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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

Making A Difference: IDD and Kiwanis

The Kiwanis role in attacking the world's leading cause of mental retardation was part of an in-depth report in *The New York Times International* of December 16, 2006. We're grateful to Betty Parrigin for telling us about the article.



The face of iodine deficiency

“Worldwide, about two billion people – a third of the globe – get too little iodine” with the most visible effects being goiters, cretinism and dwarfism coupled with the less visible and far-reaching effect of retardation. “The 1990 world Summit for children called for the elimination of iodine deficiency by

2000, and the subsequent effort was led by Professor Ling's organization [of worldwide scientists] along with Unicef, the World Health Organization, **Kiwanis International**, the World bank and the foreign aid agencies of Canada, Australia, the Netherlands, the united States and others.” Of the \$160 million raised so far, half of it has come from **Kiwanis International** and \$15 million from the Gates Foundation. Results have been impressive. In 1990, only about 25 percent of the world's households used iodized salt. Fifteen years later two-thirds of households do. The scourge has not been eradicated but progress has been great. More needs to be done as of late the effort has been faltering as other things get more attention.

The Columbia Kiwanis Club was active in this project several years ago and helped with money donations and spent time working with other local groups to collect and ship iodized salt to Columbia's sister city, Kutaisi, in Georgia. The former Soviet republics have had some of the biggest challenges in reducing the scourge of iodine deficiency.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

The Year At A Glance

Make notes now for the new year's major club events:

- January-Kiwanis Public Awareness Month
- February 16-18, Mid Year Conference
Branson, Missouri
- March 24th, Annual Pancake Day
- April 2nd, Observe 85th Anniversary of our club
- May 1, Annual club meeting
- May 8th, Clergy Day
- May 15, Don Faurot Sports Event
- May 22, Club Picnic
- July, Boone County Fair
- July 4-8, Kiwanis International Convention,
San Antonio, Texas
- August 9-12, MO-ARK District Convention
Jefferson City, Missouri
- September 25, Installation Banquet
- September 30, Kiwanis Administrative year ends.

JANUARY PROGRAMS

(Leigh Nutter, Program Chair)

- Jan. 2** – John Farr, local author & story teller
- Jan. 9** – Ag Day program
- Jan. 16** – Ralph Kreiger “Tales From The Boone's Lick Trail.”
- Jan. 23** – Marie Hunter, Columbia's Office of Cultural Affairs.
- Jan. 30** – Gary Pinkle, MU Head Football Coach



Jason's Thoughts

First and foremost, Happy New Year!!! I hope that each and every one of you had a joyous holiday season and that you made time to spend with close family and friends. It seems at this time of year, the word "resolution" gets floated about, so I want to take a bit

of time and explore exactly what is a resolution. Who knows, maybe I will have some of my own to share?

To me, the connotation of a New Year's resolution is that I make a promise to myself to change or adopt a particular habit that I have or want, or otherwise achieve some sort of goal. My legal dictionary tells me something a bit different; that a "resolution" is a formal statement expressing the opinion of a legislative body. In contrast, Merriam Webster defines a resolution in several ways: the act or process of resolving; the act of analyzing a complex notion into simpler ones; having firmness of resolve; and a formal expression of opinion, will or intent voted by an official body or assembled group, among other definitions. Obviously, the word can mean many different things depending upon the context used, but I think my version fits within a common acceptance.

So, what is the importance of all of this and how does it relate to you as a Kiwanian? I suppose this message gives me an opportunity to think about whether I want to adopt a New Year's resolution. In the past, I have not generally been one to adopt resolutions; they are often silly, and if it is that important to change or adopt a habit, why wait until January 1? But suppose that by stating a resolution, that it is not just a change or adoption of a habit or mere goal-setting, but a commitment to reinforce an existing habit? To me, this would then seem a worthwhile exercise.

Therefore, I make these resolutions before each of you: As a Kiwanian, I pledge to help others in need, regardless of circumstances; I pledge to help the children of the world, one community and one child at a time; I will stay active with all of the Club Committees and offer my assistance where needed; I will work hard to recruit members to our Club who share the values of Kiwanians; I will sell tickets for and work Pancake Day; I will participate in other Club fundraising activities; I will attend a meeting with each sponsored organization that our Club has this year; I

will help grow the Memorial Trust Fund; and I want to celebrate our 85th Club Anniversary in April. I am sure that there are other resolutions that I want to make for myself as a Kiwanian, but these come immediately to mind. So I leave you with one question: As a Kiwanian, what are your resolutions for 2007?

Jason



Need A Leave Of Absence?

