

A scenic photograph of a sunset over a body of water. The sky is filled with scattered clouds, some of which are illuminated by the low sun, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. The sun is positioned just above the horizon, which is marked by a dark silhouette of mountains. In the foreground, the water is calm, reflecting the colors of the sky and the mountains. A small, dark boat with a person inside is visible on the water, slightly to the right of the center. The overall mood is peaceful and serene.

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— MONTANA —

MORE OF WHAT MATTERS

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October 11-13, 2019
Key Club Youth Conference
Hampton Inn in Helena, MT

FEBRUARY
2020

Feb. 28th – March 2nd
MT Midwinter Conference
Bozeman, MT
Grantree Inn

JUNE
2020

June 18-21, 2020
International Convention
Indianapolis, IN

JULY
2020

July 24-26, 2020
Montana Key Leader
Lakeside, Montana

AUGUST
2020

August 14-16, 2020
Joint District Convention
Montana with Western
Canada
Delta Hotel by Marriott,
Helena Colonial

JUNE
2021

June 24-27, 2021
International Convention
Salt Lake City, UT

AUGUST
2021

August 6-8, 2021
100th Anniversary
Montana District Convention
Butte, Montana
Copper King Inn

2022

International Convention
Manilla, Philippines

2023

International Convention
Minneapolis, MN

2024

International Convention
Denver, CO

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THE DISTRICT FAVORITE DIVISION SNAPSHOTS


Read about the prolific service in our state:


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KIWANIS FAMILY UPDATES



FIRST LADY AND GOVERNOR
CHARLES WILSON, DISTRICT
SECRETARY MARY BRYDICH, AND
GOVERNOR DESIGNATE JIM GREENE
AT THE WESTERN CANADA
DISTRICT CONVENTION



MONTANA KEY LEADER 2019

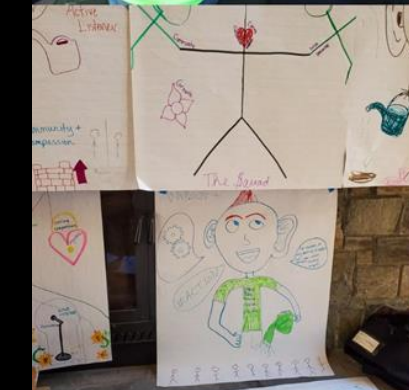
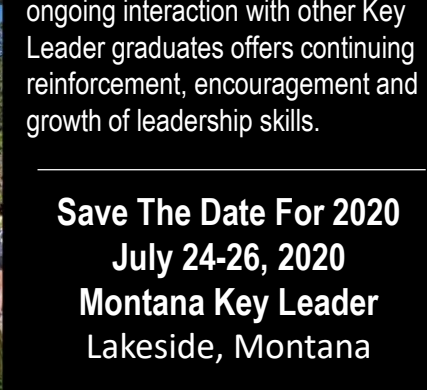
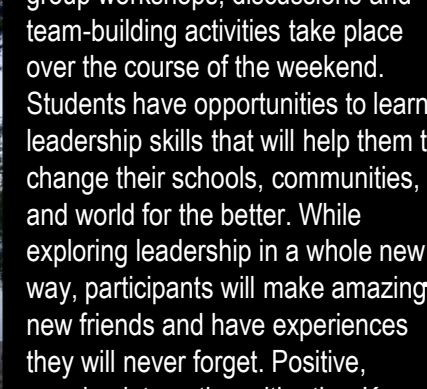
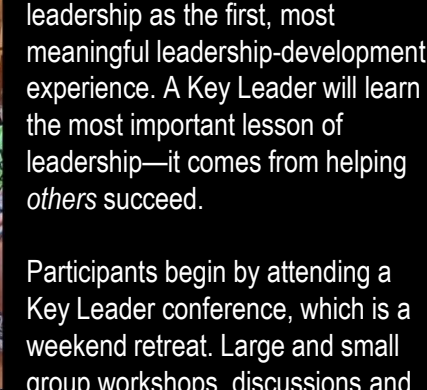


WHAT IS KEY LEADER?

