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

Change of Venue

Summer remodeling of our usual meeting room resulted in several meetings at the beautiful, newly renovated Lela Raney Wood Hall (below). Congratulations to Stephens College on this beautiful restoration. Also below, President Jason presents Peggy Kirkpatrick, Executive Director of the Central Missouri Food Bank, with a check for \$2,000 from our club for the food bank's capital program.



Club Year To Start With Traditional Installation Banquet

Our 85th club year is nearing a close and the next year is just around the corner! The Installation Banquet will be September 25 at the Lenoir-Woods Retirement Center. A social time will start at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will start at 6:00 p.m. Mark your calendar now so you can attend.

Nora Stewart Nursery Partnership Taking Off



Cheryl Howard shows off the new cabinet made by Ivan Sander and Ernest Hilderbrand and Charlie Lee. More on this story on p. 2.

SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

(Betsy Happel, Program Chair)

Sep. 4 – Tim Reinbott, Superintendent, MU Bradford Research & Extension Center.

Sep. 11 – Bill Karl, Chief Technology Officer; Purple Tree Technologies.

Sep. 18 – Jill Womack, Founder and Executive Artistic Director, TRYPS.

Sep. 25 – 2007-08 Installation Banquet.



Jason's Thoughts

Well, we have finally come full-circle with another amazing and exciting Kiwanis year! As you all know, this will be my last message—my last opportunity to address you formally. I would like to thank all of you for allowing me to serve as your President

over the past twelve months. It truly has been an honor. I have enjoyed serving along side of each and every one of you, and feel that I have become a better person for it.

We have accomplished much this year. If you recall, I set forth six goals for our Club. Some of them we did not achieve, and in particular, we did not meet our membership growth initiative. We lost a few members, we gained a few members, but I hope that we continue to work on this issue as it is not just an annual goal. Membership growth is something that we all need to take ownership of and I know that Jim will lead us in that direction.

But we have accomplished many of our goals and objectives this year. The growth of the principal in the Memorial Trust Fund continues to grow at a very rapid pace. As you know, we did make changes to the legal side of the MTF to make sure that the principal will continue to help young children in Columbia for eternity. We have implemented the Nora Stewart Memorial Nursery Project, and in doing so, continued our strong commitment to Young Children, Priority One. Our Key Club and Circle K Clubs are both doing well and have strong leadership in place for the upcoming year.

Yes, over the past twelve months, Kiwanians have stepped up to the challenges that face us in our community and around the world. It has been a group effort, and will continue to be for the years to come. And remember, as Governor Garry told us during the past year, it's not about us, it's about the Children.

Jason



Young Children Priority One Project

This year the Columbia Kiwanis Club took a big step forward in the area of YCPO. We had not done very much in this area of Kiwanis other than give money to the University of Missouri Children's Hospital for many years and occasionally go over and help clean up Nora Stewart Memorial Nursery School. After waiting for many months for Nora Stewart Nursery School to hire a new Director we finally got going.

We have not only spent most of the \$5,000 set aside for Nora Stewart Nursery School (\$4,000 from the Memorial Trust Fund) we have given many hours in helping to improve the quality of education going on in their building.

A huge Thank You goes to Ivan Sander, Ernest Hilderbrand and Charlie Lee for their woodworking skills. They have built two beautiful book displays to go into the classrooms for the children's books. They also built shelves and a cabinet for the Administrative Assistant's office. In October Ivan and crew will begin working on shelves for Director Howard's office.

We have also purchased another oval Kiwanis rug for the 2 and 3 year-old classroom. The older rug was moved to the 4 and 5 year-old room. We have purchased a 3'x4' bulletin board for one the classrooms. We purchased colorful cots and sheets for the children to take naps on in the afternoon. These are safer than the ones they had been using. We also purchased some educational books for the children and teachers to use. We are spending \$1,100 to send the teachers to an education event later this year.

In addition to all of this we have dedicated Kiwanians going four days a week to read to the children. Gary Smith, David Melegrito and Bob Piest go every week to read. Jim Bowman reads two days a month. Carolyn Young, Laura Deneke, Jim Smith, Betsy Happel, Kathie Jackson, Clyde Bentley, and Tom Adams are a few others who have read this year. (I'm sorry if I missed someone else who has read.) On Tuesdays and Thursdays we have two Kiwanians reading at Nora Stewart Memorial Nursery School. Our own Bill Spicer is now a member of the Board of Directors at Nora Stewart.

We are making a difference in the lives of many children and adults at Nora Stewart Memorial Nursery School. Thank you for being patient as we got this partnership going. Thank you to all who donate to the Memorial Trust Fund to make this project a reality. In October I will give you a detailed account of where our money was spent and what we hope to do next Kiwanis year.

Sally Robinson, Co-Chairperson Young Children Priority One Committee





Summary of Minutes of Board Meeting August 8, 2007

Treasurer Dale Metcalf presented budget reports covering 10-1-2006 to 7-31-2007. The club budget year-to-date is within budgeted amounts.

