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

This Months Birthdays & Anniversaries

Harold Wolgast 8/8
Matt Boddington 8/9
Charlie Wright 8/17
Don Nelson 8/25

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2010 Calendar of Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Location/Time</i>
August 4 th , 2010	Circle K International Convention	St. Louis
August 12 th , 2010	Board of Directors Meeting	Kaw Valley Bank
August 13- 15 th , 2010	Kansas District Convention	Junction City

Upcoming Meetings & Speakers

<i>Date</i>	<i>Speaker</i>	<i>Speaker Topic</i>
Aug. 9 th	TBD	TBD
Aug 16 th	TBD	TBD
Aug 23 rd	TBD	TBD
Aug 30 th	TBD	TBD

Submit speaker ideas or suggestions to George Schuler (g.schuler@cox.net)

Upcoming Interclub & Volunteer Opportunities

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Contact Information</i>
Aug 12th, 2010	Kiwanis Board Meeting	Kaw Valley Bank Boardroom @ 5:15
Aug. 17 th , 2010	Topeka Rescue Mission	Dale Jirik
Aug. 19th, 2010	Topeka Youth Court	Steve Ebberts SEbberts@Topeka.org

Please submit any information you have to add here to smossman@wradvisors.com

It is not too late to register for the District Convention!! Registrations are available online at www.kskiwanis.org.

There are changes on the table to the Kansas By-laws. Be sure to let our delegates (Bill Ossman, Deb Carter, LeAnn Cochran) of any input you have on the proposed changes.

New Member Profile

Scott Mossman

It was my hopes that we would keep the new members coming and I would never have to write my own profile. Unfortunately, due to some procrastination on my part and some misbehavior in Nemaha County that prevented me meeting with Steve Karrer, you will be subjected to my story.

Yet another Nebraskan has infiltrated our club. I was born and raised in Columbus, Nebraska before moving to Lawrence in 1991 to study Engineering at K.U. and play football for Glen Mason. After one semester it became very clear that there was not going to be Engineering studies and football and I let go of my place on the bench.

While working to pay for college, I took a job for a blueprinting company in Topeka and set my career path for the next 15 years. During those 15 years, I found I wasn't right for engineering work and completed a degree in Finance from Washburn University, but continued to work for the same company.

Life has been very good to me over the years. It has blessed me with two amazing children and my wife of the last 5 years. I was able to clear myself of debt and had the blessing of being able to choose a profession for what I wanted to do instead of continuing to do what I had to do.

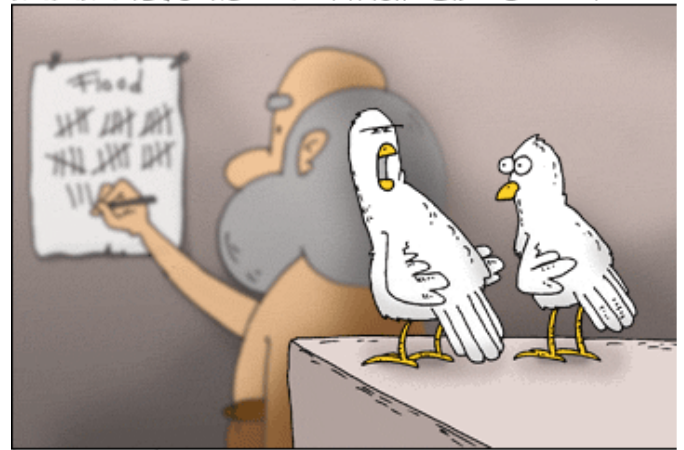
As a part of that, I was able to free up time to give back to the community. I approached long time associate and friend Greg Sims about places I could do that and he invited me to lunch with the Kiwanis. Somewhere between the company of the table of gentlemen we sat with, the pledge of allegiance and the patriotic song, I decided that this was a group I could support. Open patriotism, unapologetic prayer and the focus of helping children.

To date, I have enjoyed most the Golf Tournament and the team I was lucky enough to be asked to join but am confident that will be just one of many pleasant memories to come.

