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Theme for 2007-2008**



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Christ United Methodist Church
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Alpine Kiwanis Club
c/o Mr. Jim Welte
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Dear Alpine Kiwanians:

The members of Kiwanis Golden K wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all of you for your most generous gift of sharing and appreciation bestowed on our club.

We received the gift check for One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) presented by Jim Welte at our meeting of December 19th. This lent itself to a very Merry Christmas and certainly a Happy New Year for all of us within Golden K.

We have been happy to assist with Brat Days over the years and we too, are proud of our members who have volunteered their services faithfully by working. However, we can't say enough about those superior and dedicated sales people who have maximized ticket sales beyond belief!!

Thank you so much for the recognition and monetary support for our club. I am certain our Board of Directors will put these funds to good use.

Sincerely,

KURT B. HEINRICH
President/Secretary

Alpine Rockford
Kiwanis meets –

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

MONTHLY:
4th **THURSDAY**
6:30 p.m.
THUNDER BAY
GRILL

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Jan. 17	Immigration
Jan. 24	Membership Committee Presentation
Jan. 31	The Hatian Project

BIRTHDAYS

Name	January	Name	February
Mark Lewis	5	Larry Hedberg	3
Fred Ellenberger	6	Jim Hogfeldt	4
Joe Etminan	10	Tom Anderson	6
Marge Hamburg	11	Fred Beck	6
John France	12	Gene Sjostrom	9
Larry McGee	12	Bob Conner	22
Steve Newton	12	Vince Facchiano	28
Sophie Davis	13	Jim Welte	28
Hal Branstiter	14	Jon Whitmore	28
Lois Wildman	14	Jim Coffey	29
Andrew Krauss	16		
John Vanderheyden	18		
Barb Olson	20		
Bob Herro	23		

ANNIVERSARIES

Name	January	Name	February
David Helland	4	Jeff Wallem	2
		James Wilson	2
		Bruce Dearborn	7
		Kanwal Prashar	19
		Delos Lewis	21
		Harold Branstiter	25

Greeters

January			
17	Larry McGee	Binah Wing	
24	Doris McLendon	Steve Albers	
31	Dean McMorris	Shawn Artlip	
February			
7	Dom Mencarini	Chris Anderson	
14	Jim Merrick	Marlow Anderson	

Editor's Correction

Please note that in December's newsletter it was noted that Andrew Wight was a greeter in January. An error was made and it is actually Andrea Wight. Please accept our apologies.

Word of the Day / Invocator

January

17	Steve Newton	Marge Hamburg
24	Ron Oldejans	George Hayward
31	Barbara Olson	Larry Hedberg

February

7	Harry Palm	John Heisel
14	Judith Phillips	David Helland

WORD OF THE DAY

Dec. 6 – Dom Mencarini

Imagination is more important than knowledge.

– Albert Einstein

Dec. 13 – Jim Merrick

Live so that your friends can defend you, but never have to.

– Mary Ella Merrick, 101 yrs. old

Dec. 20 – Amanda Meyers

And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'til his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store? What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more?

– From "How the Grinch Stole Christmas"
by Dr. Seuss

Dec. 27 – Roger Miller

Never be ashamed of tears shed for family, friends and dreams.

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JUST A FEW REMINDERS:

YCPO will be collecting your used ink cartridges and cell phones again on February 7th (Thursday a.m. meeting). Please see John Heisel or Michelle Wahl with questions.

Don't forget to bring a non-perishable donation for the food pantry. We will be doing this every week all year. Please see Mark or Del Lewis with questions.

The next Kiwanis Nights meeting will be on Thursday, January 31st at 6:30 p.m. at Thunder Bay next to the Holiday Inn. Please see Michael Simmons or Shawn Artlip with questions. Brat Days this year will be July 18-19. Please see Jim Welte with questions.

DID YOU KNOW?

