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Mid-Winter Fairmont Hot Springs Chuck March 28-30 Amdahl



Immediate Past Governor
Leads the MT District to:
Distinguished District for 2012 –2013

Congratulations to chuck, the leadership team, and the clubs of the district.

The Montana District of Kiwanis International

proudly recognizes the

Kiwanian of the Year

Sherry Munther

***Missoula Kiwanis Club
Lieutenant Governor, Division One
at Mid-Winter Conference - 2014***



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of Mid-Winter
awards are on
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ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



The Eliminate Project is pressing on towards our goal of eliminating tetanus contracted during the childbirth process worldwide. The following release from Kiwanis International gives the numbers of this success. We are approaching the 50% mark overall which is about on track with the plan. In the Montana District we are about 33% the way to our fair share. And we are at 100% club participation due to a generous gift from a non-Kiwanian that she divided up between the non-participating clubs. Millions of women and their future babies have been protected with millions added each month. We are living out the Kiwanis pledge to change the world in a magnificent way.

Of course, the numbers also tell of the task ahead. In the next 18 months we have to secure contributions and pledges to carry us over the top. That is a big task, but one that is very doable. We just need to put our backs into the job and “get ‘er done.” I have no questions that we, in the Montana District, can do our part. We have in the past, in fact we have a history of doing well more than our fair share when it comes to serving the children of the world. The only question is whether we will decide to do so or not.

I am very encouraged by the recent steps our clubs and members have taken. Several clubs are getting involved in fund raising projects and quite a few members have made individual pledges or gifts. The momentum is building! We just need to shift into a higher gear.

How do we do this? Simple – if not easy.

Leadership. Once a club decides to make an impact, I am very convinced that Montana (and Salmon ID) ingenuity will come up with ways to make it happen. We need clubs to commit to being a Model Club – to raising \$750 a member over the next five years – that is \$150 a year or \$12.50 a month or \$0.42 a day. We just have to decide for each member to protect 416 women and their new babies against the horror of the excruciating death by tetanus. Please seriously discuss making the pledge to become a model club now.

Followership. As mentioned, each club has seed money given in their name. Now we need to honor that gift. We have two clubs that have pledged at or above the model level so far, including one that has pledged the highest amount per capita of any club I have seen so far. We have members that have made lead gifts of \$5000 or more. We have many members that have paid for or pledged at the Zeller Level - \$1,250. And many more that have made contributions or pledges. Please follow their lead and pledge to do your share.

Advertise. There are thousands, probably hundreds of thousands of people in our district who would love to save a mother and her babies, who would love to take part in a world changing effort, who would love to join a club involved in such a project, who just need to be

asked. Please talk up the Eliminate Project to your families, friends, co-workers, churches, and other philanthropic organizations. Ask for \$2 to save a woman, or \$20 to save 10 or \$200..... Keep in mind those who have displayed a heart for making large gifts to worthy causes - \$5000, \$25,000 or more can dramatically increase the amount per member for a club.

Think. There are many ways to raise money for the Eliminate Project. Collection cans for change in public places or Kiwanis meetings, walk-a-thons, pancake breakfasts, the list is endless. Please think of ones that will work for you individually, and for your club in your community. Then just make it happen.

If you have any questions, need information material, or have ideas, please contact me. 406-443-0552,

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We pray for children to help – it looks to me like He has laid millions of unborn children and their mothers at our feet to help at \$1.80 each. Our choice is to serve – or ignore them.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Raised US\$1 million in the month of February, which for the campaign has traditionally been one of the slowest fundraising months of the year.

Generated 26 new Model Clubs in February. Model Clubs are a significant component of our progress, which account for 36 percent of the total funds raised to date.

Secured one (1) new Lead Gift and eight (8) documented and verbal Major Gifts in February. This is the largest increase in Major Gifts since May 2013.

Increased the per-member average from US\$204 to US\$209. Secured 63 new Zeller Fellows last month, bringing the total number of Walter Zeller Fellows to more than 5,300 worldwide.

KEY MESSAGES TO SHARE THIS MONTH

We have raised nearly US\$48.7 million, which will save or protect more than 27 million lives.

During the month of March, UNICEF will reach more than 3.1 million women in Kenya and Mali through their planned tetanus immunization activities, thanks to the Kiwanis family's support.

Model Clubs and 100K Clubs remain a vital component of the campaign. We have secured 654 Model Clubs and 42 100K Clubs as of March 1.

The worldwide per-member average (PMA) is US\$209 toward a US\$474 goal PMA.

More than 72 percent of clubs have participated in the campaign at some level, which demonstrates a broad base of support within the Kiwanis family.

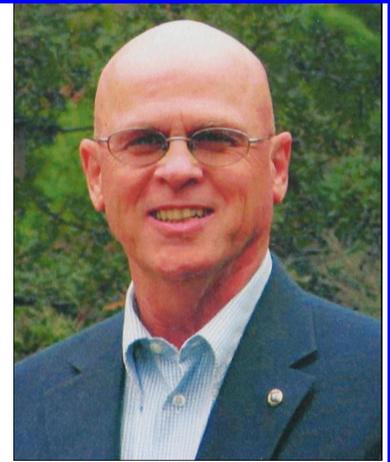
Two (2) districts have raised more than US\$2 million, 14 district have raised at least US\$1 million, and five districts have achieved 100 percent participation.

