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Time to Invite

by: Bruce Klair, District Governor



Recently a Kiwanis Club asked me to write an article for their newsletter relating what Kiwanis means to me and how it has influenced my life. It started me thinking about the first time I walked into a Kiwanis meeting and how my life has changed since that day.

It was over 20 years ago when I was asked to do a program in front of a local Kiwanis Club. I faced the task with a little fear and uncertainty, since public speaking is not my forte, and I wasn't sure how this group would react to me. What I found at the meeting were a group of people who welcomed me warmly and made me feel like I belonged there. I recognized the faces of many of the people there, and realized that Kiwanians were made up of folks from every aspect of our community.

After the meeting I was handed an application for membership, and was encouraged to join this group. No undo pressure was made, and I kept the application in my desk for several weeks, looking at it from time to time. I had never been a member of a service club, and was not sure that it was for me.

Realizing I had never really given back to the community for all the good fortune in my life, I finally filled it out and gave it back to the club. The rest, as they say, is history. As I tell everyone, joining Kiwanis is one of the best decisions I have made in my life. The fellowship, the friends, the opportunity to serve our community and the children of the world have filled a void in my life. I always look forward to our weekly meetings, and as I tell everyone, in all my years in the Kiwanis organization, I have never left a meeting where I haven't had a good and positive feeling as I walk away from the meeting.

Moving through the offices of Club President, Lt. Governor and now District Governor have given me a new sense of what Kiwanis is doing to make the world a better place. There may be bigger service organizations out there, but there is none which can compete with the service we are providing for those out there who need us. Kiwanis is truly making a difference. In my role as Governor this year, I am visiting Kiwanis Clubs in communities big and small. All of them have the same underlying purpose: changing the world, one child and one community at a time. There can be no greater purpose in life than that.

Remember that when you ask a prospective guest to join you at one of your meetings. It may not seem like such a big deal, but you could be changing the life of that individual. International President Paul Palazzolo has an excellent article in this newsletter addressing membership and growth. We are entering the most productive time for growth in our Kiwanis year. Now is the time to ask that friend, that neighbor, that co-worker to join you at a meeting. Oh, and don't forget to ask that person who just presented a program at your meeting. Sometimes they are just waiting to be asked.

Goldfish and Hotdogs and Pies

by: Paul Palazzolo, Kiwanis International President

What do cream pies, goldfish and hot dogs have in common? They can all be elements of a successful effort to increase your club's membership strength! The answer seems peculiar, but I'll explain.

As we highlight **MAY** as **MEMBERSHIP MONTH**, I hope your club is already planning something special that encourages Kiwanians to sponsor new members. Anyone in the club – whether you're a president, past president or recently joined – can take the initiative to get the club involved in a membership campaign.



Here are three elements that have proven to be helpful in a successful membership effort:

1. **Focused time-frame** – Whether it's five weeks or ten weeks, a definite period allows your members to keep the goal in mind with a sense of urgency.
2. **Focused goal** – A challenging and specific target motivates and develops a spirit of teamwork. Constantly publicize and display the goal and the progress at each meeting during the time-frame.
3. **Fun** – This is where the answer to the above question comes in.
 - Club presidents can offer to receive a cream pie in the face from every Kiwanian in the club that sponsors three new members!
 - Until he or she sponsors a new member, a randomly selected Kiwanian cares for the club's live goldfish mascot! (You can use as many live goldfish mascots as you wish to multiply the fun and the new member results.)
 - Portion the club into teams for membership recruiting purposes. The team sponsoring the most new members enjoys an exceptional meal at a celebration meeting while all others enjoy hot dogs!

There's no peculiar answer to why we need to highlight **MAY** as **MEMBERSHIP MONTH** or why we must strengthen our Kiwanis Club membership. When we have more Kiwanians, we can provide more service – more Terrific Kids programs, more hands to work at our clubs' fund raisers, more help to fulfill our responsibilities of Kiwanis Family sponsorship and more smiles on the faces of children in our communities and around the globe. **For this answer and for these reasons in your community, let's plan now to make May 2010 the most successful KIWANIS MEMBERSHIP MONTH ever!**

Minnesota Governor Pawlenty Speaks at Hibbing Kiwanis Club

Submitted by: Scott Mescher, Lt. Governor Region 3

Gov. Tim Pawlenty fielded questions from area residents concerned about the state's budget, healthcare, education and more, during the Hibbing Kiwanis Club luncheon.



Photo courtesy of the Hibbing Daily Tribune.

