2016
- 11:00 a.m. What's Happening Districtwide with Kiwanis One Day?
- 11:15 a.m. What Happening with our Service Leadership Programs in Montana?
- Noon Awards Luncheon: Presentation of Awards and Summary of the 2014-2015 Year by Immediate Past Governor Alida Wright
- 1:30 p.m. Youth Protection Jeff Wade
- 2:15 p.m. Identifying Community Partners and Service Opportunities (Glen Wheeler and Barb Monaco)
- 3:15 p.m. Break
- 3:30 p.m. District Caucuses
- 4:00 p.m. Governor-Elect Bob's meeting with the new/returning Lieutenant Governors
- 4:00 p.m. Service Project: Assemble Blessing Bags for Homeless
- 6:00 p.m. Social Time
- 6:30 p.m. Banquet Speaker: Montana Attorney General Tim Fox – Children's issues in Montana

Followed by hospitality room.

#### Sunday, Feb. 28, 2016

8:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast: Rev. Ken Mottram (Kiwanis Club of Bozeman)





## TIM FOX Montana Attorney General

Timothy Charles "Tim" Fox is the current Attorney General of Montana, elected in 2012. Fox was born in Hardin, Montana. He graduated from the University of Montana with degrees in geology and law. He has a spouse Karen and children Michael, Laura, Caroline, and Anna.



# Racheile Ricklefs

Circle K International President

Racheile started her CKI journey at the University of Central Florida. Now a graduate student at Indiana University, Racheile is earning her Master's degree in Library Science and specializing in archives. In fact, Racheile spends some of her time volunteering in archives. She also enjoys volunteering for charities, hanging out with friends, reading, going to concerts, eating at new places and occasionally, binge watching TV.





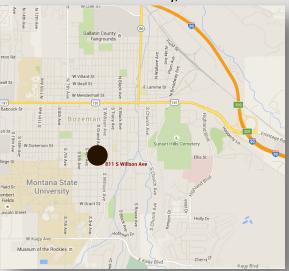
# Friday Night Dinner Story Mansion August 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. By Car Pool

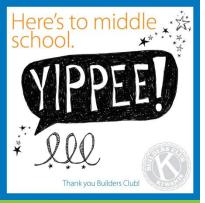
811 S. Willson Ave. Bozeman, MT 59715



The 106-year old Story Mansion—one of only three remaining city-block mansions in Montana—has long reigned as the grandest in town. Built in 1910 by T.B. Story, son of local cattle and gold magnate Nelson Story, the 22-room mansion was designed by architect C.S. Haire, who also designed Montana's state capitol. But just 12 years after Story built his home, which incorporates Queen Anne Victorian, Tudor, and Craftsman styles, he sold it due to a dwindling fortune. The buyers were the Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) fraternity of Montana State University, which owned

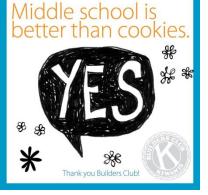
Story Mansion until 2003. The Bozeman city commission allocated more than one million dollars to purchase Story Mansion, its carriage house, and the entire city block. Since opening to the public in 2009, Story Mansion has hummed with tours, holiday teas, a public Halloween party, weddings, a film festival and jazz performances. Proceeds from the mansion's rentals go toward ongoing maintenance to restore the second and third floors, which it hopes will become offices for educational and cultural institutions.





## One more reason middle school is





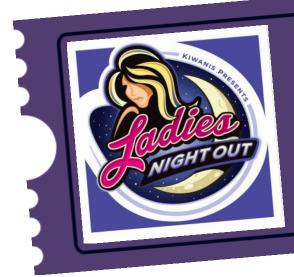


Kiwanis sponsored Builders Clubs are an excellent way to give Middle School/ Jr. High students a chance to experience community and personal service on a voluntary basis. To harness the boundless energy of Jr. High/Middle School students into positive activity while learning leadership skills is a major goal of Builders Clubs. Currently, we have 14 Builders Clubs sponsored and operating in the Montana and northern Idaho District.

