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THEME FOR 2003-2004
**IMPROVING THE LIVES OF
THE CHILDREN OF OUR
COMMUNITY**

President's Message

HAPPY NEW YEAR Let's Make New Year's Resolutions

Who invented the New Year's resolutions, anyway? I am not absolutely certain, but I think that it was the Babylonians. Some four thousand years ago they decided to commit themselves to the belief that what a person did on the first day of the New Year would have an effect throughout the entire year. And so the tradition was born and continues to this day.

For most of us it is difficult not to get the resolution urge on New Year's Eve. We want to make a promise to ourselves, because we have the need to make a difference within ourselves and for ourselves. We want to take the time to reflect on the changes we want, or often need, in order to have the motivation to move forward in the New Year.

Thus, it is important to make New Year's resolutions. However, as we proceed with our plan, we need to be careful to form reasonable ones, or otherwise, we will fail to keep them. I would like to propose the following resolutions and ask that you examine them and then select as many of these as you feel you could keep.

I will be present at least 75% of the time at the weekly club meetings.

I will attend two inter club meetings.

I will attend at least one board meeting.

I will be involved in two special events.

I will participate in two service projects.

I will invite at least one guest to the weekly club meeting.

I will sell 100 Brat Days' tickets.

I will work two shifts at the Brat Days.

By committing to the above resolutions and by keeping them, you will feel good about yourself, contribute immensely to the club, and at the same time qualify for the 2004 MERIT AWARD. Good luck to all of you.

Fraternally,

George Hayward

DIRECTORY UPDATES

New Member:

Kimberly Ann (Kim) Kaufman
1949 Wisteria Rd
Rockford, IL 61107
(H) 484-4658
Hobbies: Reading, Decorating, Cooking
Sponsor: Patti Tomblason

WORD OF THE DAY:

Dec. 3 – Ron Janecek
Why is it that the same February weather that is so exhilarating on the ski slopes can be such a drag trying to get to work?

Dec. 11 – Judy Phillips
Each new day is a blank page in the diary of your life. The secret of success is in the turning that diary into the best story you possibly can.

Dec. 18 – Ted Plum
Note: Ted gave a meaningful and thought provoking presentation appropriate for the season, but it was too long to print. See Ted for details!

Dec. 23 – Jim Welte (for Sophie Davis)
Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow,
Don't walk behind me, I may not lead,
Walk beside me and just be my friend.

NOTES FROM THE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

Charities Committee Awards:

Total Awards \$3,762.00

Distributed to:

Alzheimer's Association	\$ 512.00
Lending Library	
Rockford MELD	\$ 750.00
Special Assistance Fund	
McBuddies School Supplies	\$1,000.00
School Supplies	
Cornucopia Food Pantry	\$1,000.00
Food for 130 families for 1 wk.	
Golden Agers Center	\$ 500.00
Christmas Dinner	

Sponsored Youth Committee:

Carlson Kids Club – Made ornaments for residents at Fairhaven Retirement Home
Eisenhower Builders Club – Took up a collection of money, toys and clothing for a needy family.
Jefferson and Guilford Key Clubs – volunteered to ring the bells for Salvation Army
Jefferson Key Club – went caroling at two retirement/care facilities with our own Angelo Caruana accompanying with the guitar.
Guilford Key Club – is publishing it's own newsletter.

TAKE AIM....

The hymns that we sing are often prayers set to music. Jill Jackson and Sy Miller have given us such a prayer. It begins and ends with the words, "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me." What a prayer for the new year!

But how can peace begin with "me"? It begins when we seek peace in all of the relationships of life: in the family, with our neighbors, in the workplace, in our Kiwanis Club.

In many ways, each one of us can make a difference in our world. "With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow, to take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally!"

Take Aim at peace!

Robert Wildman

NOTES FROM THE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

Continued:

Old Business:

Songbooks – approval to purchase 100 books at \$4.50 each.

BAM EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND

Fellow Kiwanian, Joe Etminan brought details to our attention of the recent tragedy of the Earthquake in Bam, Iran. At the Board Meeting it was approved for Alpine Kiwanis Charities to become the Umbrella Fund for this Relief Effort. The Board also approved a donation of \$1,000 to be matched by public donations.

We will be promoting this to the public as well as contacting other Rockford area Kiwanis Clubs to take part and donate to this Relief Fund. As we understand it and you may have read in the news, people are displaced from their homes; they are getting sick and dying from exposure.

In response to the tragedy of the earthquake in Iran, which left 28,000 dead, and more than 50,000 wounded, the Alpine Kiwanis Club of Rockford has set up a relief account to help the victims of this disaster. This fund will provide shelter, food, and medical help for the survivors. Your contribution toward this fund will deliver basic necessities for those in need.

