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It is not too late to join your fellow Kiwanians for some southern hospitality, Fantastic food and tons of fun in New Orleans. Registration forms and information are available:

www.kiwanisone.org

Mid –Winter in Bozeman was Very well attended. All went extremely smooth and the training had over 25 president elects & secretaries in attendance. Business sessions on Sat were full and well attended and all presentations were well received. Dinner Friday Eve was highlighted with a great talk from International President Alan Penn. Food throughout the weekend was great and Sat eve whole roasted pig was super. Past Governor Ed Mangis presented district and international awards during Sat. Lunch. (see pages 3&4). CKI and Key Club governors gave reports to the district and our foundation and district boards attended to business on Friday. President Alan presented a little trivia game Friday eve but also brought up this piece of trivia. Did you know the Montana District of Kiwanis has more International presidents as club members than any other district? Wow, How can that be? Think about it, the answer in the next issue.



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Governor, Chuck Rushing

It does not seem like it's time for another KSPAN letter but in the words of the immortal Oliver Hardy, "it most certainly is, Stanley".

I will start by thanking everyone that went to Midwinter. Not only was it Fun but it was a total success. We stayed under budget and accomplished everything we wanted to.

Our International President, Alan Penn, enjoyed his trip to Montana and said he was looking forward to coming back. The programs, classes and Stuff the Bus exceeded our expectations Great Job Montana!

This only goes to show that whatever we attempt, as long as we work together, we will succeed. The Circle K convention which ran consecutively with Midwinter was also a success, Emily Cross did a fantastic job working with her officers and our secretary, Mary Brydich - Great Job.

The action club was also present and worked with Circle K and Kiwanis Stuff the Bus.

Mike Miller aka (Robert Miller) threw his hat in the proverbial ring as running for Governor 2013-2014. I couldn't be more pleased, He will make a fantastic Governor.

I attended the Key Club District Convention in Billings and was pleased and proud of the young people running the convention and the group of 300 members and advisers that made the convention a hit. Due to the hard work of the Key Club, Members' awards were flowing like water, people were being recognized and spirit was being shown.

The Convention had a pleasant distraction from business as Tim Tebow was staying at the hotel and would stop now and then and give autographs. The students were asked not to bother him or go on the seventh floor looking for him. Everyone cooperated except one industries young man who waited until he saw one of Mr. Tebow's party carrying a full arm load of water and asked if could help. Needless to say he was invited into the room to put the water down and proceeded to get an autograph. (What do you do?)

With all said this has been a fantastic two weeks. It does my heart good seeing all of the SLPs working together and communicating. Looking forward to seeing all of you in my travels.

Yours in Service

CHUCK RUSHING

Montana District Governor

2011-2012



IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Edward Mangis, February 25, 2012

The 2011 Areas of Focus were developed from the Montana District Strategic Plan. These 14 points were grouped under three areas: Service, Growth, and Membership/Club Support. All areas were worked on, some with results, some laying the foundation for future successes, and in other cases, not much happened. A recap on each area follows:



Service

- Service Leadership Programs growth. An outline to achieve the goal of having an SLP presence in every school in the District has been developed and three new SLP Clubs were brought on board: Missoula Sentinel – The Seeley Lake Key Club, Bitter Root Valley Builders Club, and Bozeman/Bozeman Young Professionals Montana State University Circle K Club. In addition many BUG programs were added.
- SLP integration with other SLP activities and Kiwanis Clubs generally improved across the District. Division 9 was a model program with then Lt Governor Chuck Amdahl putting together an SLP steering group made up of all advisors and club presidents. The results of these meetings were very encouraging and the program has now been instituted at the District level.

One of the results of the above was a great “Lap Montana for the Kids” event. More on that later.

Growth

The number of Kiwanis Clubs in the District remained at 43. However, satellite clubs were brought into being at Boulder and the Billings Young Professional Club plus the Bozeman YP was installed in September of 2010 and the Helena YP will be formed shortly.

Membership

- Five of the nine Divisions grew, four did not
- 16 clubs Grew, 9 stayed even, and 18 lost members.
- The overall District was down three members!

Membership/Club Support

-Communications were greatly enhanced during the year with the re-establishment of the KSpan, the updated Website, the New Facebook account, and the Constant Contact email system.

-The District Strategic Plan was approved and reviewed on schedule.

In recognition of club achievements:

-The sixteen clubs that had membership growth were:

Salmon ID– 2 – President Molly Newcomb	Bozeman – 5 – President Tracey Jones
Shelby – 3 – President J Patrick Moore	Harlowton – 9 (Largest number – 34.6% gain) President Debbie Jones
Anaconda – 3 – President Gene Lutey	Headwaters – 2 – President Kathy McDonnell
Silver Bow – 1 – President Doreena Ford	Kalispell – 6 (largest percentage growth 55%) President Mark Munsinger
Butte Sunrise – 2 – President Dawn Johnson	Downtown Helena – 1 – President Wayne Schaff
Billings Heights – 4 – President Deborah Wagner	Helena – 2 – President Tom Rolfe
Billings – 2 – President – Daron Frank	Helena Last Chance – 8 (Boulder Satellite Club) President Alice Gilbert.
Miles City – 3 – President Jason Oberlander	
Belgrade – 4 – President Greg Kuhl Winner of the growth contest	

AWARDS CONTINUED

The clubs that participated in the Lap Montana for the Kids project were: Glendive, Sidney (2/3 of Division 5), Glasgow, Malta, and Havre (100% of Division 7), The Tombstone Club, and all of Division 9 (Helena, Helena Downtown, Helena Last Chance, Helena YP (Still in formation), Boulder Satellite Club, Carroll College Circle K, U of M Helena Circle K, Helena AKtion Club, Helena HS Key Club, and the Capital HS Key Club!). They brought in roughly 75% of the sponsorship funds. Again roughly, the project brought right at \$2000 each to the participating clubs, the Eliminate Program (Over 1100 women and their children were protected from Neonatal/Maternal Tetanus), and the Montana Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship Fund (two scholarships funded).