BUILDERS CLUB Lewistown Junior High Washington Middle School Sidney Middle School Riverside Middle School Malta Junior High Butte, Montana Middle School Castlerock Middle School Fred Moodry Middle School Butte Central Junior High Harlowton Junior High Hamilton Middle School Saint Joseph Polson Middle School Belgrade Middle School KIWANIS CLUB SPONSOR Lewistown Miles City Sidney Billings Golden K Malta Sunrise Butte Billings Heights Anaconda Silver Bow Butte Harlowton Bitter Root Valley Missoula-Sentinel Polson Belgrade (pending)

Offering a young student the satisfaction and joy in learning service and leadership skills is a compelling reason for Builders Clubs. Only 34% of Montana Kiwanis Clubs have Builders Clubs. If you need information to start your new Builders Club, you may go online to: <u>buildersclub.org</u> or contact

Everett Jones Adm. Builders Clubs Montana District of Kiwanis Home - 406-259-6672 Cell - 406-839-7297 Email - <u>candejon@gmail.com</u>



JOIN THE GREAT FALLS KIWANIS CLUB FOR A LADIES NIGHT OUT

Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 6-11 p.m. Great Falls International Airport (parking is validated)

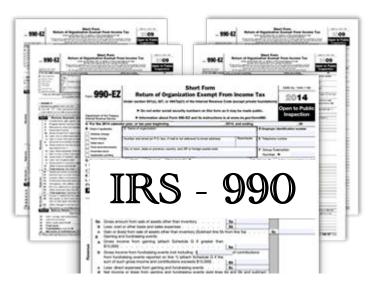
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ebrate a "flapper labulous" mo fun to support a good cause \$40 a ticket, tables available Contact: <u>nadinepreston@msn.com</u> for tickets

This is the second of their annual Ladies Night Out. This event raises money for the projects of the Great Falls Kiwanis Club. The event is fun, with a photo booth, men in uniform escorting ladies to table, dancing, a silent auction and a live auction.



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In the United States, Kiwanis clubs are required to file one of three Form 990 reports.

- Small, tax-exempt organizations whose gross receipts normally are US \$50,000 or less are required to file the IRS' electronic postcard Form 990-N.
- Those whose gross receipts normally exceed US\$50,000 to US\$200,000 are required to file Form 990-EZ.
- Those with gross receipts greater than \$200,000 must file Form 990.

It's easy to file your club's Form 990, but here are a few tips:

- 1. Find your club's status on the irs.gov or the Urban Institute's National Center for Charitable Statistics website.
- 2. Click on your state.
- 3. Put "Kiwanis" in the "Name" field.
- 4. Do not fill out the "Location" field.
- 5. Select "All Organizations" in the "Organization Type" field.
- 6. Check the "Limit to organizations in danger of revocation" box. Do not fill out the "NTEE purpose/activity code."
- 7. Click submit.

The IRS website also includes a helpful collection of tools and resources. Kiwanis International does not have records of your club's IRS history, but you can contact the Kiwanis International Office's Finance Department by email at finance@kiwanis.org or call 800-549-2647, ext. 153 or 146.

### YOUTH PROTECTION

Nothing is more important than the safety of those we serve. That's why Kiwanis is committed to protecting children-and your club members. Kiwanis clubs around the world will focus on member education, important safeauards and more.

Get informed. Get inspired. Get ready by taking a look at the details below!

#### **KIWANIS YOUTH PROTECTION GUIDELINES**

Kiwanis youth protection guidelines are reviewed each year by the Kiwanis International Board. As a result, the guidelines are revised periodically to ensure Kiwanians adhere to the best practices of youth protection. Each member of your Kiwanis club should be provided with a copy-every year.

#### **EDUCATION**

Train members on youth protection at that week's Kiwanis club meeting. After completing the training, you and your club members should be able to:

- Understand the youth protection guidelines.
- Protect the youth you serve—and yourselves.
- Identify troubling behavior or abuse.
- Respond appropriately if a child discloses abuse to you or if you witness troubling behavior.

#### You have a couple of options for training:

- 1. For the facilitator of training at a club meeting, the PowerPoint, facilitator guide and handout are easy to use, providing a guide that helps walk through the policies with members.
- 2. Individual members can get the online Youth Protection Training. (This is also an effective way for the training facilitator at a club meeting to prepare.)