March 2010 Update

By Steve Handegaard, District Sec/Treas

Kiwanis International Board locks in the new Graduated New Member Fee Schedule: The International Board has adopted a graduated enrollment fee schedule for new members. The new rates go into effect on **April 1, 2010**. This means clubs will no longer pay a flat fee of \$50 no matter when the new member joins. The fee will be based upon the date the new member is entered at KI. For example, if a member joins in April the new member enrollment fee will be \$36.00. A chart of the graduated fees by month is included at the end of this newsletter.



The graduated rate applies only to new members of existing clubs right now. In the next few months the organization will decide what, if any, difference there will be in the rate for new members of new clubs.

New Online Member Management feature for club secretaries: A new feature is available on the KiwanisOne Reporting website. Club Secretaries can now add, delete and edit member information online. Once they enter the information it is instantly available to Kiwanis International and the District Office. Only club secretaries have access to the online data.

To access the feature club secretaries log in as usual and select “Member Management” on their KiwanisOne reporting launch page. In addition to adding and deleting members as they happen, club secretaries should be sure the contact information and email addresses are correct for your current members.

Club Officer Changes: If for some reason there is a change in your club president or secretary at any time during the year, be sure that your club promptly informs Kiwanis International and the District Office. Your club may miss out on important communications if we do not have the correct contact information.

Club Elections, CLE (Club Leadership Education) & Distinguished Club Award:

Just another reminder that your club election report will be due **June 1st**. Also, just a reminder that the current criteria for the Distinguished Club Award states, *The Kiwanis club president and secretary participate in the Club Leadership Education (CLE) training session (or equivalent) prior to assuming office - (20 points if both attend)*. So, in other words, that means to get the points for next year, you need to attend this year.

Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas, June 24-27, 2010: All clubs should be represented at the International Convention. Kiwanis Clubs in good standing are allowed to designate two representatives to the House of Delegates. Of course, you do not need to be a delegate to attend, everyone is welcome! Information and online registration forms can be found on the Kiwanis International convention website.

<http://sites.kiwanis.org/VegasICON2010/home.aspx>

Besides registering, be sure to report your club’s two International Convention delegates and two alternates to the International Office by April 30 on the Delegate Certification Form. All club secretaries should have received the necessary forms, but if you need another copy you can find it on the Kiwanis International Convention website.

Region 2 Governor's Visit

Submitted by: Roger Willers, Region 2 Lt. Governor

Saturday, March 27 9:00-3:00 p.m.

Eide Bailly LLP 4310 17th Ave. S., Fargo, ND



Official visit of Governor Bruce Klair

9:00 Registration and Networking, coffee, rolls
9:30 Call to Order: Lt. Governor Roger Willers
Welcome, Invocation, Introductions, and announcements
10:00 MnDak District Governor Bruce Klair
10:30 Review of District Goals
10:45 Kiwanis Website(s) Overview – Steve Handegaard
11:45 Luncheon
12:30 Kiwanis International Foundation – Jack Zierdt
1:45 Aktion Clubs –Barb Grabar and Larry Rittgarn
2:00 Club Status Reports: All clubs attending
Includes Circle K, Key Club, Builder's Club, K-kids, Aktion Club
2:30 Upcoming Kiwanis Events and Closing Remarks

REGISTRATION IS \$15.00 per person (includes lunch)

To Register: e-mail hyde@cord.edu Include names of attendees and Club name.

Bring check made out to "Vikingland Kiwanis" to the meeting.

(Your Club will be billed for any no-shows, unless you let us know by noon Friday by e-mail)

Or: Mail names and check to: Colleen Hyde, 1708 19th St. S., Moorhead, MN 56560

Wouldn't it be great if every club were represented at this meeting?
So we'll see you there?

Region 3 Governor's Visit

Submitted by: Scott Mescher, Lt. Governor, Region 3

• The Region 3 Governor's visit will be held on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at Amelia's Family and Cuisine and Catering, 2601 First Avenue in Hibbing. Registration will be from 9:30 to 10:00 A.M. with coffee and doughnuts served. Lunch will be buffet style at noon.

• All Kiwanis club officers, members and prospective members are invited to attend. District Governor Bruce Klair from Red Wing will be visiting and giving a presentation.

• Our agenda will be interactive and informative, and our afternoon speaker will highlight ways club members can work together better to be more effective in the work they do which benefits children and their communities.

• Registration for the meeting will be \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for Key Club and Circle K, due by April 15. Morning refreshments and lunch are included in your registration.

• Checks should be made out to the Kiwanis Club of Hibbing and mailed to: Scott Mescher, 2016 First Avenue, Hibbing, Mn 55746

• To honor Governor Bruce, we are asking each club to send at least two members which would meet inter-club requirements. This is the chance for your club to ask questions, learn more about Kiwanis, meet K friends from around our region and have fun!



