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Road Trip!

2010-2011

Have you seen Larry?

I-I District Governor Larry Forsberg has been traveling throughout the district since October and will continue visiting divisions throughout Illinois and Eastern Iowa during his term.

Inside are several "road trip photos" from Larry's district visits, and a calendar of upcoming meetings. If you capture a "Larry sighting" with your camera, send it in, and we'll include it in a future issue of *Illeiwana*.

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You can submit items for the *Illeiwon* by sending them to the I-I District Office at illeiwon@iikiwanis.org. Be sure to include your name, and a phone number or e-mail address in case we have a question. Photos and stories should be submitted in electronic format if possible.

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Stepping Up to Lead

Larry Forsberg
2010–2011 I-I District Governor

KIWANIS: Good for Me, Good for You, Great for our Communities!

It is hard to believe that this Kiwanis year is evaporating so quickly. It has been an amazing experience for both Steph and myself.

Leaving home and traveling to the different parts of the district has been wonderful. Individual clubs have no idea of the impact that Kiwanis is making on Illinois and Eastern Iowa. I'm really not sure if club members understand the impact they are making on their local community. The Kiwanis club has just been doing it for so long and so well that everyone takes our service for granted. Steph and I have loved being with the Kiwanians in Geneseo, Burlington, IA, DeKalb, Jacksonville, Chicago (Lake View) and Elgin.

I recently reviewed a report that shows how much service was provided and how much money was raised and contributed by each Kiwanis club in our district during the 2009–10 year. The numbers are astounding. Our clubs raised \$2,125,603 and this represents the work of only 78% of our clubs because 22% of our clubs did not report raising or donating ANY money for the year. Raising money is important, but how much did we donate last year to causes important to Kiwanians? \$2,249,514!! That is \$337 per member!! Kiwanians reported that they spent 55,477 hours fundraising and an additional 269,217 hours on service projects. Wow!

Feeling good about what we do leads us to more service. Kiwanians should feel good about their service to their community. If you feel your club could do more, get on the board of directors and work to make it happen. At the

board level is where these club decisions are made. One member can make a difference in the direction of a club. You can be the one that takes your club in a positive direction.

A special thank you to the current class of Lt. Governors. They are truly special. They have dedicated themselves to a different level of Kiwanis service for one year (some more than one). They are the foot soldiers that are trying to make the clubs in their divisions more successful than ever before. Please welcome them into your clubs, honor them for their service and be sure to have some money budgeted to help them with their expenses. They are doing this for a very small stipend from the district. Their travel and time spent helping your club should be not be a financial burden to them. The same is true for two great people that have been helping me this year: Governor Assistant Ed Wiemers from Glen Carbon and Amy Polzin from DeKalb. They have been great sounding boards and advisors.

As I travel around the district, please stop by and say hello. My schedule for the balance of January and February is in this edition, and "Where in the District is Governor Larry" is updated weekly on the District calendar at www.iikiwanis.org. I know in a big group it is hard to get a lot of one-on-one time with each of you, but I am trying. Thanks again to all of you for your service and commitment to Kiwanis.

2009–2010 Governor's Challenge Growth Awards

And the winner of the New Member Sponsor Sweepstakes \$500 prize is... Andy Krauss of the Alpine-Rockford Club!

Andy sponsored new member John Noonan in August after John got interested in Kiwanis during their annual Brat Days city-wide event in Rockford. Andy has been a member of the Alpine Club since November 2007.

Great job, Andy! And welcome, John!

See Andy's "Kiwanis Moment" (page 14).

Club Growth Awards

GOVERNOR'S CIRCLE AWARD

This award recognizes 2009–10 Club Presidents who led their club to net growth during the year of 30% or more OR a net gain of +25 new members. A trophy will be delivered to these clubs by 2009–2010 Governor Kevin McConnell and Immediate Past International President Paul Palazzolo.

- Kiwanis Club of Fairview Heights
Division 34
5 new members
+41.7% net membership growth
- Kiwanis Club of Aurora
Division 21
34 new members
+37.8% net membership growth
- Kiwanis Club of Wood River
Township
Division 31
10 new members
+30.3% net membership growth

GOVERNOR'S "START NOW" AWARD

This award recognizes the two Clubs with greatest net membership growth in the I-I District during the 2009–10 year.