Need something to talk to me about? I love playing pool, SCUBA diving stories, although I haven't been in some time, and learning about people and where they are from. You can talk politics with me but have been described as conservative and politically incorrect.

In 20 words or less, rough around the edges but almost never says no when someone needs a hand and quick with a joke and a smile.

Now get out there and recruit us some new people to write about or I'll be forced to start writing my opinions of Nebraska Football and its comparisons to the Kansas schools.



(See Genesis 6-8)

07-16-2010

OH I TOTALLY FOUND LAND A FEW DAYS AGO,
I'M JUST REALLY ENJOYING HAVING IT ALL
TO MYSELF FOR A BIT

Christmas in July

I will take the liberty of speaking for Cpt. Yockey and thank each volunteer that came out and rang bells on the 19th. I had the honor of sharing an hour with Duane Duke and we were lucky enough to benefit from some temporary cloud cover that made the heat bearable.

During our shift, we frequently had to shake down the kettle to make room for more money so our predecessors must have done an outstanding job of drawing attention to the cause.

At the time of this writing, no information has been published to the final tally on what was accomplished but I'm sure every penny will help.

From Charities Budget "Where They Are Now"

The 14 & Under Senators baseball team from Highland Park that we donated to earlier this summer brought us home two trophies. They took 2nd place in both the regular season and in the post season tournament falling just short in a marathon game to force a second game for the championship. ***Congratulations guys!!!***

It must still be summer.

There have not been a lot of notes or communications from groups or committees so this will be short than some of the previous offerings. As always, I welcome you inclusions, suggestions and commentary.

From The Governor's Desk

Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District (From a letter to Pat Wiechman)

Hi Governor:

Early this year a great tragedy befell the small country of Haiti. This has been reputed to be the deadliest earthquake on record in the Western Hemisphere. The quake hit just miles from the densely populated capital of Port-au-Prince (where we have a Kiwanis Club). UNICEF regards this as a children's emergency. Nearly 40 percent of all Haitians are under 14. Many children are at risk. UNICEF's top priority for humanitarian assistance has been and continues to be reaching these children, who are the weakest, most vulnerable and who most urgently need assistance.

This is where Kiwanis has come in. The outpouring of Kiwanis support, in this time of need, has been inspiring. I am happy to report that to date, Kiwanians (along with our matching programs) have contributed \$382,000! When you stop and realize that \$100 will buy 10 families water kits (providing them with detergent, soap, a wash basin, towels, a bucket and water purification tablets) you can see that our money will go a long, long way to help ease suffering and aid in the relief effort.

We have been supported by Kiwanians all over the world and I would like to thank you and the Kiwanians of the United States for stepping up to the plate and doing what Kiwanians do best: helping the children of the world.

(Sent by Gary Levine, Gov of Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District)

The President's Thank You's

For services rendered during the past month, special thanks go out to the following Kiwanians.

Youth Court - Robert Maxwell, Brent Carter, Steve Ebberts, Patty Trotter and Ruth Santner

Rescue Mission – Gene Olander, Jim Hanna, Duane Duke and Dale Jirik

Salvation Army – Jim Hoover, Jim McEntire, Jan Maxwell, Charlie Lord, Robert Maxwell, Dennis Rogers, Walter Clark, Rita Adams, Scott Mossman, Duane Duke, Dale Jirik, Fred Rausch, John Hartman, Deb Carter, Harold Wolgast, Andrea Kosmicki and Ruth Santner.

In Case You Missed It

Linda Laird Parent Adolescent Mediation

“Find something you would gladly do for free and then find someone who will pay you to do it.” These were the words that lead Linda to her current duties. A lover of horses, she trains and rescues horses on her 40 acre farm in Northern Osage County. That was not the subject of her visit though.

She also volunteers for the Kansas Children's Service League in their Parent Adolescent Mediation Program.

The program encourages families to sit down and talk to find the source and solution to family issues. By taking care of the small stuff, the larger issues seem to fall into place. Most major issues start when the small stuff causes enough frustration to cause a breakdown in communication and that leads to the big problems.

