

MONTANA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS K-SPAN

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 28th - March 2nd
MT Midwinter Conference
Bozeman, MT
GranTree Inn

March 22nd to 24th
MT Key Club District Conv.
Billings, MT
Billings Hotel & Conv. Center

June 18-21, 2020
International Convention
Indianapolis, IN

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

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

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

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

2022 Kiwanis International Convention
Manilla, Philippines

2023 International Convention
Minneapolis, MN

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SEASON OF THANKS & GIVING



The club with the most new members by January 1st will be awarded \$100 for a children's project in their area.

150,000
Service projects per year



200

Children are served by
EACH Kiwanians EACH year

18.5
Million Volunteer
Hours Per Year



\$107



Million Dollars Raised Per Year to
serve our communities



Over **100** years old, but
still having fun

Over **600,000** members
who are the hands and feet
improving the world



We have something for all
ages: K-Kids (Elementary
School), Builders Club
(Middle School), Key Club
(High School), Circle K
(College), Kiwanis (Adults)



Kiwanis rid the
world of Iodine
Deficiency
Disorders

ELIMINATE

Kiwanis is eliminating Maternal /
Neonatal Tetanus from the world

At Kiwanis we...

build playgrounds, prepare and serve meals to families in need, read to children, stock libraries with books and pantries with food, clean up parks, mentor teens, support youth sports, and much more

Awards will be given by January 15th

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Jim Green • Montana District of Kiwanis Governor

This holiday season is the perfect time to reflect on what Kiwanis does and its contributions to our communities. I have been in the Governor's position for two months now and have experienced a broader appreciation for what Kiwanis is all about. It all started a month before I took office, immediately after the District convention in Glasgow, MT. I visited a Kiwanis playground dedication in Edmonton, AB and then a very similar playground ceremony in Helena, MT where Kiwanis was the lead but the community actively supported and participated. While in Oliver, BC I browsed a weekly Kiwanis flea market that appeared to be a shopping destination that raised money for youth and also senior living. Then while visiting relatives in Florida I attended a Kiwanis meeting with three generations of a single family. The oldest was in his 90s and the youngest had her pre-school children in attendance for the 4th generation. After that was a meeting of a new Florida club being formed and I witnessed the energy and excitement of getting enough members to become chartered.



October saw the Key Club's Youth Conference in Great Falls, MT. The leadership ability of the students is amazing and the broad support of Kiwanis members and parents helped ensure the conference success. While traveling across the District I saw how Key Club and Builder's Club can work together in cleaning up a city park in Miles City, MT. Lt. Gov. Leila Hack, my wife Jeanne and I attended the monthly pot luck dinner and fundraiser in Salmon, ID that the community actively supported. Their only fundraiser is this monthly dinner and is a very successful and unique way to raise funds. Then seeing the young teachers asking about Kiwanis youth programs at the Educator's Conference in Belgrade was rewarding. A different activity occurred at the Kiwanis meeting I visited in Libby, MT. The local Public Health nurse provided flu shots. Thanksgiving week the Anaconda Kiwanis Club participated in a joint luncheon with Rotary and Lions clubs to help build community wide service.

After seeing all this diversity, enthusiasm and fulfilling of community needs supporting youth; reminds me of why I originally joined Kiwanis in Anaconda, MT. As a forester for the State of Montana, Kiwanis invited me to help them and the Key Club plant trees on the deforested hills south of the courthouse. After several years, the successful effort encouraged me to give back to the community and I became a Kiwanian. If you stand on Main Street in Anaconda and look at the hills beyond the courthouse you now see a forest. That need and challenge has been met but the needs of the community are as great as ever, just different. To meet the evolving challenges District wide, we need to increase our resources. This means growing Kiwanis membership in existing clubs and creating new clubs where appropriate.



GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Jim Green • Montana District of Kiwanis

Many Kiwanis Clubs perform significant service projects this time of year helping the youth and needy adults. After the first of the year we have an opportunity to catch our breath and charge ahead to encourage clubs to have membership drives to strengthen their capabilities. We are also working on establishing a new Kiwanis Club in Eureka, MT with the help of Kalispell and Libby Clubs, Kiwanis International staff and the local Key Club. This years Key Club District Governor Ayden Bash resides in Eureka. Should be an exciting time to see Kiwanis grow and increase service to youth and community. I hope you will join me in providing "action" to accomplish these membership and service goals.

Jeanne and I thank you for what you do for Kiwanis and wish you a happy holiday season.

Jim Greene

Montana Kiwanis District Governor

IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE

Charles Wilson • Montana District of Kiwanis

Kiwanis is a Service Organization that coordinates community efforts in serving the children of the world, one child and one community at a time. When we think of the benefits of service we often focus on how service helps those receiving the service. However research shows that service can also help the "helper" in a variety of ways, including teens. As we involve the youth, including those in Builders Club and Key Club, in serving alongside us in meaningful and unique service opportunities, we help build their self esteem and steer them away from problem behaviors.

Research shows that getting them involved in serving strangers in particular, makes them feel more grateful and hopeful, less likely to focus on themselves and their own problems, and are more likely to see the good in what they have. They gain self-confidence by helping others and seeing that they are important and needed in their communities. Serving helps teens develop a moral identity, which is a teenager's identity as someone who is helpful and moral, which is often incompatible with behaviors like aggression. [Taken from Laura Padilla-Walker of BYU School of Family Life.]

Sponsored youth organizations are SLP: Service and Leadership Programs, providing those youth involved with opportunities to learn from service and leadership opportunities that Kiwanis Clubs help provide by our sponsorship. As we build up our Kiwanis Clubs we are taking part in helping build up our youth and our future world. See you all at Midwinter Conference soon. Continue serving with a smile! Go Kiwanis!

Charles Wilson

Montana Kiwanis Immediate Past Governor



My most frequent request as Montana District Risk Manager is for a "Certificate of Insurance (COI)". A COI provides proof of Insurance coverage (General Liability and/or Liquor Liability) to a 3rd party, typically the Owner/Landlord of a premises where a Kiwanis Club is holding an event or fund-raiser. For example: a Kiwanis club is holding a pancake breakfast in a park and the City requests proof of General Liability Insurance.

- We do not offer Certificates, but we do respond to valid requests
- We do not lend or share our Insurance with other groups
- We only insure Kiwanis managed events where Kiwanis members are involved & present

You can find a Standard COI in the "2019-20 Risk Management Information" booklet that is mailed to every Kiwanis club Secretary every year. A Kiwanis Club officer may issue a standard Certificate; but you must follow the instructions to a T and you may not add, alter, delete or change the Certificate in any way! An altered Certificate is Null & Void! Then, send to your 3rd party and email a copy to Kiwanis International Insurance group Broker, The Hylant Group at kiwaniscert@hylant.com.

If your 3rd party requires **"Additional insured"** status; you may not issue this Certificate. Complete the "Certificate of Insurance Request with Additional Insured Wording" form and send Kiwanis International Insurance Broker, The Hylant Group kiwaniscert@hylant.com.

We have an obligation to promote safety and protect the public. Our International Insurance program, paid for as a part of your dues; provides Kiwanis Clubs a great advantage at fund-raising. We need to "Protect the Kiwanis Mission"; so I am always happy to discuss your projects & fund-raisers and offer Risk Management tips to avoid, prevent and/or reduce risks.

If you are serving beer, wine or liquor at any Kiwanis events; I would appreciate a call to discuss.
When in doubt, give me a call at (406)951-3509.

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BELGRADE KIWANIS

DIVISION 6

Belgrade Kiwanis held an installation and social dinner where they installed their officers, inducted three new members, and honored two Kiwanians with twenty-five and thirty years of service.