Our campaign continues to operate on an efficient budget, ensuring that fundraising costs remain below 10 percent.

Ed Mangis

**District Eliminate Project Coordinator
Kiwanis International Project Eliminate**

Glen Wheeler,
District Growth Chair
A “Call to Arms” Chapter 2
From Kiwanis



If you read the last issue of KSPAN, you are aware that the Montana District of Kiwanis is in trouble and needs your help!! This is not a convenience call, folks; this is a survival call. If we don't grow in membership, we will lose our District status sometime in the future.

Now, enough bad news! The results for the year 2013-14 are positive so far so you have begun the “battle”, and I want to extend my sincere thanks to you for your efforts so far in this Kiwanis administrative year. The Montana District had 1258 total members as of 2/28/14; that is a plus 50 members for the year and that is great! However, don't relax. We have, traditionally been in a plus position throughout most of the year, but we have ended up in a negative position as of the end of September. We must keep up the battle throughout the year if we are to increase our numbers by 9/30/14.

Leading the way are Billings Kiwanis with a plus 10 members in the latest report. They are closely followed by Bitterroot/Hamilton with a plus 8 members. I extend congratulations to the officers and the members of those two clubs. You are setting the standards for this year so far!!! Well done!!!

There are 15 other clubs who show positive numbers for the year! Yay, Yay, Yay!!!

Further, only 3 Divisions are down for the year. The other six all show positive numbers. Whatever you are doing is working so far, but don't forget what has happened in the past.

The District now has a team in place, as a part of the KI world-wide growth campaign called “Formula”. Most of the divisions across the district have individuals who have volunteered to step forward and help the clubs in the divisions develop plans and strategies for growth. A special thanks to all these individuals for their willingness to help find some answers.

We will begin training these individuals at the Mid Winter in Fairmont Hot Springs. Our own LG from Division 1, Sherry Munther and Rhonda Vrell from KI in Indianapolis have agreed to lead this training. Hope you can join us there. We will have additional training opportunities in April in Bozeman and in Las Vegas in June. More on that later. Our team will be well prepared to work with club officers and members to find ideas to strengthen clubs. I, for one, am truly excited about this prospect. I trust these efforts will be welcomed by the clubs across the District.

Remember, we can serve more people in our communities if we are stronger clubs with more members to reach those who need the help that Kiwanians can bring. Our kids need us! Our communities need us! **LET'S DO ER!!!!**

**Yours ever in search of
GROWTH FOR SERVICE**

Glen Wheeler

**Montana District Membership Chair and
District Chair for the
Global Growth Campaign**

Let Us Go Out And Grow For Service!

NEW MEMBERS

Kirsten Balyeat	Bozeman	Deolinda Carlin	Dillon
Pamela Bussi	Bozeman	Mona Amundson	Glasgow
Mel Kortur	Bozeman	Colter Brown	Glasgow
Alan Anderson	Silver Bow Butte	Twig Carlin	Dillon
Brian Dirnberger	Missoula	Edwin Zimpel	Silver Bow Butte
Ruthanne Shope	Silver Bow Butte	Tad Torgerson	Miles City
Julie Thomason	Billings	Theodore Hanley	Miles City
Leann Zahn	Billings	Jamilea Kittlemann	Miles City
Janet Yatchak	Columbia Falls	Douglas Schell	Miles City
Robert Hoffman	Glasgow	Traci Schell	Miles City
Eugene Graf	Bozeman	Randy Eppinger	Bitter Root Valley
Thomas W. Murphy	Bozeman	Roger Moore	Bitter Root Valley
Marlene Holayter	Sunrise Butte	Tom Sanders	Bitter Root Valley
Jo Lynne Varozza	Harlowton	Ronald Martin-Dent	Butte
Vincent Francischetti	Billings	Danielle Hemmat	Billings
Julia Jones	Billings	Jeffrey Hemmat	Billings
Kelly Metcalf	Billings	Lisa Woods	Billings
Paulette Wengeler	Billings	Tomas Aviles	Polson

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. **Reconnect 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

Remember Me

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.

Recognition of Exemplary Service

Performed by Kiwanians at Mid-Winter – 2014



The Awards Luncheon is a tradition at our annual Mid-Winter Conferences. It is an opportunity for the Immediate Past Governor to recognize, again, the exemplary work of Kiwanians. Mid-Winter also provides the opportunity to recognize Lieutenant Governors and Clubs which Kiwanis International has honored with “Distinguished” status.

The names of Kiwanians being recognized for performing exemplary service is provided below. The bar set for “exemplary” service is very high. This bar follows the theme of Jim Collins’ already classic book, “Good to Great” (2001) – the title of which is explanation enough. I then requested nominations from all Lieutenant Governors (and a handful of others), many of whom then canvassed their respective Clubs’ leadership. There were a few instances when those nominated were not included – not for lack of being “qualified” but, rather, it was apparent from the reasons offered for their nominations that their recognition would better be made at the Club or Division level. There are many more instances, though – and this I am quite certain of - that deserving Kiwanians were overlooked, which is most unfortunate.