Key Leader is a weekend experiential leadership program for today's young leaders. This life-changing event focuses on service leadership as the first, most meaningful leadership-development experience. A Key Leader will learn the most important lesson of leadership—it comes from helping others succeed.

Participants begin by attending a Key Leader conference, which is a weekend retreat. Large and small group workshops, discussions and team-building activities take place over the course of the weekend. Students have opportunities to learn leadership skills that will help them to change their schools, communities, and world for the better. While exploring leadership in a whole new way, participants will make amazing new friends and have experiences they will never forget. Positive, ongoing interaction with other Key Leader graduates offers continuing reinforcement, encouragement and growth of leadership skills.

Save The Date For 2020
July 24-26, 2020
Montana Key Leader
Lakeside, Montana





MONTANA DISTRICT OF CONVENTION

REPORT FROM GOVERNOR CHARLES WILSON

Due to the weather cancellation of the Midwinter Meeting, a lot was covered in the allotted time. It was held at the Cottonwood Inn, Glasgow, Montana; otherwise known as 'The Middle of Nowhere'.

August 1 (Thursday):

- We had the Montana District Board of Directors Meeting with current and incoming Lt. Governors and officers for the approval of minutes, treasurer's report, Key Leader Camp report and approval for next year's program, reports on Key Club, Builders Clubs, K-Kids, and Aktion Clubs, and approved contract for 2021 convention in Butte, and approval of committee heads. The board was introduced to the new Key Club Administrator Val Pachi of Miles City.
- There was an informal social at Sam and Jeff's with an order off the menu from Eugene's Pizza. Forty-four people were in attendance.



August 2 (Friday):

- About 60 were in attendance throughout the day.
- It began with leadership training by Cathy Tutty. Others took a tour of Fort Peck and the wildlife exhibit at the Children's Museum.
- The Montana Kiwanis Foundation also held their board meeting.
- The opening banquet was moved indoors due to the temperature, but it was still lovely. It began with a flag presentation by the scouts of troop 1850 with our Governor Charles Wilson in his scout uniform. The invocation was performed by Chuck Rushing, Spiritual Aims Chair. Valley County Commissioner Mary Armstrong welcomed the Montana District. Past Governor Mike Miller served as our Master of Ceremonies. Barbara Monaco presented awards for her year as Governor 2017-2018, which is normally done at the Midwinter Meeting, but that was canceled due to weather.
- Workshops on Kiwanis Branding and Licensing by Jessica Kuipers, Public Relations Chair, and Insurance, Risk Management and Optional Programs by John Menyhart, Risk Management Chair, were held.



Break for Dinner:

- Kiwanians carpooled to Fort Peck Kiwanis Park Picnic Shelter #1 for a fish fry and pulled pork dinner catered by the Cottonwood Inn.
- They were then led on a tour of the Fort Peck Interpretive Center Tour which included Dinosaurs, Lewis and Clark Expedition, Fish and Wildlife Display, and Construction of Fort Peck Dam video.
- Many then visited the Northeast Montana Veterans Memorial Park outdoor exhibit and enjoyed the Fort Peck Summer Theatre's production of 'Peter Pan'.



August 3 (Saturday):

- The day began with club secretary's online training by District Secretary Mary Brydich.
- Programs for the morning included:
 - Kiwanis Partner Boy Scouts of America by Charles Wilson (see www.montanabsa.org for how to become a sponsor for a Cub Pack, Scout Troop, or Venture Crew),
 - Key Leader video and promotion (42 participants and 10 chaperones, with a goal of 60 youth for next summer),
 - And Special K Ranch story by Stacey Faldetta (it had its beginnings with Kiwanis and we want to renew the Kiwanis connection).
- Montana Kiwanis Foundation gave a report by Alan Loendorf, President. It now has just over 1 million dollars in management in various categories. They shared the scholarships and grants approved at their meeting.
- The Montana District of Kiwanis House of Delegates convened which included:
 - nominating and seconding speeches,
 - unanimous election of Jim Greene as Governor effective October 1, 2019,
 - and the election of Cathy Tutty as Governor-Elect
 - New Business (informational): October 1, 2020 dues will be pro-rated with no add fees.



