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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

Dear Kiwanians:

In this President's Message, I'd like to address how we run our weekly club meetings.

For as long as I've been in Alpine Kiwanis, I have enjoyed the weekly programs. I think that everything we do has its place, and we have come to feel very comfortable about our agenda.

Obviously, calling the meeting to order, where everybody shakes hands all around, is just a nice way to bond with your fellow Kiwanian.

The Word of the Day is always fun. Different people have different ideas about what makes a Word of the Day; some of them play on words, some are very inspirational, some are cutting-edge humor, and some of them even have a little hint of sarcasm. They are all a lot of fun.

Next, of course, come the songs. Les and Lois have done a great job down through the years. I appreciate Les' banter; it creates a mood in the room as if to say, "we are here to have fun." Even a little teasing goes along with the bonding process.

The Pledge of Allegiance, of course, shows our loyalty to our country and our beloved homeland.

The Kiwanis Pledge helps remind us of who we are and why we are even coming together.

The Invocation is a wonderful way for individuals to express their faith. After all, the underpinnings of our faith drive us to do more than just selfish things.

Introductions of guests are always fun. The guests may be here for a purpose, such as to receive a charity, but, obviously, recruiting is at the bottom of it and we certainly want to make a fuss over our guests.

Happy Barrel, to me, is the highlight of our club weekly meetings. This is the best way to learn about the things that matter to our fellow Kiwanians. We learn about their families, we learn about red-letter days in their lives, and, of course, hobbies, school, and university loyalties, and all the banter that goes with that. If it weren't for Happy Barrel, I wouldn't know much about the lives of my fellow Kiwanians, and, as your president, standing in front looking at people's faces as Happy Barrel rolls on, shows that this is where the bonding really occurs. I wouldn't miss it for the world.

Next are the announcements and special presentations. This sometimes can be a bit dry, especially when I have to talk about proposed bylaw changes or some other regulatory thing from International. I try to make it quick and even add a bit of humor; but, at least, to make it less than demanding and dry.

Our club runs on its activities, and the announcements made by various members of our club to discuss, describe, and appeal for volunteers or money or food or any other kind of drive we're having is absolutely essential. I have tried to streamline this a bit, to cut down on the time spent for people from the back of the room to walk to the front to make the announcement, and we seem to have whacked a couple minutes off our meeting in that way.

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WORD OF THE DAY

May 4 – Dom Mencarini

A contented person is one who enjoys the scenery along the detour.

May 11 – Jim Merrick

You cannot have a perfect day without doing something for someone who will never be able to repay you.

John Wooden, college basketball coach

May 18 – Ron Miller

"If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf.

– Bob Hope

May 25 – Curt Moen

"Blarney" – Soft words to deceive without offending.

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

PAID-FOR BRAT TICKETS NEEDED FOR PR

Any Alpine Kiwanis member who pays for brat tickets out of their own pocket and has left-over tickets after having given some to family, friends, etc. **PLEASE GIVE THOSE REMAINING TICKETS TO VERLA STERETT OR CINDY HALL** who will be supplying the TV and radio stations with "Thanks a Million – Brat Days" tickets. All three TV stations and the radio stations are anxious to promote our event and want tickets to give away. It is imperative that we get the word out about our 35th year of BRAT DAYS and the media is an excellent way to do that.

ALPINE KIWANIS SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

Announcements will be made at our meetings and sign up sheets will be available.

Queen of the Rock Cruise and Fish Fry

June 16, 2006, 4:30 p.m.
\$20.00 per person

Rockford Symphony Orchestra Patriotic Concert,

Starlight Theatre July 2, 2006

\$25.00, \$24.00 for seniors and students

*"If you would sense the past,
...touch a stone.
If you would capture the moment
...touch a rose.
If you would glimpse the eternal,
...touch a life."*

What a brilliant composition!

It must have been a momentous decision to select the above as the Kiwanis International theme for the year 1975-76 by its President, Ted Osborne, of the Kentucky District. It outshines all the other annual themes selected since the founding of Kiwanis in 1915, simply because of its eternal message.

Then, it took a person of caliber and with the insight of Bill Milligan, the President of Kiwanis Club of Alpine that year, to initiate an annual award based on this theme. Hence the name: "Touch a Life" Award.

We are the only club to memorialize the theme this way. In the past 31 years, 33 men and women from the greater Rockford area have been recognized for their valuable contribution to the betterment of the quality of life of people in this area by touching others' lives. This year's award ceremony is on June 8, 2006. We salute the founders as well as the recipients.

Regards,
Kanwal Prasher,
Chairman, Citizenship/Community Services Committee

BIRTHDAYS

| Name | June | Name | July |
|------------------|------|-----------------|------|
| Sabra Jaffery | 5 | Curtis Moen | 5 |
| Jeff Wallem | 9 | John McCue | 8 |
| Bruce Dearborn | 12 | Jay Maney | 9 |
| Allan Weir | 13 | Theodore Plum | 18 |
| SArnold Ross | 20 | George Hayward | 23 |
| David Whitehouse | 21 | Bob Kuhlmeier | 24 |
| Marlow Anderson | 26 | Stephen Ferrall | 27 |
| James Wilson | 29 | | |

ANNIVERSARIES

| Name | June | Name | July |
|----------------------|------|--------------------|------|
| Judith Phillips | 3 | Robert Conner | 5 |
| Gil Dohlen | 11 | Jay Maney | 10 |
| James Yarwood | 12 | Harold Palm | 11 |
| Fredrick Ellenberger | 13 | Gary Hunt | 16 |
| Everette Johnson | 14 | Theodore Liebovich | 16 |
| Steven Albers | 18 | Anne Wilson | 19 |
| Mary Kroll | 18 | Stephen Naff | 25 |
| John Vanderheyden | 21 | James Merrick | 28 |
| James Coffey | 25 | Eugene Sjostrom | 28 |
| Jason Hammer | 26 | | |
| Robert Baker | 27 | | |

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Next we discuss scheduled meetings. These, again, are rather dry, but essential for the operation of our club.

