

1968-2005
37 Years of Service



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THEME FOR 2004-2005

"ALPINE
AKTION –



BETTER THAN
WORDS"

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President's Message

If you would glimpse the eternal . . . Touch A Life. I don't know about you, but the Touch A Life award never fails to create that warm feeling in my heart. I am in awe as I think about the contributions made by each new recipient. Thank you Mike Broski for all that you have done and are doing. All I can say is WOW.

Alpine Kiwanis touches many lives each year in many different ways. The charities presentations are spread out over the 12 months of each year, making it easy to lose sight of the total impact of our financial contributions. When scholarships and capital contributions (which also touch many lives) are included, this year's charities distribution budget totals \$69,000. These donations touch the lives of hundreds of Youth, Elderly and Disadvantaged individuals each year throughout our community. When we deliver Love Baskets, volunteer for Work Service supervision or assist with Special Olympics activities, we are touching lives directly. The sponsored programs, K-Kids, Builders Club, Key-Clubs, Circle K Clubs and Aktion Club also represent lives being touched by our support and guidance. We hope that their volunteer experience carries over into the future. When the sponsored clubs reach out into the community, they touch many more lives making our support of their continuing existence all the more worth while.

What makes this well oiled Alpine Kiwanian Machine work and work well? MEMBERS. Not just members, but members willing to dedicate several hours each and every month supporting our sponsored programs, planning for and working at Brat Days, selling tickets, delivering Love Baskets, supervising Work Service assignments, planning for and helping with Special Olympics events, preparing our weekly meeting site, and all of those other tasks that failed to pop into my mind.

Upon becoming president last September, I felt that this club could easily have a dozen current members each recruiting two (2) new members. With three quarters of the year now behind us, we are not yet at the half way point in reaching this goal. We started this year with 95 members. We need at least 2 or 3 additional new members to end the year above the 100 member mark. Have you invited a friend lately?

Hay

DIRECTORY UPDATES

E-mail Address Change: **Correction & Addition:**
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WORD OF THE DAY

June 2 – Dave Whitehouse
“Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak out and remove all doubt.” – *Abraham Lincoln*

June 9 – Dave Helland
No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it to anyone else.

June 16 – Anne Wilson
Flattery is like chewing gum — enjoy it, but don't swallow it. – *Hank Ketchum (Dennis the Menace)*

June 23 – Binah Wing
Discovering the truth about ourselves is a lifetime's work, but it's worth the effort. – *Mister Rogers*

June 30 – Dave Nelsen
Opportunity is missed by most people because it disguised in overalls, and it looks like work. – *Thomas Edison*
No champion is embarrassed by his scars. – *Unknown*

INTERCLUB SCHEDULE

Wednesday, July 20, 7:00 a.m. at Rock Valley/Heritage at the Stockholm Inn, 2420 Charles Street, Rockford.

TAKE AIM

I read a quote the other day, author unknown. It touched me deeply. It said, “Under the sky, under the heaven, there is but ONE Family. It's just that people are different.” I think of how true this is. In my own immediate family there was my mother, my father, my sister, my brother and me. We were all related, lived in the same house, attended the same church. But though we had many things in common, we were all different. My father was the kind of person who could fix absolutely anything. Mother was a bookkeeper and her organizational skills carried over to everything she did. My sister was a terrific artist. My brother was the family intellect. And I have always been the family caregiver. One family, different people. We in Kiwanis are like that. We are one Kiwanis family, but different people. Let us always celebrate our differences and use our individual talents. Take Aim.....
Anne Wilson

NOTES FROM THE JUNE 28, 2005

BOARD MEETING

Approved Requests	
East High School	
Funds for An Anger Management Program	\$ 700.00
Promised Land Employment Service	
Funds for client assistance	\$ 700.00
Rockford Area Pregnancy Care Centers	
Fund for educational materials	\$ 500.00
Ingrassia/Confer Dictionary Fund	
Dictionaries for one classroom	\$ 500.00
Northern Illinois Hospice	
Trek Camp T-Shirts	\$ 700.00
Ken-Rock Community Center	
Funds for technology equipment	\$ 700.00
Rockford Rescue Mission	
Food & shelter for a week	\$ 700.00
Carpenter's Place	
Funds for transportation	\$ 1,300.00
Stepping Stones	
Funds for high capacity bariatric scale	\$ 600.00
Red Ribbon Campaign	
Funds for major sponsor	\$ 700.00
Milestone, Inc.	
Funds to attend Camp Winnebago	\$ 500.00
Total Requests	\$ 7,600.00

BIRTHDAYS

Name	July	Name	August
Curtis Moen	05	Ted Liebovich	03
John McCue	08	James Merrick	09
Jay D. Maney	09	Alfred Kaser	10
Ted Plum	18	Nancy Sanders	14
George Hayward	23	Todd M. Scott	15
Bob Kuhlmeier	24	Angelo Caruana	17
		Allen Cramer	22
		John Heisel	24
		Ronald Oldejans	25

ANNIVERSARIES

Name	July	Name	August
Bob Conner	05	David Nelsen	04
Jay D. Maney	10	Randall Larson	05
Harold J. Palm	11	Vincent Facchiano	10
Gary Hunt	16	Al Weir	12
Ted Liebovich	16	Robert Herro	17
Anne K. Wilson	19	George Hayward	19
Kurt Jensen	25	James Welte	22
Stephen R. Naff	25	David Whitehouse	25
James Merrick	28	Scott Patrick Robinson	26
Eugene G. Sjostrom	28	John France	31



TOUCH A LIFE AWARD

Mike Broski, President of Entre Computer Solutions, was selected by the Alpine Kiwanis Club of Rockford as his year's recipient of their prestigious "Touch A Life Award" at the club's regular Thursday morning meeting on June 2nd.