I encourage this year’s Lieutenant Governors to share these recognitions, again, during their club visits. In fact, we can never express too much appreciation and gratitude for the fine work Kiwanians provide to their communities and globally!

In gratitude for all of the service Kiwanians across the Montana District provide,

Chuck Amdahl
Governor, 2012-2013

The Montana District has been recognized by Kiwanis International as Distinguished !

and...

Those achieving “Distinguished” status

Distinguished Clubs

Billings Golden K; Bozeman; Dillon; Great Falls; Helena; Malta; Missoula Sentinel;
Polson; Sidney

Distinguished Lieutenant Governors

Sherry Munther, Division 1 Barbara Monaco, Division 8 Bob Werner, Division 9

**Lieutenant Governors receiving commendation from Tom DeJulio,
KI President/2012-2013**

Bob Keene, Division 4; Mike Stevenson, Division 5

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**Kiwanians identified by District leaders
as having provided
*exemplary service in 2012-2013***

Division 1

Al Hill, Hamilton; Chuck Johnson, Drummond; Vickie Mikelsons, KC of Missoula; Sandy Smith, Missoula Sentinel

Division 2

Leesha Ford, Great Falls KC – Snell Award recipient

Division 3

Sharlet Best, Butte; Wayne Mattioli, Butte; Al Messeri, Anaconda

Division 4

Everett Jones, Billings Golden K

Division 5

Brandon Janshen, Miles City

Division 6

Amber Guth, Bozeman; Andrew Hurlburt, Bozeman; Bill Jelinek, Bozeman

Division 7

Charles Wilson, Glasgow

Division 8

Dan Dickman, Kalispell; Jack Mitchell, Polson; Ed Pangburn, Polson; Craig Peeples, Polson; Janet Vail, Polson

Division 9

Gary Craft, Boulder

District Key Club

Dean Person, District Administrator; K'Lynn Sloan-Harris

Key Club

Maggie Panasuk, Columbia Falls High, Class of 2013; Janet Yatchak, Kiwanis & Faculty Advisor, Columbia Falls High

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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.

Congratulations, Sherry! You are being honored by the District of Montana with the presentation of the District's coveted *Kiwanian of the Year Award*. You richly deserve this award on account of your exemplary leadership in, and your contributions to the entire Montana K-Family. You were chosen from among many very good and deserving Kiwanians, some but not all of whom, like yourself, are Lieutenant Governors. You were chosen on account of your service and contributions to:

Your Home Club

You have done admirably well by your Club, helping others in the transition from being a “club” to becoming a family – a *K-Family*. While this has been my personal observation, more importantly it comes from those in the Kiwanis Club of Missoula. You have a great many fans, Sherry – evidenced, I suspect, by the Club honoring you as its 2009 “Kiwanian of the Year.” Many others have shared their observations with me. Characteristically, they most often center on what you *do*: you are forever present at, and actively participating and providing leadership in Club service projects, social events, and its work with sponsored SLPs (Service Leadership Programs). These are all exemplary, of course. But what I find equally telling are observations of *who you are*. As one of the family members put it:

*Sherry is one of the most optimistic and positive people I have ever met.
She is always upbeat and peppy and has a smile on her face.
That goes a long way in our hurried, busy and stressful days!*

Division One

Your support of the Division's K-Family is everywhere evident and examples abound: timely visits to Clubs interspersed with frequent communication; appearances at Service Leadership Program events; your integral role in the Division's annual Graduation Celebration at which graduating Key Clubbers are honored and eighth graders are welcomed into Key Club; exercising bragging rights in KSpan on behalf of Division One; encouraging and affirming clubs and members

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alike for their service, fostering even greater esprit de corps. I was most appreciative of your support for the Governor's membership initiative. We shared (share) the conviction that enhancing members' experience as Kiwanians is interwoven with growing Kiwanis and clubs numerically. Your commitment to the membership initiative is evidenced by your aggressive promotion of phase one - the Membership Survey conducted in winter, 2012. The results of this Survey were an essential component for phase two, the Montana Membership Tour the following spring. Regarding the latter - specifically, the session in Missoula for which you made all arrangements and then facilitated - this was singularly the most effective of the seventeen such sessions convened throughout the District. You also worked closely with District Membership Committee Chairman, Glen Wheeler, to stabilize the Grant Creek Kiwanis Club and offer hope for its revitalization.

Montana District

Your service to the District has gone well beyond serving on the District Board of Trustees as a Lieutenant Governor, as valuable as your contribution has been in that leadership role. I am referring, of course, to the employment of your professional skills as the moderator to the 2013 District Convention' keynote event – a District-wide Forum. In fact, you essentially created this Forum in its entirety, including the assembly and supervision of its panel consisting of six “Under 30” Kiwanians. The panelists made brief presentations, thereafter responding to a plethora of questions and concerns posed by the Assembly. There was considerable discussion of that oft-asked question (and its variants): “How can our club attract, and then retain young people as members?” This Forum – again, the keynote event of the 2013 District Convention – served as phase three of the District membership initiative, and this initiative effectively defined the 2012-2013 Kiwanis Year in the Montana District.

