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a Garden of
New
Leaders...



**Alpine Rockford Kiwanis
Theme for 2008-2009**



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President's Ponderings, April 2009

Many of us will remember a U.S. Presidential campaign line, "It's the economy, stupid!". That line was intended to convey that one thing was a more important measure than any other of our country's health – the economy. Well, we could say the same today, I suppose; but I want us to think about the economy of our club.

"Economy" describes how well a person or a system turns its resources into a life-giving and sustaining product. Our club's economy, like our nation's, could be measured in money; and by that measure we are very healthy, indeed! But I think there's a more important measure of our economy – membership. The health of our club is measured by the number of members who are fully engaged in the work of Kiwanis, "a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time."

In any organization there are members who are unable to be "fully engaged" in the work at any given time. We understand that. And there are members who haven't found their way to work on our mission. We hope to change that. Our Membership Committee's mentoring program is

designed to provide guidance, support, and encouragement to members who are new or looking for new opportunities for working.

There are two things that each of us can do to improve the economy of our membership:

1. Each of us can choose one committee or one project of the club and work to make that part of our club successful in "changing the world."
2. Each of us can bring into our club one new member during this Kiwanis year, that is, by September 30, 2009. Members do the work.

I know that our members are NOT "stupid," so I'm counting on all of us to understand that our club economy requires more members who are active. Please join me in growing our economy.

Michael Simmons, President

Volunteers Needed for Special Olympics, Saturday, May 2!

Looking for a rewarding experience? Volunteer to help with the Special Olympics Games on Saturday, May 2 at Harlem High School. To participate, fill out a Class B Volunteer Registration Form by April 17 and return to Bob Herro. Forms are available on-line at the alpinekiwanis-il.org website under Our Bulletin or you can register and sign-up at the Thursday morning meetings. See you there!

**Alpine Rockford
Kiwanis meets –**

**WEEKLY:
THURSDAYS
7:10 a.m.
HOFFMAN HOUSE
(eat at 6:45 a.m.)**

**MONTHLY:
LAST THURSDAY
6 p.m.
THUNDER BAY
GRILL**

KIWANIS ONE DAY EVENT, SUNDAY, APRIL 19!

All five Kiwanis clubs in the Rock River Valley will be joining together for the Kiwanis One Day Event—"Collecting for OUR Community" on Sunday, April 19 from 2—6 p.m. The Kiwanis Clubs will be collecting non-perishable food, clothing, toiletry, and miscellaneous items needed by seven area non-profit agencies—Carpenter's Place Outreach Center, MAPS of Illinois, Rock River Valley Pantry, Rockton Food Pantry, Rock House Kids, Rockford Rescue Mission, and The Salvation Army of Rockford. Drop-off sites will be Midas Auto Service (1125 South Alpine), Alpine Bank (Highcrest location—1700 N. Alpine), Alpine Bank (East State and Perryville), and 1st National Bank & Trust in Roscoe (Highway 251 and Bridge Street).

Volunteers are needed to staff the location sites from 2—6 p.m. and to help unload the trucks from 7—9 p.m. at the Salvation Army's distribution center on S. Madison. If you are interested in volunteering, be sure to sign up at the Thursday morning meetings. For specific information on requested items for donation, go to http://www.alpinekiwanis-il.org/documents/2009-K-1-Day_Flyer1.pdf or contact Mark Lewis at 815-985-0898 (cell) or 815-397-5210 (daytime).

TAKE AIM

*This month, **Lois Wildman** has shared one of her husband **Robert's** TAKE AIM articles. The following was originally published in May 2000 and is still relevant today.*

Albert Schweitzer, a German theologian, renowned organist, medical doctor, Doctor of Philosophy, medical missionary doctor to Africa, and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, once spoke to an English boys school and said to the students: "I do not know what your destiny will be. Some of you will perhaps occupy remarkable positions. Perhaps some of you will become famous by your pens or as artists. But I know one thing, the only ones among you who will be happy will be those who have sought and found how to serve".

May you find a key to happiness as you reach out in service and touch the lives of others. TAKE AIM!

Annual Prayer Breakfast is May 7!

For a list of upcoming program speakers, log onto
http://www.alpinekiwanis-il.com/public/pub_meetings.aspx

MEET OUR NEW MEMBER!



Shawn E. Ralston

I was born in Bloomingdale, IL, however at the age of four my family moved to Rockford, so I really consider myself a Rockford native. I attended Rockford Public Schools graduating from Guilford High School in 1994. After graduation, I attended the University of Iowa for my freshman year, then transferred and graduated from Western Illinois University in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and as a member of Sigma Sigma Sorority. From there, I joined Alpine Bank & Trust Co. as a teller and have worked my way up the ranks to Assistant Branch Manager. I hope to one day manage my own branch.

In July of 2005, I married my husband, Christian, in the cool waters of Negril, Jamaica. Christian teaches 4th and 5th grade P.E. at Kinnickinick School in Roscoe. We currently live in Rockford with our two "children in fur coats", aka dogs, Coco and Baxter. In my free time, I love to travel with my husband, go to concerts, sporting events, especially the Chicago Bears, Bulls, and Cubs, and worship the sun in the summertime.

Last year, I volunteered for the Special Olympics and that wonderful experience really opened up my eyes as to how much I enjoyed spending my free time helping others. I am greatly looking forward to joining the Kiwanis Organization to continue to make a difference in people's lives and hopefully along the way make some lasting friendships.