From 1915 to 1919, the organization of new Kiwanis clubs was managed by a professional organizer, Allen Simpson Browne, who can be credited with creating Kiwanis. In return for building new clubs, he received a portion of every new membership fee. This arrangement led to increasing controversy about the purpose and control of the organization. The problem was solved when Kiwanis International "bought itself" from Browne at the 1919 convention in Birmingham, Alabama. Club delegates raised \$17,500.00 on the convention floor to purchase Browne's rights to the Kiwanis name and organization.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS



Carl Pearson

Carl was born in Rockford and attended the Rockford Public schools. He graduated from Rockford East in 1969. While at East he met his wife, Mary, and was married in June of 1974. He attended Rock Valley College and

Northern Illinois University and received his degree in Elementary Education with his Masters degree being earned in 1976 in Elementary Education. He is currently teaching fourth grade with the Rockford Public schools. He has also been an assistant wrestling coach at Rockford East and worked at Rock Valley College in the Adult Education department teaching computers.

Carl is a former member of Alpine Kiwanis. He has helped within the club in several areas, being the chairperson of the world's famous Brat Days, the Alpine newsletter and other committees.

Carl's family consists of his wife, Mary, and his daughter, Sarah. Many of you have met both of them at Brat Days. Sarah is a senior at Rockford Jefferson with plans to attend Rockford Business School. Carl has taught for the past several years at the Summer Bridges program and is looking forward to enjoying his summers off.

The Alpine Kiwanis board has allowed Carl to return with the starting of the evening Alpine

Knights group. It is great to rejoin an organization that has **Community And Responsible Excellence** or CARE and also **Build Rockford Activities Together** or BRAT. Carl is looking forward to reacquainting himself with the club members.



Daniel Reece

Dan was born September 8, 1978 in Rockford, IL. He is a life long resident of the Rockford area graduating from Harlem High School in 1996. After high school he attended Rock Valley College before graduating from Northern

Illinois University with a BS in Marketing in 2002.

After graduation Dan worked in the advertising department at The Rockford Register Star before accepting a position with Verizon Wireless as business account executive. These two positions helped prepare Dan for his career as a Financial Advisor with Smith Barney where he is currently employed.

Dan is married to his wife, Michelle. They currently have two daughters: Bailee, 8 and Scarlett, 1. Dan and Michelle are expecting their first son in February.

In his free time Dan enjoys spending time with his family, training for the Rockford Marathon and watching Bailee play soccer for The Dactyls.

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS (continued)



Andrew Krauss

Andrew was born and raised in Northern, California, where he lived for 16 years. His family relocated to the midwest (Arkansas) where things were a little bit slower and at age 18 he joined the Navy. He has the unique distinction of never having served a day

at sea in four years of Naval service. The Navy eventually sent him to an air base in the middle of the Southern California Desert where he met his wife Adriana. After leaving the service, he worked for General Dynamics for five years. A plant closing led to a relocation back to the midwest, then eventually to Rockford for a new job and to be closer to some family in Aurora, IL. He and his family have greatly enjoyed living here for a little over 11 years and appreciate the small town atmosphere that Rockford offers.

Andrew and Adriana have been married for 23 years and have five beautiful children: Amy, 20, at Rock Valley College; Alyssa, 17, a senior at Guilford High School; Anna, 16; Amanda, 11; and Andrew II, 7.

Andrew has a background in Manufacturing and Distribution Supervision, but decided to make a big change five years ago when he became an Independent Insurance agent with Aflac. He states it is a lot of fun working with the Duck! Andrew really enjoys the feeling of helping people, especially when they have gone through some of life's difficult and catastrophic events. He works with many local businesses helping them offer additional benefits to their employees, and also with individuals who are looking for a financial safety net from a serious accident or illness.

He has been active in his church for many years and now enjoys serving as the song and worship leader. His oldest daughter, Amy, shares the duties of playing the piano. Hobbies include numerous activities with his family such as camping, sledding, fishing, bike riding and bell ringing/caroling for the Salvation Army. He also enjoys volunteering to stuff quarterly mailer envelopes with his wife for the Rockford Rescue Mission, as well as singing at a local retirement home with his daughter, Amy, accompanying him on the piano.

Return Service Requested

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KIWANIS CLUB

A stylized, handwritten-style logo for 'Alpine' in a large, bold, cursive font. Below the 'e' is a small graphic of a mountain peak with a snow-capped top.