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Mid-Winter March 28-30 Fairmont Hot Springs

Governor Mike :

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GLOBAL GROWTH CAMPAIGN

JOY OF WORKING WITH AKTION CLUBS

REVISED YOUTH PROTECTION GUIDELINES

CLUB LEADERSHIP EDUCATION (Pres & Sec)

Friday 10 am — Sec hands on training at 2 pm

DISTRICT BOARD MEETING : Friday, 10 am

FOUNDATION BRD MEETING: Friday, 2 pm

HAWAIIAN LUAU, Dinner fun : Friday, 6 pm

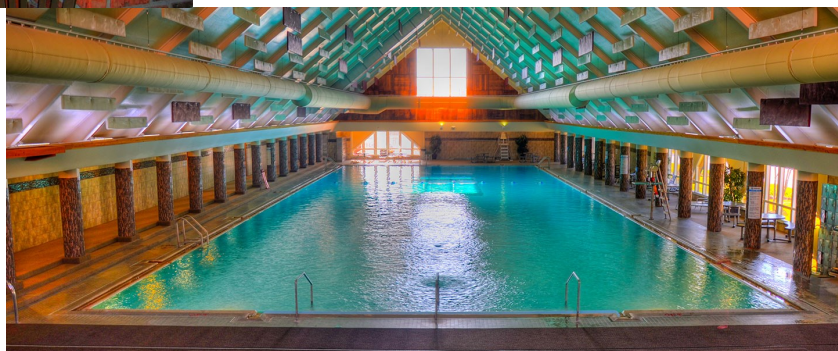
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2012-2013
Awards Luncheon
Saturday
With
Past Governor
Chuck Amdahl

Club, Individual,
and Division
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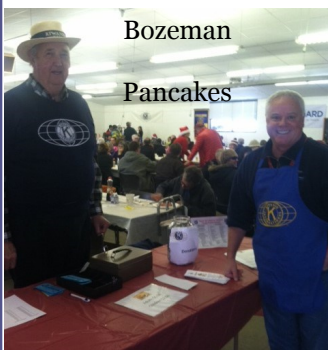
Governor, Mike Miller District Message



As we begin the New Year, let me wish you all the best year possible in 2014! Let's forget the problems of 2013 (we'll have plenty of new ones), and let's remember only the joys.

I've had the good fortune to travel around to visit clubs in the middle of great projects including the food drive in Hamilton, the pancake breakfast in Bozeman, and Christmas decorating in Dillon. I did very little at any of the projects, but I enjoyed watching Kiwanians doing what we do best: helping others.

The food drive in Hamilton was so well managed that I'd like to have the Hamilton Kiwanis Club speak to us in the future to give us a little information of the great project. And what can we say about the 89th Pancake Break in Bozeman? Amber Guth and the crew feed a ton of folks on a morning with -17 degree temperature. It was great!



I've also had the chance to help usher in new leadership in Livingston, Anaconda, Dillon, and Butte. I have other travels to make, new people to meet, and new opportunities to tackle. With any luck, I'll be seeing you in the near future.

I've been in contact with the International office hoping to have an extra effort expended in Montana with the Growth Project. We have seen an increase of 45 members over where we were last year at this time, so you folks are doing something right. But we have asked that the Montana District be a specific target for the Growth Project; our membership has dwindled over the past few years, and it's time to stop that trend.

Former Governors Chuck Amdahl, Ed Mangis, and Glen Wheeler are heading up our efforts in Montana; we hope the International will re-double those efforts. Of course, the grass-roots work of Montana Kiwanians is the best medicine for what ails us.

Make sure you make plans to attend the Mid-Winter Conference at Fairmont Hot Springs during the last weekend in March. Your District Secretary Mary Brydich promises a useful and enjoyable meeting. And of course, we should all plan to be in Billings for the combined Western Canada/Montana Joint Convention the weekend of August 8-10. The next weekend, the Key Leader Event will be held on Flathead Lake at the Lutheran Bible Camp. It's a great time as we work with young high school age students to develop the leadership skills they need in an ever-changing world.

The International Convention is in Chiba, Japan, in the greater Tokyo area, over the weekend of July 17-20. This promises to be a momentous gathering of international leaders. I hope we can all make plans to attend.

Look for some of the plans from International President Gunter Gasser in upcoming editions of the Kiwanis magazine. He has a great idea to let our Montana students show off some art talent to raise funds for the Eliminate Project. Remember, he wants us to build bridges to the future for the children of the world.

I'd like to offer my thanks to Roger Baker for the work he continues to do for the KSPAN; what a project, and what a great job you do!

My best to all of you!