Kiwanis Club of Baxter Minnesota Acquires Lakes Country Triathlon

Club: Baxter Lakes Area and Friends - Submitted by: Karl Samp, Club President

Event Held Annually on the Fourth Sunday of August in Baxter, MN

The Kiwanis Club of Baxter Lakes Area and Friends has acquired all rights to the Lakes Country Triathlon. The Lakes Country Triathlon, held annually in Baxter Minnesota, has developed into one of the premier triathlons in the state, with over 400 participants in 2009. This year's event will be held on Sunday, August 29th and consists of a ½-mile swim, 17-mile bike and a 3.9-mile run.



“Kiwanis’ is dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time and with this vision in mind, the Kiwanis Club of Baxter Lakes Area and Friends will use the proceeds of the Lakes Country Triathlon in support of programs meeting children’s needs in our community,” said Karl Samp, President, Baxter Kiwanis. “We are very excited to have this wonderful event belong to our club and are committed to growing and improving it over the years.”

Kevin Dens, a Baxter club member who was instrumental in the process of acquiring the event, and Committee Chair for the event said, “I believe this event will not only provide us the resources to make a difference in the lives of children in our community; but will also provide our club a strong identity that will allow us to grow and thrive.”

The Brainerd Kiwanis Club was also instrumental in the acquisition of Triathlon, providing both monetary and legal support. The Brainerd Club runs the Kiwanis Kids Triathlon, held on the Saturday prior to the Lakes Country Triathlon. To register or learn more about this event go to Kiwanis Kids Triathlon. The Baxter Club owes a large debt of gratitude to the Brainerd Club.

About the Lakes Country Triathlon: The race begins with a ½-mile swim in Whipple Lake (known for its calm waters), then switches to a 17-mile bike through the gently rolling hills surrounding the Baxter/Brainerd Lakes area, and ends with a very flat 3.9 mile run through a quiet residential area. The Lakes Country Triathlon is a great race, be it your first or fiftieth! The race is limited to 450 entries, and race day registration is not available. To learn more about the Lakes Country Triathlon and to register go to: Lakes Country Triathlon 2010.

About Kiwanis Club of Baxter Lakes Area and Friends: The Kiwanis Club of Baxter was chartered in June 2009 and currently has 27 members. It meets each Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Baxter. The Club encourages community members who want to help make a difference in our community and children’s lives to come to a meeting. We welcome new friends! For more information about Kiwanis Club of Baxter Lakes Area and Friends please call Karl Samp, Club President, at 218-821-5619.

Fund Raising Fun

Club: Sioux Falls Diversity - Submitted by: Duane TeWinkel, Sioux Falls Correspondent

On the evening of February 22, 2010 12 members of the Diversity Club gathered at the Pizza Ranch on E 10th Street here in Sioux Falls to do a fund raiser. It was a great opportunity to not only raise funds for two of our projects but to also meet and greet with customers and talk about Kiwanis.

We netted \$305.21 for our Guatemalan Shoe project and for Haiti. \$100 will be hand delivered to Haiti in March by a member of Mission Haiti Sioux Falls and will be used to adopt 2 children (\$50.00 each) for a year. The remainder will go to the Guatemalan Shoe drive which gets under way March 1 and run through the end of the month.



We were supported by members from other clubs who came in to eat as well as friends and family members. We did such a great job that the manager wanted us to come back next week. We told him that we would be glad to come back sometime further on down the road.

Joining Diversity Kiwanis Club the Round About Way

Club: Sioux Falls Diversity - Submitted by: Duane TeWinkel

We have a recycled Kiwanis member. I e-mailed her about some of her background and how she came to Diversity Kiwanis. What follows are her own words.

Hi Duane. My journey to joining DKC started 20+ years ago. I had been a member of the Mitchell, SD Kiwanis Club in the late 80's and early 90's. I thoroughly enjoyed my time with that Club, but left there when I moved to Rapid City in 1993. During the 12 years I lived in Rapid City, I served on the Western South Dakota Child Protection Council and was invited to join the newly-formed Diversity Council for Wells Fargo Bank, South Dakota. I also adopted two children from China during those years, so promoting diversity took on added importance for me at that time.

Not long after returning to the eastern part of the State in late 2005, I joined a progressive, diverse church in Sioux Falls (Spirit of Peace UCC), whose mission is to promote social justice. At about the same time, I read an article in the Sioux Falls Argus Leader about DKC. I remember thinking to myself that if I should ever join a service club in Sioux Falls, DKC would be the one because it was so well-aligned with my core beliefs.

Though I kept DKC in the back of my mind, what finally prompted me to join was receiving a request through a Sioux Falls Women's Bar Association email in December 2009, indicating DKC was in need of materials and volunteers for "Project Warm-up" to assemble fleece blankets for homeless children identified by the Sioux Falls School District. I decided then and there that I would apply for membership in DKC.