Hope & the Holidays

is comprised of the Marine Corps League, American Legion, Vietnam Veterans, local Lions and Kiwanis Clubs. They provide gifts/toys to almost 1500 children in the 100-miles radius around Bozeman at Christmas whose families are on hard times. In addition, we provide food baskets to families in need.



BILLINGS GOLDEN K

DIVISION 4

The club completed their fall reading program and *Explorer's Academy* (formerly Head Start). They also participated in the *Dress a Child* event. They have begun their *Salvation Army Bell Ringing* early December. Members assisted the Riverside Builder's Club at the *Montana Food Bank* with boxes for Thanksgiving, participated in the *Boo at the Zoo* on Halloween, and had a lively Halloween costume contest.



BILLINGS KIWANIS

DIVISION 4

Billings Kiwanis Club participated in *Salvation Army Dress a Child* which is held each year. Money is donated to the Salvation Army where a child is given a \$125 budget to purchase needed clothing.

BILLINGS HEIGHTS

DIVISION 4

Billings Heights Kiwanis volunteered at the *Twirp Dance at Skyview High School*, cooked hamburgers and brats for the *Alzheimer's Walk* held in Billings, and are planning their annual shopping spree with local children in December.

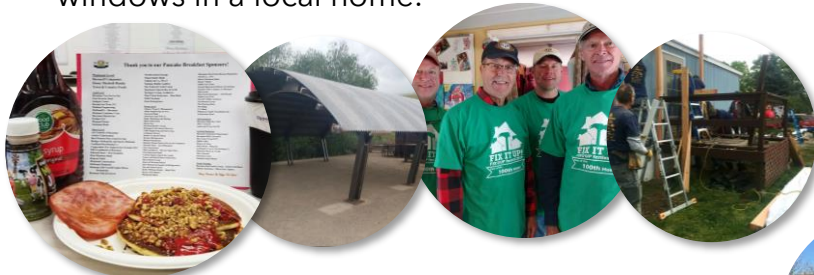


BITTERROOT VALLEY DIVISION 1 KIWANIS

Since 1974, Bitterroot Valley Kiwanis has been collecting and distributing over 6,000 pounds of food to the Hamilton, Darby, and Corvallis communities in the *Bitterroot Valley Kiwanis Christmas Food Box* project. They continue to ramp up their delivery for this year. They will be delivered on the 21st.

BOZEMAN KIWANIS DIVISION 6

For the 10th year, the Bozeman Kiwanis Club participated in the local *Fix Up Festival*. Led by Jeremy Olson, this year's team consisted of Alan Goldhahn, Sam Weidner, and Mike Connell. These members helped replace windows in a local home.



Bozeman Kiwanis Club with members of the Key Club at Bozeman High School joined forces and made it possible for those attending the *Bobcat Homecoming* game park their cars. A successful fundraiser was held on a beautiful day.

Bozeman Kiwanis held their *95th Kiwanis pancake breakfast!* The second *Kiwanis Pavillion* is at the Bozeman Sports Park!



SUNRISE KIWANIS, DIVISION 3 BUTTE

Sunrise Kiwanis had a fun outing to *Tech Volleyball*. They also made lunches for *Action Inc* to distribution to the homeless, adopted a family for *Mining City Christmas*, served dinner at *Child Bridge*. They are also in the midst of selling their *2020 Dining and More Coupon Books* for \$20 which have 84 businesses (some with more than one coupon) in what is a really terrific deal.

BOULDER KIWANIS DIVISION 4

Boulder Community Christmas Dinner was held by Boulder Kiwanis on Sunday December 8th. They sold Raffle Tickets for a Sportsman's Raffle. It was a fun evening and a delicious meal with the Boulder community.



TOMBSTONE KIWANIS, DIVISION 6 VIRGINIA CITY

Tombstone Kiwanis delivered *Christmas Cards* to Life Care today from the hearts of these young people to let these precious people know are loved and valued. They also sent cards to the military overseas.