Governor Mike



Mid-Winter Conference

2014 Registration Form

March 28-30, 2014

Fairmont Hot Springs

Anaconda MT

Send this Registration form and check to:

Montana District of Kiwanis, 102 Jackson Lane, Belgrade, MT 59714

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

Please do not mail or fax after March 21. No refunds after March 24th. Registration on-site only after March 21. Meal availability is not guaranteed for on-site registration. Meals are catered and have limited flexibility to increase the count.

Make your motel reservations early! *

Call Fairmont Hot Springs Resort Desk: (406) 797-3241 and ask for the Kiwanis rate: \$115 + tax for single or double rooms – and our room block ends Noon March 14th. Cancellations for rooms must be made within 72 hours of event.

Kiwanis Registration

Friday (check one) President: ☐ Secretary ☐ No charge (N/C)
Friday Lunch (President and Secretary – N/C) \$16.00 ☐
Registration (all Kiwanians must register) \$25.00 ☐
Meals/Entertainment Package \$95.00 ☐ (includes all meals except Sat. breakfast)

Total Sent: _____

VISA, MasterCard, Discover (sorry – no AMEX!) Card Nr.: _____, Exp. _____

Pre-Registration:

Name: _____ * Email: _____ Spouse: _____ *

Address: _____ Phone: _____

Home Club: _____

Special dietary needs? (please explain) _____

Other needs? (please explain) _____

Any suggestions for this and future events, including workshops? _____

*Please print name as it should appear on nametag

Mid-Winter Highlights

Club Leadership Education: Friday, 10 a.m. and Secretaries Hands On Training at 2 p.m.

District Board Meeting: Friday, 10 a.m. - District Foundation Board Meeting: Friday, 2 p.m.

Friday night (6 pm): Hawaiian Luau – wear your Hawaiian clothing and come to have fun! Pool is open and enjoy the resort.

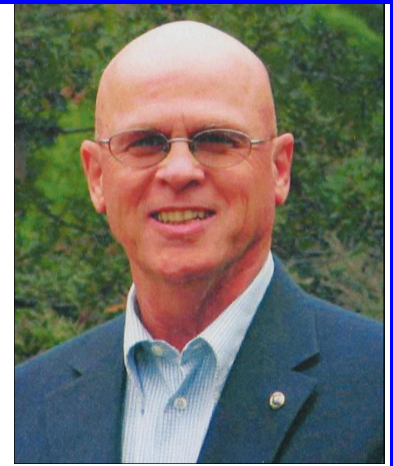
Saturday Highlights:

- John Menyhart, District Risk Manager: Proposed Board & Officer Insurance and Revised Youth Protection Guidelines
- Global Growth Campaign
- Immediate Past Governor Chuck Amdahl - Awards Luncheon 2012-2013
- Joe Burst, Aktion Club Administrator – Joy of Working With Aktion Clubs
- Service Leadership Program Highlights and Upcoming Events
- District Caucuses
- Banquet Speaker – To Be Announced

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

Glen Wheeler, District Growth Chair

A “Call to Arms” from Kiwanis



Hello to 2014 from the Montana District of Kiwanis Membership Committee. I hope all had a safe and happy holiday season. The time has come, unfortunately, to now look at some realities.

The Montana District dropped over 100 members in total numbers during the past year. We finished the fiscal year 2012-13 at 1208 total members. KI Board Notification number 203.7 requires that the KI Executive Director provide notice to any District whose numbers fall below 1300 offering KI assistance to help address the membership number issue. If the District falls below 1100, the District may be advised that it is in danger of losing District status. The letter from Executive Director, Stan Soderstrom, has been sent to Governor Mike. We are “officially” on notice of approaching “red zone” numbers for the District. If we experience another year like last year, we will in all likelihood be below the required District numbers and in danger of losing our status as a Kiwanis District.

That is, fellow Kiwanians, the bad news; trust me, unless we do something significantly different than we have done in the past, we will get to that point soon. As you already know, we can do something about it but we have to “want” to do something about it. How do you feel???

There is some good news as well! For many years, the oldest club in the Montana District of Kiwanis, the Great Falls Kiwanis Club, has been losing members and aging. The District leadership has been aware of this circumstance and has made some efforts to help address the declining membership with little good results. This past year, Leesha Ford, has brought new ideas and new approaches to the table for Great Falls Kiwanis and, folks, they have grown!!! Thanks are in order to Leesha and her group for their efforts! Keep up the good work!

A rebirth occurred in Columbus due to the efforts of some citizens there and the Kiwanis presence was saved. While the Columbus Kiwanis Club is still in the early stages of development, there is much to be thankful for from that area of the District. Thanks to all of those involved in that project.

A group of Kiwanians from Boulder stepped forward and took over the Kiwanis Charter from the Last Chance Kiwanis Club and they are still a Kiwanis force as a result. Thanks go out to this worthy group and to Lt Gov. Bob Werner for the time well spent in this endeavor.

