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38 Years of Service



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THEME FOR 2005-2006

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

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President's Message

Once upon a time, in a small Midwestern town, there lived an elderly couple. They were retired, quite comfortable, but their adult children all lived far away. They had enjoyed raising their family and had many happy memories. Because of this good experience, they naturally and gradually developed a relationship with many of the children in the town. In addition to being present and supportive at school functions, they often sponsored informal get-togethers at their house. Conversations flowed freely and, often, the couple gave advice to the children. Many times, the advice was in the form of a story. Sometimes they were based on experience, sometimes based on accounts in books, and sometimes out of pure fantasy. But, in every case, they attempted to bring a point of growing up and getting along in the world. Of course, there were often cookies and glasses of milk to help everyone feel good.

Eventually, a group of older boys became aware of these events and, perhaps more for the cookies and milk, would occasionally visit the couple. The gentleman was particularly interested in the things of nature and often shared insights into the ways of plants and animals in and around their home. One boy was particularly rebellious. He would not listen to the stories and often tried to disrupt the storytelling.

One day, he got a particularly wicked idea. He would catch a small bird and hold it in his hand behind his back. He approached the elderly gentleman and said, "Sir, you seem to be a very wise man but I am smarter than you. You see, I hold in my hand a bird. It is in my hand hidden behind my back. As wise as you are, surely you can tell me whether the bird is alive or dead." Of course, his youthful cunning had it that if the old man said alive, he would crush it and show him a dead bird. As this little confrontation developed, a number of other children gathered around waiting to hear what the old man would say. The old man was silent for some time. Then, he looked the young man in his eyes and said, "It's in your hands, it's up to you."



Many times in my life and, certainly, in yours too, some person's well being has hung in the balance in our hands. Sometimes we may not even have known it. Certainly, a thoughtful word or kind expression of sympathy to someone who is hurting may be just that kind of helper. May God help us as Kiwanians to make the right decisions throughout all of our lives.

Dave Helland

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TAKE AIM

This is the time of year when people tend to focus on change, typically in the form of New Year's resolutions. Having the will power and the commitment to make conscious change in our lives, to improve ourselves, is a powerful, dynamic attribute—one of the things that separate us from the rest of the animal kingdom. But God does not change. No matter where we go, no matter what we do, our Creator loves us with a love that is as constant as the flow of time itself. As we start 2006, take a moment to reflect on God's love in your life, and then consider ways you can share that gift of God's love with other people.

Ken Whitmore

Do You Know Our By-Laws?

ARTICLE XI – NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SECTION 8: In the case of a vacancy in the office of the President, the President Elect shall succeed to the office. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the President Elect, Vice-President, Treasurer or Director the vacancy shall be filled by the club at a regular meeting, upon one (1) week's notice of nomination or nominations by the Board of Directors. In the case of a vacancy in the office of the Secretary, Assistant Secretary or Charities Treasurer, the vacancy shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

In recent club history (2004 – 2005) Article XI, Section 8 of our by-laws was used to replace Bob Brown's remaining two years with Hal Branstiter, Steve Newton's remaining two years with Loren Johnson, and Dan Nelson's and Gayle Dixon's one year terms with Dean McMorris and Jim Merrick. Rahim Balsara's remaining one year term was filled by Angelo Caruana for the current 2005 – 2006 year. More recently Ted Plum was elected to complete the two year term of Jerry Kopp. A future election will be held to fill the remaining year for Binah Wing.

REMINDERS

The Citizenship Committee is hosting the "Love Baskets" again this year and hopes to raise enough to distribute more than 150 baskets. Love Baskets are food baskets distributed to the needy near Valentine's Day. The cost of each basket is approximately \$25. Donations in any amount are now being accepted by Kanwal Prashar or Nancy Sanders.

The YCPO Committee has been very busy!!! They are currently working on seven projects and request donations of **new or gently used toys, books, and stuffed animals** to be given to the Rockford Police and Fire Department chaplains, the State Street Fire Department, Hospice Care of America, and Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling. In addition, the YCPO committee is collecting **used printer cartridges and used cell phones** for the Children's Miracle Network and Rockford Sexual Assault Counseling. Lastly, look for more in the coming months on the new "Sunburn Prevention" program that will distribute sun hats and sunscreen to infants and toddlers.

Youth Services is working on the Children's Clothes Closet and is **collecting new or gently used clothing** for children ages 0-13 (NOTE: Only NEW underwear) on the **last Thursday of every month.**

WORD OF THE DAY

Dec 1 – Gary Hunt

Organizing is what you do before you do something, so that when you do it, it's not all mixed up. – A. A. Milne

Dec 8 – Marge Hamburg

You must be like a rubber band . . . you're most useful when you stretch.

Dec 15 – Dave Helland

Never be ashamed of laughter that's too loud or singing that's too joyful. – H. Jackson Brown Jr.

Dec 22 – George Hayward

The ornaments of our house are the friends that frequent it.

