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**Kewanee Key Club**  
Thursdays at 7:30 am  
Petersen Auditorium

**Wethersfield Key Club**  
Tuesdays at 7:30 am  
Mr. Clark's Room

**Central Builders Club**  
Every Wed. but 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 am  
Room 317

**Visitation Builders Club**  
2nd & 3rd Wed. at 11:35 am  
Spanish Room

**Central K-Kids**  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. at 7:30 am  
Library 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

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One Can Make a  
Difference

Reminder-Talk to  
someone this week  
about Kiwanis.

**Attendance:** Steve Lo reported we had 31 members, 4 key club, 2 Builder Clubbers, 1 prospective new member, 1 speaker for a total of 39. Joining the Wall of Shame was Brock T who was forgiven because he had a Membership Committee meeting prior.

**Program:**

Mark R read the word for the day, "VET". Willard C introduced our program, Dr. Clarence "Pete" Hughes – Nogotev, a Russian Mission Outreach. Has been to Russia 19 times for short mission trips. Grew up in LaFayette with 31 kids in LHS when he was there. Coming to Kewanee was coming to the big town. 1993 was the first time he traveled to Russia with the Fellowship of Christian Farmers. Went back in 1995. Oldest city in Russia celebrated their 1,150<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year. Has gone a number of times alone with only an interpreter. Pays his own expenses. Wife has gone a couple of times. He raises money all year long for his mission work. Germans took the city he visits during WW II. The river divided the Russian army and the German army. 40,000 people in the town when WW II started. Could find only 200 at the end of the war. Basically destroyed the city. We lost 600,000 in WW II USA – in St. Petersburg alone, 1.3 M Russians were killed. Germans lost 4 M in Russia with 600,000 horses. 11.5 M Russian soldiers were killed. 15.5 M Russian civilians were killed. 10 Russians died every minute or 14,000 a day. In 1995 the group's vision was to build a big church in Nov\_\_\_\_. Americans came with their dollars. Built & dedicated in 2000. Evangelical church. Orthodox is the State Church in Russia. Trying to re-insert themselves in Russia these days. New patriarch wants main line Christian churches out now. In 2001, started a mission outreach from his church in Roanoke. Goes in each November, takes eye glasses, over the counter medicines, have a doctor in the church & a dispensary, materials to the English Department in the school using the materials to teach English. He was there in 2003, a very key part of the program – alcohol & drug rehab program. Needed support (\$6,000) per year. One of the first rehab programs in Russia. 8-12 men in the center at any one time. Absolutely at the end of their life because they know if they don't make it here, they will die. Lots of successes. Have spent \$47,000 to date in addition to a purchase of a building for \$10,000. Good investment. Russia has a monstrous alcoholic problem beginning with Vodka. Kids start drinking very young. Very addictive. Peter the Great tried to do away with Vodka in the 1600s. Only the nobility could afford it. The country is collapsing because of the drinking. Russia is more controlled by Vodka than the government. Russia's population is declining at a rate of 700,000 per year. By the year 2050 there will only be 7 M Russians. One child is the norm. Abortion is the main means of birth control. Mafia is very powerful in Russia which goes back to the 1500s when the Czars were in power. What changes has he seen in Russia since 1993 – can buy anything-beautiful grocery stores, God bless capitalism; can buy any kind of appliance if you have the money; 1993 with 0.25 M people only 2 gas stations, today there are all kinds of gas stations and traffic jams are horrible; materialism reigns.

I apologize. I don't know what happened to all the data for this newsletter. Hopefully since I was able to include more of the text for the program, it is still interesting for you. Ed.