District Awards

* **Kiwanis International Recognitions were:**

-Distinguished Divisions:

- Division 5 – Lt Governor Pat Drescher
- Division 6 – Lt Governor John Hickey
- Division 9 – Lt Governor Chuck Amdahl

--Distinguished Members

- Alan Loendorf – Miles City
- Thomas Cordingley – Helena
- Ed Hostetter – Billings Heights

Kiwanis International Service Patch

Bozeman, for Sandbox Project that was also featured in April 2011 Kiwanis Magazine

Governor's Recognitions went to:

Distinguished Clubs:

Anaconda – President Gene Lutey	Bozeman –President Tracey Jones
Silver Bow – President Doreena Ford	Harlowton – President Debbie Jones
Billings Heights – President Deborah Wagner	Belgrade – President Greg Kuhl
Miles City – President Jason Oberlander	Helena – President Tom Rolfe

- Runner-up – Division 6 – Lt Governor John Hickey
- Outstanding Division – Division 9 Lt Governor Chuck Amdahl

- Club

- Runner up – Harlowton
- Club of the Year– Bozeman

-Member

- Runner up – Ed Hostettler – Billings Heights
- Governor's Award – Chuck Amdahl



Rambling Thoughts from your Governor-Elect



I HAD THE BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE, watching flight operations on the deck of the “Rosie” – that is, the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt (CV-42) – not to be confused with her much newer counterpart, a :”super” nuclear-powered carrier, the USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71). Perched high above the deck atop of the Signal Bridge, I had a birds-eye view of the frenzied activity below. Talk about *dangerous* ! There are few things more dangerous than flight operations on an aircraft carrier: catapulting 30 ton F-4N Phantoms off the bow, then later recovering those screaming birds coming in to land at incredible speeds. You can’t imagine the stress – the stress upon machine and man alike – slamming to a dead stop those two powerful turbines strapped to either side of a big chunk of metal. Oh, and did I mention: they were brought home by America’s best: United States Navy pilots! It’s the tail hook that stops the aircraft – when it grabs one of those big fat arresting cables stretched across the rear end of the carrier’s flight deck. If that wire broke which, sadly, occasionally would happen on a deployment, the pilot – if he was lucky – had a fraction of a second to eject. The trick, even then, was to eject *vertically* – that is, before the plane rolled to its side in either direction....

Ok, too much detail and, besides, I really have no business talking about flight ops on an aircraft carrier because I was not one of those pilots. I was Ship’s Company – meaning I belonged to the crew that enabled the birds to fly. Even so, I had incredible respect for those fly boys, and it was quite exciting to be even a very small part of this mission.

I am reminiscing about memories long past – memories of times when, as a much younger man, life was more exciting, to be sure. Most of us have either been there, in the excitement of our younger days, or for the young K-Family members, you’ll be there soon enough. When looking in the rear view mirror of life someday, the years will fly by in what seemed to be a nanosecond.

As exciting and as fun as those earlier years were, though (the Navy provided only a fraction of them), the deepest sense of meaning, purpose, and fulfillment in life came much later – a boat-load of life experiences later. The excitement, though still welcome (in moderation J), is nudged aside for something much better: a deep and fulfilling satisfaction. This kind of enriched satisfaction is securely anchored in a life of service. And Kiwanis is all about service – service to the most fragile, the most vulnerable, and in many ways, the most innocent among us.

Watching flight ops from Rosie’s Signal Bridge was a lot of fun - and so are many other things I’ve experienced in life. But what I value most sometimes has little in common with having fun but, instead, has more to do with making a difference – even a very small difference - in the life of children - the innocent, the most fragile, and the most vulnerable among us. We are partners, you and I – we are together in this, making an impact to enrich these young lives. These are the game-changers that count. *And we are those game-changers!*

Thank you, Kiwanis - and Kiwanians – for your partnership....

Chuck Amdahl

P.S. Some were curious about “Polar” after reading about her in the last KSpan – so I’ve decided to add a picture of my big girl here. —————→



GROWTH with GLEN

Are we Growing?

Hello District Members!!! Just off the Bozeman Convention which provided some excellent ideas for our clubs, both in the service arena and the growth arena. I am confident that those who attended will go back to their clubs and “stir” them up.

Well, we are about half way through the current Kiwanis year, and I thought it would be good to report our progress in the growth area. We do have some more good news, and I want to start with that!

We have 12 clubs who have shown growth according to the KI Monthly Comparison report through February. Way to go!!

Those clubs are:

Bitterroot-Hamilton, Missoula, and Missoula Sentinel from Division 1.

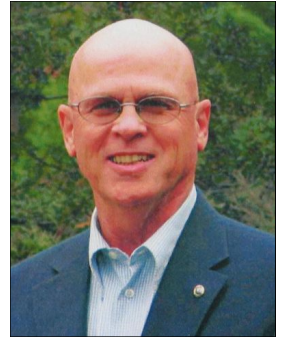
Dillon and Silver Bow from Division 3.

Glendive and Miles City from Division 5.

Glasgow and Havre from Division 7.

Polson from Division 8.

Helena and Helena Downtown from Division 9.



Now that is what “I am talking about”!!! Well done goes to all the officers, board members, and members of those clubs for setting the standard for the District in the area of growth.

Divisions 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 have also shown positive growth during the period of time ending on 2/29/12. Thanks to those Lt. Governors for their continued support and emphasis.

Some of the actual results through 3/3 have not yet hit the Monthly Comparison report. I know this because I track new members added by another KI report. It shows the following results by club:

Missoula, leading the way with **8** new members added. Wow! Share some success stories, Missoula.

Dillon with **6** new members. Their President has set a goal of one new member per month. They are on track to make this goal. Thanks to all of you Kiwanians in Dillon.

Glasgow, **Glendive**, and **Helena** have all added **5** new members to date this year. Alright!!!

Hamilton-Bitterroot Valley has added **4** new members. Well done!

Billings, **Drummond**, Miles City, and my home club, **Sentinel** all have added **3** new members in this Kiwanis year. Yea!!

Thanks for your support and let's go out and find some new members!

Thanks again, **Glen Wheeler**

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NEW MEMBERSHIP CONTEST FOR APRIL & MAY
SEE PAGE 21 FOR RULES

ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



Kiwanis



Contact [Dave Curry](#) to arrange a program for your club about our new World Service Project, Eliminate.
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Phone: 406-723-8067

Montana Hits Eliminate \$100,000 Milestone

Worldwide, Kiwanians have been generous in our efforts to eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus. Over 8% has been pledged or contributed worldwide toward ridding our planet of this scourge.