Once the training is completed for the Kiwanis year, the Kiwanis secretary should indicate this on the Kiwanis One dashboard.

#### **CRIMINAL HISTORY AND BACKGROUND CHECKS**

In addition to annual education regarding the Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines, each Kiwanis-club advisor to each Service Leadership Program your club sponsors (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K and/or Aktion Club) must have a clear criminal history background check.

Your Kiwanis club's leadership determines eligibility requirements, as well as the provider of the background check. An easy option is to use Safe Hiring Solutions, the preferred provider for Kiwanis International. Once a clear background check is provided to the Kiwanis club secretary, he or she will indicate this on the KiwanisOne dashboard.

#### THANKS FOR PARTICIPATING

Your club's efforts during Youth Protection Week are important to the commitment that all Kiwanians must share. Thank you for strengthening the Kiwanis family's continuing status as a leader in building the next generation of service.

# JANUARY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The attached numbers are as of the end of December 2015.

As always, there is good news and some potentially bad news in this report.

First, the District is up 28 members! That is great, of course, but not great enough. To cover the usual 100 to 120 member drop when clubs purge their membership rolls in September, we need 10 to 12 additions monthly or 40 to 48 by the End of December. And Governor Bill has asked clubs to add one new member per month. Four clubs are on that track – huge congratulations to Malta, Missoula-Sentinel, Lewistown, and Helena!! If your club is not doing as well, I suggest you contact the leadership in these clubs – they know how to do it!

Second, Montana is second in Kiwanis International for the percentage of clubs adding at least one member 46%! Let's make a strong effort to push that number toward 100%!

Next 13% of our clubs are growing and 30% are not losing. 77% of the districts are growing. This is not the vibrant growth we seek, but if shows that the potential for breakthrough is there.

The bad news is that 23% of the clubs are in the caution zone (less than 25 members) where the potential for closing is markedly higher than for clubs with above 25 members. And, more worrisome, 35% of the clubs are in the danger zone (less than 15 members) where closure can be only one adverse event away. Two of our divisions are down in overall membership so far this year.

Looking at your club's numbers can be a wake-up call. If you are small and getting smaller – very bad news! If you are small and just holding on -bad news! Even in large clubs, a downward trend can tell you that something is wrong.

Membership is actually pretty simple:

- The club and its leadership needs to make membership a priority.
- A strong leader must be in charge of membership with an active committee.
- A plan must be in place that identifies who you would like to have as members, how to recruit them, and who will do it.
- · Review the progress of the membership committee in fulfilling the plan at least monthly.

Membership is not the reason for Kiwanis, but without members who have a fire in their tummy for serving their community and the children of the world, it just won't happen. Take care of the basics and the members will take care of the service.

Remember that the District Formula Committee is ready and very willing to assist divisions or clubs who want to address membership issues.

And, as always, the great things your club does for our communities and the children of the world is both humbling and inspirational.



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Glen Wheeler 406.258.5459 wheelerglen2@gmail.com

Chuck Amdahl 406.465.6948 <u>chuckamdahl-kiwanis@hotmail.com</u>

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#### Montana District Foundation

#### Thank you for your continued support of the Kiwanis Foundation of Montana.

Through your past and recent contributions to the foundation, we are able to present a number of scholarships to Key Club and Circle K applicants on an annual basis. The applications we receive showcase the amazing community service our Service Leadership students are continuing to do as they excel in the academic setting they are in.

We have also granted funds to a number of projects our Montana District Kiwanis Clubs are handling to make a difference in the lives of young people across our District and around the world.

Recent grants included matching funds toward the remodeling of a Cabin owned by the Kalispell Club which is used for youth camps and events, and also matching Key Club member contributions toward the 2014–2015 Key Club Governor project.

The scholarship applications for this Spring are now available, and will be posted on the Foundation link of the Montana Kiwanis District website.

We are formalizing the process for clubs to apply for matching grants for club projects. Applications will be available on the Montana Kiwanis District website, and will be required to be submitted at least one month prior to the mid-winter conference and the summer convention.