Of course, there is the program. I have been so pleased with the Program Committee for the last few years, and I only hope that some of the specific programs I have instigated have been entertaining and informative.

The closing remarks involve announcements of the next meeting, Board Meetings, and there are always a few tail-end announcements and committee meeting sets, etc.

I have described what I think is a wonderful agenda for a wonderful club composed of wonderful people. In light of what I have described, I have noticed in every president I have studied since I've been in the club, but especially since I knew that, in time, I would be the one standing up front, the pressure of maintaining a schedule. Candidly, I feel that almost every president finds the pressure so great that they forget the fun. When we forget to have fun at our club meetings, the magnet to draw people back to the next meeting gets lessened. This is particularly true with new members, or even established members, who, by reason of lifestyle, find themselves pinched from home or work or whatever. I vowed that I would want every member leaving the weekly club meeting to say to him or herself something along the lines of, "that meeting was really worth my time. I'm happy I made the extra effort. I know my spouse has got to get the kids on the bus, etc., etc., but it was worth it."

My fellow Kiwanians, I think when we put too much pressure on schedule, the audience senses it. I think the drudgery of demanding schedules causes people to feel less warm inside about having taken their extra time.

I have been at Membership Committee meetings, etc. discussing someone who left the club. Most of the time, the sentence is, "He quit coming to club meetings." Now, there are many reasons for that, but I don't want one member to leave this club when I'm president because they quit coming to club meetings because they weren't having fun.

Now, I may go over, and I'm sorry about that, but I don't want to be a president who yields to the pressure of time. I have people tell me that I look pretty relaxed up front – I am wound up tight as a drum! I try very hard to keep things moving, to keep on schedule, and not show it. I want everyone in that audience to be able to relax and have an enjoyable meeting.

I am not happy with the 7:10 starting time. I don't think it was well thought out and the people who advocated the 7:10 starting time used arguments that I don't think had basis in good observation. Some people, I guess, thought that we were going to cut down to a 50-minute meeting. Nobody ever said that would be the case! I have tried, and others following me can try, but the meeting agenda I just described, literally takes an hour to run. Nowhere, did anyone say, that it was against the rules to run to 8:10. Yet, I find some people getting all hot and bothered at the stroke of 8 o'clock. I don't see anything wrong with running until 8:10. We have made it clear, and I have repeated it, that people who have to leave early should feel no embarrassment in doing so.

In conclusion, I am going to try very hard to make coming to Alpine Kiwanis a relaxing and fun time. I want people to stay in the club because the meetings are worth going to.

Dave Helland

Programs

| | |
|----------------|--|
| June 8 | Anne Wilson – Prayer Breakfast |
| June 15 | James Coffey – Charity Committee |
| June 22 | Fred Ellenberger – Harley Davidson History |
| June 29 | Gary Peters – Chamber of Commerce |
| July 7 | Michael Webb – RVC Theatre |
| July 14 | Cindy Luxton – Health Care |

Greeters

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|-------------|---------------|-------------------|
| June | | |
| 8 | Larry McGee | Bill Bartholomew |
| 15 | Dean McMorris | Fred Beck |
| 22 | Dom Mencarini | Harold Branstiter |
| 29 | Jim Merrick | Steven Brunette |
| July | | |
| 6 | Ron Miller | Angelo Caruana |
| 13 | Curt Moen | J.D. Clemmons |

Word of the Day / Invocator

| | | |
|-------------|---------------|-----------------|
| June | | |
| 8 | Dave Nelsen | Vince Facchiano |
| 15 | Steve Newton | Steve Ferrall |
| 22 | Dan Norman | Frank Flower |
| 29 | Ron Oldejans | Keith Forberg |
| July | | |
| 6 | Barbara Olson | John France |
| 13 | Harry Palm | Mary Ann Gaunt |

MEAT AND GREET

The Rockford Area Convention & Visitors Bureau published an insert, *Kick Up The Fun*, in the Friday, June 3 *Rockford Register Star*. Check out the article on the Alpine Kiwanis Brat Days there and on their website under Festivals at <http://www.rockinsummer.com/festivals.htm>



K-TRIVIA

Kiwanis membership surpassed 10,000 in 1919 and reached 100,000 in 1928. Membership fell below the 100,000 mark during the economic depression years of 1931-1939, but again surpassed 100,000 in 1940. In 1952, membership passed the 200,000 mark and reached 300,000 in 1979.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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>



I-I District Convention

August 3-6, 2006 at the Grand River Center in Dubuque, Iowa. Convention registration form is available at http://www.ii-kiwanis.org/06Registration_form.pdf or in the May-June issue of *The Illiowan*.

Key Club International Convention

July 1-5, 2006 at the Sheraton Boston in Boston, MA



35th Annual "Thanks a Million" Brat Days

Friday, July 21, 2006 from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 22, 2006 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

I-I District Convention

Saturday, August 5, 2006 make your reservation with **Bob Herro** to attend the installation of our own **Ken Whitmore** as **Governor of the I-I District of Kiwanis International**. The **Governor's Dinner and Reception will be held at 7:00 p.m.**

51st Annual Circle K International Convention

August 12-15, 2006 at Boston Park Plaza in Boston, MA. Convention – registration and hotel form are available online at <http://www.the-meetingconnection.com/circlek/2006circlek.asp>

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