But Montana stands proud having hit a major milestone. Not only are our contributions among the worlds top in per-capita giving, with Montanan District Kiwanians already pledging or contributing 17% of our goal to provide a millions shots worldwide, but at the mid-winter conference in Bozeman, several Montanans came forward with personal contributions to help the cause by getting a Zeller (\$1,250 contribution). These contributions put the Montana District at over \$100,000 pledged or raised so far. That's over 50,000 lives touched and we are only starting. We have received pledges and contributions from Libby to Glendive, with most of the money from generous personal contributions from Kiwanians across the district.

As of the last report, contributions have been received from Butte, Silver Bow, Billings Golden K, Dillon, Glendive, Bozeman, Malta, Helena, Columbia Falls, Libby, and Polson. I hope I didn't miss anyone, let me know if I did. Also especially fulfilling is that Montana has had two major contributors (pledging at least \$25,000 over five years), and a model club that has pledged over \$750 per member over the same five years. In addition, key clubs from across the district are helping raise funds.

What makes a club or individual so generous?

They understand the need and can help.

We are on the road to doing our share and I am proud of the efforts of the Montana District so far. Please help us continue our efforts to recruit individuals in each club willing to be the club coordinator over the next four years, and once these individuals are in place, please support their efforts. This is an effort that needs all of our participation.

I know it is a cliché that every dollar helps, but in this case it could not be more true. Every two dollars is another life saved from this excruciating death. Three 60 cent inoculations and the life that is saved is a life that can make a difference in their region of the world.

Thanks District of Montana, we are truly leaders in this effort.

Dave

Mary Bydich, Mt District Sec. / Treas.

Kiwanis International leadership has reviewed the standard form of club by-laws and have proposed the changes outlined in the links below. Please go on-line and review these proposed changes. Comments and suggestions may be sent to the email listed below.

Thank you, Mary



CLUB LEADER TOOLS — Proposed Club By-Laws Update

The Standard Form for Club Bylaws states each club's agreement with Kiwanis International on basic standards to belong to the organization and to use the Kiwanis names and marks.

The current Standard Form for Club Bylaws often includes a high level of detail that, for the most part, probably is no longer helpful or necessary in modern society. The club by-laws have been reviewed and a new version proposed.

We recommend every club review the new proposal and frequently asked questions and consider how you might make the best use of these more flexible rules to extend Kiwanis service and fellowship opportunities in your communities.

Before the proposed bylaws can be adopted, some provisions of the Kiwanis International Bylaws first will have to be amended. These amendments will be considered at the 2012 Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans. The convention will also include two forums on the topic.

Questions and constructive comments can be sent to bylawsspecialist@kiwanis.org.

- [Standard Form for Club Bylaws: **Current version**](#)
- [Standard Form for Club Bylaws: **Proposed new version**](#)
- [Standard Form for Club Bylaws: **Frequently asked questions \(FAQ\)**](#)
- [Standard Form for Club Bylaws: **K.I. Bylaw amendments necessary for new proposal**](#)

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Missoula Sentinel's “*DESTINY*”

The Destiny Orphanage and school in *Uganda, Africa*

"Since 2003, we have been taking care of children from ages 3 and above at Destiny Villages of Hope but in 2008 the Lord convicted me to start rescuing abandoned babies. This conviction became a dream when a certain woman dumped her baby opposite to my office one night. She was more than convinced that I would take the baby into my care. Unfortunately, by the time I arrived at my office the baby was already dead. This increased my desire to see to it that this dream comes to pass and the burden concerning abandoned babies became so great". By Evah Murgerwa

Sentinel Kiwanis Club became involved with Destiny Orphanage and Boarding School, located outside Kampala, Uganda, in 2003 when a club member brought Destiny founders John Michael & Evah Murgerwa to a club meeting. The Murgerwa's would visit Missoula whenever they came to the United States and made it a point to attend the club meeting. After meeting the Murgerwas, several Kiwanians began donating to the orphanage on a personal basis. The club would have programs about Destiny by local people who had visited as well as the Murgerwas, and eventually the Club decided to support Destiny.

When Sentinel Kiwanis began its affiliation with Destiny, there were only three buildings, no running water or electricity and 150 kids in Kindergarten to 3rd grade. Each year another grade was added to the school and today it serves almost 1300 children and is an accredited primary and secondary school.

The first donation from the club was \$3000 to help build a kitchen facility. At the time food (primarily corn mush and beans) was prepared outside in a shack using open flame and there had been several burn accidents. Their new kitchen facility still burns wood since electricity is not reliable, but is much safer with contained fires. The next project was a joint one with the Amanda Kekich Memorial Library Fund. Amanda, an elementary teacher and the daughter of member Brian Kekich, was killed in an auto accident and the fund was established to buy books for rural school libraries. After one of the Murgerwa's visits Brian decided to donate money for the library and another member was going to Uganda and actually took the books over and placed them on the shelves.

Destiny School currently has 1,022 kids in the Primary section, 267 kids in the Secondary section and has a teaching staff of 35 and non-teaching staff of 75. That is a total of 1,289 children and 110 staff.



There are several building projects underway; including a new multi-purpose building (left) to serve as a chapel and dining hall. Roofing, walls, flooring and shutters are needed. There is also an expansion of the boys' dormitory (right) with only the foundation completed.



On the left is the new library, which only the walls are up and needs a roof, doors, windows, plaster and flooring. On the right is the medical clinic expansion that needs doors, windows and the interior finished.



Destiny Continued:



To the left is the new housing for the "prison babies" a new ministry John Michael announced just a week before his death. The term prison babies comes from the fact that most abandoned babies are left at prisons or jails where there is someone on duty 24/7. These units are in need of doors, flooring and shutters. There are currently a total of 42 babies in the care of Destiny.

It is with great pleasure that I write to inform you that Simba Wa Yuda a swahili name which means the "Lion

of Judah" Babies Home has finally been birthed at Destiny Campus. On 10/17/2011, we took some babies into our care by the grace of God. This is the first intake. Please check out the attached pictures.

We thank God who has caused this dream to become a reality. We sincerely appreciate you for standing with us in every way. The work is challenging but in all things, The Lord is Faithful and we believe that He will bring us to higher heights concerning this new project.