In addition to Great Falls and Columbus, the Missoula Club, Butte Sunrise, Bozeman, Malta, Kalispell, and Helena all showed positive membership numbers for the year. Well done everyone from those clubs. This proves with some planning, effort, and dedication, it can be done.

Kiwanis International has implemented a new membership program titled the Global Growth Campaign. They are committing money, personnel and resources to this new program as the “Last Best Chance for Kiwanis Survival”. We do need your help. When the program is in place, Montana will have club counselors in each Division and those counselors will receive formal training from KI as well as money to implement their local programs. All this is aimed at bringing in more members and more clubs to provide more service to more communities and more children around the world. This is very exciting to me, and I believe it offers us a real chance to turn this trend around. However, we need your help and your commitment to make this a reality. We can have an impact and we can change the world if we are truly committed to do that!!!

Join me in this “Call to Kiwanis Arms” and let’s together go out and make our individual clubs more vibrant and able to reach more people who need a Kiwanis hand up!!

Thanks and have a prosperous 2014 as we search to become even better!!

Glen Wheeler

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

Let us go out and grow for service!

New Members

Robyn Hegland	Missoula Sentinel	Robert Lindberg	Billings Golden / K
Maureen Britton	Sunrise, Butte	Mona Amundson	Glasgow
Elizabeth Larson	Sunrise, Butte	Colter Brown	Glasgow
Thomas Swenson	Missoula Sentinel	Jennifer Fewer	Glasgow
Deborah Ann Schock	Missoula Sentinel	Sam Mudlin	Glasgow
Kristen Inbody	Great Falls	Thomas Kerr	Helena
Charles Sheets	Great Falls	Angela Marshall	Missoula
Maththew Shipman	Great Falls	Chad Scarborough	Shelby
Rosemary Kent	Lewistown	Bonny Ost	Malta
Diana Wohler	Billings Golden / K	Candy Lubansky	Belgrade
Leo Wohler	Billings Golden / K	Alan Goldhahn	Bozeman
Cady Irion	Miles City	Mary Wellemeyer	Kalispell
Jillian Pawiowski	Miles City	Laura Marshall	Missoula
John DeGroot	Hamilton	Julia Cummings	Missoula
Dominic Farrenkoph	Hamilton	Robert Grover	Billings
Marlin Lewis	Hamilton	Edward Lawler	Billings
Abby Franks	Lewistown	Debra McGregor	Billings
Mark Hershman	Lewistown	Robert Spear	Billings
Lee Larson	Glendive	Gary Drake	Billings
Carla Schmidt	Belgrade	Penny Ronning	Billings
Deb Bollwitt	Glendive	Lee Statmiller	Billings
Roberta Hall	Billings Golden / K	James Phillips	Lewistown

Message from Kiwanis International President Gunter.

Number one: Grow Kiwanis membership

This is our most important goal. For far too long, we have talked about growth. Our Global Campaign for Growth is working. We have seen a net increase in membership every month of the 2013-14 administrative year. But, we cannot stop. As a Kiwanis leader, you should be working with your new-club builders counselors and regional development strategists to continue the momentum.



Raising the bar of Kiwanis Service:
recognition of Montana Clubs and Kiwanians as
DISTINGUISHED
2012-2013



Last fall, District Kiwanis Clubs submitted their applications for *Distinguished* status and I proudly endorsed to Kiwanis International each and every one of these Clubs.

Montana has some mighty fine Kiwanis Clubs!

As for Lieutenant Governors, I am awaiting IPIP [Immediate Past International President] Tom DeJulio's decisions regarding my submission of those serving during the 2012-2013 term upon whom I have requested Kiwanis International's formal recognition as *Distinguished*.

Add to this a few additional *special* recognitions, and Mid-Winter Conference will be a time to recognize, to honor, and to express gratitude to a host of well-deserving Kiwanians!

But *sorry!* - there will be no sneak previews as to Who's-Who.

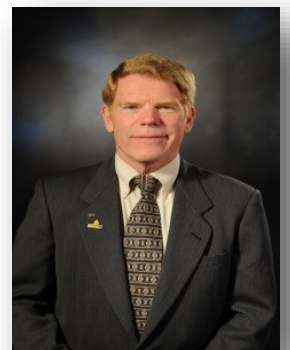
Whether or not a Kiwanis Club, a Club or District Officer, or a Club Member receives formal recognition, let it be known that the Montana District of Kiwanis International is populated with some of the very finest Kiwanians – and for that matter, *human beings* – whom I have had the honor and the privilege to serve alongside of. In terms of sheer numbers it is true: only a handful among our District membership will receive such formal recognition before our Assembly in March. Yet hopefully this will not diminish the satisfaction and pride that others *who are equally deserving* experience. Perhaps that someone will be *you*. If it is, my hope is that you will know and experience, in your inner most being, the affirmation that you have run a good race - bettering the lives of young people in and beyond your community. In truth, the good and needed work of Kiwanians across the District goes largely unrecognized. And much, if not most of this work, has no direct *Kiwanis* affiliation. Yet please know,

***Your commitment to children is treasured beyond
the realm of Kiwanis.***

Matthew 18:5

With humble gratitude for your service,

Chuck Amdahl
Immediate Past Governor, 2012-2013



Reclaiming “Religion”

Steve Bostrom

Margaret Wheeler-Johnson wrote in the Huffington Post, “I gave up my religion – my magical thinking - around the time I went to college, and tried not to think too much about it. I was no less alone when I had my religion than I am now.” Her article, “Losing My Religion: If I’m So Done With Faith, Why Do I Still Feel Its Loss?” generated 2604 comments within a few days. Remarkable.

