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In Memory of Hirst Mendenhall

Hirst Mendenhall passed away Sunday, January 27, at the age of 88. Hirst was known for service—service to his country during World War II, service to his community in many ways, and service to our Kiwanis club. He grew up in Indiana but came to Columbia for college where he graduated from the Journalism School in 1941. A few months after graduation, the United States was attacked at Pearl Harbor and Hirst enlisted immediately.

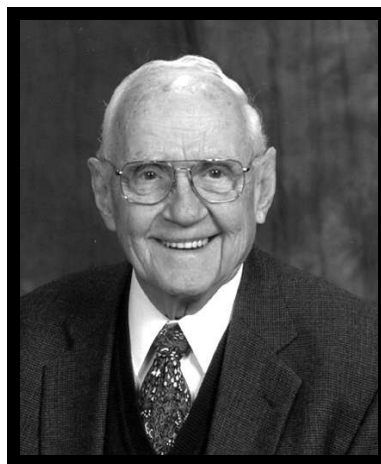


On D-Day, June 6, 1944, he flew two missions in a B-26 bomber squadron and many of us remember the thrill of hearing Hirst recount those missions when he spoke about them to our club in September of 2005.

Soon after the war, Hirst and his wife, Mary Jane, returned to Columbia where he developed an outstanding real estate business, Boone Realty Corp. Hirst served our club for 58 years. He was club president in 1975-1976. He was recognized as a George H. Hixson Fellow and wholly supported the Kiwanis mission. Hirst's passing is a loss of a great Kiwanian and a great American.

In Memory of Bob Treese

The New Year began with the loss of a good Kiwanian and a spiritual leader, Bob Treese. Bob joined our club in 2005 but his short service here was showed the caring and gentle nature of this man.



Bob was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Though he was raised during the depression years, he was always positive and thrived with his curious intellect. He married in Pennsylvania. Later, he met the great Saul Alinsky and was

moved to a life in the ministry. Bob graduated from Boston University's School of Theology in 1953 and went on to teach and pioneer in theological field education.

Bob acted with love to battle the injustices that he saw. He marched with Dr. Martin Luther King in Selma and supported Cesar Chavez' migrant strikers, even going to jail as a result of protesting against their exploitation.

After retirement in Boston, he moved to St. Louis and then on to Columbia in 1989 to be close to his family. His first wife, Phyllis Shultz, died in 2001 and Bob married Adalene Felts in 2004. She survives him.

FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

(Tom Adams, Program Chair)

Each of our four speakers this month was a recent recipient of a Martin Luther King Jr. Award for Outstanding Service given by Stephens College for their commitment to public service. Each will speak about that commitment.

Feb. 5 – Dr. Jeffrey R. Williams, Director of Access and Urban Outreach in MU's Office of Enrollment Management.

Feb. 12 – Tina Smith, Stephens College senior.

Feb. 19 – Diane Drainer, Executive Director of the Mizzou Flagship Council

Feb. 26 – Dr. Sahba Jalali, optometrist and clinical director at Advanced Vision in Columbia.



Jim's Thoughts

Wow there are a lot of great things in the works in and around our Club, all having to do with our central purpose—serving our youth.

Pancake Day tickets are here! Every Kiwanian needs to get their packet of 16 tickets for the annual pancake day fund raiser, which will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2008, at the Columbia College cafeteria.

Last year, our club's pre-event ticket sales totaled about \$5,620. We, of course, would like each member to purchase the usual "one pack" of 16 tickets, and pay the \$80 (individual tickets this year are \$5 each) to Tom Adams. Please make your checks out to KIWANIS PANCAKE DAY. Our goal, this year, will be to sell at least one pack of 16 tickets to each member. With currently 80+ members, buying at least one pack of tickets, we should be in the ballpark of raising about \$6,400. SEE TOM ADAMS TO PICK UP YOUR TICKETS!