The Kiwanis motto of "...changing the world one child and one community at a time" has been lived out by Sentinel Kiwanis through its commitment to the children of Destiny



The largest project was the establishment of a poultry farm that not only provides the kids with a much needed source of protein, but also gives the school a source of income. Member Terry Zahn, a local dentist, donated the proceeds from a teeth whitening program totaling over \$5000. The club then applied for and received a matching \$5000 grant from the Montana Foundation. Those funds were then matched by a \$10,000 grant from Kiwanis International Foundation in 2008. The total \$20,000 was used not only to established the poultry farm, but to also purchase blankets and a bus to transport the children to a nearby secondary school.

Subsequent donations have been used to purchase farmland, dairy cows and desks and the club's biweekly 50/50 drawing goes to support Destiny.

If you would like to help the Sentinel Club in it's support of Destiny, Please contact them at:

www.sentinelkiwanis.org





Note: Each issue will feature 1 or more Lt Governors

Introducing Montana's Lieutenant Governor – Division 1

Sherry Munther snapshot of an incredible Kiwanian!

by Chuck Amdahl

Sherry is no stranger to service organizations – Toastmasters, Big Brothers & Big Sisters, and MBN [Missoula Businesswomen's Network] among them – all three of which she has served either on the Board and/or as President! In fact, a Toastmaster friend is largely responsible for Sherry becoming a Kiwanian in 2004. At a Toastmaster meeting, her friend's presentation was on – of all things – *Kiwanis* ! It must have been quite inspirational because, not long afterwards, Sherry became a Kiwanian! Her friend Lyn Badger, it seems, was the President of the Kiwanis Club of Missoula....

Sherry and Greg have been married for 37 years, and have two daughters, Melanie and Heidi. Tragically, Heidi was killed in 2005 while jogging with her dog by a drug-impaired driver, leaving behind three beautiful children – Sherry and Greg's grandchildren. Sherry identified this tragedy as one of her "Kiwanis Moments" – that is, her Kiwanis Family circled the wagons around her own family in loving support. Daughter Melanie is a nursing student in Portland, Oregon and the "spitting image" of Mom Sherry.

Sherry opted for early retirement from the U.S. Forest Service after a 25 year career, re-directing her energies into her business, "Munther Mediation Resources" – a consulting business she has operated out of her home for the past 15 years. Not to be totally inundated with work, though, Sherry has many enjoyable past-times as well – including fly fishing, whitewater kayaking, hiking, golfing, singing in a 4-part harmony group, and two book clubs. One thing remaining on Sherry's "bucket list," though, is *driving a really BIG rotary [snow-blowing] snowplow J!* – and another - tame in comparison, is to share lunch with Michelle Obama, the remarkable service-driven woman she is. She and Greg enjoy spending time with their buddy, Lucy - a three year old German Shorthair Pointer described as *adorable* and exceedingly quick as bird dogs go! The three of them travel to Arizona for a couple of months each winter.

Sherry seems to have been "ripe" for recruitment into the Kiwanis Family, given her extensive volunteer service work over many, many years. She found that opportunity in Kiwanis. Prior to joining, she had been invited to the Missoula K Club's annual pancake breakfast. She was so impressed with the camaraderie of the Kiwanians – they were truly enjoying themselves in their friendliness to the pancake-eating patrons, and the good causes this fundraising event supports in the Missoula community. Sherry explained that the Missoula K Club has been sponsoring an annual and very successful, community-based Basketball program for *decades!* (We will be reading about this in KSpan soon.)

When I asked, "Sherry – why Lieutenant Governor, anyway?" she didn't miss a beat and replied, 'It was either that or remain the Club Secretary for a fourth year!' Sherry quickly added that the Club Secretary is the most important, and perhaps the most difficult position in Kiwanis leadership – an opinion with quite some weight, given Sherry's experience! Oh – and Sherry received her Club's "Kiwanian of the Year" award in 2009!

Sherry is looking forward to working with the other clubs in her Division which includes three in the Missoula area, Frenchtown, Drummond, Bitterroot Valley, and Salmon, Idaho. She also enjoys getting to know the other Kiwanis members from across the District, and the Service Leadership Program leaders as "we can all learn so much from each other and make our Clubs, our Divisions, and District stronger".

Relationships are important to Sherry and she believes "after all our hard work on projects, fundraising, meetings, and serving the children of the world, the relationships with each other keeps us coming back." "Service work just feels good!" she says, "and the smiles on the children's faces are awards in their own right." As for K-Family relationships Sherry mused, "The Kiwanis Family is much like our own families - we may have that crazy uncle and annoying aunt...But they are family - and we love them anyway!" Now ain't that the truth.... J



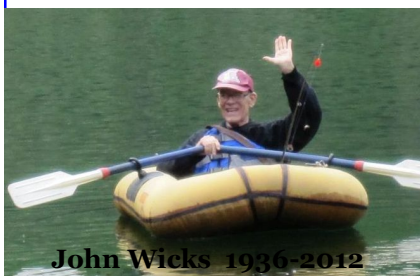
The 2012 Kiwanis Basketball season sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Missoula tipped off Monday January, 9th. 28 teams of 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys and girls participated this year. Games were played Monday through Thursday nights at the Russell and Washington School Gyms. Kiwanis members and their families served as referees, timers, scorekeepers, and organized the popular annual event. (see picture on right)



The Kiwanis basketball league entered the age of technology this year with the addition of electronic scoreboards. The purchase of the scoreboards were funded in part by a donation from the Dennis and Phyllis Washington Foundation Pay it Forward Program. (see picture on left)

The 53rd Annual pancake breakfast for the Kiwanis Club of Missoula will be held on April 28 from 6:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the St. Anthony's Parish Life Center, Corner of Tremont & Woodford, in Missoula. Tickets are \$5 and available from any of the Club's members. Proceeds go toward:

- * Kiwanis basketball for 6th, > 8th grade boys and girls.
- * Key Clubs for Sentinel and Big Sky high schools.
- * University of Montana Circle K.
- * NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition (local and regional).
- * Lowell grade school scholarship programs.
- * Sponsorship of 4-H Herdsman award.