The award, created in 1975-76 by the Alpine Kiwanis Club out of respect for the Kiwanis International President's theme of that year "Touch A Life", is given annually to an individual, selected by the Citizenship/ Community Services Committee, who has touched many lives through leadership, dedication and commitment to our community.

Mike's generosity of time and talent has positively impacted many people, organizations and businesses in the Rockford community. His compassion to many worthy causes is invaluable.

In addition to serving on many boards (including the Rockford Regional Chamber of Commerce and the American Red Cross) one of Mike's biggest endeavors is the endless time he gives to Rockford Pony Baseball. He is the current chairman of the "Save the Park Campaign" that is actively trying to save the Roy Gayle playing fields, the only ball diamonds on the west side of town where youth can play softball/baseball.

It was with great pleasure that the Alpine Kiwanis Club of Rockford presented this prestigious "Touch A Life Award" to Mike Broski.

Programs

- July 21** Dave Helland, Young Children Health – Dave Helland
- July 28** Nancy Sanders, Saint Anthony College of Nursing – Maleeah Cuevas
- Aug. 4** Lighthouse
- Aug. 11** Pastor Kenneth Dismuke, Improving The Community Academy
- Aug. 18** Gary Hunt, Kiwanis International Convention – Joe Etminan

Special Events

- July 29** Forest City Queen, 7:00 p.m.
- August 16** Sinnissippi Concert/Picnic (potential pig roast) 6:00 p.m. Volunteers and entertainers from Brat Days will be invited as our guests in appreciation of their time.

Events to watch for: Curt Moen's Pork Chop dinner / golf outing in September

Greeters

July		
14	Ken Whitmore	John McCue
21	Anne Wilson	Larry McGee
28	James Wilson	Dean McMorris
August		
4	Binah Wing	Dom Mencarini
11	Steve Albers	Jim Merrick

Word of the Day/Invocator

July		
14	Thomas Anderson	Barbara Olson
21	Bob Baker	Harry Palm
28	Bill Bartholomew	Thomas Peterson
August		
4	Fred Beck	Judy Phillips
11	Harold Branstiter	Ted Plum

Youth Work Service:

- Saturday, July 23 - Sinnissippi Park
- Saturday, August 6 - Sinnissippi Park
- Saturday, September 17 - Aldeen Park
- Saturday, October 15 - Sinnissippi Park

NEXT DEADLINE: August 4, 2005

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A LOOK BACK AT BRAT DAYS ...

When the club was organized in 1968, the only fundraiser known on a grand scale was the "Kiwanis Peanut Day," when we would all stand on various street corners or shopping centers and sell peanuts. The work was dangerous on the streets and we felt there must be a better way to make more money. This was what started us on the Bratwurst program. Bob Roop was a member then and he hailed from Sheboygan, Wisconsin, where bratwurst was the only sandwich you could eat in public. We organized a group to go there and get not only the meat but the buns as well so we would be authentic in our quest for the best sandwich in Rockford.

Our first sales venture was located on East State Street in front of then called Insurance Liquidators currently in the lot just west of Don Carter Bowling Alley. We had to pre-cook the raw meat during the night at locations, which shall remain nameless because there are still neighbors who wonder just what we were doing to the things that looked like large maggots in piles located everywhere. Some fire departments were also dispatched to find the cause of the smoke and fire during the night. They were well fed for their efforts.

We were able to raise about \$600 the first year (1970-71) by cooking on many homestyle grills. We then made our



own grills so we could look more professional and eventually moved to Colonial Village, then to Edgebrook with a second location, and then to North Towne, where the Rock Valley Club ran our third location. The third location has changed many times and still has yet to be in the same place very long. Our costs have changed and we changed our meat supplier to a meat market on Broadway for a few years and then when we were working with Hilander at Brynwood for a location, we started with Johnsonville and have continued with them.

Preselling and sponsorships have been good ways to raise money. We brought a circus to town one year and they taught us how to sell tickets before the event in order to not have to worry about the weather when having an outside event. A side note to the circus was that they were not registered to do business here so our very own Bob Roop was a bit concerned about how he was going to do his banking business from jail. He was used to this abuse and stayed out of the slammer because we also ran a sting operation with the police department during his tenure and we knew people in high places. We have made many changes over the years and this event continues to be a good one for raising money for those that are less fortunate and a good way to meet and know those that belong to our club and other clubs and organizations in our community.



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

Alpine Kiwanis Meets Weekly:
Thursday, 7:10 a.m. at the Hoffman House

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