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## Bozeman, MT



If you enjoyed Mid-Winter, *you're gonna just love District Convention!*  
We are aiming our sights high to top the Mid-Winter Conference in Helena last February.

Please set these dates aside! Detailed information will be released soon.  
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## *Reflections on perceptions*

by Gov. Chuck Amdahl



### **A filter for every occasion**

**I have attended a good many Kiwanis Club meetings across the District this year** and, without exception, I have thoroughly enjoyed each and every one! I enjoy the diversity of our meetings, our service work, and our membership!

This held true for me at one such meeting earlier this year - another particularly enjoyable one at that. Another guest happened to be attending that day as well, and I decided to seek out her feedback afterwards. I was quite confident that our impressions were very similar; after all, this meeting was filled with great camaraderie, a lot of fun-spirited back 'n forth bantering, and an excellent program to boot. *What's not to like?* I thought! What followed in response, though, came as a real eye-opener to me and one I think important to share with others now:

We sat next to each other at this meeting because the meeting - well, it was just packed! There were no empty seats to be found. The room swelled with the presence of young people being recognized that day - which is always an uplifting part of any Kiwanis meeting! Again, it was a really great meeting and I, a "seasoned" Kiwanian, was certain that this guest - who, like any guest, might become a prospective member - would be most favorably impressed.

After adjourning, the two of us chatted briefly outside. I innocently asked her what she thought about the club and its meeting that day. I prefaced my question, as I typically do, with gentle insistence that I needed to hear her critical feedback. The hesitation that preceded her reply was a clue that I was about to hear just that - her honest opinion. Choosing her words most carefully she replied, to the effect: "Truthfully, I was disappointed".

I was dumbstruck. I suspect the free fall of my countenance ended with an audible thud, and an expression of disbelief was written across my face. After a moment of re-grouping I fumbled out the question: 'What do you mean? I don't understand'. With less hesitation she replied, 'The program was very good, and I appreciated that. But I never felt welcome. I noticed that many greeted you, but no one greeted me. It was like I wasn't there. And, frankly, I didn't see people having a good time. I didn't see folks smiling, laughing, and just having very much fun'. Then she added, somewhat sheepishly: 'Sorry, but you asked for the truth'.

That came as a real bomb shell! I was sitting right beside this guest, with the same panoramic view of the meeting as she had, yet *I* saw people smiling, laughing, and having a good time - I truly did. In other words, mine was not a kneejerk defensive reaction to the guest's criticism of Kiwanis. What could possibly explain the difference in our perceptions of and, more importantly, our experiences at the same event? I knew intuitively there was buried in this an invaluable, if not painful, lesson to be learned. The only conclusion I've reached at this point is that my intimate familiarity with Kiwanis and, more importantly, the relationships I enjoy with many in the Kiwanis Family (in that setting as well), greatly "filtered" my perception of the entire event. Now just how telling is *that* ?

How do *you* “see” your own Kiwanis Club?



Through rose colored lenses ?

We emphasized, during the Montana Membership Tour, how advantageous it is for a club to do a **self-assessment** – though the “self” must actually be facilitated by someone from outside of the club itself. Why an outsider? *Because we simply cannot help but see our own club and its members through our own unique “filters.” Our perceptions, then, are colored by relationships and familiarity.*

Kiwanis International has good templates for doing such an assessment. (I am not referring here to the ‘Secret Shopper’ survey template that International makes available to clubs – a brief survey of guests’ experience at a particular club meeting. This survey is good as far as it goes – it just doesn’t go far enough.) The place to begin is on the [kiwanisone.org](http://community.kiwanisone.org/media/p/2183.aspx) website – namely, “Guide: Club Excellence” found at <http://community.kiwanisone.org/media/p/2183.aspx>. And a good facilitator for this self-assessment process would be someone from outside of your club – not necessarily a paid professional, but neither someone who, though perhaps a personal friend, may not have training in this. Garnishing unbiased, objective feedback of your club’s attributes and challenges will go a long way in retaining valuable prospective members darkening your doorway.

**Sherry Munther** is such a person. She is an excellent resource person within the District, capable of facilitating this process by providing invaluable guidance for clubs interested in exploring self-assessment. Sherry, the Lt Governor for Division One, may be reached at 406-542-1320, or, [sherrymunther@bresnan.net](mailto:sherrymunther@bresnan.net).

An effective club assessment process will help clubs see themselves through the eyes of those they hope to attract.

**Thank you** for all you do for young people, and especially children, here and afar, and quite regardless of whether it bears the K-logo or not...

## Growth Contest

The **Club** with the largest increase by percentage of *new* members will receive \$500 toward their service projects. **The winners (Tied): Miles City & Lewistown, which will split this \$500. And the runners-up: Silver Bow & Helena KC.**

The **Member** who brings in the most members will receive a free registration and one night's lodging to the District Convention in Bozeman, Aug. 9-11, 2013.

**The winners are: Tied ( 4 way)**

**Dave Hudson– Helena — William McLendon– Lewistown**

**Ken Holmlund– Miles City — Thomas Butorac–Missoula**

( see the new member adds on page 19)

**GREAT JOB! Congratulations to all!**

# **Glen Wheeler**

## **Membership Chair**

### ***A Look inside a Kiwanis Club***



#### **Greetings, again, Montana Kiwanians!**

As Membership Chair, I decided to give you an up close and personal glimpse of my home club, Sentinel Kiwanis Club of Missoula. I am hopeful that a closer look inside a club will give you some ideas about how you can become a stronger club. You may also see some things that you would want to avoid. Happy hunting!

Sentinel Kiwanis was chartered in December of 1960 as a result of the efforts of some Missoula Kiwanis members who wanted to start a separate morning Kiwanis Club. Two of the founding members were Bob Small and George Lewis. Bob continues to be an active member of SK to this day. Bob brings much “joy” and laughter to our weekly breakfast meetings. He is a large part of the reason that I don’t want to miss a single meeting. George was a member until his death in 2011. George also served as District Governor. For many years, George was the only member from SK to serve as District Governor. He remained active in the club and the organization throughout all those years.