So I've come full circle in re-joining Kiwanis, and DKC is a perfect fit. DKC's focus combines my twin desires to help children and to promote social justice. I'm so happy to be here and look forward to working with this outstanding group, that not only talks about doing extraordinary things, it makes them happen.



Guatemalan Shoe Drive

Club: Sioux Falls Diversity - Submitted by: Duane TeWinkel, Sioux Falls Correspondent

The month of February has been a busy one for our own Carla Cooley. In addition to family and church duties and responsibilities she has been busy getting things organized for the Guatemalan Shoe Drive which kicks off next week.

In addition to the \$205.21 raised this past Monday night she has received a commitment of \$200 from the Downtown Club. The other clubs have promised aid and support (physical and moral) as needed as the drive continues.

So far we have the following locations committed to having shoe collection boxes placed at their locations: Tel-Drugs (6 locations), Gloria Dei Church, Spirit of Peace UCC, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Excel Achievement Center, the Independent Planning Center and the Crossing Church. This annual project of ours is growing by leaps and bounds.



Kiwanis Stroller Donation

Submitted by: Tom Allen, President Rapid City Downtown

At the beginning of the new Kiwanis year in October 2009, the board of directors of the Rapid City Downtown Kiwanis decided to specify where the monthly donations to Cornerstone Mission would be directed. Since the Kiwanis mission is to improve the lot of children and to change the world one child and one community at a time, the decision was made to focus on the children served by Cornerstone.

After asking questions regarding the needs of Cornerstone's programs serving women and children, Vicki Linn (Program Director) and Sarah Lewis (Child Care Supervisor) indicated they could really use a four passenger stroller for the Dear Ones Child Care. Dear Ones is specifically designed to serve the families who are in need of child care services to support the parents' ability to work and obtain an education. The program opened in April 2009 and serves approximately 18 children during an average week. The program provides care to children between 5 weeks and 12 years of age daytime, evening and weekends in order to be responsive to the parents work and school schedules. Cornerstone works in partnership with other local shelters and social service agencies to identify families who are most in need of the services provided by this unique child care program.



In January at the board meeting, it was decided that not only would Downtown Kiwanis support the child care program and help them purchase a four passenger stroller, the decision was made to go ahead and purchase the stroller and pay for it with the regular monthly collections, but with special collections as well. When the decision was announced and the basket passed at the next regular meeting, members donated nearly \$130. Other donations have been received since and the stroller was nearly paid for by the time it arrived this week.

Ms. Linn and Ms. Lewis attended the February 10th meeting of Rapid City Downtown Kiwanis and were presented with the stroller along with two bags of homemade child-size afghans. Those afghans were donated by a lady in North Dakota, who is nearly 90 years old. She donated a number of the afghans last year and after receiving a thank you from the Early Headstart program, she started to work on more.

Picture shows Tom Allen, Pres. of Rapid City Downtown Kiwanis, Ms. Lewis (center) and Ms. Linn (left) along with a number of the small afghans.

New Builders Club in Rapid City, SD

Submitted by: Tom Allen, President of Rapid City Downtown

In late spring of 2009 then president Leo Zaug of Rapid City Westside Kiwanis and president-elect Tom Allen of Rapid City Downtown Kiwanis approached principal Doug Foley of West Middle School regarding the possibility of starting a Kiwanis Builders Club at the school. His response was positive, especially when the name of a possible faculty advisor was mentioned. The two Kiwanians already had a lot of experience working with students from the school, thanks to 8th grade science teacher Ann Hast. Ann brought her classes to Kiwanis-Mary Hall Park each year to help clean parts of Lime Creek which runs through the park or to help plant trees and shrubs in the park. Her classes had helped plant over 300 small trees and shrubs the past four years.



When the Kiwanians approached Ms. Hast, she smiled and said, "Sure, it sounds like a really great program." With that, the beginning of a Builders Club was launched. The three put together a few plans to begin recruiting interested students in the Spring and then to launch the club when school started in the fall. Initially only a few students indicated

an interest and those students were asked to bring a friend to the next meeting. Slowly the group grew to a dozen interested young people. The time of their meeting was 7:30 a.m. before school. Not prime time for most middle schoolers! But the initial cadre remained constant until the end of school even holding a small children's book drive for Youth & Family Services before school was out.

Fall semester started with a bang! A pizza party was held and interested students were invited. Officers were elected while the charter paperwork was making its way through the system and a fund raiser was planned to help their librarian buy new books after her budget was cut by nearly 70%. They also began planning other projects, including landscaping the area around the school sign, a possible Easter egg hunt with a nearby early head start program, and possibly assisting Special Olympics later this spring.