Comedian George Carlin took a more relativistic approach. “Religion is like a pair of shoes ... Find one that fits for you, but don’t make me wear your shoes.”

Like Margaret and George, many of us distance ourselves from “religion” – even those who continue to believe in God. “Religion” is associated with repressive dogma, guilt-ridden duty, and all too common hypocrisy. It is not unusual to hear: “I’m into a relationship with God, not religion.”

But, hear that cliché with my ears. By the conclusion of this essay, I hope you will join me on a quest to reclaim this misunderstood word.

Imagine you are an adoptive parent looking at a nursery of toddlers – in this case, the toddlers are words describing how we relate to God. “Religion” is over in the corner. Come in so you can take a fresh look at “Religion.” This toddler comes to us from Latin – *re* - “again” + *ligare* - “to bind” (the origin of our word “ligament” which binds bone to bone). Holy re-connection!

Some things need to be joined together. How could we live without our ligaments? Why leave an open wound when we can pull it together with sutures? How rejuvenating - when what had been broken is restored – religamented – especially our connection with our Maker and our neighbor. True “re-ligion!”

Still, let’s be honest – we are too disconnected from God and others. But, individuality is not the problem. When we look at the big picture, we find God likes diversity – he’s made a lot of unique individuals. Even as the Father, the Son and the Spirit each have their own dignity, so each of us is prized as an individual person.

Our problem is not individuality but our natural selfishness. In “Blue Like Jazz,” Donald Miller writes: “I felt like life was a story about me because I was in every scene. In fact, I was the only one in every scene. I was everywhere I went. If somebody walked into my scene, it would frustrate me because they were disrupting the general theme of my play. Sometimes I would have scenes with them. They would speak their lines, and I would speak mine. But the movie, the grand movie, was about me” (p 180).

Because others are like us, real connections can be difficult. Some relationships can be toxic – even in our families and the places where we go to school or work. Some relationships are like trying to put the wrong blade on a pair of scissors. And some religions are false. Ultimately, they do not connect us with God and others. They are like trying to force a non-metric nut on a metric bolt and stripping the threads. Those are only “so-called” religions. Be aware.

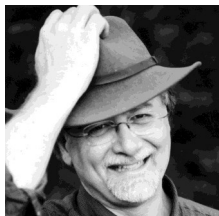
The good news of Jesus is that, despite the reality of such disconnects, there are true relationships. When Jesus tells us that we – folks whose connectors are damaged - are to focus on loving God and our neighbor, his purpose is change us from the inside out. And how does he do that? In some mysterious way, by voluntarily giving his life on the cross, Jesus opened the door for his Spirit to be at work in us. If we are to get beyond focusing on ourselves, we need the Spirit of Christ.

Still, we wonder: “Is community with God possible for people like us?” We are naturally selfish, easily distracted, and wrapped up in the complexities of our own lives. We would leave the toddler “Religion” in the corner.

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Here the Christian story takes a twist. We find that we are the ones in the nursery and God has come with adoption papers. The marvel of the gospel is that God has taken on himself the weight of reestablishing his relationship with sinners like us. This adopting Father is real. Through his Spirit we sense his care for us – particularly in his greatest act of love – giving his Son for us on the cross. Our adoption papers are signed in the blood of his beloved Son. We can be religamented – in our relationship with God and with each other. Welcome home.

What would it be like for Margaret Wheeler-Johnson to be “religamented?” She feels alone. She wrote: “Afterwards we ride or walk back to our respective apartments, which do not feel like home, and on the way peer into store and restaurant windows, gazing at the human forms inside, the mannequins and the animate, and resist feeling all kinds of empty that we can't name and can't begin to fill.” What if she discovers that the heavenly Father has chosen to establish rapport with her in Christ – that he has adopted her and is taking her home to his family - true re-ligion?



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

Montana K-Family News

This is a new section of KSpan devoted to noteworthy news of our Kiwanis Family and to our families!

Please submit your family news to the Editor, Roger Baker, at mdkroger@bresnan.net.

(Submissions may be edited for content and length as deemed necessary.)