MONTANA DISTRICT OF CONVENTION

REPORT FROM GOVERNOR CHARLES WILSON

Governor's Luncheon:

- Key Club Governor Ayden Bash provided a report by video followed by a verbal Montana District Key Club report by outgoing Key Club District Administrator Dean Person.
- Mike Miller, Circle K District Administrator, presented a Circle K report.
- Introduced by Glasgow Kiwanis President Jim Williamson, Montana District Governor Charles Wilson had a message about "Service with a Smile".
- Installation of the 2019-2020 Montana District Officers was performed by Kiwanis International Vice-President Art Riley:

Division 1 Lt. Gov. Leila Haack
 Division 3 Lt. Gov. David Toth
 Division 4 Lt. Gov. Ellen Smith
 Division 5 Lt. Gov. Brandon Janshen
 Division 6 Lt. Gov. Cherie Neudick
 Division 7 Lt. Gov. Mardy Demarais

Division 8 Lt. Gov. Alida Wright
 Division 9 Lt. Gov. Judy Rolfe
 Charles Wilson, Immediate Past Governor- designate
 Jim Greene, Montana Kiwanis District Governor – designate
 Cathy Tutty, Montana District Governor – Elect – designate

- Incoming Governor, Jim Green, gave a speech on his coming year's goals and objectives.
- The afternoon programs included Kiwanis Public Relations by Jessica Kuipers, ELIMINATE by Alida Wright, the District Signature Project report by Glen Wheeler, membership tips by Past Governors Barbara Monaco and Bob Keene, and a CASA project report by guest Shayenne Wallace of the Glasgow CASA office.
- Items for CASA were then sorted to be taken back across the state and distributed to various CASA offices.
- The silent auction resulted in \$765 for the Key Leader program, and \$765 for ELIMINATE.
- The meeting adjourned to allow members to attend the fair and the evening performance at Northeast Montana Fairgrounds by Sawyer Brown and 32 Below.

August 4 (Sunday):

- The memorial prayer breakfast program by Chuck Rushing remembered those Kiwanians who passed away during the previous year, while placing a rose in a vase along with a slide and narration:

Theodore W. Bohlen	Tombstone Club of Virginia City	Maurice Colbert	Billings Club
Thomas C. Drummond	Billings Golden K	Jane Glennie	Harlowton
Leonard Hoscheid	Anaconda	Leon Hougum	Billings Golden K
J. Harry Johnson	Sidney	Doug McClelland	Sentinel, Missoula
James F. Novak	Anaconda	Thomas O'Connor	Bozeman
Annabelle Richards	Helena	Robert Small	Sentinel, Missoula
Keith Wallace	Billings Golden K		

It has been wonderful serving Montana Kiwanis as your District Governor this year. It takes a team, and I couldn't have done it without the complete leadership team of the lieutenant governors, officers, and committees. Thanks for your hospitality as I visited your clubs and projects. Continue "Serving with a Smile" as we recruit others to join us to help as we serve the children of the world in our clubs and in our communities.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Charles Wilson

**GOVERNOR
MONTANA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS**



End of Kiwanis Year Membership Preservation Actions

Attached are some thoughts to be pro-active in preserving current membership to prevent the large drop of members in October. It is usually much easier to retain a member than find a replacement. Each club is different and there may be many ways to motivate renewal. The items below are just suggestions. What is important is action. If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns please contact Governor Designate Jim Green, Governor Charles Wilson, Governor Elect Cathy Tutty or Immediate Past Governor Barbara Monaco.