MISSOULA - John Henry Wicks, 75, of Missoula passed away Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012, at St. Patrick Hospital of natural causes. He was born April 4, 1936, in Minneapolis to Walter and Ruth Wicks. After graduating from high school at age 17, John attended the University of South Dakota, graduating with a degree in political science. In addition to being involved in student government at USD, John was also awarded a ROTC commission, serving eight years in the Army and Army Reserves as a member of the Counterintelligence Corps and earning the rank of captain. John earned a master's degree and his Ph.D. in economics at the University of Illinois.

John's first teaching assignment was at Western State College of Colorado in the early 1960s. While there, John developed a love for mountain climbing. In fact, over several years' time he climbed many of the 54 Colorado peaks over 14,000 feet. His second teaching position was at Ohio State University for two years. He then accepted a professorship in economics at the University of Montana in 1964.

Throughout his distinguished career, John was proud to be involved as a teacher, advisor and counselor to thousands of students. He was involved in many campus student activities such as ASUM Central Board.

During John's time at UM, he also taught an upper-division economics seminar course every semester in Empirical Research Design. John taught students how to conduct actual survey research and translate the raw data into analysis, which would generate papers on the subject. Many of the research projects were further developed into published papers written by John, who sometimes partnered with other colleagues and students in the Economics Department. In fact, he was the author or coauthor of more than 161 research papers in the field of economic analysis. Over the years, thousands of students took classes from John. They would all agree that they came out of John's classes much more prepared for the real world.

.John was active in many local, state and national organizations among them Kiwanis Club of Missoula, where he worked tirelessly to recruit new members to the club and was known to help finance dues for new younger members who could not afford the expense early in their careers. He also served many years on the District Kiwanis Foundation board where he served as a financial advisor to the foundation. John always had a great desire to serve his Kiwanis Club and to help the cause for kids in need in the Missoula community and the world. John will be missed throughout the Kiwanis world for the contributions he provided in time, financial advice, knowledge and friendship to the thousands he was able to work with.

Great Falls—Division 2—Shelby



Once again this is Lt Governor Connie Widell with the pictures from the conference held in Bozeman, Montana. I want to thank Mary for what a wonderful job she did with the conference.

Great Falls is still struggling with membership. Key Clubs and AKTION clubs are up and rolling.

Shelby club and I are now on phone status. Talked to Marvin this morning and he states that the Shelby club is doing ok. The key club is doing just fine also. I told him that I am the new AKTION CLUB Administrator and that if he wanted to start an AKTION club that I would gladly help him do that. He said that he would approach his club next week and get back to me.



AKTION clubs across the big STATE of Montana have 57 members last count, which was Thursday February 23rd, 2012

Kiwanis International Membership Report

Anaconda People First 18

Bitterroot Valley People First 11

Butte 14

Helena 0 (not currently registered)

Missoula 14

Total Clubs 5 Members 57

With 3 clubs have the "I"
"Inactive" status. I have got-

ten the paperwork to those club advisor too get those club back in good standards. I am working on getting another club out of Great Falls when farmer in the dell comes.

If you'd like to build club just e-mail me at:

SkipofMotana@yahoo.com, or call me 868-9991.





Mike Miller

Anaconda-Dillon-Butte-**Division 3**- Silver Bow Butte, Sunrise

Sunrise Kiwanis is busy as always this time of year. Their builders club at East Middle School is putting on a Easter egg hunt for the approximately 200 head start children in Butte . This group of young kids are always looking to help others in the community.

Sunrise is also very active with the BUG program and just recently held a pizza & awards party with the kids and had MT Tech's Mascot

"Charlie Oredigger" as a guest speaker and work to inspire the kids to stay in school and go onto college hopefully at Mt Tech.



Silver Bow Kiwanis, is busy as always but this year they "LOST IT" for a great cause. The Butte YMCA holds a "lighten your load" weight loss workout program from Jan > March. This year the Silver Bow men's team won 2nd place, out of 90 teams, and a check for \$450.00 for their effort. The money will go to the Eliminate project at Kiwanis International. Team members were, Merel Axford, Shane Ford, Ken Baze, Caude Orvis, and Roger Baker.

Dillon Kiwanis, Lots of member news from Dillon . 1st They are growing—AND **Gerta Muler** will take over the duties of Lt Governor for Division three this fall.

Mike Miller has announced his candidacy for Governor Elect this fall at convention.

Past Governor Chuck Dishno, is now home from several hospital stays in Missoula and Dillon. Minor heart, diabetes and overall strength issues were the causes of his stays.

Anaconda Kiwanis, continue to support their Key Club, Aktion club and Builders club. Al Messer is busy repairing and giving away bikes to kids. The club had members participating in the St Patrick day parade, but the big push right now is the planning and organizing of their annual fund raising dinner. The dinner will be April 28th at the Elks Club. Tickets are \$100.00 and may be purchased from any club member.

Butte Kiwanis, is busy with final preparations for their annual Sunshine Camp fund raising dinner. This will be April 18th at the Quality Inns & Suites (formally War Bonnet Inn). Tickets are available from members @ \$125.00. Butte's sponsored Aktion club had their installation April 24th with MT District Governor Chuck and Tomi rushing in attendance.



Billings-V/ Golden K- **Division 4** -Hardin-Heights

Billings club continues to promote their fundraising license plats. They support the Special K Ranch, Friendship House and the Milk Fund which helps disadvantaged youth.

Hardin club supported the Big Horn county Museum with over 70 hours of service and they work hand in hand with the Boy Scouts.

Heights club presented Bug and terrific Kids awards to 5 area elementary schools. The Bench K-Kids have adopted the Eagle Cliff Manor Nursing Home in the Heights. They are making Easter Cards for the residents and will be making a visit close to Easter. There will most likely be a party, Easter eggs, and games.

About 30 K-Kids went to Eagle Cliffs just before Christmas. The club practiced singing Christmas carols in preparation for their visit. They sang carols for about 30 minutes. They presented the Christmas cards they made to the residents. Then they partnered with a resident to play bingo. The evening ended with all having hot chocolate and cookies.

The Valentine's Pancake Breakfast the K-Kids sponsored raised about \$1100 for their treasury. They plan to donate \$500 to the Eliminate Project.



Billings Golden/K held their Bug and terrific kids programs at 6 schools.

