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THEME FOR 2005-2006

***This Job Is
About People.***

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President's Message

Dear Kiwanians:

About a month ago, I had the privilege of attending a concert put on by Camerata Emanon. It is a "community chamber choir dedicated to singing choral compositions which require little or no accompaniment." Since its founding in 1999, the ensemble has produced programs of various diverse compositions.

The April 8 program included some very interesting arrangements of folk songs and, a part I liked particularly, was called "Frostiana." This part consisted of seven poems of Robert Frost that were arranged by Randall Thompson.

Now, Robert Frost is a favorite poet of almost everyone who has ever read any of his works, so I am not alone in enjoying Robert Frost. However, my personal experience with memorizing poems has a particular slant that you may appreciate and to which I apply my understanding of even modern day elementary education.

Please imagine with me, a one-room, country school in Central North Dakota in the months and years after the end of WWII. The area had been suffering from poverty and lack of tax money for nearly 15 years. The children were all offspring of the local farmers and the building sat alone in an isolated prairie. The educational tools, almost to exclusion, were just books. There were no audio-visual aids, no movies, and hardly even any workbooks. But, textbooks were, of course, an almost inexhaustible source of teaching material. One could learn to read, spell, compute mathematical equations, and, of course, memorize. The era of memorization was still quite strong and, perhaps, accentuated by the training provided to my teachers who were, for the most part, middle-aged women who had received their teachers' education from a nearby teachers' college.

Of course, for an inquisitive child, the one way to occupy his time was to assign poems to memorize. I recall on more than one occasion, I was given a poem and sent to my desk with instructions to spend the afternoon memorizing it – and memorize, I did. I had no idea how these memorization skills would serve my education but, later in life, I recall one incident where it was invaluable.

The first day of Freshman Orientation in the Iowa State College of Veterinary Medicine, in a paramilitary setting, an instructor stood at the front of the classroom and said, "Men, in the next four years you will learn 72,000 new words and their meaning. You'd better be prepared to memorize a lot of things."

Today's world of education is light years away from that scene. I guess if there is one word that defines the change in the way people acquire knowledge and data, it would be "Google." Yet, we cannot see into the future far enough to know what children will be using as learning tools 50 years hence. But we can educate youth to understand themselves, the world around them, and to develop basic skills to face whatever the future brings. It is for that reason that I am so proud to be a Kiwanian. Whether it is Young

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DIRECTORY UPDATES

Membership Status Change:

Kurt Jensen - Honorary

WORD OF THE DAY

Apr-6 – Jay Maney

As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

– John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Apr-13 – John McCue

When someone is telling you her troubles, listen but don't give advice unless it's requested.

Apr-20 – Larry McGee

No pessimist ever discovered the secret of the stars, or sailed to an uncharted land, or opened a new doorway for the human spirit.

– Helen Keller

Apr-27 – Dean McMorris

It's a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it.

SPONSORED PROGRAMS

Alpine Kiwanis and Sponsored Programs extend a huge **THANK YOU and many best wishes to Randy Larson and Peg Nolte** who have made Carlson K-Kids work so well these many years. As you may know, Randy is retiring as principal of Carlson and Peg is becoming the principal at Nashold. We look forward to working with the new administration at Carlson next year and plan to check in with Peg at Nashold for another K-Kids opportunity. Much success and happiness to you both as you pursue your next ventures!

The Rockford Downtown Kiwanis and Alpine Kiwanis club's Sponsored Programs hosted **WHAM (We Have A Mission) at Lutheran High School on Sunday, April 30th**. The event honoring all participants in the Sponsored Programs of both organizations was lots of fun for those attending and those hosting. Among the events were face painting, arts and crafts which included flower and basket making, two bands - one from Lutheran and one from Guilford, Chariots wheelchair relay races and a police dog demonstration. **THANKS to Jim Wilson and Dave Whitehouse** for cooking brats and hot dogs on a rainy Sunday afternoon!

TAKE AIM

As the old man walked down the beach at dawn, he saw ahead of him what he thought to be a dancer. The young man was running across the sand, rhythmically bending down to pick up a stranded starfish and throws it far into the sea. The old man approached him and asked why he spent so much energy doing what seemed to be a waste of time. The young man explained that the stranded starfish would die if left until the morning sun. "But," the old man replied, "there are thousands of miles of beach and millions of starfish. How can your effort make any difference?" The young man looked down at the small starfish in his hands, and as he threw it to safety in the sea, said "It makes a difference to this one." Isn't that what Kiwanis is all about?

Take Aim,
Bill Bartholomew

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued from page 1)

Children Priority One creating a more amenable home environment, Elementary School, Junior High, High School, or even College, Kiwanis has a part in all of those. We may be small compared to the city, state, and federal educational emphases, but we can do our part.

