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COMMUNITY**

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President's Message

The A B C's of Conducting an Effective Meeting

For the past six months I have opened our Thursday morning meeting with this greeting, "Good morning my fellow Alpine Kiwanians and guests. Please rise and greet one another with a big smile." I decided to use this greeting with a considerable amount of thought that is required to conduct an effective meeting. A warm greeting sets the tone for a meeting that will be enjoyable, informative, and interesting. But the greeting is just the first of the A B C's of conducting an effective meeting. The others are the following: planning a detailed agenda, beginning the meeting on time, allowing for relationships to develop, keeping the meeting moving, and ending the meeting by summarizing what has been accomplished.

I begin planning the agenda on Tuesday for the Thursday morning meeting. At that time I think through all of the details that have to be dealt with in the amount of time that is allotted for the meeting. And, believe me, it is not easy to accomplish everything that needs to be done. On Wednesday afternoon I finalize the agenda and pretty much commit those details to memory.

On Thursday morning I arrive at the Hoffman House shortly after six, greet the earlier arrivals, and start getting ready for the meeting. I wait for the greeters, the team that will lead us in song and pledge, the person who will give the word of the day, the one who will give the invocation, and the person who will present the program. And once I see that all of them are present and my watch shows that it is ten minutes after seven, I begin the meeting. Punctuality is very important to a successful meeting.

An effective meeting is one that has a warm atmosphere, where hospitality is practiced continuously. At our weekly meetings we welcome each member and introduce each guest in a very friendly manner. From 6:45 a.m. until 7:10 a.m. each member and guest has the opportunity to develop a special relationship with one another.

However, once the meeting begins, it is the leader's responsibility to move the meeting along, being certain that all of the items on the agenda have been covered. That is not always easy, because unforeseen circumstances complicate that process. Nonetheless, the leader has to be tenacious in his/her effort to complete the agenda.

Finally, a successful meeting is one which ends with a summary of the things which have been accomplished. Because of the nature of our weekly meeting, I don't summarize what has been accomplished, but instead I conclude the meeting with

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DIRECTORY UPDATES

Business Change:

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Sponsor:
John Vanderheyden

WORD OF THE DAY:

Mar. 4 – Gil Dohlen

What lies behind us, and what lies before us, are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

– Ralph Waldo Emerson

Mar. 11 – Fred Ellenberger

Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves. – For they shall never cease to be amused!

– Winston Churchill

Mar. 18 -Joe Etminan

We make a living by what we get,
But we make a life by what we give.

– Winston Churchill

Mar. 25 -Vince Facchiano

The path to our destination is not always a straight one. We go down the wrong road, we get lost, we turn back. Maybe it doesn't matter which road we embark on. Maybe what matters is that we embark.

– Barbara Hall, *Northern Exposure, Rosebud, 1993*

NOTES FROM THE MARCH 30 BOARD MEETING

Approval was given to take \$100 out of our discretionary charities fund to donate to the fundraiser for Promise Barker, employee of Hoffman House who has had a reoccurrence of Hodgkin's Lymphoma. A few times over the years she has been our waitress at our meetings.

Bulletin Committee – If you take any pictures at any Alpine Kiwanis meeting, event or activity, please turn a copy into Keith Forberg on the Scrapbook Committee. Our 2004 scrapbook looks wonderful and up-to-date, thanks to Keith!

Citizenship Committee – The Touch A Life Award is its next project – to be given out in May.

Fundraising Committee – Entertainment line up is going well. If you know any entertainment that would be willing to play during Brat Days, please contact Tom Weingartner.

Interclub Committee – Fly In Meeting is May 5 to Owatonna, MN. \$50 per person.

TAKE AIM....

A rabbi once summoned everyone in the village he served to the village square for an important announcement. When all had gathered, the rabbi said, "I wish to announce that there is a God in the world." That was all he said, but the people understood. They had been acting as though God did not exist.

While many in our world live as if there were no God, both Passover and Easter remind us that there is a God who is active in the world. He is a God who calls us to faith and freedom, hope and love, a God who would like to live in us and work through us.

Rejoice! God lives! Take Aim.....

Robert Wildman
Spiritual Aims Committee

Special Events Committee – If you are wanting Cubs tickets for July 27th or August 27th, they are going fast, contact Verla Sterett ASAP!

Spiritual Aims Committee – A 'Thinking Of You' Basket will be sent to Former Governor Bill Milligan. He recently underwent Quintuple Bypass surgery.

Youth Services Committee – We will be collecting clothes for the Clothes Closet every 1st Thursday of the month. Sizes infant to 14 are needed. Good used or new clothing accepted.

Charities Committee Awards

Approved Requests

Family Counseling Service	\$ 750
Farmers and Hunters	
Feeding the Hungry	\$ 750
RVC Whiz Kids	\$ 750
Promised Land Employment	\$1000
Goldie Floberg Center	\$ 750

Total \$4000

A Look Back In Time...

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General Alexander Haig, Jr., spoke at the Annual World Affairs Conference held at Rock Valley College. Alpine Kiwanis was one of the sponsors.

Annual Lobster Boil was a big success, leaving a net profit of \$117.79.