Life happens—and sometimes we are unable to attend club meetings for a period of time. This is when you should request a leave of absence so that attendance is not counted against you or the club for these circumstances. Upon a formal request by a member and an affirmative vote of 2/3 of the entire board of directors, a member may be granted a leave of absence for at least thirty days but not more than six months in the following situations:

- * When a confining illness prevents attendance;
- * When special and/or temporary business conditions, professional assignments, or travel will prevent regular attendance;
- * or when military service removes a members beyond his/her own club area.

A leave of absence may be renewed for additional six-month periods during the time that such conditions exist.

So take the time to let us know if you need a leave of absence. Contact our Secretary or the President or any board member and make the request.

Teacher Kudos

Charlie Cramer led us in giving appreciation to Jean Dickinson and Ann Chapin, both of Lee School, at our December 5 meeting.





Summary of Minutes of Board Meeting December 13, 2006

The board reviewed budget reports for the period from 10-1-2006 to 11-30-2006 submitted in advance by Treasurer Metcalf. The club budget is based on membership of 93 members. Projected income from dues is a deficit figure of \$1,457.50. As of this date, we have received dues from 83 members; hence this figure may need to be adjusted. All other accounts are on track. We will need to monitor the money bucket. The Foundation budget has \$8,993.29 in cash assets. The Memorial Trust Fund has grown to \$130,643.31.

Secretary Lee presented a new member application to the board for Katherine Jackson, Associate Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church, sponsor Betsy Happel. Her membership was approved.

Jim Tudor has had to resign due to health.

Secretary Lee reviewed the list of members who have not paid their 2006-2007 dues.

The board approved placing Mr. Ralph Anderson in the honorary member category. He is a past president and senior member of our club. Health issues prevent his attendance. The club will now have five members in the honorary category.

The 2006-2007 Kiwanis International Insurance Packet was reviewed. This insurance program provides liability insurance for our club at limits of \$2 Million combined Single Limit. No action required by the board.

There will be no club meeting on December 26 though a round table meeting is being considered.

Curtis Bohl reported that his work on our club's new website is near completion, he is testing and board member's will be notified when the website is ready for review.

President Simmons reported that we had three applications for the Earl Collins Award (A MO-ARK district scholarship award). The district will present 23 awards at \$750.00 each for a period of four years as long as the student remains in school. The qualification process was discussed and Jim Bowman will review our concerns at the next MO-ARK conference in Branson, Mo. There was no president's council meeting this past month.

Ernest Hilderbrand voiced concern about the process we use to invest monies of for the Memorial

Trust Fund, recommending an accelerated process. He asked the board to think on this topic and he will present another proposal at our next board meeting.

Summarized by Ye Editor from the original minutes prepared by Ernie Lee, Secretary.

Kiwanis In Rose Parade

Did you catch the Kiwanis float in yesterday's Rose Parade? It was a horse-drawn wagon featuring nature's bounty and carrying KI President Nelson Tucker and First Lady Elva along with other dignitaries. This was a nice reminder of the important role that we Kiwanians play in the world today.



Correction on Bell Ringing

Ye Editor was forecasting, not reporting, in the last issue when he said that club members rang bells for the Salvation on Saturday, December 2. It turns out that the record snow fall on Friday morning played havoc with the Saturday schedule, too. Two weeks later on December 15 members Bob Melson, Ivan Sander, Paul Miller, Bob Parks, Ernie Lee, James Powell, John Maynard, Otto Steinhaus, Ray McClure, Betsy Happel, Carolyn Young, Ray Lansford, Mel Wilson, Ed Andler, Jim Bowman, Eric Cunningham and David Stine all turned out to ring in the season and help the Salvation Army.



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January Birthdays:

Jan. 3 – Eric Cunningham
Jan. 4 – Francis Pike
Jan. 4 – Jeb Smock
Jan. 12 – Thursty Thurstor
Jan. 19 – Valerie Shaw
Jan. 25 – Shankha Banerji
Jan. 27 – Ernie Lee



January Anniversaries:

Jan. 2 – Jack & Ann Bozarth
Jan. 15 – Paul & Francena Miller
Jan. 18 – Bill & Myrtle Taft

Interclub Recalls Golden K History

Bill Crawford reported on the December 7 interclub with Golden K club. Attending from our club were: Tom Shrout, Leigh Nutter, Bill Spicer, Leroy Sharp, Ed Andler and Bill Crawford.

Crawford recalled for the group the formative meeting of Golden K. A steering committee got together at Thursty” Thurston’s house to make a decision on an application to Kiwanis for formation of new club to be called the Columba Golden K club. The Columbia club was the sponsor.



Judge Ellen Roper spoke at our December 19 meeting about her thirty-one years as a judge. She is stepping down at the end of the year. A big club thanks to Judge Roper for her years of service to our community.



Christmas music at our December 12 meeting was led by former club member Charlie Kyriakos (left).

How many plumbers does it take to screw in a light bulb? Two...One to get the pizza and one to call the electrician.

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