Christine Lynn Maristuen, 61, passed away on Monday, December 2, 2013 at Benefis East in Great Falls, MT of natural causes. Funeral services were held at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, December 6, 2013.

Chris was born on November 19, 1952 in Havre, MT. She was raised in Chinook, MT and graduated from Chinook High School. She attended the University of Montana in Missoula, MT receiving a Bachelor's degree in Education with an emphasis in Special Education. In 1978 Chris began teaching for the Havre school district. She taught in Special Education for 33 years. Over the years, Chris was involved with GESA, and received the Havre Teacher of the Year Award along with the Montana Special Education Teacher of the Year Award.

Chris was a member of the Havre Kiwanis club and married to Past Governor (1989-1990) Keith Maristuen

Chris is survived by her loving husband of 39 years, Keith Maristuen of Havre, MT; her daughter Thea Lynn (Adam) Borg of Post Falls, ID; and her son Seth Barrow Maristuen (Allison Hollinger) of Seattle, WA; and her Aunt Bea Durkin of Aliquippa, PA.

Mr. Donald K. Challes, 66, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014, at St. Patrick's Hospital in Missoula. Don was born in Crosby, N.D., on Oct. 8, 1947. He worked for over 25 years as the garage superintendent for U.S. West, which later became Qwest.

Don had a great passion for Kiwanis and had been a past president of both Silver Bow Kiwanis and Big Butte Kiwanis, where he was currently a co-president. He had been involved in many different youth programs including the Pass, Punt and Kick Competition.

Don married the former Patty Brown on Feb. 4, 1977, in Idaho Falls.

Don is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Patty Challes of Butte; brother and sister-in-law, Vern and Stella Challes of St. Cloud, Minn.; and mother-in-law, Marty Anderson of Pipestone. Also surviving are brothers-in-law and sister-in-law, Tim Anderson of Pipestone, and Tom and Vicki Anderson of Buena Park, Calif., and numerous nieces and nephews.

KEY CLUB®

The Montana District Key Club convention will be held on March 2-4, 2014 (Sunday through Tuesday) in Billings at the Holiday Inn Grand. We will be celebrating the achievements of our various Key Clubs throughout the last year, electing District officers for the upcoming year, holding training sessions for incoming club officers and have a variety of educational and entertaining workshops. There will also be a dance and inspirational speakers.

And a whole lot of fun.

I would like to urge all Montana District clubs to encourage members of their sponsored Key Clubs to attend the District convention. The convention is a marvelous educational and motivational experience, and as many Key Clubbers as possible should attend. Also, KI considers that encouraging, and helping, Key clubbers to attend the convention is part of sponsorship.

Many Kiwanis clubs contribute toward the cost of attendance at the convention, if their finances allow.

Registration forms for the convention are available on the Key Club district website, www.mtkeyclub.org or I can send them directly to anyone who wants them. Just email me a request at dperson333@gmail.com and I will send the forms as needed.

Yours in service,

Dean Person, Administrator
Montana District Key Club

Havre Key Club , Community service in action.

In December, the Havre High Key Club coordinated a community spaghetti feed to benefit two local families that are faced with major medical bills. One family has a young son who is suffering a recurrence of Hodgkin's Lymphoma, and the other has two young daughters suffering from a variant of Muscular Myopathy. The tests needed to determine which variant are very expensive, and are not covered by the family's insurance.

The Key Club contacted the local pastors' association, and arranged for a community-wide spaghetti feed as a fundraiser to benefit these two families. The feed was held at several of the Havre area churches on December 14 & 15, with the cost of the meal being a free will donation. The churches supplied and served the food, with help from Key clubbers, and the Key Club promoted the event throughout the community.

The event was a great success. The total of funds raised was \$13,723.



Greetings Fellow Kiwanians,

I just got back from attending the SLP Training in Indianapolis for Aktion Club and am excited to work with all of you in my new role of Aktion Club Administrator. I have had experience working with Aktion Club on a local level but was blown away when I met the group of Aktion Club Administrators from around the country and heard and saw what other Aktion Clubs have been doing in their Districts.

For those of you that may not be familiar with Aktion Clubs I'll elaborate on a few things.

THE HISTORY OF AKTION CLUB

George D. "Jake" Swartout, 1988-1989 Governor of Kiwanis International's Florida District, organized the first Aktion Club for adults who live with a disability in Putnam County, Florida, in 1987. With the assistance of fellow Kiwanians Ed Brooks and Dick Wittner, the Aktion Club concept spread throughout the Florida District and, by word-of-mouth, throughout the Kiwanis world. Aktion Club became an official Service Leadership Program of Kiwanis International on October 1, 2000.

Today, there are clubs in Canada, Barbados, Malaysia, Jamaica, Bahamas, Philippines, Australia and the United States.

ABOUT AKTION CLUB

MORE THAN 500 CLUBS SERVING THEIR COMMUNITIES

Aktion Club is the only service club for adults with disabilities, with more than 11,000 members worldwide and is the fastest growing part of the Kiwanis Family.