- Lt. Governors work with Club Presidents and/or Secretaries,
- Get membership billings out early.
- Presidents or other respected club leaders contact members to find out their intentions for renewal.
- For members where a lump sum payment of dues is difficult, find ways to spread out the investment.
- For members who indicate hesitation or refusal to renew membership, try to find out why and what would interest them in the future. Keep working with them without being over bearing.
- If they don't plan to renew, then encourage to find a replacement from their place of work and then have the club sign up the new person as a "corporate member", and that way the original person can still attend functions and participate in service projects, especially on occasions that the other person can't attend.
- As the deadline approaches for dues, recontact members who haven't paid dues for next year yet with a gentle reminder.
- If you have new members coming on October 1, get all the dues and paperwork submitted to the secretary so they are counted by Kiwanis International in October.
- Work with secretaries to get the information to District Secretary / Treasurer Mary Brydich and Kiwanis International before the deadlines.



THIS IS WHY WE VOLUNTEER





BITTERROOT VALLEY KIWANIS | HAMILTON DIVISION 1

Bitterroot Valley Kiwanis held another successful pancake breakfast fundraiser.

Bitterroot Valley Kiwanis and the Ravalli Sports Club/Ravalli United run the fall recreational soccer programs for youth. Signup forms will be sent home from school with kids at the beginning of their school year and will also be available on the Ravalli United webpage: www.ravalliunitedsoccer.com

DRUMMOND KIWANIS DIVISION 1

The Drummond Kiwanis Club has been working toward changing a 32 acre parcel of river front property into a "natural park" to be enjoyed by the Drummond Community. The park will include a perimeter walking/jogging path, osprey sanctuary, crane rookery, fishing access, and picnic areas. The proceeds from the 78th Annual Drummond Kiwanis PRC A Rodeo go to help fund this project.

MISSOULA KIWANIS DIVISION 1

Missoula Kiwanis gifted \$20,000 to the Montana Natural History Center to help them build an all ages, all abilities nature garden. It's along the riverfront trail.



SENTINEL KIWANIS | MISSOULA DIVISION 1

Sentinel Kiwanians, you make us proud. The Dragon's Hollow playground next to the Missoula Carousel needed to be refurbished and expanded after 18 years of hard use. Sentinel Kiwanis donated \$3,000 and countless volunteer sweat equity to the expansion project and refurbish project A cozy cocoon was created in memory of founding member, Bob Small, who was active in our club for 55 years until he passed away last winter. The cocoon is designed for kids with sensory processing challenges - to block out some of the chaos in such a busy place



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GRANT CREEK KIWANIS | MISSOULA DIVISION 1

Grant Creek Kiwanis held another Mountain Home barbecue! Mountain Home Montana provides shelter for young mothers who need a place to live, and a network of support as they create safe, stable, and nurturing homes of their own. What a wonderful event and we look forward to next year!



SIDNEY KIWANIS DIVISION 5

Did you miss the Sidney Pie Social this year? It's one of the best days of the year! You eat PIE with KIWANIANS!! Don't miss it next year! Did we mention there is pie?

HARDIN KIWANIS DIVISION 4

Hardin Kiwanis held their pancake breakfast on the 4th. Well done to those hard working volunteers who offered community service in celebration of America.

GLENDIVE KIWANIS DIVISION 5

In Glendive, their club goes out to support the Kiwanis Wet Devils swim meet! Glendive has been a supporter of this club and their swim meets for many year.





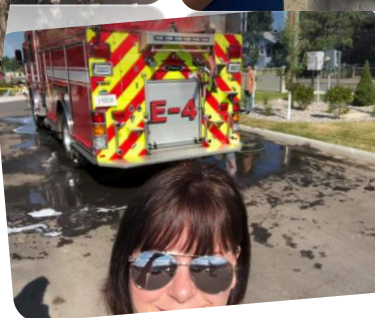
SILVERBOW KIWANIS | BUTTE DIVISION 3

Silverbow Kiwanis went to "Rikki Park" where they put in the sweat equity to move large amounts of sand, pick and burn weeds, and paint.



