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a Garden of
New
Leaders...



**Alpine Rockford Kiwanis
Theme for 2008-2009**



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President's Ponderings, March 2009

In just a month we'll be half way through this Kiwanis year that began October 1, 2008. It hardly seems possible! And yet, we have done a lot of important Kiwanis work to serve our community and the children of the world. To mention just four efforts: We sponsored a new Key Club at Harlem High School that includes a significant number of "special needs" students; we helped organize and staff another successful Special Olympics Fall Games; we provided over \$2,400 in meals for homeless youth from our public schools during their holiday break; and we provided 150 large boxes of foods (\$3,750 worth) for some of the neediest families in our city on Valentine's Day. What a love offering!

Thanks to you all who made this and more a reality, who helped "make the world a better place, one child and one community at a time."

So, now what do we do? What might be our priorities for the remainder of this Kiwanis year? There is a lot yet to do: Kiwanis ONE DAY, another Special Olympics – even bigger, our annual Alpine Kiwanis College Scholarships to award, the Touch a Life award, and of course, Brat Days – including a new

site at Logli's, N. Alpine and Harlem Roads! And those are just some of the BIG things. We also have the opportunity to develop new partnerships with other Kiwanis in the Rock River Valley. However, for us to do all of those things and more, we need something that I want to urge as our TOP PRIORITY:

We need more members!

So, I challenge you – and myself, first of all – to bring to a Kiwanis meeting or service event at least one real, live, prospective member between now and Brat Days in July.

I believe that if each of us will meet this challenge and give the rest of us a chance to "share our K" with that prospective member, we can grow our club, meet our service commitments, and do even more!

Remember what we pledge at every meeting:

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 good will, and to dedicate myself to serving the children of the world.

Please join me in fulfilling that pledge this year.

Michael Simmons, President

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

2009 ALPINE KIWANIS BRAT DAYS UPDATE

The Alpine Kiwanis Brat Days, July 17—18, is almost upon us. Corporate sponsorship monies are coming in with \$500 each from Hamilton Sundstrand and Beef-a-Roo and \$1,000 from Alpine Bank. We need to have all of our members work with your sponsorship possibilities and encourage them to make the commitment. Our deadline is one month away, with our kick-off date to begin selling tickets slated for Thursday, May 14.

Team captains will be again necessary for money collection. If you would like to be a table captain, please contact Verla or Jeanne. Site worker sign-up sheets will be on the tables at the kick-off on May 14.

On Saturday, May 23 at 9 a.m., we will introduce the new third Brats Days site, Logli's at Harlem and N. Alpine, by participating in the Young at Heart Parade-Dancing in the Park. A brat cooker will be pulled by an antique tractor, plus several antique fire trucks. The official ribbon cutting for this new site will be 10:30 a.m., Friday, July 17.

We believe that 2009 will be a banner year for our total endeavor to raise funds for the greater Rockford area charitable community needs. Together we can make it happen!

FEBRUARY BOARD MEETING NOTES

Charities grants are as follows: Epilepsy Foundation, \$1,000; Meld, \$1,200 needed for twin mattresses and sofa chair at the homeless center; and Shelter Care Ministries Maya's House project, \$1,000 for nutrition program for young children. 150 Love Baskets were paid for and delivered on February 14.

Administration meeting: Approved a third location for Brat Days at Logli's, Harlem Rd. and N. Alpine Rd. Touch-a-Life award will be presented on June 4th this year. Membership announced four have dropped their membership: Ryan Kralka, Melissa Miller, Gary Ven Rooy, and Joe Mannone. Membership is now at 102. President Michael Simmons stated the club needs to seek more good members. The Interclub Chairman reported three interclubs were made in February. Three members attended the Mid-Winter Conference held in Decatur.

BRAT DAYS IS ONLY 133 DAYS AWAY!

HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL AIMS MARCH NEWS— Bob Connor

Be Patient.

Since December 21, the amount of daylight has increased each day. Darkness has decreased. In fact during the month of February, the amount of light increased about two minutes and 35 seconds each day. The change does not sound like much, but it certainly adds up. When March 21 arrives, light and darkness will share equally the 24 hours of the day.

For those of us who hurry too much, let's remember that significant change usually comes slowly. We are asked to notice the trend of the change. What direction is it going? Businesses and other organizations want to make sure the trend demonstrates increased efficiency and higher net profits. The direction of human growth and maturity should not be overlooked. It's not so important where one is that counts, but the direction means so much even if the rate is slow and perhaps irregular. (So in the parable of the prodigal son we seem to have more affection for the younger son who grew than for his older brother who lived on the plateau of no growth.)

So take aim at moving forward patiently. The wheels of time grind slowly, but exceedingly fine. The tortoise won the race with the hare! And, "those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint." (Isaiah 40:31) Take Aim at patience.