The various people in our club who are working with youth in any of their committees play a vital part. I am particularly pleased with the work of the Sponsored Programs. These people are so valuable and, yet, the time they have to commit is greater than most any other committee we have. My hat's off to Sponsored Programs, YCPO, and Youth Services. They make our club what it is and, with them, we have a very bright future here in Rockford.

I would like to close with the last verse of Robert Frost's, "The Road Not Taken."

"I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
two roads diverged in a wood, and I –
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference."

Dave Helland

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.

BIRTHDAYS

Name	May	Name	June
Thomas Peterson	9	Sabra Jaffery	5
Everette Johnson	12	Jeff Wallem	9
Gil Dohlen	17	Bruce Dearborn	12
Dominic Mencarini	17	Allan Weir	13
Steven Albers	19	Arnold Ross	20
Dana Kraus	25	David Whitehouse	21
Michael Simmons	27	Marlow Anderson	26
Loren Johnson	29	James Wilson	29

ANNIVERSARIES

Name	May	Name	June
Thomas Anderson	23	Judith Phillips	3
John McCue	24	Gil Dohlen	11
Ralf Jansson	25	James Yarwood	12
Larry Hedberg	26	Fredrick Ellenberger	13
		Everette Johnson	14
		Steven Albers	18
		Mary Kroll	18
		John Vanderheyden	21
		James Coffey	25
		Jason Hammer	26
		Robert Baker	27

REMINDER—Review Club Bylaws

Copies of the proposed club by-laws, to be voted on by the club in the next few weeks, have been sent out to you via e-mail from Gary Hunt. Please review prior to the vote. If you are unable to view the attached document or do not have e-mail, print copies will be made available soon.

Although similar in form, the revised by-laws are not an edited version of our existing bylaws. The proposed by-laws are based upon Kiwanis International's current 'Standard Form for Club Bylaws' with specific allowable options selected. That said, the key changes from our current bylaws are:

- Article III** - Eliminated Privileged Members; a) A privileged member must have been an elected by a chartered club prior to July 31, 1963. b) We have no members with privileged status.
- Article VI**, Sections 10 & 11 - Added duties and responsibilities for Charities Treasurer and Membership Secretary.
- Article VII; Section I** - Reduced the number of elected directors from 15 to 12. The seven officers and the Immediate Past President of the club are also directors by position.; added **Section 7** - Presumption of Assent (language by Ted Liebovich)
- Article XII** - Language changed in Section 1 and Sections 7 and 8 eliminated to change the Offices of Secretary to be elected at the annual meeting by the membership rather than by the newly elected board of directors.
- Article XX** National or Local Requirements - language added (by Ted Liebovich)

Programs

- May 18** Brat Day Kickoff
- May 25** Knoll Landscape
- June 1** Kanwal Prashar – Touch A Life
- June 8** Anne Wilson – Prayer Breakfast
- June 15** Griesbach Family – Music Program
- June 22** Bob Thorsen – Collaborative Law

Greeters

May		
11	Julie Lenth	Binah Wing
18	Ted Liebovich	Steve Albers
25	James Maney	Andy Anderson
June		
1	John McCue	Tom Anderson
8	Larry McGee	Bill Bartholomew

Word of the Day / Invocator

May		
11	Jim Merrick	Bruce Dearborn
18	Ron Miller	Gil Dohlen
25	Curt Moen	Fred Ellenberger
June		
1	Stephen Naff	Joe Etminan
8	Dave Nelsen	Vince Facchiano

YOUTH SERVICES

The first Youth Service event of the year was held at Sinnissippi on Saturday, April 29, 2006. The participating kids and volunteers cleaned up Harkins Pool (Fairgrounds Park Pool). The next **Youth Services** event is scheduled for **Saturday, June 3 at Levings Park...See Jim Wilson or Jeanne Sullivan to sign up.**

YOUTH SERVICES and the Saturday morning Juvenile Probation Work Service program has **openings for volunteers in June, July and August.** Please **see or call JIM WILSON** for dates and locations. THANK YOU!!

K-TRIVIA

Only chartered Kiwanis clubs are members of Kiwanis International. Each Kiwanian is a member of his or her club; no individual is a member of Kiwanis International.

NEXT DEADLINE: June 1, 2006

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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>



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 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*.



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>

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

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

CANCELLED - The Diamond Jo Casino trip.

Since fewer than 35 signed up for the Casino trip to Dubuque and the Diamond Jo, the special event for May was eliminated.

Queen of the Rock Cruise and Fish Fry

June 16, 2006
4:30 p.m.
\$20 per person

Patriotic Concert, Starlight Theatre

July 2, 2006
\$25; \$24 for seniors.

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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