Our Mid-winter Mo-Ark conference is coming up—it will be held in Branson, February 22-24. It really is an exciting time to be a Kiwanian and there is still time to register. (Checks should be mailed to Mo-Ark registration by February 13 to receive discounted prices on any of the dinners/entertainment you would like to attend.)

Leigh Britt, from our club, will be presenting a workshop there and I expect it to be one of the best workshops among the choices.

Speaking of Leigh, she is working hard (I mean hard), in getting all of the Columbia area Kiwanis organizations (our 5 clubs, plus Circle K, Key Club, and Aktion Club) to participate in Kiwanis One Day, to be held on April 5. See the information from Leigh which follows.

This will be an exciting opportunity, for all of us Kiwanians in the Columbia area to come together to help a terrific organization of children in Columbia! Leigh, THANK-YOU in advance, for all the work you're doing!

Hey Laura Deneke, Thank-you for the line-up of four exceptional speakers you brought us in January. We learned a lot!

As you may have heard at our last meeting, we have an opportunity to help our Circle K college-aged partners at MU with some of their fund raising. They

will come to your house and work on any type of chore you may need help with. They will work hard, and when they have finished, you decide how much you'd like to give them. What a deal! See college kids work, get some stuff cleaned up/fixed up at home and contribute a little to a great cause. For details on how to contact these Circle K folks, please contact either David Melegrito or Clyde Bentley.

I repeat this a lot, I know, but it is so true. It's great to be a part of a group of such talented, giving, hard-working people, all supporting the same cause—serving children!

Have a great February! *Jim B.*

Kiwanis One Day is April 5 *By Leigh Britt*

As a Kiwanis family, we sometimes work together with the other clubs and our sponsored clubs on fundraisers like Pancake Day and concessions. On April 5, we'll all have a chance to work together again, this time on a hands-on service project through Kiwanis One Day (KOD).

KOD was started by Kiwanis International as a single day of service set for the first Saturday of April for the entire Kiwanis Family. Columbia's five clubs have selected a work day at the Boys & Girls Club, 1002 Fay Street, as our local project for 2008.



We'll be doing a number of things at the Boys & Girls Club. There should be work for all ages and abilities. They have a special need for exterior work and an upgrade for their tech center and teen center. Members will have the option of helping for a half the day, either morning or afternoon, or the whole day!

Look for more details on the project in the coming weeks. For now, mark your calendar for April 5 and get ready to do a little work for the good of the youth of Columbia.



Summary of Minutes of Board Meeting January 22, 2008

Treasurer Metcalf presented his detailed reports and concluded that all accounts are on track so far. The club net worth is \$12,247.69. However, we still owe \$6,797 on the next dues payment to KI.

The Foundation net worth as of December 31, 2007, was \$166,060.90. Expect this fund to fluctuate due to the current market volatility. Budget expectations from concessions are on pace. Total assets of the MTF stand at \$158,041.38. The treasurer will move \$2,000.00 from the MTF account to the Nora Stewart account, all within budget.

Secretary Lee reviewed our insurance program with respect to Director and Officers (D&O) Liability Insurance. Jason Simmons reported that he had shopped the local insurance market to determine if a program was available locally that would be better or comparable to the program offered by Kiwanis International. We concluded the Kiwanis International program was superior. They offer a \$1,000,000 coverage for an annual premium of \$500.00 for a two year policy (premium paid annually). On motion by Hilderbrande with second by Metcalf, we agreed to purchase this policy. One-half of the annual premium will be taken from the administrative account and one-half from the Foundation accounts. The policy will cover both the club and foundation, and we can add our sponsored clubs as well. This policy provides coverage for lawsuits brought against the board for decisions the officers and directors make. Defense costs to are in addition to coverage limits.

We also have an exposure for Liquor Liability connected with our sponsorship of the Columbia city golf tournament. Our liability policy does not cover this exposure. Jim Bowman has asked Betsy Happel to get the golf committee involved. This item will be on our agenda until a solution is achieved.

