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“LOVE YOUR CLUB–INVITE A FRIEND” The 2008 – 2009 Membership Growth Initiative

As we should all know by now, membership growth and retention is one of the key issues that our Club will be addressing during this year. President John has challenged the Membership Committee with coming up with an exciting way to challenge our Members and increase the number of dedicated Kiwanians to our rank. Our goal will be to have a net increase of 10%, which would put our official tally at 89 members when John pulls the Kiwanis Train into the station in September.

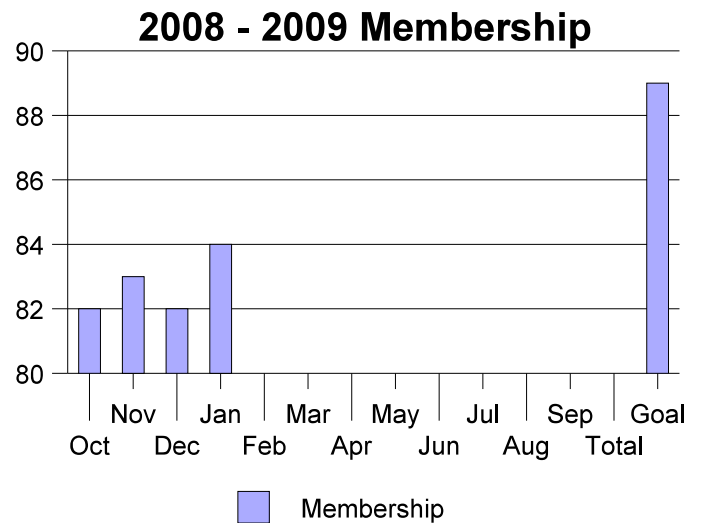
And with that challenge, who best to lead our efforts than Betsy Happel? Betsy will be our featured speaker today and will introduce the first of two “friendly” competitions...“Love your Club, Invite a Friend.” This competition will start today and run through March 10th. There will be weekly prizes to be awarded through-out the contest, and like in years past, there will be plenty of good eats and treats. There will also be a Grand-Prize featuring lunch at the University Club for the person who earns the most points!

JANUARY PROGRAMS

(Jim Bowman, Program Chair)

- January 6 - Dr. Rick McGuire - Psychology of Sports and Kids & MU Track Update
- January 13 - Betsy Happel - “Love your Club, Invite a Friend”
- January 20 - Dr. Debbie Byrd, LCSW, “Conflict Resolution”
- January 27 - Ms. Naomi Cupp, “Kids & Special

MEMBERSHIP GROWTH BAROMETER

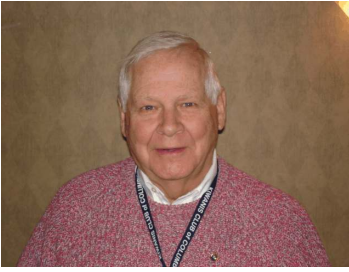


GETTING TO KNOW KIWANIS

Part of the “FUN” of Kiwanis is getting to know more about your fellow members. In an effort to facilitate this process, the Membership Committee has decided to buckle down and put some focus on this issue by bringing back TWO MINUTES FOR KIWANIS and the NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT. Two Minutes for Kiwanis will take place on the second week of each month, featuring two minutes of commentary by current members on why they joined, like and participate in Kiwanis, and the New Member Spotlight will be featured on the third week of each month in which we will get to know a little more about our newest recruits.

A “Retirement” Funny in honor of President John:

The Senate is investigating deceptive sweepstakes practices. These companies target the elderly and make them think they will receive a bunch of money, but in reality they never see any of it. The most popular of these scams is called Social Security.



President John's Thoughts

Greetings to all at the start of a new year. It's always exciting and yet somewhat daunting to wake up the next morning, realizing another year has passed by so quickly. As Kiwanians, we get a little break from all the celebration, because our "new year" actually started last October 1.

For me, that fact alone is enough to cause some concern. One-fourth of our club's year has passed, with very little "hooah" or celebration. I must admit, however, it has been exciting to actually be able to plan, organize, staff, establish goals and implement an action plan our Kiwanis '08-'09 year.

I always like to use the illustration of a train leaving the station. We are either on board and driving the engine, or we're still at the station trying to figure out what to do. Right now, the station is long out of view and we're headed for all the hills, valleys, curves, and even rough track on this exciting one-year Columbia Kiwanis train ride.

The fuel for this trip most certainly comes from all our members working and pulling together on our many projects and concession assignments. Of course, we must make stops along the way to bring on new members and to replenish our spirits, positive attitude, and determination.

The monotonous chugging down the tracks without purpose would quickly grow old. So, with our focus always on "changing one child and one community at a time", we steam along the way, finally reaching the end-of-year station. It is there where all our efforts and hard work pay off in the form of personal assistance and donations to so many youth oriented charities and organizations.