Please make checks payable to the Alpine Kiwanis Charities Inc. and mail it to:

**Alpine Kiwanis Club of Rockford
PO Box 5132
Rockford, IL 61125**

Your contribution is tax deductible. We hope to send help as soon as possible; therefore the account will only be open until January 20th, 2004.

BIRTHDAYS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
January			
Kurt Jensen	03	Larry Hedberg	03
Fred Ellenberger	06	Jim Hogfeldt	04
Rahim Balsara	10	Thomas Anderson	06
Joe Etminan	10	Fred Beck	06
John France	12	Frank Flower	07
Larry McGee	12	Gene Sjostrom	09
Stephen C. Newton	12	Patti Ann Tomblason	20
Sophie Davis	13	Bob Conner	22
Harold Branstiter	14	Jim Welte	28
Lois Wildman	14	James Coffey	29
John Vanderheyden	18		
Barbara Olson	20		
Robert Herro	23		

ANNIVERSARIES

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>
January			
David Helland	04	Jeffery Wallem	02
Frank Flower	08	James Wilson	02
		Rahim Balsara	17
		Kanwal Prashar	19
		Dave Mondul	20
		Harold Branstiter	25
		William Sorensen, Jr	26

About Kiwanis

Kiwanis International was founded January 21, 1915, in Detroit, Michigan, by Allen Simpson Browne, a Moose lodge organizer, and Joseph G. Prance, a tailor. Kiwanis is an organization devoted to the principle of service; to the advancement of individual, community, and national welfare; and to the strengthening of international goodwill. Since its founding, Kiwanis has expanded into a family of service clubs that include young European adults (Kiwajuniors), university and college students (Circle K), high school students (Key Club), middle and junior high school students (Builders Club), and elementary school students (K-Kids). Kiwanis-family membership spans the globe, with more than 600,000 members in more than [8,445 clubs in 89 nations and geographic areas](#). Kiwanis clubs alone give on average \$70 million and 6.5 million volunteer hours for community service each year.

NOTE:

Special Events Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 21 January
7:00 A.M. Machine Shed

Check out the **Alpine Kiwanis Web Site** for the latest in Committee meeting dates and a Calendar of upcoming events.

Alpine Kiwanis Meets Weekly:
Thursday, 7:10 A. M. at the Hoffman House

Alpine Kiwanis Web Site: www.alpinekiwanis-il.org

Programs

January

1/8/2004	Membership—Michael Simmons
1/15/04	How To Do Stuff, Like Repair A Car—Chuck Kurt
1/22/04	Major League Umpire—Larry Young
1/29/04	TBD

February

2/5/04	Persian Rugs—Ellie Etminan
2/12/04	TBD

Greeters

January

08	Thomas Anderson	Dom Mencarini
15	Bob Baker	Daniel Nelson
22	Rahim Balsara	Steve Newton
29	Fred Beck	Ron Oldejans

February

05	Harold Branstiter	Barbara Olson
12	Douglas Bickford	Harry Palm
19	Ralph Billingham	Bob Petrina

Word of the Day / Invocators

January

08	Douglas Bickford	Barbara Olson
15	Ralph Billingham	Harry Palm
22	Robert Brown	Bob Petrina
29	Angelo Caruana	Judy Phillips

February

05	Jim Coffey	Ted Plum
12	Bob Connor	Michael Simmons
19	Bruce Dearborn	Gene Sjostrom

Interclub Schedule

Friday, Jan. 9,	N. Winn.-Roscoe, Sophia's Restaurant, 6:45 am. Meet at Alpine Bank on Alpine at 6:15 am
Thurs. Jan. 15,	Belvidere Kiwanis, Steam Plant Restaurant, 7:00 am
Mon. Jan. 26,	Rock Valley College Circle K, Building CL-1, Room 223, 3:00 pm
Tues. Jan. 27,	Rockford (Downtown) Club, Learning Center, 207 N. 1 st Street, 12:10 pm
Wed. Feb. 11,	Rock Valley Heritage Club, Stockholm Inn, 7:00 am
Wed. Feb. 11,	Golden K, Christ United Methodist Church, 9:00 am

NEXT DEADLINE: February 5, 2004

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Angelo Caruana Biography



I was born in Aragona, Italy (a town similar to Mayberry, Europe) on August 17th, 1944. I came to Rockford in 1956. After graduating from West High School in 1963, I continued my education at SIU, graduating with a BA in Social Science in 1968. I taught in the Harlem School System for two years before moving back home to Rockford. In 1970, I got married and started a family three years later. I also, in 1973, received my Masters in Education from NIU. In 1985, I started a key club at Jefferson High School. My volunteer work included sponsoring student councils, and research in the Community Health Resource Center at St. Anthony Hospital. I also volunteered in the Golden Apple Program and at several state and local elections. I continued postgraduate work while teaching in the Rockford Public Schools year round until my retirement in 1999. Today, I have two beautiful grandchildren, and continue to strive to become a better steward of God's precious gifts.