SUNRISE KIWANIS | BUTTE DIVISION 3

Sunrise Kiwanis of Butte had a joyful time running the kids booth during Music on Main. They also washed the fire and police vehicles as a way of showing appreciation for their commitment to our community.



DILLION KIWANIS DIVISION 3

Val Neeley was presented the Dillion Kiwanis Hats Off Award. Val has worked single-handedly in keeping the new park clear of animal waste. She has gone above and beyond by volunteering her time and using her own funds for supplies.



BUTTE KIWANIS DIVISION 3

Butte Kiwanis continues their fruitful partnership with YMCA at the Sunrise Camps that benefits all the children of Butte! #KidsNeedKiwanis





BILLINGS KIWANIS DIVISION 4

Billings Kiwanis continues their successful movie nights outdoors for the families of Billings. They also held the annual fishing jamboree at Lake Elmo State Park. Children learned from experts in this catch and release activity.



KEEP UP TO DATE ON MOVIE NIGHTS HERE



GOLDEN K KIWANIS | BILLINGS DIVISION 4

Several Golden K members showed up before their meeting to make 200 Peanut Butter & Jelly sandwiches for the Salvation Army Community Table van.



With kids from the Riverside Builders Club, Golden K spent a day in community service at the Audubon Center weeding a wildflower area, planting wildflowers and mulching trails. They got to enjoy canoeing on a perfect spring afternoon. This capped their year of companionship, growth in leadership, cooperation, and service with Riverside Builders Club.



With approximately 800 native American bison (buffalo) in the distance along Buffalo Trail, Billings Golden K highway trash removal task force restored to neatness approximately 2 miles of this highway north of Laurel. Some items were not disturbed, such as bison hair left on the barbed wire right of way fence and a coyote (or wolf) carcass. No snakes of any kind were encountered. Featured at left is the Highway Department sign citing our club as the "Village Golden K club" which is a little outdated because the word Village was dropped several years ago. The sign only has a few bullet holes now, but will probably acquire more as time goes by.



HEIGHTS KIWANIS | BILLINGS DIVISION 4

Heights Kiwanis served up burgers, dogs, sausage, chips, and drinks at the St. John's Summer Concert Series.



MILES CITY KIWANIS DIVISION 5

Miles City hosts movie night in the park. This year's selections include The Peanuts Movie, Ferngully: The Last Rainforest, and The Kid Who Would Be King.



Thanks to Milestown Community Improvement, Inc. (MCI2) who put on on the 2019 Rock'n MC Brew Fest / Concert AND letting Miles City Kiwanis handle the concessions as a fundraiser -- great food, great people, and great fun all around.



Some Miles City Kiwanians had the opportunity to socialize at the Cowtown Moosic Festival! There were Kiwanians, adult beverages, and good times!



Thanks to Joe Menyhart (MCI2 Treasurer) for purchasing AND donating a much needed fan for the concessions area via his discretionary budget and thanks to Fidele Dent for working from setup through teardown on a hot, summer day in the park.

KALISPELL KIWANIS DIVISION 8

At their lodge, Kalispell Kiwanis had a great fish fry as we gathered for their monthly evening meeting.



Thank you to Mark and his family for the Kalispell Kiwanis Lodge Improvements. The improvements look wonderful! The next big project is the outhouse!



Kalispell Kiwanis held their 4th Annual Charity Ride. The motorcycle event had an 80 mile dual sport ride and a 40 mile trail ride. There was a barbeque dinner and lots of prizes.



KOOTENAI KIWANIS, LIBBY DIVISION 8



Through the month of July, Kootenai Kiwanis has been collecting materials for kids to be distributed at the Student Stand Down. Additionally, the Koats for Kids will also be available.

GREAT FALLS KIWANIS DIVISION 9



In addition to visiting our newest Montana District playground in Choteau, the Great Falls Kiwanis Club is doing a project with clean plastic grocery bags to benefit the homeless in Great Falls. They will need hundreds of bags.

