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THEME FOR 2005-2006

***This Job Is  
About People.***

# Alpine NEWS

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## President's Message

Dear Kiwanians:

Once there was a Meadowlark who built her nest in a growing wheat field. In time, there were four eggs in the nest. Mother Meadowlark sat on the nest incubating the eggs while Father Meadowlark stood guard.

Eventually, they all hatched but, by that time, the wheat field was headed out. Mother and Father Meadowlark flew from dawn to dark searching and finding insects to feed to their very hungry young. The wheat heads filled and began to ripen at an equally rapid rate.

One day, the farmer and his son came to visit the field. "You know son," the father said, "this field is nearly ready to harvest. I heard that in the village, there is a man who will harvest wheat for hire. I think I'll talk to him." The Meadowlarks stayed in their nest.

A few days later, father and son happened by again. "You know son, I couldn't find the hired worker. I think I'll talk to a neighbor. Maybe he would like to earn some money harvesting this wheat field." The Meadowlarks stayed in their nest.

A few days later, the two stopped by again. "I think this wheat field is getting quite ripe," he said. "I think I'll see if Cousin Billy has time to harvest this field." The Meadowlarks stayed in their nest.

By then, the young were ready to fledge; their feathers were filling in, replacing the fluffy down of new hatchlings. By now, the wheat field was dead ripe. In fact, within a few days the grain would start to fall from the hulls and the heads would be empty. That night, the father and son stopped once more. "You know son," the father said, "I think I'm going to harvest this wheat field myself." That night, the Meadowlarks moved.

This may not have been the most frequently told story from my parents, but they told it often enough, and probably at just the right time during wheat harvest, to leave an indelible impression on me. If there was any doubt that my parents expected the four of us children to be industrious, this story cleared it up. Of the ability of parents to influence children, there is no doubt. The lessons learned stick for a lifetime.



Whatever the cultural setting, whatever the parents' situation, young children need strong, good parenting. I think that Kiwanis International is right on target in an effort to make the entire service organization focus

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## DIRECTORY UPDATES

### **New Members:**

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Sponsor: Ken Whitmore

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## WORD OF THE DAY

### **Mar 2 – Dana Kraus**

The only true gift is a portion of yourself.  
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

### **Mar 9 – Mary Kroll**

Failure is the opportunity to begin again more intelligently.  
– Henry Ford

### **Mar 16 – Randy Larson**

Whatever the mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve.  
– Napoleon Hill

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued from page 1)

on Young Children Priority One. While we can't go to the depth of shaping young lives every day, we can certainly have an impact here and there in, perhaps, making parents' jobs a little easier so that they do have the opportunity to pass along strong values.

What was my father's moral to that story? In the end, it's your own blood, toil, sweat, and tears that gets the job done. Or, at other times, he would say, "Don't rely on others to do your hard work."

My Fellow Alpine Kiwanians, continue to do good work.

Dave Helland

## TAKE AIM

I have a very little book—*Leaves of Life* by Helen Farries. Here is the one page I read yesterday. At the top of the page, a quote from Thomas Jefferson:

"Let us retrace our steps and to regain the road which leads alone to peace, liberty, and safety."  
Then Helen Farries writes:

"If we all walked in love and peace  
Along a road that leads  
To life and liberty for all,  
Aware of others' needs...  
If we retraced our steps and walked  
In perfect harmony  
Along a road where everyone  
Walked tall and proud and free...  
We could, and we would, all fulfill  
Our hopes and prayers for peace...  
For if we all just walked in love,  
All prejudice would cease!

(ENJOY YOUR WALK TODAY!)  
Bill Bartholomew

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### **Youth Service Day**

Saturday, April 29. Meet at the Sinnissippi Maintenance Garage at 7:45 a.m. Sign up with Jim Wilson ASAP!

### **Kiwanis International Convention**

June 28 - July 2, 2006 in Montreal, Quebec, Canada  
Promotional brochure is available online at  
<http://www.kiwanis.org/lit/convpromo2006.pdf>

### **Key Club International Convention**

July 1-5, 2006 at the Sheraton Boston  
in Boston, MA



### **35th Annual "Thanks a Million" Brat Days**

July 21-22, 2006

### **I-I District Convention**

August 3-6, 2006 at the Grand River Center in  
Dubuque, Iowa

### **Circle K International Convention**

August 12-15, 2006 at Boston Park Plaza in Boston, MA

## BIRTHDAYS

Name	April	Name	May
Robert Baker	1	Thomas Peterson	9
Douglas Herriott	1	Everette Johnson	12
Arlene Henderson	14	Gil Dohlen	17
Dan Norman	21	Dominic Mencarini	17
Chris Hempfling	22	Steven Albers	19
Anne Wilson	23	Dana Kraus	25
Jeanne Sullivan	26	Michael Simmons	27
Dean McMorris	27	Loren Johnson	29
Jeffery Walton	30		

## ANNIVERSARIES

Name	April	Name	May
Margaret Hamburg	8	Thomas Anderson	23
Douglas Herriott	26	John McCue	24
		Ralf Jansson	25
		Larry Hedberg	26

## MARCH OF DIMES WALKAMERICA

Our Kiwanis Club is forming a team of walkers to participate in the upcoming March of Dimes WalkAmerica. The walk will take place on Sunday, May 7, and starts at 10 a.m. at the Verdi Club in Rockford.

Co-Captains for the team are Jeff Walton and Michele Wahl. Please contact one of them for more information. Remember, if you can't walk yourself, PLEASE SPONSOR A WALKER!

Thank you.

YCPO Committee

### REMINDER – BRAT DAYS 2006

BRAT DAYS 2006 is just around the corner and we need your help!

Sponsorships for Brat Days at various levels are available. Surely we all have friends, neighbors, relatives, business acquaintances, etc. that would like to make a charitable contribution for as little as \$50 to support local charities and scholarships for deserving area high school seniors. Let's ask them. Sponsorship dollars are pure profit and obtaining at least one should be the goal of each of us.

Anyone who has a contact person for a person/group of persons that might be interested in performing for us (free of charge, of course) during our two-day event should get in touch with Tom Weingartner (#231-2742), Entertainment Scheduler for Brat Days. It is imperative that we have the entertainment finalized by April 15th in order to have brochures printed in time for our Kick-Off meeting May 18th.

# Programs

**Apr. 13** Jeff Gauger, Rockford Register Star

**April 20** Dave Whitehouse, Key Club

**April 27** Jean Vitale

**May 4** Dave Whitehouse, Scholarship Awards

**May 11** Dr. Thompson, District 205

**May 18** Brat Day Kickoff

### Greeters

#### April

13	Loren Johnson	Jon Whitmore
20	Dana Kraus	Ken Whitmore
27	Chuck Lantz	Anne Wilson

#### May

4	Randy Larson	James Wilson
11	Julie Lenth	Binah Wing

### Word of the Day / Invocator

#### April

13	John McCue	Jim Coffey
20	Larry McGee	Mark Conklin
27	Dean McMorris	Bob Connor

#### May

4	Dom Mencarini	Maleeah Cuevas
11	Jim Merrick	

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The AKTION Club is looking for speakers for their meetings. Please volunteer!

### K-TRIVIA

The first President of Kiwanis International elected from outside the United States was the third, Henry J. Elliott of Montreal, Quebec, who served in 1919-20. Seven other International Presidents have been Canadian. The first International President elected from outside the two founding nations of the US and Canada was Ian Perdriau AM, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Melbourne, Australia, who served in 1994-95.

**NEXT DEADLINE: May 4, 2006**

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