Then: January 30.
In place of a speaker a
Pie Auction, Ladies Day

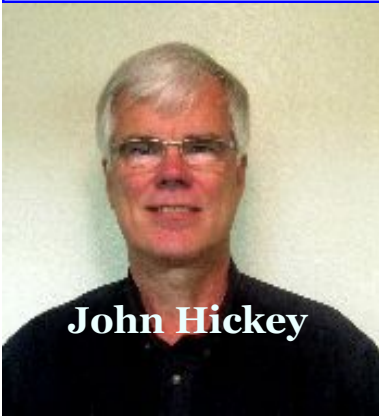
and Party was held. Sixteen pies, an Angel Food cake, two gift baskets, and a generous audience raised \$1172, enough to save about 650 lives in the Eliminate project.



Mountain of Book Readers travel to Out-of-Town Head Start Schools:

On Wednesday, February 8th, six valiant Golden /K Kiwanians - Warren, Ellen, Dione, Kay, Tanya, and Ron visited the Laurel and Joliet Head Start schools. We read and gave books to 18 children at each school. Their teachers, Brandi and Jackie, thanked us for coming and welcomed us back.





John Hickey

Lewistown: Lewistown Kiwanis recently held its annual **ROADSHOW** where the Montana Repertory Theater puts on their stage play. The Lewistown Kiwanis gets various community sponsors and sells tickets. This annual event was once again a huge success. They netted nearly \$6,000.00. Proceeds go to Special K, local scholarships and local charities such as the Snowy Mountain Industries. Lewistown Kiwanis took tickets at the Class C Basket Ball Tournament. This was a four day event. Upcoming events include parking cars at the Central Montana Fair. This is another huge event that takes four days.

Harlowton: The Harlowton Club held its annual **CHILI FEED** in December. It was held in conjunction with the community Christmas stroll and lighting of the train engine. Santa Clause made his way to the Kiwanis Building where the Chili Feed was held. They fed over 150 people with proceeds going to local needs for area children. The annual **HARLOWTON KIWANIS TALENT SHOW** is set for April 13 and 14. This is the 60th anniversary of this tradition and is the largest fundraiser. Funds go to local charities and scholarships. March 27th is the date for the annual Scholarship Banquet. This is a huge fundraiser for local scholarships for graduating seniors. This function also has a deep tradition for the Harlowton Kiwanis and the community. Harlowton Club members always put out approximately 70 American Flags for each Federal Holiday. The flags are placed on Main Street and the Highway. This has been a function of Kiwanis for many years.

Belgrade: Belgrade Kiwanis recently held its first annual Pancake feed. It was held in conjunction with the District "B" Basketball Tournament. This was the first pancake feed for the club and it was a big success. The Belgrade community was very supportive with Lee and Dad's grocery store donating a large portion of the food. The pancake feed was held at the senior's Center and the senior center employees were so excited about the function that they helped with the cooking. A Belgrade Kiwanis member stated "the community went nuts for this function" and hopes it continues to grow in the future. The hours were 7 am to 10 am, and they plan to expand the hours 8am to 12:00 noon next year. Belgrade Club Chartered a Key Club at Belgrade High School in January.



KeyClub Charter



Pancake Breakfast

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS CLUB: Unable to make contact with anyone.

THREE FORKS KIWANIS: Three Forks held its annual Golf Tournament/Fundraiser for the local Food Bank last fall. It was a tremendous success with all foursomes completely filled. There was a waiting list in the event someone was a no-show. Everyone had a fantastic time (golfers and beginning-golfers) all proceeds went to the local food bank. Three Forks has an on-going project called the **Holiday Coat Drive.** This function is from September to March. This has been a tremendous success with coats going to needy children and people in the community. Upcoming events include the **Horse Drive BBQ** Fundraiser in April and the **County Jam Fundraiser** in June. These are two large, fun and traditional events that raise a lot of money for local charities and needy children.

Livingston: Last fall (October) the Livingston Club cleaned up two miles of Highway 89. They clean this highway every fall and spring. It has become a tradition for the Livingston Club. The Livingston Club raised \$700.00 and was used to purchase theater tickets for needy children to use during the Christmas Holidays. The local theatre owner matched the Kiwanis funds and they were able to give out tickets to over 350 needy children. The tickets were used for G rated family movies and turned out to be a huge success. Upcoming events include the annual Donkey Basket Ball night. This is the 3rd year they will have this event. The community has supported this event and wants the game to come back. The club has committed their time and energy to have a Donkey Basket Ball Game Night this spring. This is another good fund raiser and money is used for scholarships and other local charities. The Livingston club has a standing offer to help at the Food Bank. A truck generally arrives about every two weeks and they give the Livingston members a call to help unload and sort the products.

Bozeman Noon Kiwanis: Recently, the Bozeman club held its annual Pancake Breakfast. It was another huge success with near record amount of people fed. The ***STUFF-A-BUS*** project continues to be an ongoing project and huge success. Amber Guth gave a presentation at the Mid-Winter Convention and asked for more donations to the project. The Bozeman Club won first place for most cloths donated to the project. Upcoming projects include the ***Sandbox for Kids*** project. The Bozeman Club has already received requests from needy families to help with a sandbox for their families. This Club project will begin this spring.

Russ Myers, District Spiritual Aims Chairman, Moves

Russ, we miss you already! Mid Winter missed your smiling face and ever-present kind words for all.

Russ has moved to the Beaverton OR, to be closer to his family. After years in Billings and a work-a-holic in the Billings Heights Kiwanis club his health became a issue . His decision to move is understandable but will leave a hole in the MT district and all of the Kiwanis world. Russ has found a "Kiwanis Home" in the Cedar Hills Club in Beaverton where they sponsor 6 Key clubs. Russ will continue his passion for working with our youth in grand style.4

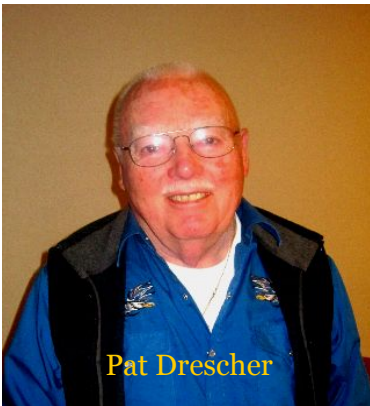


Many of Russ's friends from the MT District contributed to honor Russ with a Sapphire Snell from the MT Kiwanis Foundation. The proceeds were used for scholarships.