Mom, Dad, Step-mom, Step-dad, children or any variation of the above sit down with two mediators and start with “How did they get to here and what would they like to see happen?” Sometimes it just about finding a way to stop the yelling at each other, sometimes its finding a balance between the child's need for freedom and the parents need for a sense of security. Other times, it is trying to find a way to put the past behind them and find the first small step forward.

In her time with the organization, she has seen 110 children and 59 families go through the program but that is only the most recent of the 40,000 children and families they touch every year, going all the way back to 1893 with the League was founded.

Sound like something you could get behind? Right now the organization has 22 Mediator Volunteers but can always use more. There is especially a need for Spanish speaking volunteers right now.

A surprising stat she was asked about was the “typical profile” of clients was about 50/50 between single parent families and two parent environments. The most prevalent group seems to come from families affected by a divorce in the past.

As far as results, 83% of the children that go through the program feel improvements were made and the “Agreements” that are made last 42 weeks on average.

In short, teenagers actually want black and white rules but will push them to the limit.

In Case You Missed It

Mark Peterson

Department Chair at Washburn Univ.

Started off the discussion with a great quote and established his position immediately on media perspective. "Never argue with someone who buys their ink by the barrel." (Which I can't find a true source to but has been credited to Mark Twain, Ben Franklin and Bill Clinton.)

From 2004 – 2009 full time enrollment is up 5.5% to 75,200 students according to the Kansas Board of Regents Databook. In the same time frame, cost per student is up 27.1%, amount budgeted by the State Legislature for Universities is up only 7.4% but tuitions are up, don't fall out of your chair here, 64.1% over those years.

So what accounts for those cost increases? First, technology costs to keep a cutting edge learning experience. Wireless networks in every building, polling and response systems in the classrooms, computers and projectors as well as other hardware needs. Of course with higher technology comes everyone's favorite, Tech Support Department.

In addition, new regulations and assessment requirements on student performance do not help in the amount of dollars not calculated in books, facilities and staff.

Because of these cost increases, and a desire not to raise tuition beyond reach, it is a hypothesis that enrollment standards are lowered to allow in more students. It could be said there is a philosophy of not turning away any student willing to pay for an education. To put clearly, college for the best and brightest is made affordable and paid for by the education of the mediocre.

Q & A: Is there a different rate for "out of country" students? No. It is the same as "out of state" but most are not eligible for scholarship programs and there are no incentive discounts.

Q&A: What is the average debt load of a student after graduation? Estimated \$25,000 to \$30,000 average for program like University of Kansas.

Q&A: Do we have too many schools for Kansas children and is that why legislature is reluctant to pay additional costs? It has all become a competition in itself. Originally schools would not offer competing programs on the same subject but today "satellite schools" allow small community colleges to invade the territories of other institutions. *Continued in next column....*

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Example: Two Law Schools. Washburn and KU agreed, Washburn would do law, KU would do Med School and then KU backed out of the agreement when they saw the potential. In short, probably too many schools but could be fixed with specialization of curriculum as originally intended.

In Case You Missed It

J. Mark Blakeslee

Youthville

Established in 1928 by the Methodist Orphanage in Hutchinson, Kansas, Youthville is a program that helps take care of the troubled teens of Kansas.

Mark's first exposure to the program was during visits from Wyoming to his grandmother's house, they would pass the orphanage on their way to the pool and she would point it out and say "They help children there." Soon after he started doing what he could by saving bottle caps for her. The local Pepsi bottling company would donate ½ cent for every cap.

Between the current facilities, they have 105 kids and a capacity of 125 beds. It was shocking to find out, most of those 105 were placed into the facilities by their parents.

The Newton facility focuses on Music and Art while Dodge City is more like a ranch. They have 47 horses and a 55 child capacity. There is a new program called "Secure Care" which focuses on chronic runaway children. They are placed into a 60 day lock down to help find what drives their need to run. The starter portion of this program will limit placement to 10 children

The Topeka office is more focused on placing children into foster homes. The toughest placements are older troubled teens or what he called the medically fragile.