On a personal note, Sherry, please know I was most appreciative of your unwavering support during our Team's year of service. It was heartening to know, from the beginning, that I could always depend upon you: your responses to many inquiries by telephone and email were as timely as they were informative; you trusted me by providing the critical feedback I often requested; you followed-through with my (and many others') requests; you agreed to serve when asked – again, I cite your unqualified support in all three phases of the District's membership initiative. You became one of my most valued sounding boards. You have since remained one who is fun to be around: your smile and laughter are infectious - and ever-so welcome! You bring relief and joy into what becomes, at times, very serious and difficult service – because the needs are that great. You lift us up with a smile and a word of encouragement, while rolling-up your sleeves to help. All this taken together, you have served your Home Club, your Division, and your District in an exemplary manner.

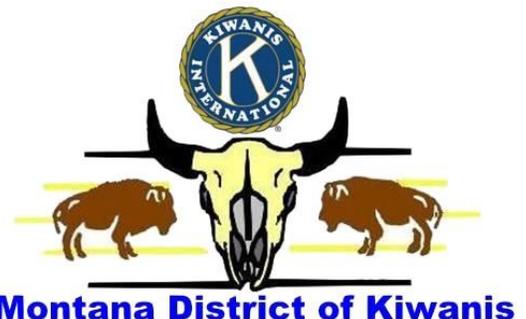
**It is my privilege to honor you, Sherry Munther, as the Montana District
of Kiwanis International's Kiwanian of the Year
for Kiwanis Year 2012-2013!**

In gratitude for your exemplary service,

Chuck Amdahl

2012-2013 Governor

Montana District of Kiwanis International



The Montana District of Kiwanis International

in recognition of

Maggie Panasuk

Key Club, Columbia Falls High School

Class of 2013

at Mid-Winter Conference - 2014

Kiwanis is a premier international service organization whose primary mission is to serve children of all ages. Kiwanis' Family member – Key Club International – is equally involved in service to children and to the community. Compare both Mission Statements:

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.

Key Club is an international student-led organization which provides its members with opportunities to provide service build character and develop leadership.

You are being recognized for exemplary service to the mission of both Key Club International and Kiwanis International in 2012-2013 as a Key Clubber at Columbia Falls High School (CFHS).

I am referring, of course, to your beautiful and moving outreach to Taylor Peterson with whom you were classmates at CFHS. You have described Taylor as a remarkably positive girl whose lofty dreams, and whose love for life were simply infectious. Her diagnosis of cancer, while an underclassman at CFHS, would have devastated all but the strongest – though Taylor was resilient, remaining her positive, upbeat self; besides, although all cancer is serious, the medical community was confident that Taylor's was quite treatable, and that she would soon get on with her active, vibrant life – including the volleyball she loved! Everyone was relieved, then, when her cancer receded into remission.

Tragically, however, Taylor's remission abruptly ended as her senior year approached. The cancer returned with vengeance, and it was devastating. Now it riddled her entire fragile body and all hope was rapidly fading. Taylor knew she had not much longer to live; even so, Taylor intentionally chose to live life to the fullest until the end. While you offered Taylor support from the onset with her initial diagnosis, it is here, Maggie, when hope was shattered, that you intervened in such a moving and decisive manner. While many shared your deep concern for Taylor, you were keenly aware of the *urgency*.

Your focus turned to what Taylor wanted most: she had long dreamed of visiting Hawaii. Money needed to be raised – and quickly – if Taylor's dream was to come true. With time as your adversary, you set your sights squarely upon her wish. Your thought was to raise this money by selling t-shirts to the student body. Having taken a poll of that body, you knew t-shirt sales would not receive overwhelming support – but even that did not deter you.

The t-shirt sales began because you made it happen. It began slowly, with the hope of eventually selling two hundred to help fund Taylor's trip. But suddenly this all changed.

The t-shirts increased awareness of the finality of it all – of Taylor’s finality. Students wearing t-shirts into the community began to have an avalanche effect. Sales rocketed – nearly 1,000 sold in short order! Support from Columbia Falls grew exponentially – and then beyond Columbia Falls! I have it on good authority from people in the community that your actions then would later be viewed as a turning point, a definite catalyst – if not *the* catalyst - for this outpouring of support. And yet you steadfastly insisted,

***I cannot take credit for creating inspiration in the community.
But I saw the urgency...and I knew that we just had to get this done.***

Taylor died shortly before Christmas in 2012. Although the fundraising was highly successful, it was not in time to fulfill Taylor’s dream. Her cancer was simply too aggressive. From there decisions were gradually worked out, at many levels, regarding the disposition of money raised. In the end, Key Club scholarships were established for CFHS seniors applying for post-secondary education. The recipients of these scholarships ultimately have the “catalyst” to thank. And you were that catalyst, Maggie.

Your graciousness and your genuine humility, Maggie, are among your hallmark attributes. You consistently refused to take credit – yet you were forever giving credit to others. As to the extent you were willing to acknowledge your own role:

I was grateful that I had the time and the energy – and my health – to do this.