Annually a request is made to each club asking for a contribution based on the number of members in the club. These funds help assure we are able to offer support to our Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club, Builders Club, K-Kids, and the Key Leader programs. Your club secretary should have recently received the request form. We so appreciate the clubs help in this effort. Your contribution does make a difference.

As we continue to support needs of our SLP's and our District clubs, we would like to encourage contributions to the foundation to allow the foundation to stay strong financially so needs can be met. Our foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization which allows your contributions to be tax deductible. Contributions are received from Kiwanis Clubs, Kiwanis Members, Corporations, and other individuals by way of direct gifts, memorials, estate bequests, and various fundraising efforts.

One Kiwanis member from each of the nine divisions in the Montana District of Kiwanis is selected to serve on the Montana District Foundation Board. The directors of the foundation are charged with administering the funds to establish prudent investment policies and to ensure that disbursements are handled in the manner which serve the greatest need.

Thank you for your consideration of the foundation. We look forward to serving the children of the world alongside each of you into the future. Your Kiwanis Foundation of Montana Board



### KIWANIS FOUNDATION OF MONTANA Outreach Giving of Montana District of Kiwanis October 1, 2015 through December 2015

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Hamilton Bitterroot	\$ 508.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$ 25.00	\$	25.00	\$	215.00	\$	43.00
Missoula	\$ 802.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$ 25.00	\$	25.00	\$	460.00	\$	92.00
<b>Missoula Sentinel</b>	\$ 694.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$ 25.00	\$	25.00	\$	370.00	\$	74.00
Grant Creek	\$ -											
Division Two	\$ -											
Great Falls	\$ 376.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$ 25.00	\$	25.00	\$	105.00	\$	21.00
Shelby	\$ -											
Division Three	\$ -											
Anaconda	\$ -											
Butte Silver Bow	\$ 520.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$ 25.00	\$	25.00	\$	225.00	\$	45.00
Butte Sunrise	\$ 418.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$ 25.00	\$	25.00	\$	140.00	\$	28.00
Dillon	\$ -											
<b>Division Four</b>	\$ -											
Billings Golden K	\$ 250.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$ 25.00	\$	25.00				
Billings Heights	\$ -											
Billings Yellowston	\$ -											
Division Five	\$ -											
Glendive	\$ 250.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$ 25.00	\$	25.00				
Miles City	\$ 550.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$ 25.00	\$	25.00	\$	250.00	\$	50.00
Sidney	\$ 543.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$ 25.00			\$	265.00	\$	53.00
Division Six	\$ -											
Belgrade	\$ -											
Bozeman	\$ 604.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$ 25.00	\$	25.00	\$	295.00	\$	59.00
Harlowton	\$ 157.00	\$	100.00			\$ 25.00					\$	32.00
Tombstone	\$ 321.00	\$	100.00	\$	75.00	\$ 25.00	\$	25.00	\$	80.00	\$	16.00
Division Seven	\$ -											
Glasgow	\$ -											
Havre	\$ -											
Malta	\$ 352.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$ 25.00	\$	25.00	\$	85.00	\$	17.00
<b>Division Eight</b>	\$ -											
Columbia Falls	\$ 280.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$ 25.00	\$	25.00	\$	25.00	\$	5.00
Kalispell	\$ 350.00	\$	100.00	\$	100.00	\$ 25.00	\$	25.00	\$	50.00	\$	50.00
Kalispell Glacier	\$ -											
Polson	\$ -											
<b>Division Nine</b>	\$ -											
Helena	\$ -											
Total Received	\$ 6,975.00	\$ 3	1,600.00	\$1	.,475.00	\$ 400.00	\$	350.00	\$2	2,565.00	\$	585.00

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### DIVISION 3

#### Sunrise Kiwanis of Butte

Sunrise Kiwanis had a fun social event to the Montana Tech Girl's Baskeball Game. How about those Diggers from Butte? They also had a visit from Governor Bill Jones.



Their Builders Club also made the local news for their work at the Food Bank for Martin Luther King Day.



See the article from the NBC KTVM here: <u>http://www.nbcmontana.com/news/butte-</u> <u>schools-honor-martin-luther-king-jr-day-with-</u> <u>reading-and-community-service/37499762</u>

The Sunrise Kiwanis East High Leaders Of Lunch Builders Club has been working on Valentine decorations for the residents of the Beehive.