To qualify for placement the child must be homicidal, suicidal or placed by the court. They are under 18 years old unless by special exception and the initial stay is 90 days with a rotating 60 day limit past that.

When they leave the facility, they are assigned a case worker with the agency that placed them there or a nearby Child Advocacy group. If they were privately placed, they are released to the home and helped to find a partner agency.

There is no direct government connection or funding. It is affiliated, funded and operated by the Methodist Church.

2010 Kiwanis Golf Tournament Fiscal Results

Thank you to all the teams, sponsors, volunteers & organizers of the 2010 Tournament at Lake Shawnee.

This year had 17 teams broken into two flights and almost everyone went home with some kind of prize thanks to Ron's efforts.

For each entry of \$70, \$50 went to the course to pay for usage, equipment and lunch, leaving \$20 per player for prizes and income to the charities budget.

Other Totals:

- \$2,250 was raised from Hole Sponsorships
- \$280 was raised from purchase of Mulligans
- \$660 was returned to coffers by Scott Mossman underwriting \$10 of each person's lunch

The sum totaling about \$3,600 to be added to our charities budget, (\$1,100 higher than we budgeted for.)

Also, thank you to Charlie Lord and the YMCA for sponsoring the Hole-in-one challenges around the course.

Also, we'd like to give kudos to Lake Shawnee Golf Course and their staff for helping make this a successful event. There are only 50 more weeks till next year so start recruiting new friends and teams now.

In Case You Missed It

Robert and Jan Maxwell Report from International Convention in Las Vegas

The economy is evident still today in Las Vegas. My own experience a year ago was that it was strange that every "Down" escalator in the city seemed to be broken. The latest oddity, reported by the Maxwell's, is that in a lobby with 20 check in desks, only 3 were manned during prime check-in time.

The convention itself did not seem to show the same difficulty to get entry to. Because of the availability of pre-pass registration, admission to the convention was a breeze.

Our fearless leader took part in several workshops including, Inclusiveness (Jan), Working with Youth (Both), Creating an Effective Membership Committee (Robert) and Caring and Feeding of Member (Jan)

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National Convention Continued

Colin Powell was the opening speaker. Their testimony of his speaking ability confirms other accounts that I have heard in the past in that if ever given a chance to hear him speak, it would be worth your time and effort. The cast of Jersey Boys sang the National Anthem.

The highlight of the event was the announcement of our new worldwide service project. Project "Eliminate", is a joint venture with UNICEF, with the goal of eliminating Neo-natal Tetanus around the world. Children with the affliction suffer to the point that the slightest touch is painful as well as being exposed to light. It is estimated that 60,000 children and 30,000 mother would need such a vaccination and an estimated cost of \$110 million over the next 5 years would pay for the series of 3 vaccinations and potentially eliminate the disease worldwide. More details on the project can be found online.

Then it was on to the business meeting. This year the event had the largest attendance in the last 10 years. In front of the board were 14 amendments and 1 resolution.

Some key points were the decision to change the region naming system to actual names instead of numbers, discipline procedures of International officers and required background checks for certain volunteers and members. Details of all amendments and the resolution can be found online at Kiwanisone.org.

In 2009-2010, overall international membership is down as well as in the US. The number of clubs in the US is down and numbers for the number of participating countries was not know by our delegates.

Next year's event, for those who would like to attend, will be held in Geneva, Switzerland. Registration will be \$350 per person.

Coming Soon!!!!

Next month will feature a pictorial catch-up of 2010 events.

Deb Carter, my official photographer, and I are working out how to start including photos from events and meetings into the newsletter so that we can add some visual stimulation to this.

Also, if you receive any funny pictures or e-mails, don't hesitate to forward them on. If appropriate, I may try to include one or two in here to keep a little light-hearted humor at your finger tips.

Looking forward to the end of the heat. *Scott*