BOULDER KIWANIS DIVISION 9



Each year the Boulder Kiwanis club works incredibly hard on the fireworks display and fireworks sales. Many of us drive that extra mile to purchase fireworks there and support their club.

HELENA KIWANIS DIVISION 9

For Independence Day, Helena Kiwanis places flags at various locations around the community. Helena Kiwanis Club invites you to participate in our Kiwanis Flag Display Project. On five federal holidays each year; Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veteran's Day, Helena Kiwanis Club members post an American flag in front of your home or business. At the end of the day members collect the flag and store it until the next holiday. Cost: \$50



BOZEMAN KIWANIS DIVISION 6

Bozeman Kiwanians hosted their Annual Spaghetti Dinner for Big Sky Kids at Eagle Mount. The dinner is part of a Big Sky Kids when Eagle Mount hosts children with cancer and their families. Members of the club donate, prepare and serve the meal to the families and staff!



Bozeman Kiwanis served breakfast to Camp Braveheart. They flipped pancakes and fried bacon for about 60 people including kids ages three to nine with cancer, their families, camp counselors, and staff.



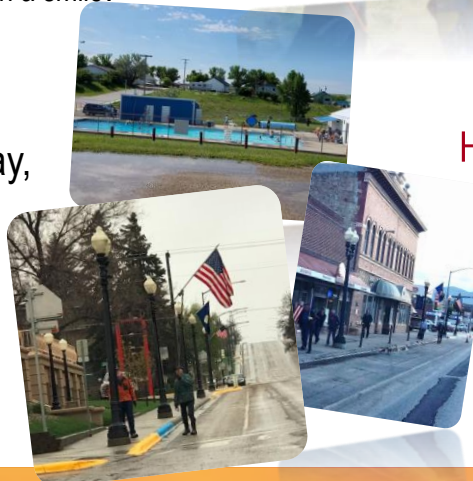
BILLINGS KIWANIS DIVISION 4

The Billings Kiwanis Club held the 23rd Annual Youth Fishing Jamboree at Lake Elmo State Park – with 100 participants. There were, 47 youth, 33 family members and 20 volunteers, in attendance. It was a perfect day with 70 degree temperature, blue sky and a gentle breeze. Cabela's provided fishing poles for all in need. The jamboree started with a fishing instruction by Carol Henckel. It was followed by two hours of fishing, along with 90 minutes of canoeing and Audubon Nature instruction. Fifteen fish were caught, with only a few bites recorded. A picnic was provided to all, by Walleyes Unlimited, Poly Food Basket and Pepsi Cola. Everyone left with a smile.



LEWISTOWN KIWANIS DIVISION 6

As they do each flag posting day, the Lewistown Kiwanis makes their community just a bit more special by posting flags on Independence Day.



HARLOWTON KIWANIS DIVISION 6

Harlowton Kiwanis sponsored some swimming at the local pool.



BUILDERS CLUB UPDATE



LEWIS AND CLARK BUILDERS CLUB

LEWIS AND CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDERS CLUB in their metal working classes made this plaque for Billings Golden K Kiwanis Club as a thank you for the laser metal cutting machine.

Additionally, they raised funds to purchase a brand new vending machine for the Boys and Girls club. The money made from this machine can go toward purchasing supplies for future projects.



RIVERSIDE BUILDERS CLUB



RIVERSIDE BUILDERS CLUB spent a day in community service at the Audubon Center weeding a wildflower area, planting wildflowers and mulching trails. After the work was finished, the K-Family was invited to enjoy canoeing.



MONTANA KEY CLUB UPDATE



CCDHS KEY CLUB



For a free will donation, **CCDHS KEY CLUB** held a car wash as a summer fundraiser.

The Billings Golden K Kiwanis scholarships awarded for 2019 were to Key Clubbers:

- West High, Peyton Lipp,
- Shepherd High, Cole Orelup,
- Shepherd High, Cortney Schatz



Kiwanis
CHILDREN'S FUND

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Apply by February 1

