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Theme for 2007-2008



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ALPINE BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING - June 24, 2008

Meeting opened at 7:00 a.m. by President Ted Liebovich

The following grants were approved on the recommendation of Charities Chairman DaveHolland: Meld, \$1000; Northern Illinois Hospice. \$800; Mildred Berry Center, \$800; ARC. \$1000 for handicapped theater training; Patriots Gateway Center; \$1000 for various tables; Rockford Area Arts Council, \$1000 for art supplies for children and grownups summer program; and Epilepsy Foundation; \$1000, for a total of \$7100.

Several names have been submitted to the Board for the replacement of Treasurer Gil Dohlen who has resigned as of September 30, 2008. Choice to be made at later date.

Administrative Secretary Ron Janecek reported the membership at the end of May was 101.

Administrative Treasurer Jim Coffey reported the checkbook balance on June 24, 2008 was \$1710.37 with fourth quarter dues to be dues July 1st.

Membership committee submitted four names for approval. They are Amy S. Maavich and Angela Hauser, morning; and Irene J. Janecek, nights. The fourth application was not available. All four applications were approved.

Michael Simmons and John Vanderheyden were approved to be delegates at the Districtconvention in Peoria in August. Roxanne Vanderheyden was approved last month.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 a.m.

Ron Janecek, Secretary

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

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

July 10	CCI - Collaborative Communication - Al Barcema
July 17	History of Rockford - Don Swanson
July 24	Girl Scouts of America
July 31	NIU Aftermath - Steve Kiley

Programs are subject to change

BIRTHDAYS

Name	July	Name	August
Curt Moen	5	Ted Liebovich	3
John McCue	8	Keith Kelsey-Powell	5
Ted Plum	18	Jim Merrick	9
George Hayward	23	Joe Mannone	13
Bob Kuhlmeier	24	Nancy Sanders	14
Andrea Wight	25	Angelo Caruana	17
Steve Ferrall	27	Doris McLendon	23
		John Heisel	24
		Ron Oldejans	25
		J.D. Clemmons	29
		Cindy Hindes	31

ANNIVERSARIES

Name	July	Name	August
Robert Conner	5	Dave Nelsen	4
Mark Lewis	10	Randall Larson	5
Harold Palm	11	Jeff Walton	8
Gary Hunt	16	Vincent Facchiano	10
Theodore Liebovich	16	J.D. Clemmons	11
Anne Wilson	19	Alan Weir	12
Geske William	21	Bob Herro	17
Steve Ferrall	27	Anders Gredenius	19
James Merrick	28	Dan Reece	19
Eugene Sjostrom	28	George Hayward	19
		James Welte	22
		Sandra Whitson	24
		David Whitehouse	25
		John France	31

Greeters

July

10	Robert Thorsen	Larry Hedberg
17	Karen Tilly	John Heisel
24	John Vanderheyden	David Helland
31	Gary Ven Rooy	Arlene Henderson

August

7	Jeffery Wallem	Doug Herriott
14	Jeff Walton	Jim Hogfeldt

Word of the Day / Invocator

July

10	Al Weir	Amanda Meyers
17	Jim Welte	Roger Miller
24	David Whitehouse	Ron Miller
31	Jon Whitmore	Curt Moen

August

7	Ken Whitmore	Dave Nelsen
14	Andrea Wight	Ron Oldejans

WORD OF THE DAY

June 5 – John Vanderheyden

The difference between a smart person and a wise person is that a smart person knows what to say and a wise person knows whether or not to say it.

- Quote found on the wall of a recreation center office in Berkeley California

June 12 – Gary Ven Rooy

Stupidity is also a gift of God, but one mustn't misuse it.

- Pope John Paul II

June 19 – Jeff Wallem

Sharing makes you bigger than you are. The more you pour out, the more life will be able to pour in.

- Jim Rohn

June 26 – Jeff Walton

When someone asks you, A penny for your thoughts, and you put your two cents in, what happens to the other penny?