The official chartering ceremony for the West Middle School Builders Club was finally held on Wednesday, February 10th in the school library. Earlier attempts were met with schedule conflicts, weather conflicts, etc. Not to be dismayed this eager group of Builders had already raised \$90 from a "hat day", when students were allowed to wear their hats if they paid a dollar. Their monies are set aside for the Easter egg hunt this spring. Both Kiwanis clubs had promised to match student results up to a maximum of \$50. The Easter egg hunt should really be a great one with those kinds of eggs! Hopefully the kids aren't hunting in snow banks!!

Local Jackson Kiwanis Club and Jackson Lions Club Collaborate

Submitted by: Mary Lou Drahota Region 6 Lt. Gov.

Two community organizations come together to help the needs in their community. On November 19, 2009 the Jackson Lions Club challenged the Jackson Kiwanis Club to a Chili Cook off to raise money for the local food shelf. With a little time and a lot of fun and great workers these two organizations put together a great evening event that netted \$1300.00 and also brought in 425 pounds of food.



All was donated to the local food shelf for the holiday season. The Kiwanis club won the cook off and now holds the Golden Bean trophy. This event was so well liked that these two clubs have come together again to help benefit the Hospice programs in the Jackson area. This second event will be hosted on Thursday Feb. 25 in the evening at the Jackson Legion Club. Once again we will be serving chili and the trimmings. These two clubs have shown our community what working together can do to help those in need.

MANDAN, N. DAK. BUILDERS CLUB RAISES FUNDS FOR HAITI

Submitted by: Darlene Vander Vorst, Mandan Kiwanis Club

When the Mandan Middle School Builders Club began to think about a short term project that they could do for Valentine's Day the ideas came in waves. Everything from the sublime to the ridiculous was suggested.

Earlier students had thought about a party that involved a lot of good clean fun but when one of the students said, "Let's not think about ourselves, let's do something that would be fun and that would benefit others." They all got on the band wagon with the idea and decided to sell red and pink carnations which other students at the school would purchase for someone special in their lives and the proceeds would be donated to Haiti.

Students in the school were notified a few days prior to taking orders. The money for the carnations was collected at the time the order was placed and Builders Club members delivered the flowers to the students in the classroom on the Friday before Valentine's Day. The God's Child Project, a local charity which has a very large work in Haiti, was the recipient of over four hundred dollars. Would the kids do it again? In a flash!



Recognition with Benefits

Submitted by: Allen Herrboldt, Board Member of District Kiwanis Educational Foundation

Five months of the 09-10 Kiwanis year has passed. Many clubs may be looking at ways to recognize members for their service to children in their communities, leadership on a project, for recruitment of new members, or for many years of dedicated service. I encourage you to look to the Kiwanis Educational Foundation, Inc. of the Minnesota-Dakotas District and use one of their sources for recognition. With a \$100 contribution to the Vantine Life Fellowship in the name of the honoree will result in a certificate of recognition and a wallet card indicating such honor.



How about recognizing a long standing member for his/her dedicated service to Kiwanis with a Joseph E. Messer Fellowship? With a \$500 contribution or pledge with a \$250 first payment and a \$250 payment the following year, the honoree will receive an attractive Foundation Plaque recognizing that person as a Joseph E. Messer Fellowship recipient.

The real beneficiaries of these contributions and gifts are the district's young people who are pursuing a post secondary education. These gifts never stop working to increase the earnings directed toward scholarships benefiting the students in the Minnesota-Dakotas District. Therefore, the service of the honorees continues on also.

Kiwanis International Foundation

Open your heart to children

For the first time, Kiwanis International will match all unrestricted contributions to the Kiwanis International Foundation on a \$1 for \$1 basis, up to US\$75,000, through the New Beginning campaign. The match will apply to contributions made now through April 30, 2010, as the foundation hopes to raise \$1.5 million to support its grants and programs.

The match is an opportunity to double the impact of your gift and will enable the foundation to invest more generously to help disadvantaged children and communities. The foundation helps Kiwanis fulfill its mission of serving the world's children by distributing grants to districts and clubs.

To give or learn more, go online to www.kiwanis.org/foundation/challenge or call the foundation staff at (317) 217-6155.

Foundation grant targets children in Haiti

The [Kiwanis International Foundation](http://kif.kiwanis.org) (<http://kif.kiwanis.org>) has awarded a US\$10,000 grant from its Disaster Relief Fund to [Sleeping Children Around the World](http://www.scaw.org) (www.scaw.org) to provide bed kits for children in Haiti. The grant was requested by [Aktion Club](http://www.aktionclub.org) (www.aktionclub.org), which adopted Sleeping Children Around the World as its service initiative about three years ago.