Thanks for not only volunteering to make this year-long ride with me, but for allowing me to choose which direction we would take. I promise you, it will be both fun and exciting. Pulling those "M", "S", and "F" train cars along with us will keep our "membership", "service", and "fun" commitments in focus and close at hand. Together we can and will make a difference, not only in the lives of children, but in our lives also.

Let's enjoy the New Year together and remember—**GO KIWANIS!**

Pres. John



Speaker Larry Brown, a member of the Columbia Toastmasters and one of Leigh Britt's fantastic December Programs, shares with us one of four Christmas stories on December 16, 2008, which both Kiwanians and spouses were able to enjoy.

KIWANIS IN ACTION!!!

Being part of Kiwanis means that we strive to help children...One Child and One Community at a Time! As we all know, the Columbia Kiwanis Club is very active and takes this message to heart. The following are just a couple of things that your Club has done recently in this spirit:

2008 Christmas Party at Nora Stewart Memorial Nursery School

Club Members Pat Stidham and Jim Smith spearheaded efforts again this year to make sure students at the Nora Stewart Memorial Nursery had a warm, "full" and educational Christmas. Pat & Jim arranged for gifts from Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Ann's Teacher Store and McDonald's, including gloves, mittens, hats books and Happy Meals. And Jim was able to reprise his role as Santa Claus again this year.

Kiwanis Helps "BUG" Parkade Elementary School

Leigh Britt, Valerie Shaw and David Sapp spent a recent Friday morning presenting certificates and small gifts to 11 fourth grade students at Parkade Elementary School. Why? These students have become "multiplication masters" in our sponsored youth program called Bring Up Grades, or "BUG".



Summary of Minutes of Board Meeting December 9, 2008

Treasurer Metcalf presented the financial report for the period 10-01-2008 to November 30, 2008 was presented for review. Line item budget accounts are in line. We have a balance of \$9,293.85 as club net worth, however we have not yet received our dues statement from Kiwanis International, which will come early next year projected cost will be \$6,724 (\$82.00 per member @ 82 members).

The total net worth of the Foundation accounts ended the period with assets of \$136,182.53, which is down from the previous period due to market reductions for securities and equities; however, the decline was not as severe as it was when compared with the two previous reporting periods. Concession income year to date was \$842.75. To meet our budget for this line item we need to average income of \$750.00 per month, with two months of the year past we should have had income of \$1,500.00, or a current short fall of \$658.00. (Let's hope this turns around!)

Memorial Trust Fund assets for the period stands at \$129,566.23; a decrease from the prior period of \$4,143.34 due to market down-turn. Donations for the year to date stands at \$3,041.00. The committee has \$14,123.75 to invest and the committee will meet soon to research and recommend the appropriate investment for this volatile market. Motion by Ernie Lee, second by Charlie Lee, that we approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

The following administrative matters were addressed by the Board as presented by Secretary Lee:

- A new member application was presented for Mr. Kevin Shelton, Senior Pastor Community United Church, sponsor Ross Swofford. Motion by Ernie Lee, second by Tom Adams, to accept this membership. Motion carried.
- Secretary Lee noted that our website has been updated as to meeting location but still requires the officer and board member roster to be updated.

Curtis Bohl will make the needed changes within the next couple of weeks.

- Bob Piest has requested a leave due of absence to travel from December 9th to March 1st, 2009. Motion by Ernie Lee, second by George Burgin. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed what to do with the Kiwanis PA system. Charlie Lee and John Haralson will work this item and dispose of the system. (Board previously approved disposal.)
- A review was conducted with the Board of the Club's 2008-2009 Insurance Packet recently received from Kiwanis International (no changes were noted from the previous year).
- Delegates were elected to the Winter Conference February 20th to the 22nd, 2009 in Branson, Missouri. Motion by Ernie Lee, second by George Burgin, that John Haralson and Tom Adams be elected as delegates (with Charlie Lee elected as alternate). Motion carried.

The Board reviewed/considered the Committee Reports and other items:

- Betsy Happel/Laura Deneke provided an update on our Salvation Army Harbor House project and reports that this project is still a work in process. Blatner Home Furnishings and Ashley Furniture Store are holding items until the Harbor House is ready to receive them.

President's report/topics: John Haralson discussed the following two items:

- Donation of our Kiwanis piano that we own with the Little Dixie Club. We have recommended that we donate to the Boy & Girls Club. The Little Dixie board of directors has agreed. Members are exploring the moving of the piano. (Just a matter of coordinating the movement of the instrument.)
- A meeting of the Columbia President's Council of Clubs will be conducted on December 17 to begin the planning for Pancake Day, which will be held on March 21, 2009.

Summarized by Ye Editor from the Official Minutes submitted by Ernie Lee, Secretary

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Celebrations of Love & Life

----- Birthdays:

Jan 3 – Eric Cunningham
Jan 4 – Francis Pike
Jan 4 – David Melegrito
Jan 19 – Valerie Shaw
Jan 27 – Ernie Lee

----- Anniversaries:

Jan 8 – Leigh & Bruce Britt
Jan 15 – Paul & Francena Miller
Jan 18 – Bill & Myrtle Taft



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