Aktion Clubs draw members from various organizations that support individuals with disabilities, as well as other community programs. Aktion clubs can also be established at churches, libraries, YMCAs, lodges or similar facilities. A Kiwanis club, composed of like-minded, service-oriented people from the community, serves as the club's sponsor.

Aktion Club is supported at the district level and by the Kiwanis International Office in Indianapolis Indiana, which provides programs, literature and opportunities to relate to individuals with disabilities from countries worldwide.

Motto: Where development has no disability.

Vision: To develop competent, capable, caring leaders through the vehicle of service.

Mission: To provide adults living with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative, leadership skills and to serve their communities.

Core Values:

1. Character Building: The ability to do the right thing, even when it might be the unpopular choice
2. Leadership: The ability to listen, communicate, serve and guide others
3. Inclusiveness: Accepting and welcoming differences in other people

Caring: The act of being concerned about or interested in other people or situations.

As your administrator my role is to help the District anyway that I can. My experience as the Executive Director for a Center for Independent Living (LIFTT) allows me to share insight on what it takes and how to best work with people that have disabilities. I also have the support of the 3 other Centers for Independent Living in ensuring that Aktion Clubs across the state thrive. As an Administrator my duties fall into one of six categories: Ambassadorship, growth, club support, committee leadership, communication with Kiwanis International and district event management.

I look forward to meeting with everyone at the upcoming Mid-winter convention and working with you anyway I can in supporting your efforts regarding Aktion Club.

Sincerely, Joe Burst MT District Aktion Club Administrator



This is the beginning of a new day. You have been given this day to use as you will.

You can waste it or use it for good.

What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it.

When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever; in its place is something that you have left behind... let it be something good.



Great Falls—Division 2—Shelby

Greetings from Great Falls Kiwanis, well with the forever changing weather, you don't know rather to grab a pair of shorts or your long winter coat. There has been some crazy weather to start the New Year. So, what is happening with the Great Falls Kiwanis Club?

First of all I want to say thanks to our new president Leesha Ford. Leesha and her daughter Brittney came into our group with a vision and a mission. They saw the potential in our existing organization and have taken this to newer and exciting heights.

Leesha just came back from her second time to Tanzania , Africa . She and her daughter Brittney and her key club members have donated vitamins, children's Tylenol and a motor bike all in the name of KIWANIS. This last time there she even had the honor of delivering a baby girl that was soon named after her. More information about her trips will be added to the next report.

Our current membership is 21 members with more to join in the near future.

Projects we have been involved with are:

The Christmas party at SKYLINE School , the Kiwanis members and Key club members from Great Falls Central Catholic High School , Great Falls High CMR, and AKTION Club members. The party was a huge success and continues to grow every year. This year we had the privilege of serving more than 210 children with providing them with gifts from AMAZING TOYS, ice cream from MEADOW Gold, and Santa from the North Pole Roy Cappis. If you ask anybody what the highlight of their year was being a KIWANIS member, or Key Club member, or AKTION CLUB member, you are most likely to get the same answer and that is the Christmas party at SKYLINE. When you see the innocence and joy and smiles on the children's faces when they see Santa and their gifts there is no greater reward than that very moment. The Key Club Elves are some of Santa's biggest helpers. :)



In addition to the 54 years of tradition, there was an added special moment and that was presenting Loren Rice our dedicated, longtime member of Kiwanis with the lifetime achievement award for his dedication and service to our club. Loren has been with KIWANIS for 56 years and 40 years with The Great Falls Club. Loren has been a big part in the Christmas party from contacting the merchants and ordering the gifts and ice cream to wrapping all the gifts. Loren did finally accept some help from the Kiwanis family elves to do some wrapping of the presents this year. Loren has also had the pleasure to go on the Honors flight to Washington D.C. We truly are honored and blessed to have not only a lifetime member of Kiwanis with us but to know and serve with this special man who still has the passion and heart of a true KIWANIAN.



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The KIWANIS members and ACTION club members took part in the SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROJECT packing food at Aging services for people who are not able to get out and get their food.

EXCITING NEWS: The Great Falls KIWANIS members are happy to announce we will be starting the BUG program at Longfellow ELEMENTARY school in February, a big thank you to Kyle for seeing this task through. We are excited to be a part of the children's lives on a regular basis. The AKTION club is so excited to read to the children they can hardly wait as I get phone calls weekly to see when they can start. As the AKTION Club advisor, I have to brag on my group. These guys are always ready no matter what the task is they will be there with willing hands and grateful hearts. One of my members said it was the greatest joy in the world because not only was she able to read to them, but in return the children helped her to learn new words as well. The teaches said they thought of the KIWANIS members and AKTION Club members as "Rock Gods"



The Great Falls KIWANIS members have also supported the Neighbor in Need, Student in Need program by donating goods and services. There will be more projects that the K family will be involved with in the near future.