- George Carlin

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment for someday that person will not be there again. Give time to love give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

- George Carlin

NEXT DEADLINE: July 31, 2008

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FROM

MICHAEL SIMMONS

PRESIDENT – ELECT

As incoming President of Alpine Kiwanis for the 2008-09 Year I ask the membership to consider pursuing with me an important project. As many of you are aware there are many children in the Rockford Public School District who are homeless. As part of the President's Theme for next year I would like to explore their needs as a possible service opportunity at the next Kiwanis Nights meeting on Thursday, July 31st, at 6 p.m. at Thunder Bay Grille. A representative of the Rockford Schools will be joining us.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

Business Change:

Carl Pearson
Fourth Grade Walker
Elementary
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NEW MEMBER:

Jean Lopez (John)
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Hobbies: Travel, Reading, the Arts
Sponsor: Mary Ann Gaunt

“EVERY KIWANIAN, EVERY YEAR” UPDATE

<u>Goal</u>	<u>As Of 7/01/2008</u>
\$10,000	\$9,009.00
\$120,000	\$105,679.83
100% Participation	35% (35 of 100)

2007-08 Contributors

Shawn Artlip	Ralf Jansson	Gene Sjostrom
Fred Beck	Loren Johnson	Bob Statmueller
Jim Coffey	Bob Kuhlmeier	Verla Sterett
Bob Conner	Chuck Lantz	Jeanne Sullivan
Maleeah Cuevas	Del Lewis	Karen Tilly
Bruce Dearborn	Ted Liebovich	John Vanderheyden
Gil Dohlen	Larry McGee	Tom Weingartner
Fred Ellenberger	Curt Moen	Al Weir
Marge Hamburg	Kanwal Prashar	Jim Wilson
John Heisel	Les Ross	Lois Wildman
Arlene Henderson	Nancy Sanders	Jim Yarwood
Gary Hunt	Michael Simmons	

We are nine months into the Kiwanis year and we are doing excellent toward our goals for this year. We are at 90% of our \$10,000 goal. Unfortunately the stock market is not helping and we took an \$8,583.21 hit for the 1st quarter of 2008 which included \$8,303.12 in stock losses and \$280.09 in administrative fees. Our goal of \$120,000 by the end of this Kiwanis year will depend on the stock market. If we can hit the \$10,000 mark this year, it will be a successful campaign. We have had 35 members contribute to the Endowment Fund so far this year. That is not bad. 23 of those 35 are members of the Century Club which means that they contributed at least \$100 since October 1st.

You don't have to contribute \$100 all at once to qualify for the Century Club. Thanks to Microsoft Excel we can keep track of any amount in a Kiwanis Year, so you can contribute any amount during the Kiwanis Year and if it adds up to \$100, you qualify for the Century Club.

We encourage any amount to the Endowment Fund. Don't worry about that Century Club. We have had contributions of \$10. All I want is for "Every Kiwanian, Every Year." I know that every member can afford something every year.

Consider something to the Endowment Fund in honor of a birthday, anniversary, kids, grandkids, a friend who recently passed or just because it is for a good cause.

Jim Coffey
Endowment Chairman



The Alpine Knights and guests listened with great interest this past month when Dr. Alan Brown was their program speaker. Dr. Brown is the president of the Burpee Museum of Natural History. It was an interesting and timely program due to

the fact that he has just returned to Rockford from their Hanksville, Utah site, which is new. He spoke of the new find - a juvenile Triceratops, Homer, and the Burpee's Bone Soiree. The following link will lead to the Burpee site for more information:

<http://www.burpee.org/index.htm>

Their site also shares information about the upcoming **Expedition Trips** to Hell Creek, MT and at Hanksville, UT.

Binah Wing shared information about the Spiritual Aims committee. She will return to share her prayer program with the Knights.