The Mid-Winter MO-ARK conference is in Branson February 22-24, 2008. Currently Jim Bowman and Tom Adams are scheduled to attend. Leigh Britt will attend but will represent the MO-ARK district.

John Haralson and Tom Adams, were elected as authorized delegates to the Kiwanis International Convention July 26-29 in Orlando, Florida.

The board authorized the treasurer to make our club annual donation to the Kiwanis International Foundation at \$5.00 per member, or \$415.00.

Circle K has asked clubs to buy advertising in a program for \$75.00 to help support their conference. Motion to do so was approved.

Jason Simmons presented a report of the nominations committee. It turns out that Bob Parks is willing and able to complete his term as a board member; the board voted to reinstate Bob to complete his term. The committee needs to find candidates for vice president, treasurer and three board positions.

President Jim reported that Kiwanis One Day is April 5. Sally Robinson and Leigh Britt are working on plans for this one day event. We hope all clubs in Columbia will participate.

The Community Services Committee is reviewing a request from the Salvation Army asking to help with some upgrades/repairs to the Harbor House, a family support center. The committee will evaluate and report back to the board their recommendations.

President Jim will ask the PR committee to look at our club brochure for needed updates. He will contact Ivan Sander about new member orientations as we have five or six members who could use such an orientation.

The Big Brothers Big Sisters organization has asked that we participate on their bowling-for-kids program. They have asked each club for a \$50.00 donation for a total of \$250.00 from all Columbia clubs. A motion was made by Simmons and seconded by Deneke that we support with a \$50.00 donation and, if the other clubs do not participate, that we donate the entire \$250.00. Motion approved.

Annual Pancake Day Tickets Available

The 56th Kiwanis Pancake Day will be Saturday, March 22, and tickets are now available. This long-standing fund raising effort is vital to continuing to help the children of our community. Please contact Tom Adams to get your tickets. Members are asked to pay \$80 for at least one packet of 16 tickets. Selling them to friends and acquaintances for \$5 per ticket is easy.



Clubbing News

Seven club members participated in an interclub visit to the Little Dixie club on January 21. When the guest speaker, Mike Alden, had to cancel at the last minute, our members joined with the Little Dixie members for a very successful and creative impromptu program. Representatives of our club included: Leigh Britt, George Burgin, Bill Crawford, Laura Deneke, John Haralson, Charlie Lee and Leroy Sharp.

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Celebrations of Love and Life

February Birthdays:

Feb. 2 - Richard Edgar
Feb. 7 - Charlie Lee
Feb. 15 - Sally Robinson
Feb. 17 - Gene Gerke
Feb. 20 - Susan Decker
Feb. 23 - Jim Rhodes
Feb. 28 - Harold Johnson
Feb. 28 - Ed Maynard



February Anniversaries:

Feb. 1 - Ron & Christine Lemonds
Feb. 8 - Mel & Alicia Wilson
Feb. 14 - Jo & Don Crumpacker
Feb. 20 - George & Carolyn Burgin



Teacher Recognition, led by Curtis Bohl, continued at our January 8 meeting. Here we have Grace Carmichael (on left), K-5 art specialist, and Kathy Akyol (on right), 1st grade teacher, both from New Haven Elementary School. Thanks to Grace and Kathy for all they do for our children.

Stock Broker's Dilemma

One afternoon a stockbroker was cold calling potential clients about a stock and found a taker. "I think this one will really fly said the broker. It's currently only trading at \$1 a share."

"Buy me 1000 shares," said the client. The next day the stock had jumped to \$2. The client called the broker and said, "You were right about that stock, I'd like to buy 5000 more shares."

The following day the client looked in the paper and the stock had skyrocketed to \$4. The client ran to the phone and called the broker, "Get me 10,000 more shares."

"Wonderful!" said the broker. The next day the client checked and the stock had reached \$9.

Deciding to take advantage of the huge profit he had made in just a few days, the client ran to the phone and told the broker, "Sell all my shares!" The broker said, "To who? You were the only one buying that stock."

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