As for giving credit, you repeatedly expressed appreciation for many others, including: Janet – “for her trust and faith in me”; Laurie, your mother; Jenny Stone, CFHS art teacher; Principal Gaiser; your sister, Sadie, and others – including the outpouring support of your hometown. This speaks volumes of you, Maggie – of your character, your heart, and your faith:

***This was never about me. I never did this for any recognition it might bring.
It came from my heart. And the focus was always upon Taylor, and on Taylor alone.***

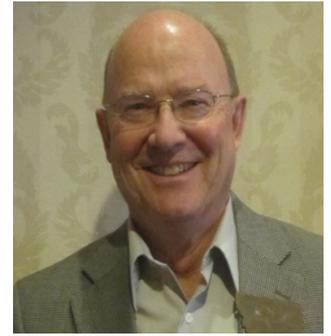
We are deeply indebted to your service, Maggie. You exemplified the heart of Kiwanis before the entire community of Columbia Falls as a senior at CFHS. And you inspire our entire Montana Kiwanis Family today, urging us forward in increasingly greater service.

In heartfelt gratitude for your servant role, and for the service you continue to provide,

Chuck Amdahl
2012-2013 Governor
Montana District of Kiwanis International

cc: Dr. Tom Evans, President, Carroll College, Helena, Montana
Ms. Amanda Spice, Director, Key Club International, Indianapolis, Indiana
Mr. Dean Person, Administrator, Key Club, District of Montana

MEETING PLACE SAFETY:



The most common Kiwanis event isa club's weekly "Meeting/Luncheon". This "Event" is often overlooked from a safety perspective. I suggest your Board of Directors appoint a committee to do a "Safety review" of your meeting place premises. Report your findings to Board and ask the Owner/Landlord and to correct or repaired any deficiencies. This could also be a presentation for a regular Club meeting. Point out fire exits & fire extinguishers in case of an emergency.

Request a "Certificate of Insurance" from the Owner of your meeting place to show proof of its General liability coverage and keep it on-file with Club Secretary. Update annually.

Things for your committee to look for:

- * Are parking areas, sidewalks & stairs in good repair & maintained in Winter?
- * Do steps or landings have handrails?
- * Is exterior lighting adequate? (If your Club meets in early morning or for Dinner)
- * Are fire escapes in good condition (If appropriate)?
- * Are fire exit doors properly marked and unlocked during meeting times?
- * Are chairs & tables in good condition (old, wobbly, sharp edges etc) ?
- * Are fire extinguishers visible? If not point them out.
- * Are doorways & hallways free of obstructions?
- * Do interior stairs have non-slip treads?
- * Do stairways have handrails & kept from of obstructions & properly lighted?
- * Correct any visible Trip & fall hazards
- * If carpeting worn or rippled, it may need to be repaired or re-stretched.
- * Tape down extension cords used for presentations to avoid trips & falls

If your Kiwanis Club owns a Property; I would like to hear from you! Remember that the Kiwanis International Insurance program is limited to "Commercial General Liability". Property coverage for Kiwanis owned contents, a building, structure, shelter or camp is not included. For Property coverage; contact a local Insurance Agent.

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Youth Protection

Guidelines # 432 revised 10/1/2013

Please review these with your club.

Download them here:

**[http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/
resources/file-library#.Uzco2YX6-Es](http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/resources/file-library#.Uzco2YX6-Es)**

Tattoos

By: Steve Bostrom

January 7, 1996, I preached a sermon from Leviticus 19:28 - "Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put tattoo marks on yourselves. I am the LORD." A few days before, I had lunch with several pastors who asked me what our church was doing about tattoos. I told them that the question hadn't come up. How sheltered we were. How times have changed.

What would a Kiwanis club do if one out of two new members sported a tattoo? Some older members, remembering when tattoos were scorned, may pause and wonder what the world is coming to. But not much would be done. Tattoos are not a problem for Kiwanis.

But, for the church, tattoos could be a problem. If you are not a Christian, you may or may not be interested to know how we respond. I hope you keep reading. For Christians, the elephant in the room has to be addressed - if we honor Scripture as true, must we alienate the tattooed - and their friends?

Like you, I had questions about this verse. Does it forbid all tattoos? Was this a civil law, like some portions of Leviticus, intended only for the nation of Israel - but not for us? Some tattoos are satanic and encourage self-mutilation. Is that what is forbidden here? What about tattoos that are beautiful - meaningful? Our bodies are the temple of God. Although God did not have wicked art in his temple, he did encourage beauty there. Is the same standard to be applied to tattoos?

How do we answer such questions?

Years later, I met Bones, a tattoo artist and the son of a general, on the way to my Helena office. He knew Leviticus 19:28 - and knew the word "tattoo" comes from the Hebrew word "queque" and is one of those rare words that is only used once. No other passages help us understand this word.

But Bones knew we are not at a dead end. Many times the Hebrews rhymed ideas. Consider Leviticus 19:32 - "Rise in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD." "Rise in the presence of the aged" and "show respect for the elderly" are rhyming ideas - they repeat what has just been said with a bit of variety. In the same way, "Do not put tattoo marks on yourselves," may be intended to rhyme with "Do not cut your bodies for the dead." Bones objected to tattoos that glorified death and destruction.

Through Moses, God reiterated this command in Deuteronomy 14:1 "You are the children of the LORD your God. Do not cut yourselves...for the dead, 2 for you are a people holy to the LORD your God."

About 800 years after Moses, Jeremiah tells us that the ruler who had saved his life - the man who had been appointed by the emperor was assassinated. Before that murder had become common knowledge - 41:5 - "eighty men had shaved off their beards, torn their clothes and cut themselves."