In 1924, while at the International Convention, Kiwanians adopted the Objects of Kiwanis International. As we celebrate the diamond anniversary of that occasion, it is necessary for all Kiwanians to re-dedicate themselves to the Kiwanis principles of service and to these Objects that have guided us for seventy-five years.

Therefore, be it resolved that: All Kiwanians remain ever mindful of their commitment to service by adopting the following pledge:

THE KIWANIS PLEDGE

I PLEDGE TO UPHOLD THE Objects of Kiwanis International, to provide service to my community, to extend the opportunity of membership to all persons of goodwill, and to dedicate myself to serving the children of the world.

2008 TOUCH A LIFE AWARD



Congratulations to Al Weir, Alpine Kiwanis 2008 Touch a Life Award Winner! Al was nominated by his peers for his hard work and dedication to both Kiwanis and Special Olympics. Al exemplifies the Six Points of Kiwanis with his leadership and character. The Touch a Life Award is something special that all of us who wear the K should be proud of. It represents our commitment as Kiwanians to better our community for the future of our children.

AIM HIGH

The first modern skyscrapers were built in the mid- 1880s. The first ones were ten or twenty stories tall. As architectural know-how has developed, the quest has been for bigger, grander, and taller buildings. What is this thirst to touch the sky? What makes us gaze heavenward and dream of an office or apartment in the clouds? For some, perhaps, the drive is for power. But many are driven by a basic human instinct to strive to be the best. We should all strive to make our lives meaningful and holding ourselves to high standards. If we can live our lives in this way, perhaps others will catch on and then together we can make the world a better place. It doesn't hurt to aim high.

Binah Wing

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS



CINDY HINDES

Volunteerism has been a part of Cindy's life since she was a young girl, helping with fundraising drives such as the Mothers March of Dimes and Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF. Since moving to Rockford in 1999, Cindy has been actively involved with other service organizations, including being a mem-

ber and serving as co-leader of the Singles Volunteer Network, assisting with Rockford MELD's Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 fundraisers, and various Salvation Army events. Since joining the Alpine Kiwanis Knights this past April, Cindy has enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow members and assisting with Kiwanis One Day, Polar Bear Plunge, and Special Olympics events.

Cindy grew up in Creston, IA and went to college at Columbia College, Columbia, MO, where in 1977 she received an Associate in Arts degree in Fashion Merchandising. Upon graduation, Cindy moved to Des Moines, IA, where she worked in various positions, including assistant to a buyer, for Younkers department stores (now part of the Bon Ton Group, along with sister department stores Bergner's and Boston Stores).

In 1980, Cindy moved to Iowa City, IA to attend the University of Iowa (Go Hawkeyes!) and received her Bachelor's in Business Administration degree. After completing her degree, she returned to Des Moines where she joined the Adventureland Park sales and marketing team. Her five years of amusement park experience helped her land a job with General Growth Properties, Inc., who in 1990 was adding an indoor amusement park to their new mall development in Clarksville, Indiana (Louisville, KY metro market). Thus, began an 18-year career in the shopping center industry in marketing various malls across the Midwest, including Appleton, WI, Portage, MI (Kalamazoo), and Moline, IL. In 1999, Cindy accepted the position of marketing director at CherryVale Mall in Rockford, IL, which is now owned and managed by CBL & Associates Properties. For the past 10 years as marketing director, she has worked with many service organizations including the American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, Rockford Rescue Mission, MDA, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and Shelter Care Ministries.

In addition to volunteer work, Cindy enjoys reading, movies, listening to music, participating in Race For The Cure events, walking, and traveling. Several memorable vacations have included a Russian river cruise trip in 2005 and a mission trip in 2007 to Mumbai, India with the local Circle of Love Foundation. Besides traveling abroad, Cindy enjoys visiting her parents in Phoenix, AZ, and her sisters and their families in Iowa and Kansas.



JEAN LOPEZ

Jean was born in Chicago and moved to Des Plaines when she was nine months old. There she graduated high school, went on to Illinois State University and became a member of the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority whose philanthropy is Special Olympics where she helped raise money from fundraising events. She was also in the Big Red Marching Machine concert band during this time.