Founded in 1970, Sleeping Children Around the World has been providing bed kits to children in need around the world, mostly in underdeveloped and developing countries. Each bed kit includes a mat or mattress, pillow, sheet, blanket, mosquito net (if needed), clothing, towel and school supplies. The foundation grant will be enough to provide about 300 bed kits to kids with the most needs in Haiti.

Since partnering with Sleeping Children Around the World, Aktion Clubs have raised more than US\$50,000, including matching funds from the foundation.

Worldwide Service Project

Kiwanis International seeks member comments on Worldwide Service Project proposals

As Kiwanis International searches for its next global cause, it wants to hear what members think about the three finalists: Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases; Malaria No More and the Canadian Red Cross for their joint malaria proposal; and UNICEF for its maternal and neonatal tetanus proposal. The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees selected the three finalists in January.

Visit www.kiwanis.org/wsp to read summaries, view presentations and read comments about the three remaining causes. The site is available in 8 languages.

A Worldwide Service Project is a directed Kiwanis family-wide program that makes a positive difference in the world by working on behalf of children in need. Kiwanis, through a Worldwide Service Project, can identify and work to resolve or to significantly improve one area of need, benefiting children worldwide.

All three of the final projects include hands-on service opportunities for Kiwanis clubs and members. Kiwanis International required hands-on service to be a component of each proposal.

In addition, the Worldwide Service Project Steering Committee, a global committee appointed by Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo, will be meeting with all three finalists to discuss their proposals. This in-depth discussion will include examining the proposed hands-on service components to ensure that they are in line with the type of service all Kiwanis family members are interested in doing.

The next Worldwide Service Project will be announced in June at the Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas, NV.

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To: Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Club Presidents
From: Bruce Klair, Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Governor
Date: February 1, 2010
Subject: Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo's Visit and Kids Against Hunger Kiwanis One Day Service Project in Mankato, MN on Saturday, April 10, 2010



Dear Club Presidents:

The Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis has the good fortune to have our friend and Illinois neighbor, Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo, visit us on Saturday, April 10, 2010. We had originally hoped for a two to three day visit so that we could show him Kiwanis activities in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. Because of schedule constraints, he will be with us one day. We appointed a Planning Committee, chaired by Mary and John Dierbeck of St. Anthony Kiwanis, to plan an event in Mankato welcoming President Paul which would showcase an important Kiwanis Family Service Project.

Saturday, April 10 is also Kiwanis One Day, the one day of service for Kiwanis Family Clubs internationally. The Planning Committee chose a Kids Against Hunger Food Packaging Event as the Kiwanis One Day Service Project which will take place Saturday afternoon. The Michigan proposed and Minnesota-Dakotas endorsed Kids Against Hunger Service Project was one of the 15 finalists for the Kiwanis International Worldwide Service Project.

Following the two hour food packaging event, the committee will hold a Social Hour, Banquet, Remarks by President Paul and Entertainment by the Mankato Aktion Club. President Paul will emphasize his theme, "Make Time to Make a Difference." We expect the evening will conclude by 8:30 pm so attendees may return home by a reasonable hour although hotel accommodations are available.

To make this visit and service project successful, we need your help. We need Kiwanis Family volunteers and participants to package food bags and to attend the banquet. We hope for participation from every Minnesota-Dakotas Kiwanis Club in the form of one or several attendees. Please review the enclosed event pages and encourage response to the fullest extent.

We are excited about President Paul's visit and the Kiwanis One Day Service Project and want you and your club to be, also. Most importantly, we want your involvement and presence.

Thanks,

Bruce D. Klair

Bruce Klair





You are invited

“MAKE TIME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE”