In the 1960's the campaign: "Keep America Beautiful, Don't Be a Litterbug" gained traction. We simply don't litter today the way people once did. More recent laws that banned smoking from bars and restaurants have gained traction too. What a change! But to some extent, God's campaign to limit grieving people from cutting themselves failed in Israel.

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There are acceptable ways of expressing grief. The prophet Micah wrote -1:8 - "I will weep and wail; I will howl like a jackal and moan like an owl." Sometimes mourning clothes were worn. Often clothes were torn: Joshua tore his clothes; David tore his clothes; Hezekiah tore his clothes; Elisha tore his clothes, Mordecai tore his clothes; Paul and Barnabas tore their clothes.

Still, God limited the expression of grief – his people were not to cut themselves.

And Jesus spoke plainly to the man who told him - Lk. 9:59 - "'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' 60 Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.'"

Jesus is a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. Jesus wept. Jesus has great "compassion" – our English word means "to suffer with." "Splanknizomai" is a tongue twisting Greek word that is often translated as "compassion." It means: "being kicked in the gut." There is nothing genteel about "splanknizomai." Every one of the twelve times "splanknizomai" is used in the New Testament it is connected with Jesus. Jesus shows us that God is willing to suffer with us. He does not live in distant untouchability. He has come near – even to suffer with us – and more – to suffer for us on the cross - to be "cut" for us. He bears those wounds even in heaven. He was willing to bear the stigmata of the cross so that his followers would not grieve as others who do not know him.

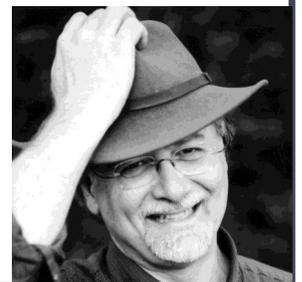
Now, instead of the ache of grief mastering us, the love of Jesus may win us.

Jesus knows that grief is one of the powerful emotions we can experience. We have little or no control over it. It can be like a terrorist – attacking without warning. For some of us, grief is fresh.

But, Leviticus 19:28 and Luke 9:60 tell us that grief is not God. Like any other great power in this world, it can become an idol. We do not deny grief. We "mourn with those who mourn – and rejoice with those who rejoice" (Rom. 12:15). Jesus promised- Mt. 5:4 - "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."

Ultimately, life is not a tragedy for those who trust God. We will not always be victims. We do not deny our grief but we set boundaries. We don't have to be stuck in the past. God may surprise us: Ps. 30:5 "Weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning." In our grief, despite our grief, we can proclaim the kingdom of God.

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



KEY CLUB®

Amanda Eastman and McKenzie Foos and their families receive a standing ovation as they are honored for their work to raise money for tetanus in developing countries through Project Eliminate during the Key Club Convention.

Amanda Eastman and McKenzie Foos But Eastman and Foos are Key club members from Skyview High School in Billings. The seniors raised over \$2500.00 to support the Joint Kiwanis Family effort to Eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. The majority of the funds were raised with their efforts through the schools TWIRP dances. The more than 150 fellow Key



Club members attending the Convention cheered and gave Eastman and Foos a standing ovation during the presentation. Both girls received Walter Zeller Fellow, Awards for their joint efforts. In two years of raising money for Project Eliminate, Eastman and Foos “have saved almost 2,100 lives,” said

Eastman and Foos each was recognized as a Walter Zeller Fellow, named after a founder of the Kiwanis foundation in 1940.

BUILDERS CLUB A SOLUTION FOR UNUSED ENERGY

There is no doubt in my mind that the greatest source of human energy lies in the bodies of middle school students. After spending more than thirty years in a classroom trying to harness youth enthusiasm into scholarly book learning, I learned that what was most interesting to them was what is happening NOW.

A good way to teach what is happening NOW in our communities is to get the students into the communities as volunteers to see their own value to the community and see first hand what is needed NOW to make our lives better.

Service education is a teaching technique that has been used by some over the last few years to put students into the community in a very useful and educational way. The drawback to service learning is that it is expensive and time consuming in the regular curriculum. The solution to this drawback is to organize Builders Clubs to volunteer service in the community where they learn while doing rewarding service. The cost to the community is minimal and on the job learning is taking place.

Kiwanians are in a favorable position to offer service education to students, and this can be accomplished with little or no interference with their school’s current curriculum. Kiwanis in cooperation with school districts can give hundreds of youth the opportunity to transform communities while creating a bright future for themselves.

School boards should be made aware of the educational value of service clubs in our schools. They are an education bargain.

Everett Jones Adm. MT District Builders Clubs



A fantastic Student Leadership Opportunity!

August 15-17th at a beautiful Flathead Camp at Lakeside, MT

Key Leader Registrations are trickling in -- there have been several inquiries and I suppose some are waiting until the last minute with all the end of school year activities. I encourage advisors to register their students by **May 31st**. That way we have the kids' emails and can send them messages to get them excited for camp throughout the summer. As an example, one of those clubs that has not registered yet have informed me they are sending 18 attendees. Target age group is: Incoming Freshman through Senior.