We have two official greeters at the front of the room to welcome our members. The Chair person of the House committee arranges for these greeters. They collect money for the breakfast and get each person and/or guest to sign in. The greeters also give each person a drawing ticket. We start Thursday mornings on a bright note with lots of laughter, camaraderie, and fellowship. We also learn important information about our area from a good speaker program each week. The meetings start at 7:30 AM each week.

SK members sing America the Beautiful (some awesome voices), do the pledge of allegiance, and have a prayer which is arranged by the Spiritual Aims Committee chaired by Bob Small. Our current President then introduces guests, recognizes birthdays of members and of anniversaries of members. We sing again.

We have 14 active committees in the club. The President is responsible for finding chairs for all the committees and then assigning each member to at least one committee. The President’s next duty at the meeting is to ask for committee reports and/or announcements. If either of these result in too lengthy a presentation, we can count on our Hal Gillet, a member since 11/6/63, to lead a rousing rendition of “When Kiwanis Calls”. Yes, yet another song. These When Kiwanis Calls songs occur frequently and if you are sitting too close to Hal, you could get a little wet from his “cup salute”. Be alert!

Michele Wheeler has recently implemented a “Did you Know” addition to our meetings in which she shares a bit of information about Kiwanis. This brings a new interest focus as well as serves as an educational tool for the members. It has been well received.

We then have a fine (pay a quarter usually) session. Any member who has made the news during the week, is subject to a fine for not mentioning Sentinel Kiwanis at the event in question. Many funny stories and good laughs come from this activity.

Following the fines, we have a weekly drawing. This involves drawing tickets from a hat (each member is given a ticket when they sign in by the “greeters”). The prizes are sometimes of the “green elephant” variety that may be available for future prizes. Two times per month, we sell 50/50 tickets. We sell them for \$1 each or 9 tickets for \$5. This pot of money is split between the winner and Destiny School. Destiny School is an orphanage school in Kampala, Uganda that our club actively supports. We find the winner of the 50/50 drawing by, once again, drawing from the hat. The drawings are run by the greeters.

Our Vice President has the duty of arranging for the weekly programs utilizing his committee members. The VP now introduces the speaker. The speaker is asked to restrict their presentation to no longer than 20 minutes. Following the presentation and a short opportunity for questions, the President closes the meetings by reminding members of upcoming events and thanking our speaker and or guests. He then says we can stand, sing Montana and be adjourned. Yes, there is yet another signing session. We do have fun!!!

Sentinel Kiwanis has 16+ fund raising and/or community/youth service projects each year. There are ample opportunities for our members to be involved in raising funds for our projects or give hands on service to the community. The committees have the responsibility for pulling off these projects and they are encouraged to have committee meetings in order to get members more involved. We also have fun at all the projects. We use them as service mechanisms and social outings for the members.

Sandy Smith has recently started an after hours social get together for our “sponsored youth” (I am still in that stage, have some trouble with Service Leadership nomenclature) committee members, or anyone else interested, to meet and have a drink or just visit. A time for sharing, visiting, and having fun.

SK sponsors 3 Key Clubs and one Builders Club. Each club has a sub committee of 3-5 people who agree to attend the meetings of our sponsored clubs each week. Our own,

Gayle Hudgins, has chaired this SLP/SY (depending on how old you are) for many years. Michele Wheeler is in charge of the group for Hellgate KC, Sandy Smith leads the group for Florence KC and Gayle heads up the group for Loyola KC. Mike McCue leads the group for St Joseph Builders Club.

This is a glimpse of my home club. If you would like to get a “up close and personal” of your club in future KSPANs, please give me an article on your club, and I will see that it gets to Roger Baker or submit it directly to Roger for publication.

Together let's grow and continue to serve.

Have lots of fun and reach lots of people in need.

Glen Wheeler

District Membership Chair



**Thank You, Montana Kiwanis Family** for your hospitality and kindness during our District Montana Membership Tour – for all of the planning and arrangements made by Roger Baker, Mary Brydich, Lieutenant Governors (and spouses!), Club officers and many others. And a special thank you for those opening their homes to travelers – to Lt Gov. Bill and Debbie Jones (Harlowton); Lt Gov. Bob and Sue Keene (Billings); Lt Gov. Mike and Karen Stevenson (Miles City); Ron and Clarise Lundman (Malta); Herm and Sharon Androes (Kalispell); and to Lt Gov. Sherry and Greg Munther (Missoula). Your hospitality was truly appreciated, and our conversation together afterhours even more so!

**Gov. Chuck**

# Montana Membership Tour Update

The Montana Membership Tour spanned a two week period, April 29 – May 10, 2013, covering 13 sites (venues) at which 117 Kiwanians representing 27 Kiwanis Clubs participated in one or more of 17 presentations. About 1800 miles were logged. In short, and in spite of an unfortunate accident (see “Stephanie,” below), the Tour received good critiques.

Approximately 300 Kiwanians and 29 clubs, representing a tad over 20% of District membership and 70% of clubs, responded to the Survey. [The Survey is in the March, 2013 KSpan] The Survey had been sent several weeks earlier to Club Presidents and Secretaries for dissemination to club members, and to all members for whom the District has “good” email addresses. Each club participating in one or more Tour presentations received hardcopies of the following documented tallies – namely, the:

1. Number of responses that members of the club made to each “symptom”;
2. Number of responses to each symptom, club by club (all 29 clubs participating);
3. *Cumulative* number of responses that members across the District made to each symptom;
4. Comments, both critical and positive, that members from their club expressed;
5. *Consolidation* of comments that members across the District made, both positive and critical;

In recognition that all clubs have certain strengths, the Survey had three main objectives:

- to give members a voice and a forum through which their suggestions on how to improve their clubs and their members’ “Kiwanis Experience” can be heard;
- to provide the District with needed feedback from membership;
- **most importantly, to provide the raw material for follow-up discussions each club is encouraged to engage in – in its Membership Committee (those having a MC), at Board meetings, and among its membership at large.** *This last objective is arguably the most important of all for clubs desiring to improve member satisfaction – which, in turn, will be in most instances the single most determining factor in building the club roster.*

The Tour has another objective in addition to those above – to:

**Re-build the Montana District membership through a systematic, multi-year commitment to improve member satisfaction in several key aspects, including through a heightened awareness of mission; additional opportunities for meaningful service; and for enhanced camaraderie.**

The conversation generated by members during many of these sessions was nothing short of *revelatory*. This was especially true when clubs within the same Division sat across from each other, usually for the *first time* (for as long as anyone recalled), exchanging thoughts, questions, and ideas – including some expressing the hope of working cooperatively together! Few were aware that the District – which currently has 44 clubs - had lost 25 Kiwanis Clubs since 1992 (soon to be 27, regrettably), nor that 7 of the clubs that had been chartered since that year are still in existence. In short, the Survey generated a wealth of information that is now available to clubs whose visions are set on growth and improvement.