After college, Jean met and married her husband John 25 years ago this October. They have two children, Kristi and Cody. Kristi is enrolled in the Massage Therapy program at Rasmussen College and Cody just finished his Freshman year at Belvidere High School. Jean also has two step-children, Jennifer and Paul who live in Colorado with their children.

Jean worked many years with her father in his mailing business in Des Plaines until he retired. She was very active in the Chamber of Commerce and became President of the Ambassador Group for many years. Jean and her family had volunteered with her father, a Des Plaines Crime Stoppers Board Member, for 15 years for their 4th of July fundraising event.

She then switched gears and became an EMT and worked in what is now St. Alexius Hospital in Hoffman Estates and was also a 911 Dispatcher at both Hoffman Estates and Wood Dale, IL. She also worked in the Records Department at Bartlett Police in between.

Jean and John lived in Streamwood until four years ago when they moved out to Cherry Valley with Jean's ailing father and became his full time care-giver.

Currently, Jean and John own the Snap Fitness on Perryville in Rockford. John still maintains his sales position with Cardinal Fence in Bensenville during the summer and snowplows in the suburbs during the winter. Jean is also the BYB (Belvidere Youth Baseball) Concessions Manager and is a member of the Ambassador Group with the Rockford Chamber of Commerce.

Jean and her family have been attending Heartland Community Church since moving out to the Rockford area. Her hobbies include traveling, reading and the arts.

II DISTRICT CONVENTION—A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE

As a relatively new member of Alpine Kiwanis, I would like to share my perspective of the II District Convention with those who may not have had the privilege to attend, but are still considering going.

The reason I chose the word “privilege” is that it has a two-fold meaning for me personally. As many of you know my husband John and I are a team! We came as a package deal, so you usually don’t see one without the other. For years I have attended International and District Conventions, volunteered service hours for Special Olympics, helped with the work service project on Saturday mornings, co-chaired with John the II District Convention held here in Rockford for Past Governor Walt Nordberg, and slung countless Johnsonville brats.

In all those years I was happy to stand and work beside my husband but still felt like an outsider. I was unable to enjoy the “privilege” of Kiwanis membership due to the conflict of my work schedule that interfered with daytime meetings. As of November 2007 I was privileged to become a member of the Alpine Kiwanis Club because of the vision of its members to expand its community outreach through the addition of a once a month night meeting.

The 91st II District Convention will be held August 7-10, 2008 at Hotel Pere Marquette in Peoria, IL. I was asked to share a few words from my perspective as a spouse and an individual who has attended many conventions.

**GO! HAVE FUN! FELLOWSHIP! FOOD GALORE!
GREAT ENTERTAINMENT! PLAY DRESS UP!**

The convention offers something for everyone of all ages from the youth room, partners tours and activities, craft room, golf outing, educational forums, exhibits, books, fellowship, all in an effort to raise money for our finest project, Spastic Paralysis Research.

Governor Judy Sunderland’s motto this year is “All Roads Lead to Kiwanis Service.” Therefore, this year’s convention has a movie theme featuring the Wizard of Oz, and we all know that the road Dorothy takes is a journey that leads her back home!

I strongly encourage you attend the Saturday luncheon hosted by the Spastic Paralysis Foundation. Dr. Andrew Morgan one of the research doctors will be bringing cast members from the “Penguin Project” to perform. You will not want to miss also the Parade of Love and the presentation of the Amador Awards. Our compassion to serve the children of the world has humbled me every time I attend this luncheon.

Now, as a true member of the Alpine Kiwanis Club it is my “privilege and honor” to serve as a voting delegate at this year’s 2008 II District Convention in Peoria. I will no longer be sitting in the back row observing...I will be included in the process.

My journey and path have indeed led me to Kiwanis service.

Roxanne Vanderheyden
Alpine Knights

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