Projects coming up:

BOWL FOR KID'S SAKE

SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROJECT

NEIGHBOR IN NEED assistance with renovating the TIMES SQUARE downtown Central

**Working on rehabilitating the WEST KIWANIS PARK ,
Some painting, art work, and landscaping.**

CANTASTIC more updates on that project in my next report.

KIWANIS ONE DAY PROJECT

READ ACROSS AMERICA

ELIMINATE PROJECT is on going: The Great Falls Kiwanis Club has pledged to raise \$1200.00 before next October. This will be done through fundraisers and our own internal raising of funds which is our blue box. It is for contributing for various offenses such as if anyone arrives late, \$1.00 if they forget to wear their name tag \$1.00 and finally if anyone is doing non KIWANIS business on their phone it is a whopping \$5.00 Thank you Mark for being the Coordinator for the Eliminate project for our Division 2.

As our president so nicely puts it committed to KIWANIS BECAUSE I LOVE MY CLUB! I speak on behalf of all our members we are here and fully committed to carrying on the mission of KIWANIS Changing the world, serving the children, one community, and one child at a time.

Submitted by Lorraine Jacobs
LT Governor Dist 2

Anaconda-Dillon– Butte-Division 3-Silver Bow-Sunrise



Sunrise Kiwanis worked with the East middle school Builders Club to provide Christmas for 25 Children in foster care here in Butte. Each year the Builders Club goes to Walmart with their school and Kiwanis sponsors to go shopping. The kids are provided with a list telling them the age, sex and size of each child. They then spend about an hour picking out pajamas, and a toy for each.

The club bought chocolate trees and one club member provided a small furry stuffed animal for each. This is the 6th year the builders club has worked with Kiwanis to help provide a Christmas morning surprise for some special children in Butte.

The East middle school Builders Club took on another project for some special military troops in Guantanamo Bay Cuba. This next project was the result of Sunrise member Marcia Bakers and her two daughters. Heidi, her husband (and 3 children) are stationed with the Army in GTMO. Brady is the Army Chaplain in GTMO. The builders Club wrote 60+ valentine greetings for the troops. These were then sent to Hana and added to other valentines from other groups and sent to the base. They arrived about 6 weeks later. The term “slow boat to China” works here but, substitute GTMO for China. The boxes took a beating but all contents arrived ok. Thankfully nothing was breakable.



Sunrise Kiwanis and Builders Club Advisors



The Before



The After



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

Montana K-Family News



Obituary notice:

Kalispell noon club reported the recent death of a member:

- Lidsay Mattox member's name
- Lidsay was born in Hawaii and was half native Hawaiian
- Lidsay had an honor career of service in was an MP in the military and upon retiring

from the military he then had an esteem career as a Law Enforcement officer in Hawaii .

About 7 years ago Lidsay and his family moved to the Flathead Valley at which time he joined the Kalispell Noon Kiwanis club. Upon his joining the club he was a consistent enthusiastic participant in the club's activities. He served as vice president for the past 5 years until his multiple health issues limited his participation. His medical issues including cancer and a disease with Parkinson's type symptoms. The club members indicated that he will be remembered for his dry sense of humor his good nature even when he was going through tough medical issues. His presence in the club will be greatly missed.



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

Kootenai Kiwanis in Libby has had a very busy few months. In October we took part in the "Trunk and Treat", but instead of candy we handed out cush toys! After reading numerous articles on Childhood Obesity and Halloween, we decided to go with the toys and the kids were so happy with them. We gave away more than 500 toys in only two hours. Our "**Soaring Eagles**" **Aktion Club** was a great help. In October we also took a trip up to Eureka to visit our Sponsored Key Club at Lincoln County High School! They had a pizza party and we are looking forward to a return trip in the spring. They had about 30 kids attending, all very active in the Club. In January we distributed 25 back-packs to the Crisis Center.

Last but not least our Koats-4-Kids Program is over for the year. We gave away 1,375 coats this year plus 500 additional items that included hats, mittens, scarves and boots. This is our largest Service Project and plans are already under way for next year. Kootenai Kiwanis wishes to thank the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) for the hours they spent volunteering and helping out Koats-4-Kids! We could not do it without them.

Pamela Peppenger
President/Kootenai Kiwanis Libby



Havre– Malta- **Division 7** - Glasgow

The Havre Club has been working with others, and put \$7000 toward improvements around a chapel in Beaver Creek Park in the form of concrete sidewalks. They also worked with the Key Club and local churches in putting on a fund raising spaghetti dinner to raise money for local children with severe medical challenges, needing money for medical tests to see what kind of muscular myopathy they have.