Russ Myers said it best at his farewell dessert:

After the decision regarding putting wife Joyce in a nursing home for care, the decision to leave his Heights club and the Montana District was the hardest decision of his life. Russ will be sorely missed in our Heights club. Russ' move to Beaverton OR is best for his continued recovery. Daughter, Cathy, will keep on top of things regarding Russ' health and future. He continues to improve daily and is getting involved in his new club. I know he is interested in maintaining his ties to Montana Kiwanis. His new address is: Rev. Russ Myers, Edgewood Point Assisted Living, 7733 S.W. Scholls Ferry Rd. Beaver-





Pat Drescher

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

On March 13, 1922 the charter was presented to the Miles City Kiwanis Club by Montana Kiwanis District Governor George F. Snell and the keynote speaker for the evening was Joesph M. Dixon, the governor of the State of Montana. The Miles City Kiwanis Club celebrated their 90th anniversary on Monday January 9th at their regular noon meeting in the Eagles Lodge.

Montana Kiwanis Governor Chuck Rushing and Lt. Governor Pat Drescher attended with their wives to take part in the celebration.

During the anniversary meeting, members reminisced about various activities they had done. Long time "Kiwanians" James Lucas, Ruber Oberlander and Paul "Casey" Stengel shared anecdotes and memories of their early years in the club. These included the annual "Kiwanis Kapers," in the late 1960's which was a variety show for the public done in true Vaudeville fashion.



Jim Lucas, a 60 year Kiwanis member, recalled the fun that they had when they dressed up like clowns to sell apples on the corner of Seventh and Main by the former Foster Drug store. Ruben Oberlander who is a 50 year member of Kiwanis served as Montana District Kiwanis Governor in 1993/1994 and is presently the long time advisor for the Builders Club, recalled many of the good times from days gone by. The celebration was capped off with the installation of three new members.



Malta—**Division 7** — Havre—Glasgow



Lt Gov Div 7

Ann Motichka

The winter is nearly over and it's been quite different from this time last year. Spring has been in the air for a while now and we sure can't complain about winter. Our Clubs have been busy with their various activities.

The **Glasgow** Club members went caroling during the holidays at the nursing and assisted living homes as well as ringing the bell at local stores with the funds raised going to the Ministerial Association to help local families in need. They raised a record high this year. They also recognized the students in the B.U.G. program in January. Glasgow does an awesome job of sponsoring a Science Fair. They had 154 students participate in grades 4 to 8. I had a chance last year to hear the presentations of 4 of the participants and they did a great job! They sponsor a Boy Scout Troop and spent time reviewing the requirements for advancement and they set up and take down and provide snacks for the Red Cross drawing held in February.

The **Malta** Club had their annual Take a Kid Shopping in December. Each child was given a homemade Christmas sock filled with goodies at the end of the evening. In January the Club assisted the Key Club with their fundraiser at the speech meet. We also had at least one member judging the competition. The Malta Club also recognized the students in the B.U.G. program. As a community service to our schools, we met at the elementary school and began to process the Campbell's labels which had been collected over a period of year. What a lot of labels! It's not a hard job, just time consuming. Whatever funds are raised through the labels will be used by the school to purchase items they need. I haven't heard much from the Havre Club.

Dave Curry asked Dean Person to be the Eliminate chairperson for Division 7. We have asked him to make a presentation at our first meeting in April and look forward to that. I know they have been busy supporting their Key Club.

There were four of us at Mid-Winter in Bozeman and we all had a great time. The presentations were very good and Bingo was excellent!

Wishing you a wonderful spring, **Ann**





Montana District of CKI

I am Stephanie Wawrzyniak, and I am the new Circle K Governor for this upcoming year. I am currently a freshman at MSUB. I am currently studying to be a nurse. I am very excited about this upcoming year. As for my goals as Circle K Governor, First of I would like to work on making communication stronger by holding phone calls with the presidents when needed and monthly chats whether it be by email, phone call or a chat program. I will however make phone calls when I feel it is necessary. The second thing I would like to work is fellowship. Now this could be between clubs or the K-family. At a club level this could be everyone working together and helping the club to grow. With the K-Family this could be having someone go to a Kiwanis, Key Club, Builders club or Aktion club meeting. It could also be having a couple service projects throughout the year where the K-family works together on one project. These are my goals for the upcoming year.



Not a lot has happened in the last couple months with Circle K. A lot of us are working hard to finish off the semester and get ready for summer. Those of us that are going to New Orleans this year are working hard to fundraise and come up with the money to go. At midwinter, Joe Burst said he would cook a Louisiana style meal for anyone who helps us get to ICON. That is all that is going on with Circle K. If you need anything or have any questions, feel free to contact me at mt.cki.gov@gmail.com

Kiwanis International President Alan Penn and his BEAR.

The story of the bear is this. President Alan takes his bear all over the world in his travels as president and has photos taken with anyone interested wherever he may be. A spread in the Kiwanis magazine is being planned as well as other areas to help promote Kiwanis.

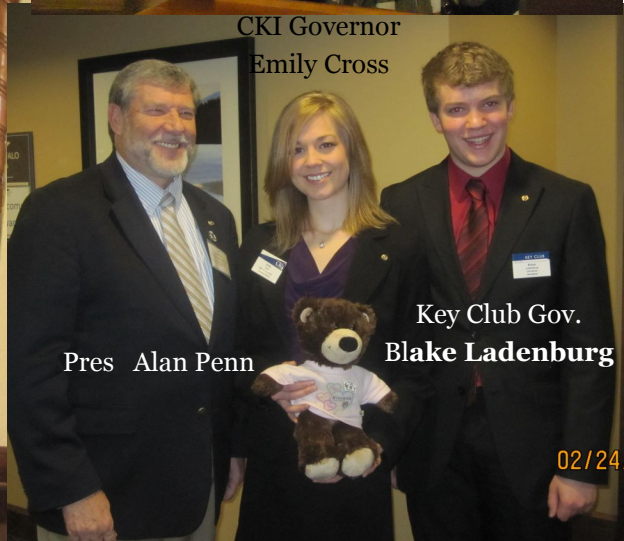


President Alan Penn &
Connie Widell #2 Lt



Tombstone Kiwanis members.
Kiwanis Int 1st Internet club

02/24/2012



CKI Governor
Emily Cross

Pres Alan Penn

Key Club Gov.
Blake Ladenburg

02/24/

New Members

Cathy Burton-----Missoula
John Greener-----Missoula
Walter Feldt-----Dillon
Jo Ann Juliano-----Dillon
Dennis Schurg-----Dillon
Mardel Scott-----Dillon
Steven White-----Dillon
Richard Dedmon-----Salmon Idaho
Kevin Button-----Dillon
Scott Dahmer-----Missoula
Lexie Bush-----Miles City
Debi Davidson-----Helens Downtown
John Walsh-----Helena
Jon Satre-----Helena
Brian Ackerman-----Helena
Roubie Younkin-----Glasgow
Sam Fallang-----Glasgow
Margaret Ulstad -----Anaconda
Teresa Dringle-----Belgrade