Listed below is a small, though representative sampling of a few symptoms and members’ responses to each. What is likely more important than the number of responses each individually received is the ***inter-relatedness among these symptoms***. For example, what is the relationship between, ‘few members bring guests’ and ‘we need more ideas for projects’ and ‘we cannot attract younger members’? How might the combination of these symptoms speak to member satisfaction among Kiwanians?

There is fruitful discussion to be had here. These discussions can be real game-changers for clubs struggling with membership issues, or which simply wish to grow in any number of ways.

	<u>Nr. of responses</u>	<u>Symptom</u>
127	–	Community doesn't know what we do (42%)
114		Only a few members bring guests (38%)
103		We cannot attract younger members (34%)
69		No active membership committee (23%)
69		We need more ideas for projects (23%)

#### Resource

Stephanie has provided a most valuable resource to clubs interested in enhancing their members' Kiwanis Experience; to perform both club and community assessments; to make for more lively meetings; and much, much more. She calls her creation, "Cloud 9." Cloud 9 is essentially a one-stop-shop for nearly all matters dealing with these and most other membership issues. It is much easier to use than the International website, [www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org). Access to Cloud 9 is by invitation: those providing email addresses during the Tour presentations will be sent an invitation. Others desiring access need only contact me (my contact information follows).

#### In Conclusion

The Survey and, more recently, the Montana Membership Tour presentations, provide a foundation upon which the Clubs in the Montana District can both build their rosters, and enhance their members' Kiwanis Experience.

The most promising aspect of both Survey and Tour that clubs can benefit from is the good and needed discussions these are capable of generating for clubs taking that next step.

The most valuable resource provided by the Tour is Stephanie's "Cloud 9" – to which invitations will be sent shortly.

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#### **Stephanie Ursini-Bennett**

Our Area Director from Kiwanis International, who resides with her husband, Mark, in Denver, Colorado, was injured when Gov. Chuck lost control of his Tundra on "black ice" along I-15 on Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>. They were en route Butte for their third day of presentations for the Montana Membership Tour. Stephanie hit her head against the passenger window (which did not break). Her injuries consisted of a slight concussion and a whiplash, and she developed a migraine headache as a result. She was told to 'rest her brain' – a daunting task for Stephanie, to be sure. She followed doctors' orders, more or less, and was approved for her flight home the following Sunday. Stephanie has since been released to continue her very aggressive Kiwanis schedule. She is currently in New Zealand – another of the Districts she serves as an Area Director. Gov. Chuck has recently spoken with both Stephanie and Mark. She happily reports that she is nearly "all better" and in very good spirits.

I want to thank Roger and Jane for all they did for Stephanie during this difficult time; Mark, for his graciousness; and for the expressions of concern and for prayers offered by Division 3 clubs and many others. We have much to be grateful for in spite of this regrettable accident. The K-Family truly pulled together. Gov. Chuck

**Bozeman Convention Aug, 9-11, 2013**

***Don't miss Friday eve .***

**BBQ and Museum of the Rockies**

# ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



**Kiwanis**



Contact [Ed Mangisto](#) to arrange a program for your club about our new World Service Project, Eliminate.

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A health worker gives a tetanus shot to a pregnant woman at an outreach site in Madhupur upazila of Tangail district in Bangladesh.

## ELIMINATE – A WORLD CHANGING EVENT!

A very few opportunities come along in a person's lifetime to be part of an event that really changes the face of the world. We have one available to us today in the Eliminate Project.

Maternal Neo-Natal Tetanus (MNT) is a huge threat to new mothers and their babies in some 36 countries of the world. Birth in an unsanitary situation can infect a mother and/or child with tetanus. A five day, extremely painful lifetime ensues followed by certain death. This happens some 60,000 times a year among the most vulnerable peoples of the earth.

The good news is that these at risk women can be vaccinated against tetanus with three shots costing \$0.60 each or \$1.80 total! Of course, booster shots are required for both mother and child, however for about 10 years both mother and all new children will be protected from tetanus during child birth.

Kiwanis International has teamed up with UNICEF to Eliminate this scourge. UNICEF has the organization and the operation in place. Kiwanis has pledged to raise the final \$110 million needed to wipe out this terrible loss of life. The Eliminate Project is a five year effort to raise these funds.

We are in the third of these five years. The first year we organized and the second we trained. Now we are in a two year collection period to be followed by the final clean up and celebration year. The good news is that we are on track to reach this goal. The not-so-good news is that we have a long way to go. The Montana District is about 22% the way to its fair share amount.

However, Montana has never been satisfied with "fair share." We have shown the higher way and provided leadership in many areas in the past. For the IDD Project, I think we were the only District to have 100% club participation and well exceeded our fair share.

I very earnestly request each Montana Kiwanian to seriously consider pledging participation in the Eliminate Project and to select as high a level contribution that is comfortable – maybe somewhat higher than comfortable.

The fair share amount is just under \$500 per person over a five year period - \$100 per year. The Model level is half again that amount or \$750 or \$150 a year. Ed's Dream level is \$1000 per person - \$200 a year. These amounts will buy the vaccine to protect about 278, 416, and 556 women and their new born children respectively for every Montana Kiwanian. Ed's dream would protect 77,778 women. Where else can your money do so much good?