## DIVISION 1

#### **Missoula Kiwanis**

Missoula Kiwanis held a post-Christmas white elephant gift luncheon!





**Sentinel Kiwanis Club of Missoula** Service Committee members of Sentinel Kiwanis provided dinner to families including approximately 30 people at the YWCA.



## Division 5

#### **Miles City Kiwanis**

The Miles City Builders Club held a dance to fundraise for Miles City Empty Stockings, ran concessions at the wrestling events, and sold fudge bars at the Christmas Stroll. The Builders Club used these funds to purchase gift cards for the WMS kitchen and custodial staff. Miles City Kiwanians helped with concessions for the wrestling Cowboy Invitational and are conducting the Bring Up Grades (BUG) Program at many local elementary schools. They had a social at the Tongue River Winery and had a visit from Governor Bill Jones and Lt. Governor Chuck Rushing.

## DIVISION 6

#### **Bozeman Kiwanis**

Bozeman Kiwanis supported Hope and the Holidays. Kiwanians helped pick toys, clean, and more which helped 1,594 children and distributed 356 food baskets through the efforts of four organizations and many community members. Hundreds of volunteer hours make this event possible.

Photos by Mike Connell of the Bozeman Kiwanis Club.



#### Harlowtown Kiwanis

Harlowtown Kiwanis held another successful AG Days. Fifty-five (55) members were in attendance. Andy Roberts from Fort Keogh, Rachel Endecott-MSU Beef Specialist, and Jenny Muckey-Crazy Mountain Veterinary all gave great programs!! Harlowton Kiwanis teamed up with the Wheatland Co. Stockgrowers for this great event!





# THE ELIMINATE PROJECT

Phase Two has started!

The Eliminate Project started five years ago as Kiwanis International's pledge to raise \$110,000,000 to fund UNICEF's ongoing effort to rid the world of Maternal Neo-Natal Tetanus (MNT). At that point this major killer of new babies and their mothers took a baby's life every 9 minutes plus many mothers when tetanus was contracted during child birth. The project's aim was to vaccinate every woman of child bearing age in countries the World Health Organization classified as at risk.

In the ensuing five years Kiwanis has raised over \$104,000,000 in contributions and pledges with up to \$2,000,000 yet to be completed. 20 some countries have been declared MNT free, with only 20 more to go. We are on the verge of Eliminating a major killer of children worldwide – for the second time.

The remaining amount will certainly come in. But that is Kiwanis International's problem. In Montana we have committed to our fair share as a District. Fair share means \$110,000,000 divided by the number of Kiwanians – or about \$500 per member over the next five years. To date we are right at \$300,000 given or pledged of which about \$29,000 are pledges still being filled. That leaves the Montana share of fulfilling the Kiwanis International pledge at about \$350,000 over the next five years.

That, of course, is a large number, but if you look at it in pieces it becomes less daunting. We have five years to complete this task – or \$70,000 a year. That breaks down to \$61 per member raised per year. If our Service Leadership Clubs contribute over the next five years as they have in the past five, that number will be reduced to \$54 per member per year. That seems very "doable" to me.

Note that I said raised not given. Although we can anticipate that the big hearts of Montana Kiwanians will result in deep personal pockets, I really hope that we can raise a substantial part of this commitment from fund raising events and gifts from non-Kiwanians. Other people deserve the opportunity to become part of this world changing event too. And I do not need to tell Kiwanians how to raise money for children around the world – that is what we do better than anyone else. We just need to set our mind to it and it will happen.

Please spend a little time as 2016 starts to consider what level of support you as individuals and as Kiwanis Family Clubs will commit to. Then let me know so I can keep track of where we are – and help members/clubs build plans to make this dream come true. Please don't procrastinate. Women and new babies around the world are, in desperate hope, awaiting the Kiwanis bought vaccine – at \$1.80 each.

As always, thanks for all you do. It is humbling and inspiring to see what Kiwanis accomplishes each day – in our communities, our District, and around the world – one child at a time.

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