BUTTE KIWANIS DIVISION 3

Action Inc. supports the community with the *Mining City Christmas* program and Butte Kiwanis is a proud sponsor supporting families this year!



DILLON KIWANIS

DIVISION 3

Dillion Kiwanis both supported *Run The Boo* 10K, 5K, Kids Race by providing concessions as a fund raiser, but also the proceeds support the Dillion Kiwanis Cross Country Scholarship to the University of Montana Western.



GLASGOW KIWANIS

DIVISION 7

Glasgow Kiwanis held a fundraiser for the Glasgow Key Club *snack pack program* feeding students on weekends. Additionally, Glasgow Kiwanis was joined by their Key Club and Glasgow Middle School Builders club singing carols to the residents at *Nemont Manner Apartments*.



DRUMMOND KIWANIS

DIVISION 1

The Kiwanis Club of Drummond held its annual *Rodeo Appreciation Dinner* at the Community Hall in Drummond. This event thanks the sponsors and organizations that make the event possible. Drummond Kiwanis is exploring a *walking park* on a property just south of Drummond that straddles Montana Highway 1. They held a pancake dinner fundraiser and help deliver Christmas meals too!



GREAT FALLS KIWANIS

DIVISION 9

The Great Falls Kivanians have been busy with their High School Key Clubs. They've assisted with *Trunk or Treat* and *Salvation Army* Bell Ringing.



HARLOWTON KIWANIS

DIVISION 5

Harlowton Kiwanis has been busy having a *"Pool Party"*, a *K-Family fall festival*, community *chili feed*, and their annual *Kid's Store*. At the Kids' Store, all items are under \$5.00 with complimentary gift wrap by the Builders Club and Key Club students



HELENA KIWANIS

DIVISION 9

Helena Kiwanis presented *Helena Food Share's* Bruce Day \$2,020 raised to help families in our community have a holiday meal.



CAPITAL CITY KIWANIS, HELENA

It's a tradition they love. Capital City Kiwanis and Helena Kiwanis help Boulder Kiwanis with dinner prep and then serving at the *Boulder Christmas community dinner*.



KOOTENAI KIWANIS, LIBBY

DIVISION 8

Kootenai Kiwanis is holding their Koats 4 Kids (and Adults Too) this season. At the Christmas Tree lighting in Troy, Montana they gave away free gloves and hats to both young and young at heart. They also held a fundraiser in conjunction with Pizza Hut. Their BUG program is thriving at Kootenai Valley Christian School. The Student Stand Down was featured in the Youth Connections Magazine.



**YOUTH CONNECTIONS MAGAZINE FEATURES
KOOTENAI KWIANIS ON PAGE 10.**



KALISPELL KIWANIS

DIVISION 8

Kalispell Kiwanis partnered with Guild Mortgage for the 2nd annual *Give Thanks Food Drive*. They also held their annual *Christmas auction*. Each member brings a wrapped gift worth at least \$25 and the professional auctioneer lures them to spend much more to find out what is in the package. They also filled bags with food for kids to take home from school in their backpacks at the *Kalispell Food Bank*.



LEWISTOWN KIWANIS

DIVISION 6

Lewistown Kiwanis awarded 5th grade *student of the month* to Autumn Gooden and 6th grade student Nick Gaffney. They also manned a great Trunk or Treat and continue to hang flags at various holiday including a very cold *Veteran's Day*. They held a heart warming event called *Reed and Feed* where each family is fed and gets to take home a book at the Lewistown Center. Look at them cooking hotdogs for over 1000 children and family!

MALTA KIWANIS

DIVISION 7

Malta Kiwanis is a very busy club! They helped to *clean up Highway 2* with their Key Club. They assisted the *Boys and Girls Club* family potluck followed with games of turkey bowling including a chance to bowl with a frozen, wrapped turkey! They helped children frost cookies at the *Boys and Girls Club Santa's Workshop* with fifty kids attending crafting, singing, pictures, snacks, and games. They also sponsored "*Take-A-Kid Shopping Night*" where members of the club matched up with children from the elementary school. The highlight were these two first graders who never met, but became friends giggling and catting as they looked at lights. The Key Club then wrapped gifts as the kids had cookies and hot chocolate.