A small loan, repayable in 30-60 days was established by Alpine Kiwanis for foreign students at Rock Valley College.

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A new policy of printing the names of "greeters" in advance was introduced in May 1979.

Respectfully submitted,
Kanwal Prashar

BIRTHDAYS

Name	Date	Name	Date
	April		May
Bob Baker	01	Everette Johnson	12
Doug Herriott	01	Gil Dohlen	17
Arlene Henderson	14	Dom Mencarini	17
Wendy Davenport	17	Steve Albers	19
Bob Wildman	20	Dana Kraus	25
Anne Wilson	23	Michael Simmons	27
		Loren Johnson	29

ANNIVERSARIES

Name	Date	Name	Date
	April		May
Doug Herriott	26	Tom Anderson	23
Daniel Larson	30	John McCue	24
		Ralf Jansson	25
		Larry Hedberg	26

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some important reminders, and just before we part, I wish everyone a "Great Day."

Leading an effective meeting requires the practice of the above discussed A B C's, and it is my hope that each of us will give some thought to them, when he/she conducts the next meeting.

Fraternally,

George Hayward

Interclub Schedule

Wed., April 7 – Rock Valley Heritage, Stockholm Inn, 7 a.m.

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Thurs., April 15 – Belvidere Kiwanis, Steam Plant Restaurant, 7 a.m. (Meet at Hoffman House at 6:30 a.m.)

Wed., April 21 – East High School Key Club, East High School, Room 111, 3:45 p.m.

Wed., May 5 – Owatonna Kiwanis, Owatonna Elk's Club, Owatonna, MN, 12 p.m. (13 people, \$50/person, 1.5 hour flying time)

Fri., May 14 – N. Winnebago-Roscoe Kiwanis, Sophia's Restaurant in Roscoe, 6:45 a.m. (Meet at Alpine Bank on Alpine Road at 6:15 a.m.)

REMINDER

Each member is responsible for recording make-up meetings on the attendance card. If you are **sure** that your committee or event chairperson has turned in a card it is not necessary to duplicate your entry.

Programs

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Apr. 17 2 p.m., NAT – Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

April

Apr. 8 Alternative Energy – Dr. Robert Vogl
 Apr. 15 Touch a Life
 April 22 Annual Meeting
 Apr. 29 Special Olympics/Children's Clothes Closet – Debbie Kelly

May

May 6 Prayer Breakfast
 May 13 Scholarship Awards

Greeters

April

15	Gayle Dixon	Gene Sjostrom
22	Gil Dohlen	Bob Slack
29	Fred Ellenberger	Jeannie Sullivan

May

06	Joe Etminan	William Sorenson, Jr.
13	Vince Facchiano	Bob Stadtmueller
20	Frank Flower	Verla Sterett
27	Keith Forberg	Ward Sterett

Word of the Day / Invocators

April

15	John France	Robert Thorsen
22	Mary Ann Gaunt	Karen Tilly
29	Larry Hedberg	Kim Kaufman

May

06	John Heisel	John Vanderheyden
13	David Helland	Jeffery Wallem
20	Arlene Henderson	Tom Weingartner
27	Doug Herriott	Al Weir

WORK SERVICE

April 24 – Sinnissippi Park – Jeannie Sullivan
 Patti Thompson
 Verla Sterett
 John Vanderheyden
 May 1 – Alpine Park

NEXT DEADLINE: **May 5, 2004**

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Todd Scott's Biography

I am a lifelong Illinois resident – born in Freeport, lived in Southern Illinois while my father completed college at SIU, then lived near St. Louis until the age of seven when my family moved to Rockford. At the age of 12 we moved into a new house in what is now Machesney Park. I graduated from Harlem High School in 1983 and attended Rock Valley College, then transferred to University of Illinois at Chicago where I graduated with a Bachelor of Social Work in 1989. That November I married my high school sweetheart, Iris, and we moved to the DuPage County area where I worked for four years before going back to complete my Master of Social Work in 1994. My wife and I moved back to Machesney Park and had our first child - Alec in 1995. Connor was second, born in 1999 and then Mary in 2001. Since graduating in 1989 I have worked in the field of Social Work, initially as a case manager for at-risk children and youth and after completing my MSW have provided therapy to traumatized children and youth and have specialized in working with



adolescent and adult sexual offenders. I have been a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Illinois since 1998. I am currently employed at The MILL as the Director of Boys Treatment Services. In that capacity I oversee treatment for the three residential boys groups as well as the Expressive Therapy Department which includes Recreation, Music, and Art. The MILL is a residential facility which serves emotionally and psychiatrically troubled youth and adolescents as well as providing a day school to area youth. I also maintain a small private caseload primarily through Illinois DCFS. I attend Beth Eden United Methodist Church and remain very active in choir, Drama Ministries, and Youth Ministries and am also a Certified Lay Speaker. I sing lead in a men's gospel quartet called The Alleluia Quartet along with fellow member John Vanderheyden. I love music in general and play guitar, bass, and drums as well as occasionally writing music. I enjoy golf (too much), fishing, weightlifting, and outdoor recreation.

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Alpine Kiwanis Meets Weekly:
Thursday, 7:10 a.m. at the Hoffman House

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KIWANIS CLUB