I-I DISTRICT, DIVISION 12 BOWL-A-THON

On Saturday, March 21 at Don Carter Lanes, 45 bowlers from each of the Rock River Valley Kiwanis Clubs and all the area Key Clubs participated in the bowl-a-thon to benefit Spastic Paralysis. More than \$500 in pledges was raised for the event.

The success of the event wouldn't have been possible without the assistance of Jean Lopez, Angela Hauser and Loren Johnson in securing fabulous prizes from handmade jewelry to tanning sessions to gift certificates to Hoffman House and Giovanni's. Also, thank-you to Don Carter Lanes for the door prize they supplied and to all the sponsors for their pledges!

BIRTHDAYS

| Name | April | Name | May |
|-----------------|-------|------------------|-----|
| Bob Baker | 1 | William Geske | 4 |
| Doug Herriott | 1 | Everette Johnson | 12 |
| Cheryl Rogers | 6 | Gil Dohlen | 17 |
| Jeanne Sullivan | 26 | Dom Mencarini | 17 |
| Irene Janecek | 28 | Steve Albers | 19 |
| Jeff Walton | 30 | Dana Kraus | 25 |
| | | Michael Simmons | 27 |
| | | Paula Neville | 28 |
| | | Loren Johnson | 29 |

ANNIVERSARIES

| Name | April | Name | May |
|---------------------|-------|-----------------|-----|
| Doug Herriott | 26 | Brian Norman | 12 |
| Angela Hauser | 28 | Thomas Anderson | 23 |
| Keith Kelsey-Powell | 29 | John McCue | 24 |
| Cheryl Rogers | 29 | Ralf Jansson | 25 |
| Laura Patterson | 30 | Larry Hedberg | 26 |
| | | David Gomel | 27 |

GREETERS

| | April | | April |
|------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| John Heisel | 2 | Bob Prosser | 2 |
| David Helland | 9 | Dick Reinhardt | 9 |
| Doug Herriott | 16 | Cheryl Rogers | 16 |
| Jim Hogfeldt | 23 | Les Ross | 23 |
| Gary Hunt | 30 | Larry Shernaman | 30 |
| | May | | May |
| Ralf Jansson | 7 | Gene Sjostrom | 7 |
| Everette Johnson | 14 | Bob Stadtmueller | 14 |

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WORD OF THE DAY

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|-------|----|---------------------|-------------------|
| April | 2 | Loren Johnson | Marlow Anderson |
| | 9 | Keith Kelsey-Powell | Tom Anderson |
| | 16 | Dana Kraus | Shawn Artlip |
| | 23 | Andrew Krauss | Fred Beck |
| | 30 | Chuck Lantz | Harold Branstiter |
| May | 14 | Randy Larson | J.D. Clemons |

WORD OF THE DAY

Mar. 5 — Jim Hogfeldt

There are men in the ranks, who will stay in the ranks. Why? I'll tell you why—they lack that ability to get (BANG) things (BANG) done (BANG).

Mar. 12 — Everette Johnson

If you want to experience joy and happiness, find someone sad and unhappy and bring them a smile and a word of encouragement.

Mar. 19 — Ralf Jansson

We don't have to do great things, but small things with great love. *-Mother Teresa*

Mar. 26 — Gary Hunt

He who asks is a fool for five minutes, but he who does not ask remains a fool forever. *-Mark Twain as quoted in the London Sunday Express*

Mar. 26 (Kiwanis Nights) — Irene Janecek

Life is for one generation; a good name is forever. *- Japanese Proverb*

APRIL INTERCLUB MEETING

Wednesday, April 22, 7 a.m.: Freeport Lincoln Douglas Club, Four Seasons Restaurant, Freeport.

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MARCH BOARD MEETING NOTES—Ron Janecek

In a special Board meeting on March 26, the Board of Directors approved the applications of Brian P. Norman, Shawn Ralston, Joallen (Jody) Schumacher, and Megan Jungerberg.

On March 31, the Board of Directors met for the regular meeting. The Charities Board approved the following grants: Big Brothers/Big Sisters, \$1,000 for school supplies; Barbara Olson Center, \$1,000 for exercise equipment; Ken-Rock Center, \$200 for food and supplies; PHASE/WAVE, \$1,000 for toys and activities for small children of detained parents; Milestone, \$1,500 for a food processor; Kiwanis International, \$500 with matching funds from Rock Valley College for library in Kanwal Prashar's home village of Chandigarh, India; Literacy Council, \$590 for half the cost of a folding machine with the other half donated by the Downtown Kiwanis Club; Rock House, \$1,420 for stove adaptation; Rock River

Pantry, \$575 (amount left over from Love Baskets); Youth Services, \$200 given to Rock Valley College for transportation to the Key Club Convention; and \$114 to provide hot dogs at the "walk" for the March of Dimes on May 3.

The Nominating Committee of Past-Presidents presented the following slate of Directors for a 3-year term beginning October 1: Amy Maavich, David Gomel, Cindy Hinds, and Rick Welch. Angela Hauser was approved to finish the 3-year term of Wayne Perrett. Annual meeting will be held on April 24.

Dominick Mencarini was granted a Leave of Absence for three months beginning April 1 and Gil Dohlen was granted a three-month extension beginning the same date.

Board approved the expenditure of \$400 for an additional grill for Brat Days. The Bowl-a-thon to-date raised \$567 for Spastic Paralysis research.

NEXT DEADLINE: THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009

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