I-I DISTRICT, DIVISION 12 BOWL-A-THON

Don't forget you can still help support the Spastic Paralysis Bowl-a-thon on Saturday, March 21 at Don Carter Lanes in Rockford. Registration is at 1:30 p.m., with bowling from 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$11 per person for two hours of bowling and shoe rental. There will be prizes announced throughout the 2-hour period. So get your team together or help sponsor your fellow bowlers today and help make a difference!

NEXT DEADLINE: THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009

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BIRTHDAYS

Name	March	Name	April
Randall Theien	4	Bob Baker	1
Dick Reinhardt	5	Doug Herriott	1
Amanda Meyers	9	Cheryl Rogers	6
Diane Potts	24	Jeanne Sullivan	26
		Irene Janecek	28
		Jeff Walton	30

ANNIVERSARIES

Name	March	Name	April
Maleeah Cuevas	14	Doug Herriott	26
Jim Hogfeldt	16	Angela Hauser	28
Karen Tilly	21	Keith Kelsey-Powell	29
Ken Whitmore	23	Cheryl Rogers	29
		Laura Patterson	30

GREETERS

	March		March
Anders Gredenius	5	Laura Patterson	5
Angela Hauser	12	Judy Phillips	12
George Hayward	19	Ted Plum	19
Larry Hedberg	26	Kanwal Prashar	26
	April		April
John Heisel	2	Bob Prosser	2
David Helland	9	Dick Reinhardt	9

MARCH & APRIL PROGRAMS

March 12:	Steve Vrtol, Stars of Light
March 19:	Lonna Conveuso, New Heritage of Rockford Exhibit
March 26:	Bonnie Rote, ANS Spinal Cord Stimulation
April 2:	Shea Godwin, Epilepsy Foundation
April 9:	Webbs Norman, Rockford Park District
April 16:	Alpine Kiwanis Sponsored Program

WORD OF THE DAY

INVOCATOR

March

5	Jim Hogfeldt	Andrea Wight
12	Everette Johnson	Jim Wilson
19	Ralf Jansson	Binah Wing
26	Gary Hunt	Steve Albers

April

2	Loren Johnson	Marlow Anderson
9	Keith Kelsey-Powell	Tom Anderson

WORD OF THE DAY

Feb. 5 — Larry Hedberg

Selflessness. It is in forgetting ourselves that we are found.

-St. Francis of Assisi

Feb. 12 — John Heisel

The greatest number in addition can be reached when you count your blessings.

Feb. 19 — Dave Helland

Eastern 702: "Tower, Eastern 702 switching to Departure. By the way, after we lifted off we saw some kind of dead animal on the far end of the runway."

Tower: "Continental 635, cleared for takeoff, contact Departure on 124.7. Did you copy that report from Eastern?"

Continental 635: "Continental 635, cleared for takeoff, roger, and yes we copied Eastern and we've already notified our caterers."

Feb. 26 — Doug Herriott

"When I stand before God at the end of my life, I would hope that I would not have a single bit of talent left, and could say, "I used everything you gave me."

- Erma Bombeck

Feb. 26 (Kiwanis Nights) — Kathy Taylor

He who pursues righteousness and love finds life, prosperity and honor.

- Proverbs 21:21

From the Membership Committee—Shawn Artlip

As chair of the Membership Committee I would like to thank everyone for being so diligent about paying their dues on time and in full. Our Membership Secretary, Doris McLendon, has worked hard to ensure everyone's attendance and dues are accurate and up to date. Club attendance has improved as well. We are moving in the right direction.

Kiwanis International has a goal of one million members by its Centennial Celebration in 2015. This includes all club levels (Key Club, Circle K, etc.). Currently our club has stood firm at the 100 mark for some time now. Our President, Michael Simmons, has made growing our club one of many priorities during his tenure. As Chair, I too, would like to see our family expand. That is why I am asking for your help.

Recently leaders from the various Kiwanis clubs in our area met to collectively discuss our future as Kiwanians. It was soon discovered that many of the problems that plagued our clubs were common. One of which was recruitment and retention of members.

I am asking all of you to think back when you were first approached to join Alpine Kiwanis. Remember your first meeting? How you felt when you stood before the club with your sponsor and were inducted? And think about why you stayed a member and more importantly why you serve. What is it about Alpine Kiwanis that makes you proud?

Now take those thoughts and apply them. Find that one person whom you know that would make a great Kiwanian because they, like you, have a vested interest in the future of our community and a sense for helping others, especially in these trying times. Share with them your experience in Alpine Kiwanis and why we need their help. Invite them to a meeting. Introduce them to your fellow Kiwanians. Impress upon them their talents are needed in service to our community.

Enlighten them with the rich history of service that makes Kiwanis the success it is. Incorporate them into the fellowship that is Kiwanis. Tell them the children of the world need them now more than ever.

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