I also and just as sincerely ask each club to pledge to this project. Whatever level you can see fit to commit to would be a great help, however I would ask club to consider either the Model or Ed's Dream level. From the time each pledge is made, the person or club has five years to raise that amount.

While these amounts may make a person flinch, if you break them down into daily levels, it seems very manageable. The fair share level comes out to about \$0.30 a day over the five year period. The Model is only \$0.45 while Ed's Dream would be \$0.60 cents a day. Truly pocket change can change the world!

And the club level would most probably be a combination of individual contributions, outside donations, and fund raisers. Each club has (or will have shortly) an Eliminate Project coordinator. Please make your personal and club pledges to that person so credit will be given where due.

Additionally, this should be a very good tool to recruit new members. What better reason for joining Kiwanis than to be part of an effort to rid the world of MNT and save thousands upon thousands of lives.

Finally, this project is very important to each of us personally. We recognize our need to serve the children of the world. Doing so in the Eliminate Project is a great way to fill that need.

Again, please get behind the Eliminate Project and make your pledge now. Kiwanis needs it, you need it, and, of course, the children of the world need it.

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## MT Tech CKI Installation:

Outgoing MT Tech Circle K president and incoming Montana District CKI Governor Adrianna welcomed everyone and conducted the first portion of the meeting, with Matt leading the Pledge of Allegiance, Paul P. from the Circle K leading the Circle K Pledge, Paul V. from SBK providing an invocation, and incoming club president (and district secretary) Michaela introducing guests and reviewing the past year of MT Tech Circle K events and projects.

This was a great Kiwanis Family event with 5 Key Clubbers and 5 Silver Bow Kiwanis members in attendance enjoying the installation and dinner.



After dinner, Adrianna presented member recognition to the Circle K members, from the "I'm just here for the food" award presented to Laura and "The Closer" award presented to Jamie to the "Mr. Reliable" award presented to Albert and the "Magnetic Personality" award presented to JJ.

Silver Bow president Lee Miller then called the old board to the front of the room to be retired. Once retired, the new board was installed, with old board members passing their duties on to their replacement.

# Honor

Steve Bostrom

A decade and a half ago, the wife of a CFO and I were waiting with his father. The CFO was undergoing complicated liver transplant surgery at a renowned hospital. When his wife and father asked me what the Bible had to say about the liver, I told them I would have to do some research and let them know.

There are several places “liver” is mentioned in the Old Testament. The Hebrew word - *kahvehd* - is used:

- in the consecration or ordination of priests,
- in offerings – particularly the fellowship, sin and guilt offerings,
- to describe a vital organ – that if injured – can lead to death,
- to describe an organ related to deep emotion,
- to describe an organ used in occult practices.

Now, that research didn’t bear much that would be of interest to them or to us. And, I wonder, are you still with me? I hope so. If you are, let’s step through the door this word opens to some fascinating thoughts.

The Hebrews took the idea of the heaviest of our organs – the liver - *kahvehd* - and used it to describe our experiences that are weighty – like grief. These sorrows slow us down; they are large – difficult - heavy. For example, after battling liver cancer for several months, my father-in-law aptly described his struggle as “*wrestling with a giant*.” Within a year the cancer won. It was too “heavy.”

But, sometimes, giving “weight” leads us to life. If you are trying to decide between two alternatives – say, renting or buying – and your father-in-law suggests that you buy, when you give “weight” to his suggestion, you “honor” him. When the Ten Commandments call us to “honor” our fathers and mothers, the word “honor” is *kahvehd*! “Honor” gives “weight” and tips the scales in favor of the one we are “honoring.”

In our broken world giving this kind of “weight” may be awkward. A person may occupy a position of “honor” – but may not be worthy. Such a “lightweight” – a literal translation for a word many of our Bibles translate “fool” – has dishonored himself by unjust, indiscreet, rigorous, or negligent behavior. So, we honor the position instead of the person – waiting for a person we can honor.

Who are these honorable ones? Somehow they receive power from God to love, pray for, and bless those under their authority. They instruct, counsel, and admonish us - encouraging, commending, and rewarding those who do well; showing displeasure, reproof and correcting those who do not. They protect and provide for us in everything needed for soul and body. In such a way they bring glory to God and honor to themselves and preserve the authority which God has graciously given them.

Kiwanis is one of the places where we may learn what honor is. During our meetings we have the healthy tradition of honoring our leader by addressing her as: "President Mary" or him as: "President Tom." We give them "weight." And we remember the next generation and give them "weight" too. We seek to make our communities places where people enter into relationship with all age groups. How grand for "kids" – especially "at risk kids" to see an older generation caring for them. Kiwanis could be a place where they will learn to honor and be honored.

To get a picture of that, think about this news flash from Israel: *December, 2012, saw the Sea of Galilee rise with the largest increase for that month in the past 20 years. Although due to years of drought the Sea lies still two meters below its optimum depth, it is now rapidly on the rise.* The Sea of Galilee must have this optimum depth. On the floor of the Sea are salt water springs. A healthy "weight" keeps those springs suppressed. If the time comes when the Sea is largely depleted, the salt springs could make the remnants of the Sea of Galilee into a Dead Sea. What a picture of "dishonor."

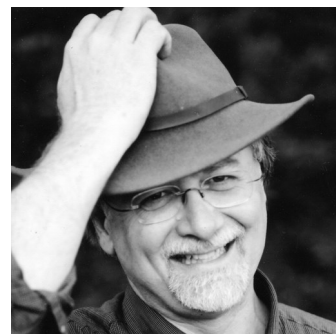
Kiwanians, our club is like the Sea of Galilee. When we remove the "weight" from our lives – when we live "light-weight" lives or when we fail to give others honor, we are robbing life. Let's give honor and fill up the "sea." Let's love, pray for and bless the next generation – so that they may be like a river that flows into our club.

And when we find that difficult, let's ask God for help. *Kahvehd* has a partner word – *kahvad*. Forty-five times these words describe a visible manifestation of God – that is, the "glory" of God! As we honor him, we find he is the One who can give us the "weight" we need.

Would he? Jesus is the Ultimate Organ Donor – He gave His up His "glory" (much more than just his liver!) for those he came to save. This "weighty" One, this "worthy" One, this "glorious" One humbly steps into the harness with us. While he is pulling for us and with us, he leans over and whispers in our ear: *"My yoke is easy and my burden is light"* (Mt 11:30).

Blessings,

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## Introducing Montana's Lieutenant Governor

from Division 3

# Gerta Mular

snapshot of an incredible Kiwanian!

by Chuck Amdahl



### ***'I love my life. I've had a wonderful life!'***

By the time she had made this remark for what seemed to be the third time in the course of our conversation (her face beaming each and every time), it occurred to me that these few words might be revealing volumes about Gerta Mular. At any rate it caught my attention in such a big way that not even I could miss it: here is a woman with a genuine "attitude of gratitude" – a kindred, if not more seasoned, spirit, I might add.

Gerta's mother was a First Generation American. Her father immigrated to the United States in 1913 from Germany. First stop: Kentucky (in 1913); then westward ho to the Tetons where her father was a trapper. From the Tetons he went to the boom town of Butte where he worked in the mines – a dangerous occupation. Along the way, Gerta, a Montana native, moved to Dillon in 1959. She attended "Western" (University of Montana) where she majored in Business Education. She taught at all levels – and I do mean *all* levels, from pre-school to college – 33 years as an educator of young people, all total. She most enjoyed teaching Spanish to upper classmen in high school, "because they could think for themselves."

Gerta took classes under the tutelage of Dr. Alan Zetler. Before retiring as the Dean of Education at Western, Alan also administered Gerta's oral exams in completion of her Masters degree. Many years later in life, interestingly enough, she would begin enjoying a very special relationship with Alan. He summoned his courage to ask her out on a date in August, 2004, and they have been together since in a relationship which Gerta, herself, describes as "very, very nice" ☺! She affectionately calls Alan her "Designated Driver" – which, by the way, has absolutely nothing to do with drinking and driving! They, too, are kindred spirits and, for that matter, both are members of the Dillon Kiwanis Club.

Why Kiwanis? Gerta explained that her husband died in January, 1997. Concerned friends gathered around her, encouraging her to join Kiwanis. Among the closest of these friends was Helen Hilton – a pillar in both the community and the Dillon KC. Helen's recent death has left a huge void in both the community and the Dillon KC – to say nothing of the void in Gerta's heart. Appreciative of their concerns, Gerta nevertheless gently put them off. She did not need another organization to join, thank you. Having been raised among *brothers* and being more than a bit feisty herself, she would have been more attracted to a group of men who, like her brothers, just enjoyed a lot of good banter among themselves! But after a year of persistence Gerta did, in fact, join Kiwanis, discovering it had a lot of men – and a few women - with whom she could "banter" to her heart's content! Gerta's niche in the Dillon KC – not to be mistaken as her *only* contribution - is putting together ads and sponsors for the club's major annual fundraiser, the Beaverhead County Fairbook – a project the Dillon KC performs for the benefit of the 4H Clubs as well as for the Beaverhead County Fair Board. Those involved in similar projects know well the daunting nature of such a task. In Dillon, this task initially came to rest squarely upon Gerta's shoulders, although now she shares these responsibilities with her co-chair, Darrell Turner, with whom she works very well. Gerta is quick to add that the Fairbook is very much of a team effort, and she is grateful for the eighteen members of the club who "scour" the community in search for sponsors.

Gerta has served her home club as President and, most recently, Division 3 as Lieutenant Governor.

She is very proud of her club and all the service the members perform! She has served as the President, Secretary, as well as other offices in PEO – the Philanthropic Educational Organization.

Gerta is a proud Mom and Grandma! She has four children – three daughters, living in New Jersey, Florida, and Helena, and a son who resides with her in Dillon. She proudly reveals that daughter Jeannie was the first woman cadet from Montana to graduate and receive a commission from West Point!

Gerta loves young people with an abiding Kiwanis passion! She has a deep and compassionate place in her heart for children at risk. She speaks affectionately of the fifty very busy kids in the Key Club that DKC sponsors, adding that the Dillon Key Club has made it its mission to touch every student in school! She speaks with equal affection for the Dillon Aktion Club which she helped charter. In recent times, the Dillon AC has hit some serious speed bumps. But it is the passion and commitment of Kiwanians like Gerta that will see its AC pull through and become the stronger because of its struggles. In a nutshell, young people are the highlight of Gerta's Kiwanis experience, even as they were during her long career as an educator.

When it comes to a "bucket list" it seems Gerta has been whittling away at that bucket for a number of years. Her travels alone are impressive, visiting countries of Europe including England, Germany, France, Spain, Portugal, Morocco, Italy, Greece, and Ireland, as well as Turkey, Central America and, of course, Mexico. There's a granddaughter whom Grandma has promised to take to Mexico, as she did her older sister, *if* (make that when) she has two years of Spanish under her belt.

So I was not altogether surprised when her carefully chosen response to my question, "But what remains in your bucket list, Gerta?" was, "What's left?" With some gentle nudging, though, she added, 'Oh, I would like to live another ten years – to 90, I suppose. And better yet to a hundred' ☺ But in truth I didn't sense either of these were all that important to Gerta – again, because of her attitude of gratitude for a life richly blessed, well-lived, and a life she has worked quite hard at.

**"I love my life...I'm happy all the time – I wake up that way."**

*And I Think she really means it, too....*

### Setting the Record Straight!

or, "Corrections to Lt Gov Bill Jones interview in the March, 2013 KSpan"

Zach, Bill and Debbie's son, attended MSU (before Mom & Dad gave him the reins of the ranch). Great Grandpa Baxter (not Jones) helped charter the Harlowton KC. (Don't want to mess around with genealogy!) Bill is currently the *Director* of both Humanities Montana and the Montana History Foundation. Bill is following in the footsteps of his mother, Mary (not Grandma Jones) by extending his family's genealogy research. (I recently learned just how passionately Bill is pursuing this genealogy!) As for the amusing anecdote relating to hiding the airplane keys from inquisitive little Billy - that bit of wisdom came from Great Uncle Bob Baxter (not Grandpa Jones. But regardless of the source, it is likely the reason Bill is with us today!)

**Will Rogers, who died in a 1935 plane crash, was one of the greatest political sages this country has ever known. Here are some of his sayings.**

**Never kick a cow chip on a hot day. — There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works. — The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket. — Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back. — The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for. — If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.**

# Highway Safety Depends on YOU and ME

## April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month

The U.S. Department of Transportation is leading the effort to stop texting and cell phone use behind the wheel.

Let's see what you can do!

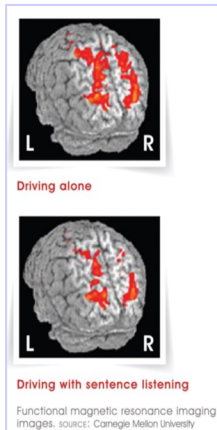
### Cell Phone

Cell phone use has grown drastically, with 93% of Americans having cell phone subscriptions in 2010, up from only 11% in 1995. This has led to a substantial increase in cell phone use while driving and distracted-driving related deaths.

Talking on the cell phone requires multitasking of the brain, which is not safe while driving. A study of the brain shows 37% less capacity to process critical driving data when on a cell phone.

While a growing number of users, along with some laws are moving to hands-free devices, studies indicate the devices don't reduce the risk.

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety surveyed drivers and found that 70% reported talking on the phone in the last 30 days. Nearly 2 in 3 drivers say that talking on the phone while driving is dangerous yet they still engage in this behavior.



Texting has become the way many people communicate. American teens send and receive an average of **3,300** text messages per month—more than six texts every hour they are awake. Sending text or email messages while driving is extremely dangerous, as it draws a driver's eyes, mind, and hands away from the task of driving..



ONE TEXT OR CALL COULD  
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### Facts and Statistics

In 2011, 3,331 people were killed in crashes involving a distracted driver. An additional, 387,000 people were injured in motor vehicle crashes involving a distracted driver.

In the month of June 2011, more than 196 billion text messages were sent or received in the US, up nearly 50% from June 2009.

11% of all drivers under the age of 20 involved in fatal crashes were reported as distracted at the time of the crash. This age group has the largest proportion of drivers who were distracted.

Drivers texting while driving not only display slower reaction times and have difficulty staying in their lane, but also are less likely to see:

- High and low relevant objects
- Visual cues
- Exits, red lights and stop signs

Drivers using cell phones behind the wheel miss **half** of the information in their driving environment. Texting while driving increases your chances of a crash by **8 to 23 times**.

Drivers who type or read text messages contribute to at least 100,000 crashes each year, leading to thousands of preventable deaths

### Preventing Distracted Driving Accidents and Injuries

We all can help put an end to this deadly problem by not using a cell phone or texting while driving and by encouraging others to do the same. This simple commitment will save lives and create a safer environment for everyone. Take the pledge today to stay cell free while on the road so you are not responsible for a senseless death. **No text is worth a life.**

AT&T documentary and ad campaign on avoiding texting and driving:

[Documentary](#) – [Video Ad](#)

### Resources:

[www.focusdriven.org](http://www.focusdriven.org) [www.distractation.gov](http://www.distractation.gov)

## Announcement

Mid-Winter Conference was video-taped in its entirety with the expectation of making it accessible through our District website ([www.montana.kiwanisone.org](http://www.montana.kiwanisone.org)). Regrettably, and for reasons beyond the District's control, this will not be possible; however, dvds of the Conference's salient parts will be available upon request – including our Keynote Speaker, Heather Denny, Office of Public Instruction (OPI) and her workshop, as well as District Risk Manager John Menyhart's – District Key Club Administrator Dean Person's joint workshop.



KEY CLUB

## To Kiwanis Club Presidents and Boards of the District of Montana

This letter is a formal request of the Kiwanis Club you are serving to support a training opportunity for the young people of our District at the **Key Leader Event, August 16-18, 2013, to be held at Glacier Bible Camp in Hungry Horse.**

This request is for all District clubs, regardless of whether the club you serve sponsors a Key Club or another Service Leadership Program, or already contributes in part or full to the Outreach Program. Clubs sponsoring a Key Club have a ready-made incentive to support this Key Leader Event. Clubs that do not yet sponsor a Key Club have a greater reason still: by supporting this event your members will become more directly involved in Kiwanis' primary mission: to help better the lives of young people.

Those involved with Key Club over the past several years know that there has been very little opportunity afforded our youth (through Kiwanis, at least) in terms of leadership training and personal growth opportunities. Those who go back further with Key Club remember that such opportunities had once been a stalwart feature of the Key Club experience. Key Leader provides both. At the District level of Key Club and Key Leader there is much excitement about this "new" opportunity! It is long overdue. It promises to re-enforce the good work already being done in Key Clubs throughout the District, and it can only expand our efforts to bring more high school students into Key Club. In other words, this is a win-win – for the kids, and for Kiwanis!

Key Leader costs - approximately two hundred dollars/student (without transportation). This expense is divided between the cost of the camp and food, as well as the time and transportation of a professionally-trained facilitator provided by Kiwanis International. Yet we have been successful in bringing that price down (including a gift to "seed" this event), so the cost per student is now about \$150.

### There are different ways for your Club to support this event:

- Sponsor one or two high school students at \$150/student (an outright donation of \$150 - \$300)
  - Donate a sum equal to the number of your club's members X \$12 (which = \$1/month/registered member)
  - For Clubs near Glacier, provide logistical support (talk with Betsy about this option, please)
- Help identify students in your community whom your club wants to sponsor. (Again, these students do NOT have to be in Key Club; neither does your Kiwanis Club need to sponsor a Key Club to participate in this.)

### Requested method of payment:

Please make your club check payable to: **"Kiwanis District of Montana"** with a memo, **"Key Leader Event,"** and mail to: **"Mary Brydich, District Secretary/Kiwanis Dist. of MT, 102 Jackson Ln., Belgrade, MT 59714."** *If your club is sponsoring certain students, please add their names to the memo line as well.* If a student identified and paid for does not, in fact, attend the Key Leader Event, the money your club remitted will be applied to another student in need.

Please call me if you have any questions. Thanks for all your support! More info to come regarding buses etc.      Betsy Pahut      [mtkeyleader@yahoo.com](mailto:mtkeyleader@yahoo.com)      406-560-5311      OR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

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Bob Keene

## KEEPING BILLINGS BRIGHT 'N BEAUTIFUL

**Billings Kiwanis Club** decided to use Kiwanis One Day promotion to clean up Billings. After working on select sites in Billings they continued their service by going out to Zoo Montana and working there with the Zoo for spring cleanup.



## SPECIAL K

## RANCH ANNUAL BANQUET

**Billings Kiwanis Club** members were invited to attend the Special K Ranch 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Banquet, scheduled Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5:45 PM at Holiday Inn Convention Center.

The club has renewed its annual club support of \$500, and has been asked to fill a table of 8 club members and spouses. The banquet, providing an excellent meal, entertainment, ranch awards, achievements and silent auction, is free for club members.



The Billings Kiwanis and the Optimist's Club have teamed up to present the 15th Annual Youth Bike Rodeo from 10am to 11:30am Saturday, May 18 at Sacajawia Park at Monad and 18th, by Par 3 Golf Course. All kindergarten through third grade students are invited to bring their bike for a free tune-up, city bike registration and receive a free helmet from the Billings Clinics. Local bike shops will tune up the bikes and make any needed repairs.



Billings Kiwanis had their first Movie In The Park on Saturday June 1. We had to move the event from our planned Friday Night event to Saturday night due to weather. But we ended up with a beautiful star lite evening for all to enjoy. The event drew about 650-700 people. Billings Kiwanians sold Popcorn, Coca Cola, Snow Cones and Cotton Candy raising just over \$900 to support our programs.





## Missoula New Member inductions.

Our Kiwanis Club reached a milestone on March 5 when we inducted three new members into the club and brought our membership total to 100. The newmembers are Kim Williams, St. Patrick Hospital

Foundation; Carrie Nowlen, American Cancer Society; and Peter Kesel, Farmer's Insurance. Stay tuned in April when we welcome TV personality Laurel Staples into the club as our 101st member!



## Basketball Wraps Up

March signaled the end of another successful basketball season, and we will recognize the teams and coaches at our April 9th luncheon.



Thank you to everyone for your hard work, and especially to John and Brad for leading the charge!



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

**The Polson Middle School Builder's Club** has had a great year. Charles Bertsch is the teacher advisor for this 5<sup>th</sup> grade club. They have an average attendance of 12 members. The club will open up to 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade next year.

The Club meets every Tuesday from 3:30 to 4:30. Mr. Bertsch provides a snack; they talk over the business of the club and finish off any work that needs to be done on their projects. Each week Mr. Bertsch has each child participate in some sort of science experiment. It is fun to watch them mix the different ingredients and usually end up with a mixture that glows in

the dark. These science projects really give something special to each meeting.

The Club did many projects and activities throughout the year.

They cut out pictures of different birds for a mentoring project that the 5<sup>th</sup> graders were doing with 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes and also cut out and collected pictures of Big Game animals for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade English classes.

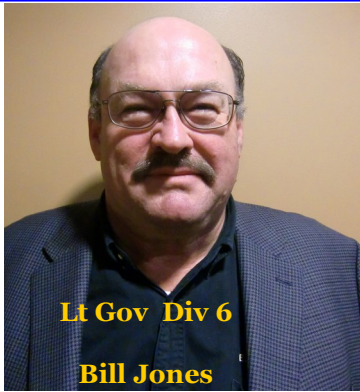
They did a canned food drive between Thanksgiving and Christmas with all the 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes. The food was taken to the local food pantry.

They are collecting money now for the swimming pool. They have decorated and placed jars in all the fifth grade class rooms, the office and the library. They have made over \$100 dollars so far and will stop collecting the end of May. The classes are competing for a popcorn party. The class that brings in the most money will win.

Mr. Bertsch will retire this year, but he has already been talking to Mrs. Peterson, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher and she is on board to take over next year.

Candis Harrop, Kiwanis Representative for Polson Builder's Club





**Lt Gov Div 6**  
**Bill Jones**

**Tombstone:** President, Pat Mangis, Secretary, Ed Mangis, and Board Member, Dan Mangis present \$300 of books given by the Tombstone Kiwanis Club to the Library of Guadalajara, Spain in support of their Children's English reading Program. About 100 students from local Spanish Schools participated in the program, several of which read pages from the books in English. Representatives from local media attended the program where members from the library and schools expressed appreciation for the gift. The

Tombstone Club is looking into expanding this project to cover additional libraries.



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

Silver Bow has had a very busy couple of months. Eight Kiwanians attended the Membership tour when it was in Butte and has made some changes in the club with more to come.

A Social was held in place of the 5th meeting of the month. This was hosted at the Headframe Distillery. We had 6 potential members as guests with 2 already joining the club. We plan to continue the socials on all the 5th Tuesdays of the month.

May found us installing the new Key Club officers at Butte Central. Silver Bow members attended the Central Builders Club End of Year Social with Ice Cream Sandwiches for all.



Silver Bow's Bike rodeo was held again this year where they gave out approximately 200 helmets to any child that participated. 16 reconditioned bikes were given to children in

need of a bike. These were supplied by Al Messer of the Anaconda Club. 12 Kiwanians were joined by 3 Wal-Mart employees that safety checked bikes and made minor repairs and adjustments. Central Key Clubbers and Builders Club members participated along with 2 persons from Safe Routes To Schools. Pizza and pop were also supplied.

# New Members

Included are members from 4/01/2013 through 05/31/2013. Numbers will **NOT** match on next page. Because of this.

Laurel Staples-----Missoula  
Morgan Haynes-----Missoula  
Steve Hackler-----Missoula  
Jane Jones-----Golden K  
Robert Grover-----Golden K  
Linda Rask-----Miles City  
Julie Mazza-----Hamilton  
Jason UeLand-----Sunrise, Butte  
Brandi Campbell-----Silver Bow, Butte  
Jamey McDaniel-----Silver Bow, Butte  
Donald Meek-----Helena  
Olivia LeTellier-----Helena  
Stephen Johnson-----Helena  
Bobbi Boutilier-----Helena

Dennis Cates-----Helena  
Fred Dalbec-----Helena  
Robert Garber-----Helena  
Sue Garber-----Helena  
Ande Rigler-----Lewistown  
Duane Hartman-----Lewistown  
Jessica Mc Gee-----Silver Bow, Butte  
Brandon Taylor-----Sidney  
Alexandra Mandell-----Helena  
Michael Zwicker-----Harlowton  
Harvey Nyberg-----Lewistown  
Donald Shumsky-----Lewistown  
Dayna Adler-----Miles City



Register at [www.Key-Leader.org](http://www.Key-Leader.org)  
For more info:  
[mtkeyleader@yahoo.com](mailto:mtkeyleader@yahoo.com)

## Key Leader,

Did you see the  
information on page

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Here is an opportunity  
for your club to help in-  
crease youth leadership  
skills for

Your Community!!

Contact Betsy for more  
information.

**If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.** Will Rogers

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	<b>Montana District Reports 2012-2013</b>															
2		<b>Members</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Gain</b>	<b>Aktion</b>	<b>Key</b>	<b>Cr</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>Bldrs</b>	<b>Key</b>	<b>Cr.</b>	<b>Bldr</b>	<b>Key</b>	<b>Spos'd</b>	<b>Dist.</b>	<b>Int'l</b>
3		<b>Oct.1,2012</b>	<b>member #</b>	<b>or</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>kids</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>K</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>ldr</b>	<b>Yth</b>	<b>Fndn</b>	<b>Fndn</b>
4		<b>2012</b>	<b>06/03/2013</b>	<b>Loss</b>						<b>O/R</b>	<b>O/R</b>	<b>O/R</b>		<b>Fund</b>		
5	<b>Division 1 –Sherry Munther, Lt. Gov.</b>															
6	Hamilton	44	47	3		3		1		100	100	25	25	225	45	
7	Drumond	19	18	-1												
8	Frenchtown	3	3	0		1										
9	Missoula Grant Creek	11	10	-1		1										
10	Missoula	93	99	6	1	2	1			100	100	25	25	470	94	
11	Missoula Sentinel	84	90	6		4				100	100	25	25	420		500
12	Salmon Idaho	22	21	-1		1			1							
13	<b>Division 2 –Lorraine Jacobs, Lt. Gov.</b>															
14	Great Falls	10	12	2		3				100	100	25	25	55	11	60
15	Shelby	12	12	0					1	100		25		75	15	
16	<b>Division 3 –Gerta Mular, Lt. Gov.</b>															
17	Anaconda	30	31	1	1	1			1	100	100	25	25	150	30	150
18	Butte	27	28	1	1	1				100	100	25	25	135	27	
19	Dillon	47	43	-4	1	1										
20	Butte, Silver Bow	59	55	-4		1	1		1							
21	Butte Sunrise	22	23	1					1							
22	<b>Division 4– Bob Keene, Lt. Gov.</b>															
23	Billings Heights	35	35	0		1	1	1	1							
24	Billings	35	32	-3		1		1		100	100	25		175	35	
25	Billings-Golden K	88	92	4		2	1		1	100	100	25	25	435	87	450
26	Columbus	5	17	12		1										
27	Hardin	13	13	0												
28	<b>Division 5 –Mike Stevenson, Lt. Gov.</b>															
29	Glendive	25	25	0		1				100	100	25	25	150	25	
30	Miles City	52	51	-1		1			1							200
31	Sidney	53	51	-2		1		1	1	100	100	25		260	52	100
32	<b>Division 6 - William Jones, Lt. Gov.</b>															
33	Belgrade	15	14	-1		1										
34	Bozeman	63	64	1		1	1									
35	Harlowton	31	34	3		1										
36	Headwaters	13	12	-1				2								
37	Lewistown	41	44	3		1			1							
38	Livingston	9	9	0												
39	Tombstone	20	14	-6						100	100	25	25	70	14	
40	<b>Division 7 - Dean Person, Lt Gov</b>															
41	Glasgow	42	44	2		1										
42	Havre	13	13	0		1				100				55	11	
43	Malta	15	16	1		1			1	100	100	25	25	80	16	
44	<b>Division 8 - Barbara Monaco, Lt. Gov.</b>															
45	Columbia Falls	12	9	-3		1										
46	Glacier, Kalispell	9	9	0												
47	Kalispell	16	16	0												
48	Libby, Kootenai	16	14	-2	1	1										155
49	Polson	29	30	1		1		1		100	100	25	25	145	29	
50	Whitefish	15	15	0		1										
51	<b>Division 9 – Bob Werner, Lt. Gov.</b>															
52	<b>Capital City, Helena</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>												
53	Helena Downtown	19	18	-1												
54	Helena	85	95	10	1	1	1									450
55	Boulder Kiwanis	31	11	-20												
56	<b>Totals</b>	<b>1328</b>	<b>1320</b>	<b>-8</b>						<b>1500</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>275</b>	<b>2900</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>2065</b>

# ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus



**Kiwanis**



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

**Do not forget the DISTRICT CONVENTION, Aug , 9>11 2013**

## **Important Dates for MT Kiwanis:**

**Kiwanis International Convention - June 26-30, 2013 (Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada)**  
For convention information go to: [www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org) Vancouver

**District Convention - August 9-11, 2013 - Holiday Inn, Bozeman**  
**Club Leadership Training - Friday - August 9**  
**District and Foundation Board Meetings - Friday, August 9**

**Western Canada Joint Convention - August 1-3, 2014 (Holiday Inn Grand Convention Center - Billings)**  
**Club Leadership Training - Friday, August 1**  
**District and Foundation Board Meetings - Friday, August 1**

**Upcoming International Conventions**  
**Japan - 2014**  
**Indianapolis - 2015**  
**Toronto, Canada - 2016**

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