Welcome to Kiwanis

Capital City Kiwanis

Welcome to Kiwanis

Helena Kiwanians will want to welcome the newest club to the district. The new club should be ready to submit their charter on April 1st. Rumor has it that they will be called "Capital City Kiwanis".

President will be : K'Lynn Sloan Harris

Secretary will be : Jamie Kurtz

They are still trying to determine meeting days .More information will follow.

The club is off to a good start as the officers were at mid-winter and attended officer training.



Membership Drive Rules

The Montana District will have a membership drive the months of April & May. The club that brings in the most members by percentage of membership will receive \$500 toward their service projects. The individual who brings in the most members will receive one night's lodging and registration/meal package to the district convention - this year in Medicine Hat. Members must be submitted online as we will use the membership numbers with KI on June 1.

Resources are available on line at:

<http://www.kiwanisone.org/Pages/Resources/default.aspx?PageID=184>

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1	Montana District Reports 2011-2012															
2		Members	Current	Gain	Aktion	Key	Cir	K	Bldr	Key	Cir	Bldr	Key	Spos'd	Dist.	Intl
3		Oct. 1, 2010	member # 3-1-2012	or	Club	Club	K	kids	Club	Club	K	Club	ldr	Yth	Fndn	Fndn
4		2012		Loss						O/R	O/R	O/R		Fund		
5	Division 1 –Sherry Munther, Lt. Gov.															
6	Hamilton	40	45	5		3		1		100	100	25	25	200	40	
7	Drumond	20	19	-1												
8	Frenchtown	4	3	-1		1										
9	Missoula Grant Creek	17	13	-4		1										
10	Missoula	92	96	4	1	2	1			100	100	25	25	460	92	
11	Missoula Sentinel	84	86	2		4				100	100	25	25	420		
12	Salmon Idaho	20	20	0		1			1							
13	Division 2 -Connie Widell, Lt. Gov.															
14	Great Falls	11	11	0		3										
15	Shelby	18	12	-6					1	100		25		65	13	
16	Division 3 –Mike Miller, Lt. Gov.															
17	Anaconda	29	28	-1	1	1			1	100	100	25	25	145	59	
18	Butte	27	27	0	1	1				100	100	25	25	135	27	
19	Dillon	41	43	2	1	1				100	100	25	25	295	59	
20	Butte, Silver Bow	59	60	1		1	1		1	100	100	25	25	115	23	
21	Butte Sunrise	24	23	-1					1	100	100	25	25	205	41	
22	Division 4– Bob Keene, Lt. Gov.															
23	Billings Heights	45	45	0		1	1	1	1	100	100	25	25	225	45	
24	Billings	40	39	-1		1		1		100	100	25		160	36	
25	Billings-Golden K	87	84	-3		2	1		1	100	100	25		435	87	
26	Columbus	13	13	0		1										
27	Hardin	13	13	0												
28	Red Lodge	17	17	0		1			1							
29	Division 5 -Pat Drescher, Lt. Gov.															
30	Glendive	22	27	5		1				100	100	15	15	135	135	
31	Miles City	46	49	3		1			1	100	100	25		230		
32	Sidney	52	50	-2		1		1	1							
33	Division 6 - John Hickey, Lt. Gov.															
34	Belgrade	18	15	-3		1										
35	B Young Professionals	24	14	-10			1									
36	Bozeman	67	67	0		1	1			100	100	25	25	335	67	
37	Harlowton	35	34	-1		1				100					33	
38	Headwaters	13	11	-2				2								
39	Lewistown	41	36	-5		1			1							
40	Livingston	17	15	-2												
41	Tombstone	21	20	-1												
42	Division 7 - Ann Motichka, Lt Gov															
43	Glasgow	39	42	3		1										
44	Havre	11	13	2		1				100				65	13	
45	Malta	18	15	-3		1			1	100	100	25	25	75	15	
46	Division 8 - Pam Peppenger, Lt. Gov.															
47	Columbia Falls	12	12	0		1				100	100	25	25	60	12	
48	Glacier, Kalispell	10	9	-1						100	100	25	25	45	9	
49	Kalispell	17	16	-1						100				85		
50	Libby, Kootenai	15	14	-1	1	1										
51	Polson	31	33	2		1		1								
52	Whitefish	15	15	0		1										
53	Division 9 – Bob Werner, Lt. Gov.															
54	Helena Downtown	18	19	1												
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57	Totals	1356	1339	-17						2200	1800	465	365	4300	888	0



Contact [Dave Curry](#) to arrange a program for your club about our new World Service Project, Eliminate.
dave.curry@bresnan.net
 Phone: 406-723-8067

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10 under \$10 in New Orleans

1. **Beignets at Café Du Monde** Just one suggestion: don't wear black.
2. **The Cabildo on Jackson Square** Go see Napoleon's death mask and lots of other fascinating stuff.
3. **Dueling pianos at Pat O'Brien's** For a tip, they'll play just about anything.
4. **Streetcar ride** For US\$1.25, the streetcar will take you back in time.
5. **Slots at Harrah's** Ten dollars might not take you too far, but you never know ...
6. **Street performers** Come on. Give a mime a buck.
7. **Roman Candy Wagon** One gooey stick will take you back.
8. **French Market** Shop for affordable treasures.
9. **Snowballs** Take the family out for an authentic New Orleans snowball. Nectar cream is a local favorite.
10. **Lucky Dog** You haven't been to New Orleans till you've had one.

Important Dates for MT Kiwanis:

Kiwanis International Convention - June 28-July 1, 2012 (New Orleans)

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Kiwanis International Convention - June 26-30, 2013 (Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada)

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