Proceeds from the Money Bucket are satisfactory. The net worth in the club account is \$2,861.56. The Foundation budget includes the good news that our work at concessions exceeded our budget by \$2,200. We still have two check presentations to make for youth services and still need to make our donation to the Central Missouri Food Bank for their capital debt reduction fund. The Memorial Trust Fund donations to date stand at \$7,131. Cash in the MTF currently is \$808.40. Two investments were made in the amount of \$2,500 each in the American Balanced Fund account and the Capital Income account. During the month stocks fell in value while bonds were up, reflecting current market trends. Assets in the MTF stand at \$136,968.33. After adding cash in the foundation fund, the total net worth of the foundation is \$152,954.69.

The new member application for Ms. Kay Fair, sponsored by Carolyn Young, was approved effective October 1, 2007.

The club received a statement from Brown and Bigelow for 300 pens in the amount of \$202.64 which the Circle K club had ordered. We agreed to pay this amount.

The club received a letter from the Central Missouri Food Bank announcing their annual fund raising event to take place on August 21. The event is called Poker Mizzou Style. We agreed will not participate in the event. President Simmons will, however, invite Peggy Kirkpatrick to a club meeting and we will donate our budgeted amount of \$2,000 to the CMFB for their capital debt fund.

Ray McClure and the Agriculture committee have developed a plan for November. The four meetings will feature speakers from MU on major agriculture topics. Club members will be asked to invite members of the Ag community as our guests.

Sally Robinson reported on the Memorial Trust Fund goal for the year of \$25,000. A club member has agreed to match fund raising efforts dollar for dollar up to \$5,000 from now to the end of the Kiwanis year. Club members are also reminded to keep the MTF in mind in their estate planning. Sally reported we have purchased a rug for the Nora Stewart Nursery and that the facility needs sleeping cots. The installation of cabinets is proceeding and the reading program is going well.

Ivan Sander reported that the Honors and Awards committee has been active and has developed a plan for a great installation banquet.

Jim Bowman lead a discussion about prorating the \$55.00 set up charge to International for new members and perhaps have the club budget to help pay a portion of the charge. The fee could be prorated on a quarterly basis. He will present his plan to the new board and include in proposed 2007-2008 budget.

The installation banquet date is Tuesday, September 25, and will be held at the Lenoir Retirement Center. Social time 5:30 p.m., buffet 6:00 p.m., program 6:30 p.m. Lieutenant Governor-elect Bryon Gruber will attend.

Presidents' Council next meeting will be September 10. Incoming presidents for the Kiwanis year 2007-2008 are urged to attend.

Travel expenses for Sam Romersberger, Circle K President for the coming year, to the National Convention have been certified with our club. We reimbursed Sam for \$400.00. Sam had higher than expected expenses especially because his airline ticket cost was \$665.60. The board requested documentation and we have received it.

Summarized by Ye Editor from the official minutes compiled by Secretary Ernie Lee.



From The Fair Board: Thanks

Leigh Nutter forwarded this letter to the club:

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Boone County Fair board of directors and staff, I thank you for your continued support as volunteers in our information booth. In many ways, you are our "front door" to the fair and we certainly appreciate your willingness to welcome our guests and help them learn about fair activities. Your experience in this capacity certainly matters: This year, even with our biggest crowd ever, you were so good at your jobs that we received very few requests for assistance over the radio.

The 2008 fair is likely to be the same week in July so pencil us in on your calendar, please. The fair board will confirm dates at a meeting in the not-too-distant future and we will try to remember to notify you if our schedule changes.

Congratulations to David Melegrito on his first place victory in the 2007 Talent Show. His rendition of "My Way" brought the house down Friday night . . . even after he worked solo in the information booth for about three warm and humid hours.

See you all next year!

*Vicki Russell, President,
Boone County Fair Board of Directors*

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September Birthdays:

- Sep. 1 – Jo Crumpacker
- Sep. 3 – Ed Andler
- Sep. 5 – Ernest Hilderbrand
- Sep. 12 – Jack Bozarth
- Sep. 12 – Rex Dillow
- Sep. 15 – Wilkie Wilkerson
- Sep. 17 – Ross Swofford
- Sep. 23 – Jay Self
- Sep. 24 – Tom Shrout
- Sep. 25 – Ray Lansford



September Anniversaries:

- Sep. 1 – Leroy & Faye Sharp
- Sep. 12 – Betsy & Rick Happel
- Sep. 13 – Ernie & Angela Lee
- Sep. 17 – Jim & Verna Rhodes

August Meetings Stress Community

Jay Self, program chair for August, organized a variety of programs focused on community groups doing great things. Speakers included Jeanie Bentley, Development Officer for Boys and Girls Town of Missouri; Mary Wilkerson on the first annual Roots 'n Blue 'n Barbeque festival sponsored by Boone County National Bank; Lea Ann Brittain, MU Pediatric Occupational Therapy unit (pictured below); and Gina Greenplate, director of the Columbia Easter Seals Child Development and Learning Center.



Interclubbing

Club emissaries met with the Montgomery City Kiwanis club on August 14 and with the Golden K club on August 23. Going to Montgomery City were Ed Andler, Bill Crawford, Don Rowland and Bill Spicer. Our own Bill Taft spoke at the Golden K interclub and was monitored by Bill Crawford, Ray Lansford, Ray McClure, Sally Robinson, Don Rowland, Leroy Sharp and Bill Spicer.



Tom Adams, telling a story, or maybe he's preaching?

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