MILES CITY KIWANIS

DIVISION 5

For Kiwanis One Day, Miles City Kiwanis held a *Kegs & Eggs Breakfast* as a fundraiser. Miles City Kiwanis received a check from F.T. Reynolds Co. for their *Friends of Reynolds Foundation* give back program. Miles City Kiwanis consistently meet the needs of the *Miles City Soup Kitchen*. They also hold a successful *Christmas Market* where residents can shop and give ack to the community. It's also full force *Meals on Wheels* season for Miles City Kiwanis.



Like and follow the
EUREKA Kiwanis
Facebook Page



MISSOULA KIWANIS

DIVISION 1

Missoula Kiwanis is honored to celebrate Bella Paoli as *Opportunity Resources Employee of the Quarter*. Governor Jim Greene visited and spoke to the Missoula Kiwanis Club. He spoke to the need for Key Club Advisors in Montana and that there are more Key Clubbers than Kiwanians in the State of Montana. A few Missoula Kiwanians attended the Montana *Natural History Center fundraiser* for the sensory garden.



SALMON KIWANIS, IDAHO

DIVISION 1

Salmon Kiwanis Club presented *Salmon FFA* Club with a check to go toward their trip to Nationals. The FFA club helped the Kiwanis clean up and put the BEAR to bed for the winter. Salmon Kiwanis Club also presented may *Kiwanis Terrific Kids Awards* from grades 1 thru 4.



SENTINEL KIWANIS, MISSOULA

DIVISION 1

Sentinel Kiwanis held their annual successful *apple and pear sales*. If you are interested in replicating this project, they would be a great resource. To help eliminate neonatal tetanus, Sentinel Kiwanis passed the pumpkin for *Trick or Treat for Eliminate* raised \$126.95. At the *Head Start Reed and Feed*, they cooked a delicious spaghetti meal, gave away several beautiful quilts, listened to Boy Scouts read to kids, and presented a check to Head Start from the Amanda Kekich Foundation to purchase books. They fed *dinner at the YMCA* with a meal of tacos, salad, and fruit. They collected *Toys for Tots for Salvation Army*. Sentinel Kiwanis assisted with turkey distribution at the *Missoula Food Bank*. Sentinel had a fun contributions on a Griz vs. Cats food drive. The TRUE winner of our food competition is the Missoula Food Bank which received all 179 pounds of canned goods plus an additional \$120 cash.



BRAWL OF THE WILD

SIDNEY KIWANIS

DIVISION 5

Sidney Kiwanis held another successful *apples and pears sale*! They also took a 360 camera video that was SOOO COOL to cheer up their fellow members.

BUILDERS CLUB – MIDDLE SCHOOL

Skyview High School Key Club members helped organize their annual Twirp dance while member of Billings Heights Kiwanis volunteered as dance chaperones.

Riverside Builders Club made 200 PBnJ sandwiches for the Salvation Community Table Van, assisted the Billings Food Bank made clay for CASA kids, packed boxes for the elderly at family services, and battled the cold at Boo at the Zoo!

Members of the **Key Club at Bozeman High School**, along with members of the Bozeman Kiwanis Club, joined forces and made it possible for those attending the Bobcat Homecoming game park their cars.

Montana State Circle K made Halloween cards for the residents of the Gallatin Rest Home, set up a Halloween Hospitality Table for hot drinks on a snowy day, and created blankets for the HRDC warming center.



Read About The Riverside Builders Club Thanksgiving Project at the Billings Gazette.



Columbia Falls Key Club held a successful Sock-tober collecting 303 pairs of socks for those in need. They also raised over \$250.00 for UNICEF this year Trick or Treating!