Saturday Visit

By

Kiwanis International President

Paul Palazzolo

And

**KIWANIS ONE DAY SERVICE PROJECT
KIDS AGAINST HUNGER FOOD PACKAGING**

Hosted by

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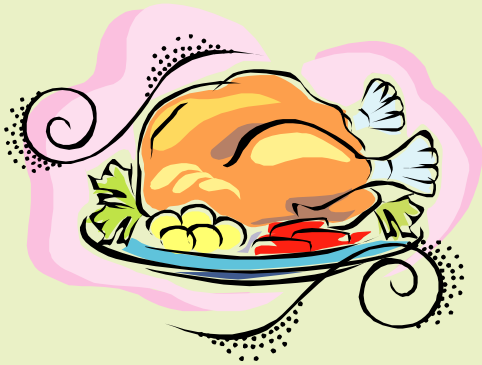
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| 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm | Packaging Registration begins at Kids Against Hunger Packaging Site |
| 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm | KIDS AGAINST HUNGER FOOD PACKAGING SERVICE PROJECT - The Minnesota-Dakotas District Kiwanis Family consisting of Kiwanis, Aktion, Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club and K-Kids will package nutritionally fortified rice. When done, Kiwanis Family Members will feed 20,000 children and family members from developing countries. The project will be held at the Kids Against Hunger Packaging Site. |
| 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm | SOCIAL HOUR - The Social Hour will be held in the Foyer of Hughes/Johnson Room of the City Center Hotel. Dress is Business/Casual. |
| 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm | DINNER, PROGRAM AND ENTERTAINMENT - These events will be held in the Hughes/Johnson Room of the City Center Hotel. Dress is Business/Casual. |

For overnight accommodations, please call the City Center Hotel at 1-877-345-5577.
Request the Kiwanis Rate by March 10, 2010.

Kids Against Hunger Packaging Site
500 Patterson Avenue, # 100
Mankato, MN 56001
507-387-1390

City Center Hotel
101 East Main Street
Mankato, MN 56001
1-877-345-5577



Kiwanis Banquet Reservation Form

President Palazzolo Visit/Kiwanis One Day
City Center Hotel

101 East Main Street, Mankato, MN 56001

Social Hour 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Banquet 6:00 pm

Followed by Palazzolo Remarks and Entertainment

Dress is Business/Casual

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Reservations postmarked by March 29, 2010:

Please reserve _____ @ \$35.00 = _____

After March 29, 2010

Please reserve _____ @ \$45.00 = _____

Banquet Choices are Turkey with dressing, garden salad, potato, mixed vegetables, warm fresh bread, dessert and coffee or Vegetable Lasagna, garden salad, mixed vegetable, warm fresh bread, dessert and coffee. Please select entree choice while making reservations.

Note: A portion of the ticket cost will be donated to Kids Against Hunger to defray the cost of rice, nutrients and overheads.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Select One</u>		<u>Name</u>	<u>Select One</u>	
	<u>Turkey</u>	<u>Lasagna</u>		<u>Turkey</u>	<u>Lasagna</u>
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Club Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Response Due Date: **March 29, 2010**

Issue Check to: Mankato Kiwanis Foundation

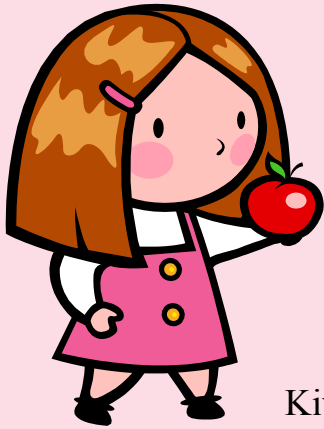
Send Form and Check to: John Dierbeck, Registrar

252 South Cove Road

Hudson, WI 54016

For overnight accommodations, please call the City Center Hotel at 1-877-345-5577.

Request the Kiwanis Rate by March 10, 2010.



Service Project Sign-Up Form

Respond by March 29, 2010

President Palazzolo Visit/Kiwanis One Day

Kids Against Hunger Service Project

Saturday, April 10, 2010

Business/Casual Dress - aprons supplied

Kiwanis Family and Friends Service Project
Kiwanis, Aktion, Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club and K Kids
Kids Against Hunger Packaging Site
500 Patterson Avenue, # 100
Mankato, MN 56001

Note: There will be a Kids Against Hunger collection bucket at the packaging site. The suggested giving amount is a minimum of \$10.00 per packager to defray the cost of rice, nutrients and overheads. The cost of packaging is included in the Banquet Ticket Price.

___ 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm Packaging Registration Begins at Kids Against Hunger Packing Site

___ 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm Kids Against Hunger Packaging Crew

Name

Name

Club Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Response Due Date:

March 29, 2010

Return Completed Form to:

John Dierbeck, Registrar
252 South Cove Road
Hudson, WI 54016





Trip to Kids Against Hunger

500 Patterson Ave # 100, Mankato, MN 56001 - (507) 387-1390

0.86 miles - about 2 minutes

Notes

To Kids Against Hunger off of S. Riverfront Dr. going SW turn right on Lamm St. and then left on Patterson. Large parking lot behind the building.