Your promotions would be a great help throughout Montana. Please contact any and all youth groups – Boys and Girls clubs, Big Brothers & Sisters, Home school associations, etc. in your community. When posting your Club meetings in your school or local paper – add a blurb about Key Leader camp please or at the very least include the www.key-leader.org website. Please add a link to your local club websites too! I appreciate all your support and help to promote the camp. Let's make this the largest and best ever Montana District Key Leader Camp! I recommend you visit the site and read the testimonials students have left to share their Key Leader experience.

To assist you in your promotions:

Full registration fee is \$200 per student without a scholarship. **Key Club or a Builders' Club grads** will receive a **\$25 Kiwanis International Key Leader discount** for a total of \$175! Please encourage club advisors / students to list their advisor, parent or if applicable their local Kiwanis Club as their sponsor for the invoicing.

The sponsoring entity will receive an invoice from KI upon registering - the CLUB is responsible for the invoice if they have committed to supporting students.

Some students do not have funds to go to camp so we are encouraging local Kiwanis Clubs to assist interested students with their fees. In addition, if a student or Key Club needs to do some fundraising – advise them to call me, and I will help them with a QUICK and EZ **Avon Fundraising** opportunity. Very easy and 100% of the profits committed to support the student's for their Key Leader Camp attendance.

A LATE REGISTRATION FEE of \$25 will apply to those registering in August! So we definitely want them to register early to avoid paying the additional fee.

If you have talked to me about chaperoning, please go to <http://www.key-leader.org/Find-Key-Leader-Events/KeyLeaderLocationsandDates.aspx> -- register under Adult chaperones – **spots are limited so please do so ASAP**. Filter by State and then drop down / select Montana. I need to lock in the number of chaperones soon. Simply registering does not qualify you as a chaperone. I have a limited number of chaperones & committee members allowed. As an adult attending camp, once you register, you will be sent a link for the KI background check. Please complete that as soon as possible. All adults are required to complete the background check in order to attend the camp. If you completed a background check last year it is still good for this camp.

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

Betsy Pahut

Mt District Key Leader Chair

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

Billings Golden K is very busy working with the district and making sure our joint convention with Western Canada will be a great one this summer. During the Board Meeting it was agreed to give the dollars needed to Arloa, to purchase the country flags for our joint convention in August. Bob Miller will be making the flag holder for the country flags plus a table holder for the Canadian and American flags. Boy we have a lot of talent and know how in our club! Bud Leuthold will be contacting the Friendship House to see if we can perhaps do our Kiwanis One Day Service Day for them. We also plan on helping with that bus they need. More on that later.

Arloa also got \$25.00 for the Key Club Convention that is coming up in March. The Financial Development Committee will be changing their Committee name to Resource Development Committee. A wonderful report was given at Mid winter and the activities planned include but not limited to:

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 – Great Food in quantities beyond what we should consume – And of course all that boring stuff like meetings, election, committee reports and such. A full report will come in our next issue.

Thank you for the great report from your committee at Mid-Winter.

Travel and Adventure will have their 50th anniversary next year and will decide whether they will have 50 more! Doing very well so far this year.

Joe Burst brought up sponsoring an Aktion Club. He feels there are many people that will want to be part of an Aktion Club. The Board approved sponsoring a new Aktion Club. We will be the only sponsor and their budget will be \$460.00 yearly.

Billings Golden K Has voted to pay for a newer bus for Friendship House. School Dist 2 will be trading in some of their buses at the end of this school year so we will buy one that is in good condition for the price of \$8,500.00

Billings Golden K History: Billings Village Golden K Kiwanis Club was officially recognized on Jan. 15, 1983 but losses from the small number of original members brought the club below the acceptable KI level so it was lost. Recruitment of new members solved the problem and by Dec. 1984 a second charter was issued. The name was changed to Billings Golden K Kiwanis Club in 2013 when we moved from Casa Village. Keith Wallace did a lot of hard work to instigate the name change.



Whitefish-Glacier-Columbia Falls- **Division 8** - Polson-Kalispell-

Polson Kiwanis had their 18th Annual Buffalo Burgerfest in February! Our club came together with the VFW letting us use their hall again, and we had nine businesses that donated buffalo burgers, buns, condiments, tomatoes and onions (already sliced) and the members all donated pies! It was a



terrible night as there was snow piled in the streets and on the corners, but we were able to serve well over 200! Our Key Club members were the servers and added charm and humor to the event. The profits go to our youth activities, including Key Club, Builders Club, and Kids Club, scholarships, band program, and many more. There will be changes next year as the Tuesday we have had for years is heavy with basketball and volleyball games and tournaments. We are looking at next year to raise more for the youth of our area.

Kalispell Glacier Club hosted the Nite of Jazz for local High Schools, this has been a longstanding event which show cases the talent students and teachers in the Kalispell High School music program, Area High Schools perform and it is a great evening of music, the funds raised from this event go to back to the local high schools for their music program . They had a great turn out at our Nite of Jazz Concert last Monday ,March 10th . We did well with our admission charges and our program advertising sales. Thanks to all who helped! The money collected was split with the participating Jazz bands. They have already set next year's date as March 9th, 2015 for the concert and the schools are excited about it!



Capital City-Last Chance-**Division 9**-Helena—Downtown

Just a few brief notes from Division 9. The **Capital City Kiwanis Club** had a successful pancake breakfast to raise money for the ELIMINATE Project. They raised over three hundred dollars for the Project. The Helena Kiwanis Club continues to have several events involving over 300 BUG students. 200 of them attended meetings with the Club. They are now gearing up for the annual Steak Booth at the Last Chance Stampede in July. The Club's public service announcement about the ELIMINATE Project continues to run on four local television stations for over three months. Every club in major cities should be running this PSA.



Havre— Malta- **Division 7** - Glasgow

Malta Club served Indian Tacos with Frybread at a basketball game for a fundraiser (done annually), raising \$800.

Glasgow Club sponsored the 19th Annual Science Fair (news article submitted separately online), and is organizing the Easter Egg Hunt for the community. We presented 32 BUG awards for grades 4 through 6. A work in progress is setting up a Wildlife Display at the Children's Museum, using Skip Erickson's trophies from years of safari hunts (waiting for warmer weather as the area is unheated yet).

Havre hasn't been meeting, but I plan my Lt. Governor Visit there March 24 (weather permitting, of course)



The Bitterroot Valley Kiwanis sponsors two Key Clubs and a Builder's Club: Hamilton Key Club, Stevensville Key Club, and Hamilton Builder's Club. Witnessing the enthusiasm and generosity of our middle school and high school kids inspires us to do even more as a Kiwanis Club just to keep up with them!

Highlights of the Bitterroot's Youth Service Leadership Clubs:

The **Hamilton Key Club** has spent the last couple of months raising money for Pennies for Patients, to support the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. They had a class competition to collect the most coins via can donations, and solicited donations for a bowling event. Each bowling team had to dress in costume, which seemed to influence their bowling style as well. The kids have raised \$325 so far for Pennies for Patients. The 81-member group is now busy planning and baking for the cake raffle at the Kiwanis All-Valley All Star Basketball game this spring.

The **Stevensville Key Club**, 42 members strong, held a valentine fundraiser called sending "A Crush to Your Crush." High school students could pay to send a can of Crush soda to someone special. \$275 was raised to help a fellow Stevensville High School student battling cancer at the Seattle Children's Hospital. A small group of Key Clubbers visited the Veteran's Hospital in Helena and handed out Valentine's Day cards as well. The Stevensville Key Club also donated the proceeds from their winter formal dance (\$723) to Emma's House, an advocacy center that provides support to abused children, in Hamilton. They are now partnering with the Hamilton Key Club on the cake raffle!

The 6th, 7th and 8th grade **Hamilton Builder's Club** has 40 members. The Builder's Club recently hand-made Valentines and delivered them to the elderly.

Bitterroot Valley Kiwanis would like to acknowledge our youth advisors, Jane Mason, Janice Muller, Stacey Sager, Owen Burch, and Cassie Ellis who give so much of their time to motivate and mentor our Key Clubs and Builder's Club. Thank you, advisors!

Missoula Kiwanis is just wrapping up our Kiwanis Basketball program with another successful year just about in the books. This is a free basketball program, open to 5-8th graders and we take care of everything except for the coaching (gym, shirts, refs, score/time). Just as that program wraps up we turn the corner focusing on our biggest fundraiser of the year, the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast. This year, Carl Mendenhall is in charge of the big event and pre-sales are coming in strong. Membership remains strong but we continue our focus on growing. Membership committee has declared the first meeting day of the month, "pin day". Members are encouraged to wear their Kiwanis pins all day and promote the brand. January 30th the Young Children Priority One, lead by Kiwanian Chris Ryan, served a spaghetti dinner to about 75 families at the Head Start Amanda Kekich Feed and Read. Brian Kekich provided funds to purchase a book for each child. Several Boy Scouts of America, lead by Kiwanian Bill Hoffman, read to the children. This event is produced three times each year.

Sentinel Kiwanis helped Kiwanian Gary Hughes raise over \$300 for the Special Olympics of Montana Griz Dip. Gary clicked on chicken, so didn't take the icy plunge at the UM Oval. February 2014 marked the Sentinel Kiwanis Krispy Kreme fund drive. With 40" of snow in Missoula in February and a blizzard the night of doughnut delivery - the Krispy Kreme driver crossed the mountain passes between Missoula and Spokane for a 6:00 a.m. delivery to City Life in Missoula. Under the leadership of Kiwanians Sandy Smith, Michele Wheeler and Tim Roy Sentinel Kiwanis raised several thousand dollars for youth funds. Key Clubs from Florence-Carlton, Hellgate and Seeley Swan High Schools raised Krispy Kreme funds for their Key Club Projects as well.

ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



Kiwanis



Contact Ed Mangisto arrange a program for your club about our new World Service Project, Eliminate.
Email edmangis-kiwanis@hotmail.com
Phone-406-443-0552

Do not forget the DISTRICT CONVENTION, Aug , 8-10 2014

Important Dates for MT Kiwanis:

Western Canada Joint Convention - August 8-10, 2014

(Holiday Inn Grand Convention Center - Billings)

Club Leadership Training - Friday, August 8

District and Foundation Board Meetings - Friday, August 8

Upcoming International Conventions

Japan - 2014 — On line registration is open.

Indianapolis - 2015 — 100 Year Celebration

Toronto, Canada - 2016

Paris France—2017

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