K-KIDS – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BUILDERS CLUB – MIDDLE SCHOOL

Frenchtown Valley High School Key Club is conducting their annual Christmas wreath fundraiser. Additionally, Key Club president MiKaela Field was featured on SWX as the Mattress Firm Student of the Week.

View the SWX Report Here: 

Charles M. Russell Key Club

The Montana weather turned their "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF into a "Gobbling for Coins", but still collected over fifty dollars to assist young children!

Glasgow Builders Club hosted Kiwanis Breakfast at Glasgow Middle School. Glasgow Builders Club and **Glasgow Key Club** was joined by their Kiwanians singing carols to the residents at Nemont Manner Apartments.

The **Great Falls High Key Club** held their first Trunk or Treat with candy, games, and decorated cars. They also Trick or Treated for UNICEF and are spending their time ringing bells for the Salvation Army.

Harlowton Key Club and **Harlowton Junior High Builders Club** has been busy assisting their Kiwanis club. They had a fall / Halloween celebration, a chili feed, and the annual Kids' Store where they wrapped presents for kids.

K-KIDS – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

KEY CLUB – HIGH SCHOOL
CIRCLE K – COLLEGE

AKTION CLUB – ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES



BUILDERS CLUB – MIDDLE SCHOOL

The **Havre High School Key Club** is holding its annual Christmas gift wrapping at Boyce and Berry Flowers. It helps them raise funds in order take families from Havre High Christmas Shopping.

View the Havre Daily Report Article Here:



Malta Key Club cleaned up Highway 2 with their Kiwanis Club. They helped children wrap presents for the "Take-A-Kid Shopping Night" where members of the club matched up with children from the elementary school. They then served the kids had cookies and hot chocolate.

The **Custer County High School Key Club** helped at the Kiwanis Christmas Market by assisting kids with crafts and other fun while the parents leisurely shop. They also held their annual Haunted House!



Sock it to me!! **Big Sky High School Key Club Socktober** sock drive was a success to benefit the Missoula Community!



Key Clubs from Hellgate, Loyola, and Florence and our Builder's Club from St. Joe's that visited and ran the Sentinel Kiwanis meeting! What a great and unique idea!!



Hellgate Key Club helped with donations that will help 100 refugees settle into their new home in Missoula!

Missoula Key Clubs made homemade spaghetti sauce using produce from the "Garden of Edith." The sauce will be donated to Family Promise.

Sentinel Key Club spooked some kids at the Carousel for Missoula and Dragon Hollow in a playground haunting.

View the KPAX report here:



K-KIDS – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

BUILDERS CLUB – MIDDLE SCHOOL



Sidney Middle School Builders Club is very active. They continue to collect recycled paper from the classrooms. During study hall, members are able to help at the ROI second hand store. To raise funds they sold suckers. Teachers pay a dollar to wear costumes on Halloween and trick-or-treated for UNICEF. In total, the **Sidney Middle School Builders Club** raised \$500 to donate to UNICEF. They donated and decorated two trees for the Boys and Girls club for their Parade of Lights auction. They also collected Turkey bucks and purchased turkeys and Thanksgiving baskets for five families at the Domestic Violence Coalition. At Reynolds Market, they judged costumes for cute, scary, and creative costumes. By conducting a bake sale, they raised \$400 for the Sidney Food Bank. Builder's club members spent many lunches cutting the bags and preparing them to be repurposed and made into mats that were woven into waterproof mats given to the homeless in Ecuador and Salt Lake City homeless.



The **Boys and Girls Club of Richland County K-Kids** were escorted by the **Sidney Senior High Key Club** out trick-or-treating for UNICEF.



East Middle School Builders Club of Butte sold raffle tickets to raise fund for Toys for Tots.

Lewistown Builders club members read to small children at book fair.



Toys for Tots Raffle
\$1 tickets
WIN: \$10 gift card to
- Bonanza Freeze
- Movie theater
- Florence Coffee Co

K-KIDS – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL