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

www.kiwanisone.org

NEW ORLEANS, I have never had a bad time there. I will miss not attending this year. I feel bad already. Grand Kids call and priorities in life change. I hope many of you can join Governor Chuck and other delegates from the Montana district and attend the convention. You will have a great time and will find the opportunity to enjoy meeting new friends at the convention. **AND** May you find the time to:

- Enjoy a Beignet and coffee at the Café Du Monde
- Take a leisurely walk along Bourbon Street in the French Quarter
- Take the side street to 726 St Peter Street (off Bourbon) and stop and listen to Jazz at Preservation Hall, In the birth place of Jazz, New Orleans.
- Take the Trolley to the largest open air flea market I have ever been to.
- Enjoy a “Hurricane” at Pat O’Brians in the French Quarter.
- Take a look at the statue of Al Hurt in Legends Park in the French Quarter.
- Enjoy the Great southern food from fresh Oysters to Red Beans and Jambolia.

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Governor, Chuck Rushing

May, 2012

I would like to start off by thanking all of the clubs that I have been able to visit, not only did you make me feel welcomed but you made me feel as if I was a member of your club. That is exactly what I have been saying from the beginning of my term as Governor. "We are a family". From what I see the Montana District has embraced that and most of you didn't need to be reminded by me or anyone else. I witnessed clubs working with and reacting with each other as a family and feeling pride when their Key Club, Builders Club, K Kids, Action Club, or Circle K completed projects that they set out to do with great success and enthusiasm. I am proud to say that I am a member of the

[Montana District of Kiwanis.](#)

My travels have taken me all over this beautiful district and my vehicles are groaning and I wouldn't trade a moment for anything. So far I have been able to visit 37 of our 44 clubs. It is my intention to complete my visits before International Convention in New Orleans.

According to our growth chair, Glen Wheeler, we are growing. According to our Eliminate chair, Dave Curry, we are closing in on 100% participation. According to all I have seen and heard the Montana District is still leading and setting an example to the world on how to get it done. Way to go MONTANA DISTRICT I am proud of our Family.

Family growth is always fun regardless of what family it is. It is my great pleasure to welcome and congratulate The newest member of our Montana Kiwanis Family. The Capital City Kiwanis Club of Helena. I had the great pleasure to present their charter on May 19th representing 30 members with # 30 signing up that same night. This club has several previous SLP members so the "family" is at work. Thank You one and all for continuing your service to the community and children through Kiwanis.

We have the International Convention coming up in New Orleans at the end of June and then our District Convention combined with Canada in August. PLEASE let Mary Brydich know if you plan to attend either. We need to know ahead of time of who is going. Both conventions and locations look like they will be a lot of fun and fellowship. I hope to see you there.

That's all I can think of for now so Stay Safe, Live Well and continue to Love.

Yours in Service

Charles M. Rushing
(Chuck)
Montana District Governor
2011-2012





Rambling Thoughts from your Governor-Elect



THE DRIVE IS BEAUTIFUL BETWEEN HELENA AND MISSOULA, especially in the Spring. Pastures and fields are teeming with new life as winter begrudgingly releases its grip with longer days and warmer weather. The scenery is spectacular! My favorite sights are the newborns. Spot the calf and mama, for sure, is nearby. What's the attraction of that calf? Those BIG eyes? I don't know. I just know that those little critters find their way into my heart.

But wobbly newborns quickly grow into inquisitive youngsters. (Sound familiar?) At that point, calves become more adventuresome, testing their independence bit by bit by exploring the new and bewildering world all about them! And sometimes they become a bit – well, *too* adventuresome....

In some stretches, Highway 12 resembles a *race track* – no, make that a track made for a demolition derby. Exaggeration? Hmmmm...just check-out the white crosses mournfully dotting the side of the road. It's a dangerous stretch of asphalt, to be sure. It's a two lane road with few escape routes, a road of little forgiveness. A head-on here could be likened to be driven into a wall at speeds in excess of 140 mph. Combining rapidly traveling bodies of steel and fragile, slow moving bodies of newborns spell *danger*....

I was enjoying the scenery when I caught, in the corner of my eye, a mother with her calf. My enjoyment, though, was short-lived. Something just wasn't right with this picture. But what – what was wrong? So I spun a quick "U" turn and sped back. Mom and her calf were together alright but they were separated by a barb wire fence – *and the calf was on the wrong side of that fence* - the highway-side. The calf was visibly nervous – and mama was clearly even more distressed than her baby.

On the hundredth anniversary of the tragic sinking of that great ship, the *Titanic*, there has been a surge of fascination with this ship that 'not even God could sink'. Well, sink it did on April 15, 1912, in the frigid waters of the North Atlantic, after striking a monstrous iceberg. 1,514 men, women, and children lost their lives in a deep watery grave that fateful night. Yet right until the bitter end, it's not clear how many were aware of the enormity of danger.

Bringing this theme closer to home, who among us - parents and grandparents, teachers and others whom have a special bond with children - have escaped that feeling of utter helplessness of watching a child walk, if not *run*, recklessly into the path of danger? Whether that means running into the path of a speeding car or, more likely, making a poor – a *very bad* decision – makes little difference in terms of the adverse impact such could make on the rest of the child's life. And how often, as they are running headlong into such danger, will they confidently insist, "I know what I'm doing!" Such dangers are not unique to the young, or the fool hearty – though our young are much more vulnerable than those whom have somehow managed to survive life's tougher challenges.

Some of the most important service work of Kiwanis may be liken to rescue missions. In fact, "rescue work" is something Kiwanians do very well. Kiwanians perform micro, and macro- rescue missions day in, day out. A micro-rescue mission may be that 4th grade "B.U.G." student who hadn't known affirmation in either home or school until Kiwanis recognized her achievement of raising one of her grades. An attentive Kiwanian who, after this little girl received her B.U.G. recognition, overheard her saying to a classmate: 'Maybe now my dad won't call me stupid anymore....' That's a micro-rescue mission.

A great example of Kiwanis' macro-rescue mission is The **ELIMINATE** Project – the elimination of **M**aternal **N**eonatal **T**etanus in third world countries. With a series of three inoculations – at a total cost of \$1.80 USC - young women of child-bearing age, and their newborns, will be immunized against that hideous disease of tetanus. Kiwanis is heavily involved in rescue missions of all kinds – and proudly so!

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Which brings us to the question: What kind of “rescue missions” is your club doing? And what is your own personal involvement in this and in your own personal rescue work?

Maybe your own personal “rescue work” lies outside of your service in Kiwanis. If this is so, rest assured it still has a very BIG Kiwanis imprint upon it because, after all - *it's all about serving* - serving children...serving others: like the adoption of a child, or becoming a “BIG” – a Big Brother or a Big Sister, or building blocks for Head Start. Maybe your service is directed towards much older “children” [we are all someone's child] – taking care of an infirmed loved one, or lending support to traumatized Vets.

Other Kiwanians serve elsewhere: for example, by taking care of those with few if any advocates, like the residents of the humane society, or adolescents who have gotten sideways with our legal system - children whom most, *but not everyone*, have all but given-up on. There are very long lists of service work performed by Kiwanians that lie quite outside of our traditional Kiwanis service – even as the huge mass of that North Atlantic iceberg was under water and hidden from the naked eye.

I am happy to report that my calf story, with which I began, had a happy ending Through the rescue efforts of those concerned, it was safely re-united - *on the right side of the fence!* – with a very relieved mother!

May your work “rescuing” children - whether it is service through or independent of your Kiwanis club – be as rewarding for you as it is to those whom you are serving.

Chuck Amdahl



Combined District Convention, Medicine Hat Canada



Well friends and fellow Kiwanians, it is time for our annual SUMMER CONVENTION and this time it is in Medicine Hat, Alberta, from the 10th to the 12th of August. The 2012 event features the bi-annual meeting with our friends in Western Canada! This will mark the 5th time that our two districts have gathered together to share knowledge, experiences and fellowship in the good name of Kiwanis.

Room guarantee is up June 11th so reserve NOW. Go to :

http://www.montana.kiwanisone.org/public_district/pub_Content.aspx?PageID=612

This site will give you most all the information you will need to register, make room reservations (phone number included), where to send the \$\$ and your forms as well as information on passports and what you will need. If planning to attend and you need a passport — GET STARTED NOW.

Procrastination WILL costs extra\$\$\$

GROWTH with GLEN

Report on Membership-May, 2012

Hurray for all those clubs who are adding new members and retaining your existing members. So far, as of 4/30/12, the District is a plus 29 members overall when compared with 9/30/11. That is a very positive number, and I believe we all have a right to rejoice and celebrate our efforts to date.

Congratulations go out to K'Lynn and her committee for the work done in establishing a new club in Helena. It is the Capital City Club, with 30 new members. This is composed of young professionals, and they are off to a great start. Thanks to all for this accomplishment! We look forward to many good service projects in the future from this group.

The leading club to this point in the year is Billings-Golden K with 11 new members added and a plus five for the year. Congratulations, Golden K!

Missoula has added 8 new members and has a plus 3, Dillon has added 7 new members and has a plus 4, Glasgow has added 7 new members and has a plus four, Helena has added 7 new members and has a plus 7, and Glendive (go Governor Chuck) has added 6 new members and has a plus 5 for the year. Well done everyone!!!

The District has added 111 new members, inclusive of one new club, so far in the 2011/12 year. Well done, Governor Chuck!!!

We are off to a very good start with the recently announced membership campaign in the month of May. There are already 4 new members on the books per KI records. That campaign will reward the club with the greatest % of new members, compared to the club's total membership numbers, with a grant from the District of \$500 payable to your favorite organization or for your service projects. This campaign will end as of May 31, 2012 With membership totals on line, so let's get tracking!!!

The Kiwanian who brings in the most members will receive one night's lodging and the registration/meal/entertainment package to the District Convention August 10-12 in Medicine Hat, Canada (value \$300).

As Membership Chair for the District, I want to say thank you!!! Thank you to everyone who has asked someone to a club meeting; thanks to everyone who has asked someone to join your club; thanks to everyone who has actually sponsored a new member; and thanks to everyone who has helped make a current member feel needed, appreciated, and missed if they have been absent from meetings or projects.

Remember, Together We Can! You have proved this clique, because we have!

Keeping on growing and serving.

Growth is everyone's responsibility.

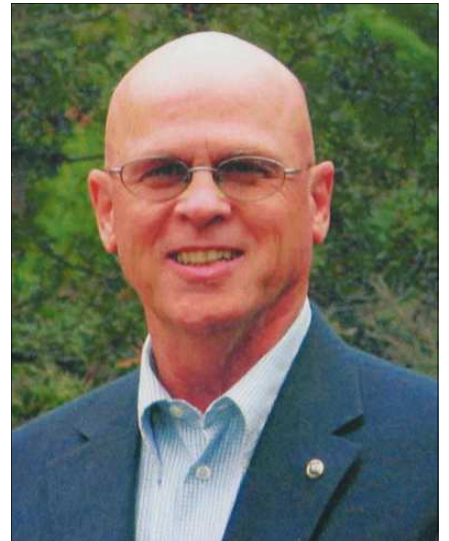
All the resources you will need to help you help your club grow is available on line at:

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

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

Thanks again, **Glen Wheeler**

gwheeler@wildblue.net



SPEAKERS CONFIRMED FOR THE 2012 JOINT DISTRICT CONVENTION WITH THE GREAT MONTANA DISTRICT!!

We are pleased to advise you of the workshops for this summer's convention in Medicine Hat! As in previous years we have a mixture of Kiwanis related sessions that are sure to be well attended!

Here is the program in no particular order of time and in no particular order of importance! We hope that these sessions will help you to choose to attend this well organized and planned conference of our two districts.

KEY LEADER (Our Children, Their Future!)



Led by Montana Past Governor Betsy Pahut (and current Key Leader chair in Montana) with help from KI staff, this work shop will provide information on:

How to conduct a camp

How to become Area and Divisional Coordinators

The way to make this program a major part of your Kiwanis world

Key Leader is the signature program of the Western Canada District and an integral part of the Kiwanis Service Leadership focus. Come see how you can help us help the next generation of leaders!

LET'S COMMUNICATE! (They hear you, but did they get the message?)

This session will be led by Roland Sabourin (Chef Roland from the Moose Jaw Spring Conference!) a communications consultant in the Calgary Northmount Kiwanis club and will concentrate on:

Getting your message understood

Getting it accepted

Getting it acted upon

Communications with all levels of our Kiwanis Family is going to be a main priority for the 2012-13 Kiwanis year. Come and see how we can help you make an impact!

THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS IS AWAITING THE CALL (No more Presidents for Life!)



Facilitated by Karen Blewitt (MSc, Comm Development) of the Alberta Government's Department of Culture and Community Services

Karen will develop with you in an interactive session a program to develop future leaders in your club by helping to eliminate the roadblocks to developing those leaders

Come and shake off the Presidential Blues!

SUMMERTIME, AND THE GROWING IS EASY!

This session will be conducted by "our own" Stephanie Ursini (Kiwanis International Staff) who always finds new and unique ways to deliver the message and help us find ways to bring many others into the Kiwanis Family!

CHEER, CHEER FOR OLD NOTRE DAME! (Ok, it's a teaser!)

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Several of our Circle K Members will be in attendance to help us to work with their future and to discuss why we need to work to build closer ties to the our University and College Kiwanis Family

The districts' Administrators will also be available to discuss where we can build new Circle K clubs

There may even be some surprise appearances by successful former Circle K members

TWO, FOUR, SIX, EIGHT! What do we want to ELIMINATE?



Neo natal Tetanus! That's what!

Our ongoing worldwide efforts will be outlined

Our Western Canada and Montana Eliminate Folks will be in attendance

Come and see how you can help!



Kiwanis

Western Canada District-AUGUST 10 TO 12, 2012

2012 Western Canada/Montana District Convention

NAME OF KIWANIAN: _____

COMPANION 'S Name _____

Kiwanis Club: _____ Phone: _____

EmailAddress _____

By registering, all Kiwanians and guests agree that their pictures may be taken and used in future news stories and promotions etc. of the conference.

PLEASE CHECK HERE IF THIS IS YOUR FIRST CONVENTION EVER _____

August 10-12, 2012 – prices below includes all meals/entertainment

_____ Kiwanian at \$170 each = \$ _____

_____ Companion at \$160 each = \$ _____

TOTAL: = \$ _____ (Canadian Dollars and Includes GST)

Form of Payment:

Cheque : Please make payable to the Montana District of Kiwanis – if paying by check cost is \$168.30 USD for Kiwanian and \$158.40 USD companion.

PAY PAL: MT District will process paypal cards:

Provide Visa/MC information:

Name on Card: _____ Card # _____

Address: _____ Expiration Date _____ Code _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ +

PLEASE NOTE THAT, DUE TO CATERING REQUIREMENTS, ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED AT LEAST FOUR DAYS PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL RESULT IN YOUR CLUB BEING ASSESSED THE REGISTRATION FEE.

PLEASE ADVISE US of any dietary needs: _____

Please return this form to MT District of Kiwanis, 102 Jackson Lane, Belgrade MT 59714 or fax to (406) 388-4175 or email to mbrydichkiwanis@aol.com

PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE YOUR OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Medicine Hat Lodge: www.medhatlodge.com

Phone: 1-800-661-8095 Kiwanis block rate is \$119 plus tax - Block expires 6/11/12.

Hey! There's a New "Kid" on the Block - and she's awesome!

PRESIDENT K'LYNN SLOAN-HARRIS

of the brand new

Capital City Kiwanis Club

by Gov-Elect Chuck Amdahl

K'Lynn is Kiwanis on steroids!

K'Lynn is the *only* young person who has ever come up to me and said, "Chuck - I *really* want to be a Kiwanian. How can I join a Helena club?" LT Governor training didn't prepare me for this! Momentarily speechless, I managed to fumble-out a few unintelligible words. K'Lynn sensed my bewilderment, smiled and added: "Hey - *I'm serious!*"

Thus began a new and quite unexpected friendship with an incredible, fun-loving person – a young professional who is simply **on fire** for serving children in and beyond her community!

K'Lynn came-up through the ranks: She's a Havre girl who joined Key Club at Havre High School. **Dean Person** – now the incoming Lt Governor for Division 7, at that time the Kiwanis advisor for the Havre Key Club. Dean must have been an incredible advisor, strategically planting some important Kiwanis "seeds" in this young high school freshman – seeds he carefully nurtured which then *exploded* with growth! In a few short years, those seeds would create a bountiful "harvest" for Kiwanis - a *hundred fold* worth of harvest!

(K'Lynn and Dean were recently re-united at the incoming Lt Governor training in Helena – training to which K'Lynn was invited to share her secrets with incoming Lt Govs about chartering new young professional clubs in their divisions. It was truly heartwarming to witness the reunion of an 'ol Key Clubber with the Kiwanian who had made such a BIG difference in her life – or, as K'Lynn later told me, a *game-changing* influence in her life. By her own admission Key Club, for K'Lynn, proved to be a game-changer in her impressionable teen years. Dean was largely responsible for this as Havre's Key Club advisor. But Dean did more than nurture K'Lynn and the other Key Clubbers at Havre High: he also brought the Havre Kiwanis Club and the Havre High School Key Clubs together! It seems, then, that Dean knew all about Kiwanis as a *family* before that language became vogue! Nice work, Dean – albeit a "thank you" offered a few years after-the-fact.

The Capitol City Kiwanis Club may be the crown jewel of K'Lynn's harvest for Kiwanis – but it's hardly her *only* harvest! At the same time she was building the new CCKC, she was helping to rebuild the Helena High Key Club. She was also working closely with **Ed Leland** - Montana District's iconic Key Club Administrator of nearly a quarter of a century, helping him take the District Key Club to an even higher-high! (Pound for pound, Ed's created a flagship when it comes to District Key Clubs throughout Kiwanis International.)

And what about K'Lynn's "harvest" prior to all of this? Was there any harvest then? You bet there was! In her Key Club days, that freshman soon became a leader – first in Key Club as the Club Secretary and, next, as Club President. As a senior, she assumed leadership at the District level – as the Secretary of the Key Club District! Fast forward to Circle K, first in Griz Country and, later, in the nation's Capitol: K'Lynn grew as a Kiwanis leader, becoming the District Governor of Circle K as a freshman at the U of M. Wow! Transferring to George Washington U in Washington, DC, she became Lt Governor in the Capitol District's Circle K. But what really lights-up K'Lynn's face with her beaming smile is when she talks about some *really serious club-rebuilding* at G. Washington U - when on the board of that Club, she grew its fledgling membership of 5 into a whopping **95** members! What's that - a **1900% increase**?

The road back into Kiwanis following Circle K and graduation, though, was not without its challenges. As much as she wanted to join Kiwanis, the demands of her new career and the anticipation of her own new family were on her plate – as well as being a week-end bride to Zach who was making the long commute between Helena and his teaching position in Anaconda. But the “deal-breaker” was *money*: it costs money to belong to Kiwanis - and it costs *more money* to belong to a traditional Kiwanis Club, with its meals and “extras.” This is more money than many young people, who are just starting out and whose employer does not pick-up the tab for their willful membership in a service organization, have as disposable income. As it turned out, K'Lynn's misfortune was actually Kiwanis' good fortune! For in and through these ordeals – including the financial - K'Lynn deeply empathized with other young people in Helena who, like herself, wanted so much to belong to a great service organization, but who felt as though that door was closed to them until their earning power improved. Her recognition of this, and her determination to overcome these obstacles, has opened the welcoming doors of Kiwanis to a host of young people - to **30** young professionals in Helena (at least of this date!)

As intimated, though, this ship – the “ship” ferrying K'Lynn back into Kiwanis - almost didn't leave the dock. Again, there was the weighty financial challenge to overcome. And this provided the grist of some very good conversations within the Helena Kiwanis Club – of which K'Lynn would later be invited to join – conversations beginning with the question: “How can we overcome this \$ obstacle and bring this young person into our club?” The Membership Committee made the following recommendation to the Helena KC Board: ‘Let's subsidize K'Lynn's membership and, in return, ask her to help us re-charter our long-defunct Builders Club’. After no little amount of discussion, and with no unanimous vote by Board members, the decision was made to give this a try – which the Helena Kiwanis Club then did and successfully so. Admittedly, the Club has yet to re-charter its defunct Builders Club (though hope springs eternal!) On the other side, though, our “investment” in this young person was a phenomenal success for, through K'Lynn, it resulted in: 1) the rejuvenation of the Helena High Key Club; 2) a boost in the District Key Club; 3) the chartering of a new Kiwanis Club in the Montana District; and 4) the addition of 29 *new* Kiwanians! That's 29 people who would not likely have become Kiwanians – certainly not at this point in their young, professional lives. Let's put this in perspective: that's *29 more Kiwanians serving children* in and beyond the community of Helena.

What makes K'Lynn tick? What makes her so successful? And what was her “secret” to building a new Kiwanis Club in a town that already had three? As for the “tick” – in a word: PASSION. K'Lynn has a deep, genuine love for kids. Add to this her *huge* heart and warm smile – and here is someone who makes others feel worthwhile and welcome. And her success? K'Lynn is the first to tell you it's the genuine and dedicated members of the CCKC – *her friends and greatest supporters* – who make her the success story she has become. For they stand alongside of her - enabling, empowering, and encouraging her to serve. And in the end, Kiwanis is all about service – serving children.

A humble and dedicated servant – this is who K'Lynn is and what she's all about. This is the very first President of the brand spanking new Capitol City Kiwanis Club. This is the beginning of an exciting era for Division 9 and for the District at large.

Welcome, K'Lynn!





Capital City Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of **Capital City**, Helena held its installation banquet Saturday, May 19, at the Green Meadow Country Club. Almost 70 people attended including representatives from around the state. This young professionals club had 30 new members inducted. Opening remarks were by Governor Elect Chuck Amdahl, Governor Chuck Rushing inducted the new officers and presented the new charter and Division 9 Lt. Governor Bob Werner was Master of Ceremonies. Rick Pyfer was a guest speaker and spoke on ELIMINATE, The Kiwanis world wide service

project. They received many checks from other Kiwanis Clubs to help them get started. In addition, they raised \$385 from the silent auction. The club was chartered as a Young Professional club. The club will meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at 5:30 pm in the conference room of the Payne Financial Insurance building, 1200 No. Montana Ave. Plan to interclub and welcome them all.



For more information contact President
K'Lynn @ Klynnsloan@gmail.com

New Officers are:

K'Lynn Sloan Harris, President

Anne Pichette, Vice -President

Jamie Kurtz - Secretary

Ruth Anne Hanson - Treasurer

Andy Shirtliff - Director of Service

Sarah Potucek - Director of Membership

Erin McGuinness - Director of Social Media



Military appreciation day project., Day of Charter





Introducing Montana's Lieutenant Governor from Division 4

Bob Keene

snapshot of an incredible Kiwanian!

by Chuck Amdahl

Bob has been around Kiwanis for a *very long time* for 43 years!

Great Falls was the very first benefactor of Bob's decision to join Kiwanis. The year was 1969. "Why Kiwanis, Bob?" I asked. Unhesitatingly, Bob replied, "***I was asked!***"

Bob spent much of his career as an insurance adjustor. Though a native Montanan, his career opened his eyes to the expanse of Montana, little of which he had seen as a youngster. There were many transfers, and he crisscrossed the state.

Early on, Bob toyed with the idea of joining a service organization other than Kiwanis - like the JCs in Missoula and the Toastmasters in Great Falls. But each time he reaffirmed his decision for Kiwanis. Again the question was asked, "Why Kiwanis?" His reply, "***Kiwanis is a good organization doing a lot of good things.***"

Bob has been a leader wherever he's been "planted" – twice President in *both* the Great Falls and the former Billings Pioneer Kiwanis Clubs, and the club Secretary of the Butte Kiwanis Club for three years running. It was in Butte that a Kiwanian, with a keen (or is that "keene"?) eye for talent and dedication, pegged Bob as Lieutenant Governor material. "Why did you agree to that, Bob?" I asked. Again, Bob's reply, "***Because I was asked.***" It helped, of course, that Bob was 100% behind the work Kiwanis is doing among children. So Bob was elected to the *Lieutenant Governor* position. The following October, he became the Lieutenant Governor – though, his term was cut eleven (11) months short due to still another job transfer, this time to Billings – Division 4 territory. And that is where he and Susan - his bride of forty four (44) years - live to this day. Speaking of family, Bob and Susan have two daughters – one of whom lives in Billings, the other in Cincinnati – and six (6) lovely grandchildren.

Retirement, for Bob, has little in common with the couch potato lifestyle! He enjoys reading – in fact, it is a means of relaxation as well as staying abreast of current events. He also enjoys golfing and a little fishing. Bob quipped that, early on, he had a hard decision to make between golfing and fishing. Golfing won out because 'it was closer and easier to do' – which I suspect means that the golf course was closer than the water, and clubs were less expensive than a new bass boat. (But that's only a guess on my part.) Bob also is quite busy during tax season, working for H & R Block. He also volunteers time to AARP in its Safe Driving Program. And then came Bob's "confession": 'But there are times when I just enjoy doing *nothing* - like sitting out on the deck and looking over our backyard. Doing nothing is fun at times!'

A simple invitation is what brought Bob into Kiwanis. What *keeps* Bob in Kiwanis four plus decades later is a bit more involved: he still enjoys working with young people of all ages – especially with the 4th and 5th graders in "BUG" [Bring Up Grades], all the way through to the Circle K college students. But there's more: Bob thoroughly enjoys the lifelong friends he's made and the people he has gotten to know in and through Kiwanis, as well as the great programs the clubs he's belonged to have provided. "These programs have helped me learn more about my community and the state", he added.

A “Kiwanis Moment” came over Bob at his first International Convention in Anaheim, California. It was during the procession of flags – flags from around the world in countries with a Kiwanis presence. It was a bit overwhelming to see the far reaching impact Kiwanis was having on a *global* scale.

Bob’s “bucket list” includes more travel. Mount McKinley in Alaska beckons them. And so does the “4th Corner” of the United States – the upper northeast and Maine, especially. And of course there’s the grandchildren....

Editorial comment: For the immediate present, Bob is fully committed to serving Division 4 at an especially important time in the Division’s history. Division 4 is deeply engaged in the District’s club-rebuilding efforts, beginning in Columbus, with intentions of extending beyond this community. Division 4 is fortunate to have Bob at the helm as its Lieutenant Governor. Thank you, Bob, for your passion in serving young people, and for your untiring service over the long haul in Kiwanis!



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

Billings Heights has been very busy this spring with their BUG programs. Bitterroot School had both BUG and Terrific Kids programs and the students were rewarded with certificates and treats at a school assembly. The Shepherd Elementary had treats and certificates as well as the Pioneer and Beartooth schools.

Billings Kiwanis club member reaches out to **Angela’s Piazza**.

Angela’s Piazza is a welcoming, accepting family enrichment center where women come to learn to live safer, better lives free from addictions and violence by discovering self-confidence, courage and hope through domestic violence programs and programs that encourage spiritual and emotional healing. They are grateful for the Billings Kiwanis Club and Don Stanaway for a generous donation of four durable metal tricycles for the children of the families they serve. The trikes are used by children ages 3-6, when their parents attend training sessions. Their goal is to model healthy lifestyle choices both parents and their children. Angela Piazza was introduced to club by program guest speaker Sister Mary Dostal.



Billings Golden K has had a busy spring with Highway cleanup and the “Honor Flight” program. With several WWII and Vietnam veterans in the club they have decided to help fund the program. They contributed to one so far and look forward to helping with more in the future.

Reading at Head Start is underway again this spring.

The club describes their “MOUNTAIN OF BOOKS” project this way:

- Our aim is to support early learning to read for our youngest and disadvantaged children
- To read and give books to Head Start (3-4yr olds) and Kindergarten Children (5-6 yr olds)
- Books purchased from Scholastic Book Clubs at \$1-3 each
- We hold Fall & Spring Reading Sessions for about:
 - 360 Children each year at Head Start School for the last 10 years
 - 250 kindergarten children at 4 elementary schools



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Worldwide Report Day:

On May 22, I will have had a conversation with Randy DeLay, Chairman of the Eliminate Campaign regarding Montana's efforts to eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus. Let me share with you what I shared with him.

Montana has already raised, in funds received and pledges, more than \$110,000. We currently have raised over 17% of our goal, one of the top per-capita districts in the world.

Montana had the first Model Club in the world, the Silver Bow Club of Butte, which has pledged to raise \$43,500 for the Eliminate effort over four years. Thanks Silver Bow!

Montana has had 11 members pay for or pledge over two years to become "Zeller Fellows." A Zeller is an amount of \$1,250. That generous contribution will save almost 695 lives, also leaving a legacy of service in those countries because we are supplying health care and education in addition to the inoculations.

Montana already has 16 clubs with an Eliminate "club coordinator". Club Coordinators have volunteered to provide support and lead the effort within their club over the next four years to support this effort. That means we already have 37% of our clubs with a coordinator to help lead our district wide effort.

Each district was requested to submit a photo and statement for online publication as part of this World Wide Report Day. Let me share the picture and statement with you now:

"Montana Kiwanis - We see a new day dawning for children that should not be dying from this horrible tetanus scourge. Our contributions will be through education, perseverance, and personal sacrifice - we will make a difference."

Yes indeed, we will make a difference.

Thank you Montana Kiwanians,

[Dave Curry](#)



Secretary, Mary Brydich

FYI Time

The following letter from International President Alan Penn was released and sent to the district officers and all club secretaries last week. There will be a proposed International dues increase of \$15.00 presented at the convention in New Orleans. Please take the time to go over this with your club delegates going to International convention. Other information was also sent to your club secretary presenting the reasons the KI board is presenting this amendment. This amendment (# 13) and all others are available to download at: <http://community.kiwanisone.org/media/p/26647.aspx>



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May 3, 2012

Dear Kiwanis members,

During the April Kiwanis International Board meeting, my fellow board members and I realized that Kiwanis International cannot serve the children of the world at its current level without raising member dues or drastically cutting services.

After a few years of budget cuts and belt tightening, we agreed that continuing to reduce services was not an option at this time.

And after carefully reviewing the financial data, we realized maintaining our financial stability required quick action.

I know this will come as a surprise to many of you. In 2003, the last time dues were increased, the board took a full year to inform our clubs of the need for a dues increase. But let me tell you folks, our situation is urgent. It's time for a dues increase—now.

The Kiwanis International Board will propose a US\$15 dues increase when the House of Delegates convenes during our convention in New Orleans this June.

I encourage you to read our fact sheet to discover why the increase is necessary and to discuss the proposal at your next club meeting.

Then, send your club's two delegates to the New Orleans convention to support the future of our organization by voting "yes" to this proposal.

Yours in Kiwanis service,
Alan Penn President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Penn'.

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Mike Miller

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

This was the 14th year **Silver Bow Kiwanis** Bicycle Rodeo in Butte, MT. The event is held annually shortly before public schools get out for the summer. This year the weather was beautiful. We had over 240 kids through the course which included a bicycle checkup and minor repairs, and bicycle and traffic safety. Each child that went through the course received a free bicycle

helmet, with fitting by volunteers.

Anaconda Kiwanis (Al Messer –see Oct-Nov Kspan—pg 13)supplied some refurbished bicycles for us to give to kids in need, and we were able to help 13 children this way. Safe Routes to Schools also provided some bike locks, bicycle tail lights, reflectors and pencils for participants, and Butte-Silver Bow Law Enforcement gave out "Junior Police Officer" stickers to children who completed the course.



We had about 20 volunteers including representatives from Butte-Silver Bow law Enforcement (in uniform), Safe Routes to School, Wal-Mart, and family and friends in addition to Silver Bow Kiwanis members. We had non-volunteer support from Butte Central High Key Club, Steele's Warehouse, Wal-Mart, Domino's Pizza, Harrington Pepsi, KXL TV, Greenfield Printers, InstyPrints of Butte, Anaconda Kiwanis, and Safe Routes to Schools.

Anaconda Kiwanis is busy with support of the Boys & Girls Club in Anaconda. They had members with photograph experience teach classes for the club. They also provided them with a \$1000.00 grant to help the club. The Kiwanis club provided 2 scholarships for 1 boy and 1 girl to attend the American Legion Boys and Girls State program this summer.

Butte Kiwanis held their annual Sunshine Camp fundraising dinner . The camp runs for full month in the summer providing a week long camping experience for underprivileged children in the area. (see Kspan Dec-Jan 2012 pg 6) The Aktion Club sold coupon books for Herbergers Community Day and raised \$335.00. They used part of this money to make flower planters for Veterans Day and a Easter party.



The Kiwanis Club of **Belgrade** held its 3rd Annual Belgrade Kiwanis Scholarship Scramble with a Twist on Sunday, May 6, at Headwaters Golf Course in Big Timber. It was a great day with 15 teams turning out for the event. They raised \$2300 for scholarships for graduating Belgrade students.

The Kiwanis Club of **Bozeman** is busy with its annual Sandbox Project project. One hundred sandboxes were constructed by 10 members. The club will start distribution of the sandboxes on Saturday, May 26. The Stuff-A-Bus project wound up for the year with 1623 individuals receiving free clothing.

Stuff-a-Bus is of course going full force. This year in order to aid families who are looking for help with school supplies, we are doing a non traditional fundraiser... Retro Prom! Holiday Inn is donating a room and local favorite Jamalution will keep us rocking while we party the night away and raise money to buy school supplies for needy families. Get out your party clothes from your favorite decade and shake your stuff! (Date and time TBD)

Bozeman Kiwanis sponsored the second annual "A Night to Remember" prom event for students in Belgrade, Manhattan and Bozeman. This year we had 9 girls from Belgrade and 30 from Bozeman who got dresses, shoes, jewelry, hair do's, makeup and nails while 4 boys got tuxes. There was also an incredible dinner served for the students with 24 at the Belgrade dinner and 45 at the Bozeman dinner. These events would never have been possible without the donations and over 30 adults and 15 businesses who sponsored and helped with the event.



Headwaters Kiwanis Club held their annual BBQ during the "Montana Horses / Horse Drive.

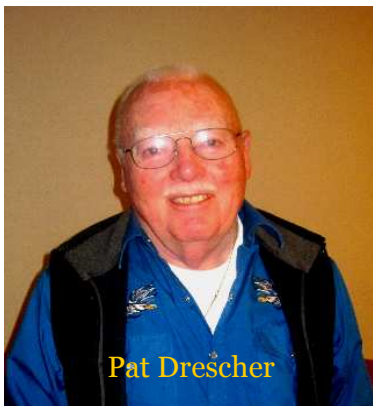
The money they raised will be used to start the **BUG program** in the Three Forks school system.

The program will be presented this spring at the last semester of the school year.

Harlowton Kiwanis held their community Talent show featuring local performers and the Men's Chorus. This annual show is the main fund raiser for the club.

Thanks to : Mary Brydich, Amber Guth, and Kim Kanta-Fink for articles this month.





Pat Drescher

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

Glendive Kiwanis spent a spring day afternoon doing Highway Cleanup. (Key club members joined with club members to complete the project. Pizza was enjoyed by all when done. Earlier in April the club provided a Easter Egg Hunt for 250 children.

Miles City Kiwanis volunteered with the prep work, served lunch, washed dishes, & cleaned up for the week of April 16-20 at the Custer county Community Table. The lunch is provided for low income people

with everyone welcome.

Sidney Kiwanis worked on the March of Dimes Walkathon. The club provided the help to set-up, clean-up and they served hotdogs, chile and desert snacks to the walkers of the fundraiser.

Ice cream was served and awards were given out by the Sidney club to their K Kids at their meeting.



Lt Gov Div 7
Ann Motichka

Malta—**Division 7** — Havre—Glasgow

Glasgow Kiwanis provided a Easter egg hunt for about 60 children in the area. Club members bought the supplies and then stuffed the plastic eggs at a club meeting. The eggs were then hidden for the kids the Sunday before Easter (unless postponed due to weather). Glasgow club provided scholarships for 3 Boy scouts from the area to attend NYLT: National Youth Leadership Training to be held this summer.

Malta Kiwanis members spent a Saturday morning cleaning Hwy 2 east of town. Malta Key club will hold a garage sale on June 2nd. The Kiwanis club will be helping the Key Club for this event by moving items from private homes to the collection area for the sale. The club sold concessions during the Malta basketball swish fest during the tournament. They raised about \$475.00.



Lt Gov Div 1
Sherry Munther

Hamilton-Salmon-Missoula- **Division 1** -Frenchtown-Grant Creek-Sentinel

Missoula Sentinel Kiwanis provided supper for about 150 children and parents during the Head Start Feed & Read program. They partner with the local Boy Scouts and they provide the books and read to the children The Head Start children then get to take the books home with them.

Salmon Kiwanis club Held their Monthly fundraising dinner. 60+ Members and guest attended and the club collected over \$620.00 for their scholarship program.

New Members

Joan Micheletti	Billings, Golden K	Karen De Herman	Capital City, Helena
Rodne Svee	Billings, Golden K	Jamie Kurtz	Capital City, Helena
Ballentine Karen	Glendive	Dustin Lerette	Capital City, Helena
Phoebe Patterson	Glasgow	Hylari Lerette	Capital City, Helena
Dolores Kominsky	Bozeman	Erin McGuinness	Capital City, Helena
John McLaughlin	Helena	Anne Marie Peterson	Capital City, Helena
Stacy Leipheimer	Anaconda	Donald Phipps	Capital City, Helena
Wade Hoelsing	Anaconda	Alicia Pichette	Capital City, Helena
Leanne Lo Porto	Glendive	Anne Pichette	Capital City, Helena
Thomas Wickliffe	Billings, Golden K	Sarah Potucek	Capital City, Helena
Sharon Reynolds	Billings, Golden K	Sara Pyfer Fowler	Capital City, Helena
Dorine Moll	Billings, Golden K	Andy Shirtliff	Capital City, Helena
Gordon Escene	Billings, Golden K	Carol Smith	Capital City, Helena
Joy Bruder	Billings, Golden K	Michaela Wolfinger	Capital City, Helena
Donna Beutler	Billings, Golden K	Abby Zent	Capital City, Helena
Cassandra Brownell	Billings, Golden K	John Evans	Bozeman
Jean Russell	Billings, Golden K	Patsy Krause	Bozeman
Jerry Swanson	Billings, Golden K	Bill Andersen	Silver Bow, Butte
Kent Nordin	Salmon Idaho	Paul Koski	Glasgow
Jackie Washechek	Sidney	Ronald Johnston	Butte
Ross Boone	Capital City, Helena	Charles Bileau	Butte
Rebecca Bruno	Capital City, Helena	Conor Smith	Sunrise Butte
Amanda Burkhart	Capital City, Helena	Jacy Kittelmann	Miles City
Mike Dalton	Capital City, Helena	Jana Garza	Helena
Jesse Franzen	Capital City, Helena	Cara Cocchiarella	Dillon
Joice Franzen	Capital City, Helena	Durwood Johnson	Billings Golden K
Alexis Gibbons	Capital City, Helena	Mary Johnson	Billings Golden K
Lindsey Grovom	Capital City, Helena		
Ruth Anne Hanson	Capital City, Helena		
Zach Harris	Capital City, Helena		

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DISTRICT NEWS

ICON

In just over one month the Montana District will be on their way to beautiful Orlando Florida to celebrate the 2012 International Convention! We will be leaving on June 29th and getting back July 9th. During that time we will spend two days and Disney World, two days at Universal Studios, a day at the beach and four days at the Convention its self hanging out with 1500 Key Clubbers from all over the country and the world! There will be fundraisers and dances and wonderful award assemblies!

How Can You Help?

How can you help your Key Clubbers get to International Convention? Easy, they are always looking for new fundraiser ideas or just a service project to help out on just to earn a couple \$\$\$. Who knows it might be a great start to building better K-Family relations at the home club level! The tour cost \$800 dollars plus the cost of your own plane ticket! So if you need some yard work or if you just have anything a Key Clubber could do...just ask! I'm sure they would be willing to do anything you need! The experience of ICON is one that should be available to all members

GATC

Earlier this month I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Governors and Administrators Training Conference in beautiful Washington D.C. We filled the city, and showed some true leadership as we learned the in and outs of our jobs, for me the second time. We learned everything about our duties to our districts, and to Key Club International in everything from dues to club growth. The city was beautiful and the people were wonderful. I can honestly say that the people who keep Key Club International running are just simply amazing from the international staff to the governors and their Administrators! They all were the nicest people you could ever meet!

Key Club District LEADERSHIP

District Governor:

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Alek Ray

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Ashley-Ann Goddard

Elizabeth Holom

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Alex Ramirez

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K'lynn Sloan-Harris

District Administrator:

Ed Leland

District Mission Statement-

"As the Montana District Board, we will serve by diligently communicating to promote rehabilitation, growth and life-changing opportunities to the Mighty Montana District."



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Service Leadership Programs

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	Montana District Reports 2011-2012															
2		Members	Current	Gain	Aktion	Key	Cir	K	Bldrs	Key	Cir	Bldr	Key	Spos'd	Dist	Infl
3		Oct. 1, 2010	member # 4-30-2012	or	Club	Club	K	kids	Club	Club	K	Club	ldr	Yth	Fndn	Fndn
4		2012		Loss						O/R	O/R	O/R		Fund		
5	Division 1 –Sherry Munther, Lt. Gov.															
6	Hamilton	40	45	5		3		1		100	100	25	25	200	40	
7	Drumond	20	19	-1												
8	Frenchtown	4	3	-1		1										
9	Missoula Grant Creek	17	13	-4		1										
10	Missoula	92	95	3	1	2	1			100	100	25	25	460	92	
11	Missoula Sentinel	84	86	2		4				100	100	25	25	420		
12	Salmon Idaho	20	20	0		1			1							
13	Division 2 –Connie Widell, Lt. Gov.															
14	Great Falls	11	11	0		3										
15	Shelby	18	12	-6					1	100		25		65	13	
16	Division 3 –Mike Miller, Lt. Gov.															
17	Anaconda	29	28	-1	1	1			1	100	100	25	25	145	59	
18	Butte	27	29	2	1	1				100	100	25	25	135	27	
19	Dillon	41	45	4	1	1				100	100	25	25	295	59	
20	Butte, Silver Bow	59	61	2		1	1		1	100	100	25	25	115	23	
21	Butte Sunrise	24	24	0					1	100	100	25	25	205	41	
22	Division 4– Bob Keene, Lt. Gov.															
23	Billings Heights	45	44	-1		1	1	1	1	100	100	25	25	225	45	
24	Billings	40	39	-1		1		1		100	100	25		160	36	
25	Billings-Golden K	87	92	5		2	1		1	100	100	25		435	87	
26	Columbus	13	13	0		1										
27	Hardin	13	13	0												
28	Red Lodge	17	17	0		1			1							
29	Division 5 –Pat Drescher, Lt. Gov.															
30	Glendive	22	27	5		1				100	100	15	15	135	135	
31	Miles City	46	50	4		1			1	100	100	25		230		
32	Sidney	52	51	-1		1		1	1							
33	Division 6 - John Hickey, Lt. Gov.															
34	Belgrade	18	15	-3		1										
35	B Young Professionals	24	14	-10			1									
36	Bozeman	67	68	1		1	1			100	100	25	25	335	67	
37	Harlowton	35	34	-1		1				100					33	
38	Headwaters	13	11	-2				2								
39	Lewistown	41	36	-5		1			1							
40	Livingston	17	15	-2												
41	Tombstone	21	20	-1												
42	Division 7 - Ann Motichka, Lt Gov															
43	Glasgow	39	43	4		1										
44	Havre	11	13	2		1				100				65	13	
45	Malta	18	15	-3		1			1	100	100	25	25	75	15	
46	Division 8 - Pam Peppenger, Lt. Gov.															
47	Columbia Falls	12	12	0		1				100	100	25	25	60	12	
48	Glacier, Kalispell	10	9	-1						100	100	25	25	45	9	
49	Kalispell	17	16	-1						100				85		
50	Libby, Kootenai	15	14	-1	1	1										
51	Polson	31	33	2		1		1								
52	Whitefish	15	15	0		1										
53	Division 9 – Bob Werner, Lt. Gov.															
54	Helena Downtown	18	19	1												
55	Helena	82	89	7	1	1	1			100	100	25	25	410	82	
56	Helena Last C	31	31	0												
57	Capital City	0	30	30												
58	Totals	1356	1389	33						2200	1800	465	365	4300	888	0

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Room Block Ends June 11

Please visit this site often. Of interest there is the club listings. Here you will find the listing of all clubs and it is very interesting to go the web sites of those that have them. This is a great place to see what other clubs are doing and get new ideas.

Important Dates for MT Kiwanis:

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

Western Canada Joint Convention - August 10-12, 2012 (Medicine Hat)

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

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