The Malta Club helped 15 local children from low income families with Christmas, by hand knitted stockings filled with goodies, and taking the children shopping to buy gifts for their parents. They also helped the Key Club man the Salvation Army kettles in December.

The Glasgow Club went to three Senior center facilities on successive weeks to sing Christmas Carols on Wednesday at noon, and then eat sack lunches for their club meeting. On December 4 it was Nemont Manor, December 11 Prairie Ridge Village, and December 18 Valley View Nursing Home. They were joined by members of the Key Club as well. The Key Club helped Kiwanis ring the Salvation Army Bell at Shopko between Thanksgiving and Christmas, raising \$5749 in 60 man-hours.

Charles Wilson
Lt. Gov. Division 7



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

Here's a brief rundown on Division 9.

The Boulder Kiwanis Club is always doing something. They put on the Boulder Community Christmas Party and had a Toy-For-Tots campaign. They collected over three thousand toys. The Capital City Kiwanis Club helped out at the Festival of Trees and is now planning an ELIMINATE fundraiser for Presidents Day. The Helena Kiwanis Club had a very successful Christmas Party and is now gearing up for over three hundred BUG kids to come and have lunch with them at Jorgenson's. It's getting time to thaw out our Kiwanis hats and get ready for a great year with Governor Mike. Happy New Year to all from Division 9!

Bob Werner
LT. Gov., Div. 9, Montana District

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	Montana District Reports 2013-2014															
2		Members	Current member #	Gain	Aktion	Key	Cir	K	Bldrs	Key	Cir.	Bidr	Key	Spos'd	Dist.	Int'l
3		Oct. 1,	01/31/ 2014	or	Club	Club	K	kids	Club	Club	K	Club	ldr	Yth	Fndn	Fndn
4		2013		Loss						O/R	O/R	O/R		Fund		
5	Division 1 –Sherry Munther, Lt. Gov.															
6	Hamilton	44	50	6		3		1								
7	Drumond	18	22	4												
8	Frenchtown	3	3	0		1										
9	Missoula Grant Creek	10	10	0		1										
10	Missoula	96	96	0	1	2	1									
11	Missoula Sentinel	76	79	3		4										
12	Salmon Idaho	18	18	0		1			1							
13	Division 2 –Lorraine Jacobs, Lt. Gov.															
14	Great Falls	15	21	6		3										
15	Shelby	10	13	3					1							
16	Division 3 –Gerta Mular, Lt. Gov.															
17	Anaconda	23	22	-1	1	1			1							
18	Butte	26	26	0	1	1										
19	Dillon	41	38	-3	1	1										
20	Butte, Silver Bow	48	46	-2		1	1		1							
21	Butte Sunrise	24	26	2					1							
22	Division 4– Bob Keene, Lt. Gov.															
23	Billings Heights	26	26	0		1	1	1	1							
24	Billings	33	40	7		1		1								
25	Billings-Golden K	80	84	4		2	1		1							
26	Columbus	14	17	3		1										
27	Hardin	12	12	0												
28	Division 5 –Mike Stevenson, Lt. Gov.															
29	Glendive	25	27	2		1										
30	Miles City	46	46	0		1			1							
31	Sidney	48	48	0		1		1	1							
32	Division 6 - William Jones, Lt. Gov.															
33	Belgrade	11	13	2		1										
34	Bozeman	65	66	1		1	1									
35	Harlowton	29	29	0		1										
36	Headwaters	11	11	0				2								
37	Lewistown	40	43	3		1			1							
38	Livingston	6	7	1												
39	Tombstone	14	13	-1												
40	Division 7 - Charles Wilson, Lt Gov															
41	Glasgow	36	40	4		1										
42	Havre	12	12	0		1										
43	Malta	16	16	0		1			1							
44	Division 8 - Barbara Monaco, Lt. Gov.															
45	Columbia Falls	12	12	0		1										
46	Glacier, Kalispell	9	9	0												
47	Kalispell	17	14	-3												
48	Libby, Kootenai	14	14	0	1	1										
49	Polson	26	27	1		1		1								
50	Whitefish	15	15	0		1										
51	Division 9 – Bob Werner, Lt. Gov.															
52	Capital City, Helena	15	15	0												
53	Helena Downtown	18	15	-3												
54	Helena	95	94	-1	1	1	1									
55	Boulder Kiwanis	11	11	0												
56	Totals	1208	1246	38												

ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



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Contact Ed Mangisto arrange a program for your club about our new World Service Project, Eliminate.
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Do not forget the DISTRICT CONVENTION, Aug , 8-10 2014

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Mid Winter, March 28-30, 2014 Fairmont Hot Springs, Butte Mt

Mt District Key Club Convention– Billings, March 2-4th

Western Canada Joint Convention - August 8-10, 2014

(Holiday Inn Grand Convention Center - Billings)

Club Leadership Training - Friday, August 8

District and Foundation Board Meetings - Friday, August 8

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