Start Map [Hide](#)

A: Mankato City Ctr Hotel, 101 E Main St, Mankato, MN 56001

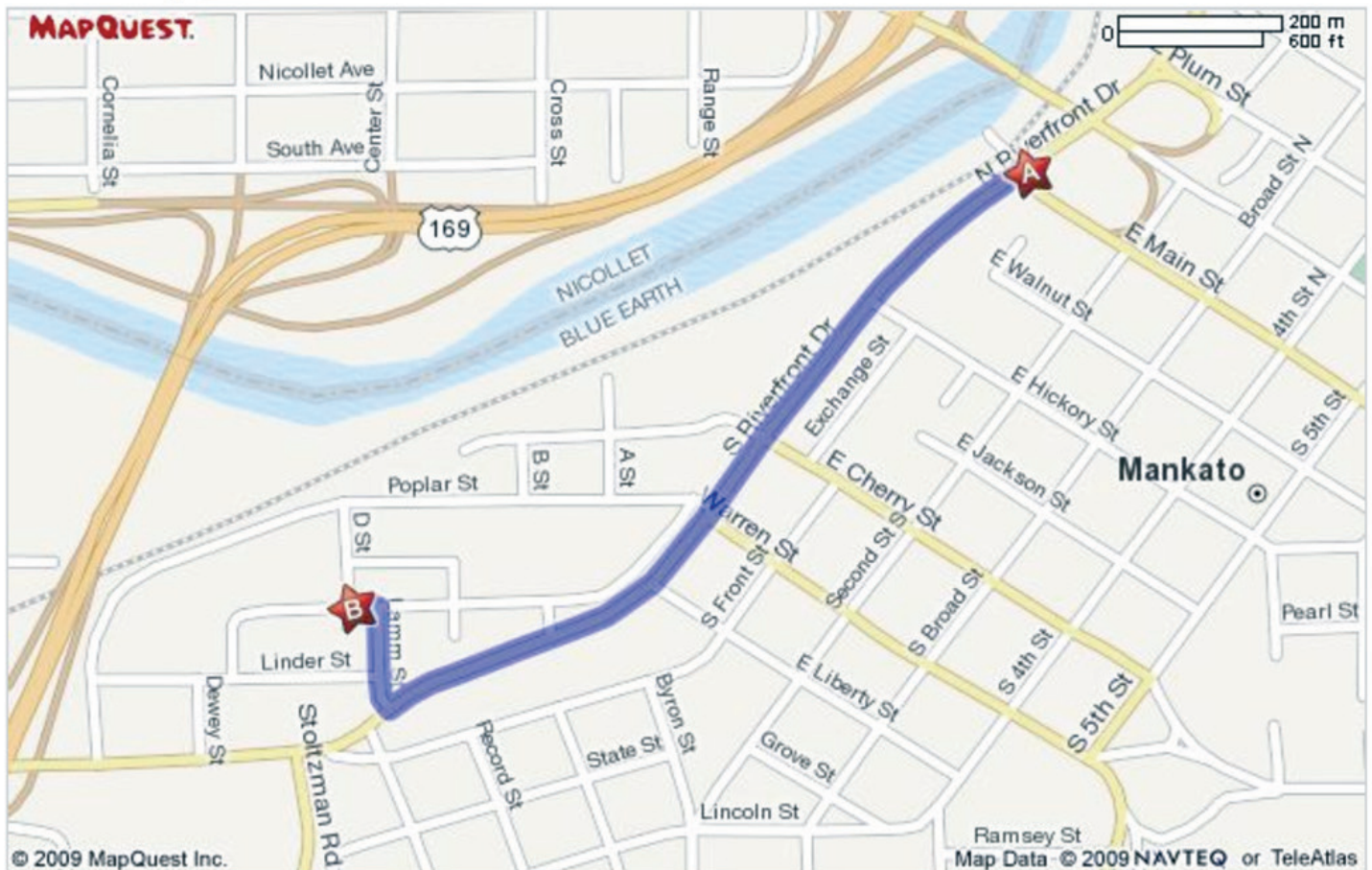


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B: Kids Against Hunger, 500 Patterson Ave # 100, Mankato, MN 56001



Route Map [Hide](#)



KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
 Graduated Enrollment Fee Schedule
 For New Members of Existing Kiwanis Clubs Only
 Effective April 2, 2010
 (Amounts in USD)

		\$ 62.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 42.00
		KI	KI	KI
	Member Add Month:	Dues, Magazine, Insurance	Dues and Insurance	Dues
	October	\$ 62.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 42.00
	November	\$ 62.00	\$ 54.00	\$ 42.00
	December	\$ 60.00	\$ 52.00	\$ 41.00
	January	\$ 54.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 37.00
	February	\$ 48.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 33.00
	March	\$ 42.00	\$ 37.00	\$ 28.00
	April	\$ 36.00	\$ 31.00	\$ 24.00
	May	\$ 30.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 20.00
	June	\$ 24.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 16.00
	July	\$ 18.00	\$ 16.00	\$ 12.00
	August	\$ 12.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 8.00
	September	\$ 6.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 4.00