Dec 29 - Larry Hedberg

In any moment of decision, the best thing that you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing and the worst thing you can do is nothing.

– Theodore Roosevelt

BIRTHDAYS

Name	January	Name	February
Kurt Jensen	03	Larry Hedberg	03
Fredrick Ellenberger	06	Jim Hogfeldt	04
Joe Etminan	10	Steven Brunette	05
Margaret Hamburg	11	Thomas Anderson	06
John France	12	Fred Beck	06
Lawrence McGee	12	Frank Flower	07
Stephen Newton	12	Eugene Sjostrom	09
Harold Branstiter	14	Robert Conner	22
John Vanderheyden	18	Vincent Facchiano	28
Barbara Olson	20	James Welte	28
Robert Herro	23	Jonathan Whitmore	28
		James Coffey	29

ANNIVERSARIES

Name	January	Name	February
David Helland	04	Jeff Wallem	02
Frank Flower	08	James Wilson	02
		Bruce Dearborn	07
		Kanwal Prashar	19
		Harold Branstiter	25

Mary Ann Gaunt and her "Wazoom's Golf League"

Most of you witnessed, several weeks ago, the amazing generosity of Club Member Mary Ann Gaunt and her guest from her golf league.

According to Mary Ann, the "Wazoom's Golf League" was started about 35 years ago by a group of lady golfers. They have been playing at the Red Barn on Wednesday evenings for most of the years since their group's formation.

The ladies decided, a couple of years ago, that they would have an auction for their Christmas Party consisting of Ten Dollar gifts. The money raised would then be given to a non-profit organization. This year, there were 18 ladies attending the dinner and auction and they raised \$379.

Thanks to the persuasive presentation by Mary Ann Gaunt, the ladies chose to support the YCPO Committee's project for the Chaplain's Holiday Toy Drive. They especially liked the idea that this project supported children of working parents and focused on those who were being overlooked by other agencies.

With the \$379 that the "Wazooms" donated to the committee, we were able to purchase OVER 100 TOYS. Thank you, ladies, you are truly amazing!

YCPO Committee

Programs

Jan. 12	Jon Krause, Gambino Realtors
Jan. 19	Rockford Youth Build, Karen Dove
Jan. 26	Mary Ann Smithm RCCA
Feb. 2	Dr. Lee, RVC Library
Feb. 9	Don Pierson, NFL
Feb. 16	Don Hulseth, University of Illinois
Feb. 23	Janelle Calow, Visiting Nurses Association

Greeters

January		
12	Mary Ann Gaunt	Jeannie Sullivan
19	Cynthia Hall	Kathy Taylor
26	Marge Hamburg	Robert Thorsen
February		
2	Jason Hammer	Karen Tilly
9	George Hayward	John Vanderheyden

Word of the Day / Invocator

January		
12	Chris Hempfling	Anne Wilson
19	Arlene Henderson	James Wilson
26	Everett Johnson	Steve Albers
February		
2	Doug Herriott	Herbert F. Allen
9	Ralf Jansson	Marlow Anderson

INTERCLUB

Tuesday, January 17 Freeport Club. Those attending can car pool from Alpine Bank at Highcrest and Alpine - **leaving Rockford at 11:00 a.m.**

In the Top 10!!!

According to the January-February 2006 copy of *The Illiowan*, our Alpine Kiwanis club earned 1090 points and came in second in **Top Ten Clubs in Points** for the I-I District for 2004-2005. Let's continue our success in 2006!

K-TRIVIA

English is the official language of Kiwanis International. However, key administrative and program literature is published in up to 13 additional languages, and simultaneous translation is provided at International conventions when required by a sufficient number of members.

NEXT DEADLINE: February 2, 2006

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SPECIAL EVENTS

I-I District Circle K Annual Holiday Embrace Event in Lincolnwood, IL

Saturday, January 7, 2006 – 6:30 p.m. to Midnight.
Benefits the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation.

I-I District Mid-Winter Conference

February 17-19, 2006 – Radisson Hotel and Conference Center in Bloomington, IL. Schedule and Registration form available at <http://www.ii-kiwanis.org/MW-Registration.pdf>

Special Olympics

Saturday, February 25, 2006 at 8:30 am. Meeting at the Stockholm Inn. All Kiwanians are encouraged to attend this and all Special Olympics meetings. **Contact Debbie Kelley, Dave Helland or Randy Larson** to confirm meeting attendance.

Circle K District Convention

March 3-5, 2006 at the Wyndham Hotel in Lisle, IL.



Polar Bear Plunge

Saturday, March 4, 2006 at Noon at Olson Lake in Rock Cut State Park. WIFR and WROK will be major sponsors of this event. More details will be given at the February 2nd meeting regarding participation.

Key Club District Convention

April 7-9, 2006 at the Holiday Inn in Decatur, IL

Infant and Adult CPR Certification Classes

April 8 and 29, 2006 – Pre-determined areas near our location. Each session will last approximately seven hours with full accreditation.

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



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

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Alpine Kiwanis Meets Weekly:
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