- Greatest growth in # of net new members:
Kiwanis Club of Aurora: +34
- Greatest % growth in net new members:
Kiwanis Club of Fairview Heights: 41.7%

New Club Building Awards

Six new Kiwanis Clubs were built during the 2009–10 Kiwanis year under the leadership of Governor Kevin McConnell. The following New Club Building Teams for each of the new clubs were rewarded with "Kiwanis Bucks" for their efforts and their willingness to recruit members and to lead and mentor the club:

- Kiwanis Club of Peoria-Grand Prairie
Division 20
Lt. Governor Bob Wilton (Peoria)
New Club Builder Jim Rochford
(Peoria—Past District Governor)
Charter Club President Dawn Shipman
- Young Professionals Kiwanis Club of
Bloomington-Normal
Division 22
Lt. Governor Geoffrey Maier (Normal)
New Club Builder Josh Barnett (Normal)
Charter Club President Chad Kemp
- Tri-County Kiwanis Club
Division 14
Lt. Governor David Wood (DeKalb)
New Club Builder Jim Morel
(DeKalb—Past Lt. Governor)
Charter Club President Mimi Bryan

- Clinton, IA River City Professionals
Kiwanis Club
Division 17
Lt. Governor John Moreland
(Clinton, IA)
New Club Builder Cathy Crosser
(Clinton, IA)
Charter Club President Brad Stuart
- Peoria Golden K Kiwanis Club
Division 20
Lt. Governor Bob Wilton (Peoria)
New Club Builder Jim Rochford
(Peoria—Past District Governor)
Charter Club President Kristi Hubbs
- Waukegan Kiwanis Club
Division 7
Lt. Governor Jack Senter (Zion-Benton)
New Club Builder Marci Jumisko
(Zion-Benton)
Charter Club President
Nicholas Alajakis

Thank you to the leaders and members of ALL 88 clubs in the I-I District who recruited new members to help your clubs grow and expand the Kiwanis impact in your communities. A VERY special thank you is extended to the clubs and individuals named above—as well as the many who helped them that are not mentioned here—for your commitment to bringing Kiwanis to more communities in our district. Your hard work to build new Kiwanis Clubs in the I-I District during the 2009–2010 Kiwanis year has made an impact!



Did You Know?

International has its own blog!

The next time you're in the international website, click in the "Welcome" section on the home page, select "Our Story" and you will see the Kiwanis Blog.

You'll find writings on various topics going back to December 2009 with links to other sites referenced.

It's coming up quick!



Saturday April 2, 2011

Are you taking on the challenge of one large project or are you planning a few smaller projects? Let us know at illeiowan@iikiwanis.org.

Consider partnering with other clubs in your community or division to make an even greater impact!



A Year Worth Recapping!

Jea Nae Remala

I-I District Executive Director

Work of the I-I District in 2009–2010

The Kiwanis members and clubs of the I-I District continue to provide incredible amounts of service and financial support to our communities. Here's some information on just how much we do!

The statistics below are based on completion of monthly club reports

representing 85% of our District membership. Of the 250 Kiwanis clubs in the District, 202 of the clubs completed reports for most months of the year, 165 of which completed ALL 12 monthly reports. Thanks to all of the dedicated Club Secretaries who have fulfilled this time consuming commitment to their club!

Service hours completed with Service Leadership Clubs
27,667

Additional service hours completed by Kiwanis members
241,550

Total service hours reported for our members
269,217

Average service hours reported per member
49 hours/year

Total funds invested in
Sponsored Leadership Program projects
\$83,000

Additional funds invested in our communities
\$2,167,000

Total funds invested in our communities
\$2,250,000

Average funds invested per member reported
\$337

Number of scholarship awards reported
565

Total scholarship funds awarded reported
\$423,000

Total fundraising efforts of our clubs reported
\$2,125,000

Average funds raised per member reported
\$320

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More Hands Needed for More Service

As you all know, our Kiwanis membership in the United States and in the I-I District has been decreasing over the past several years. In the I-I District, our highest membership was about 12,500 members during the 1992–1993 Kiwanis year. Currently the I-I District has about 8100 members, down 35% since our membership high in 1993, and down more than 15% just in the past three years. Our new member recruiting efforts have really fallen off, down almost 50% in just the past four years alone.

We've included a summary of the great works that our Kiwanis clubs are doing in the communities of the I-I District in this issue of the *Illeiwian*. While we still continue to average about 49 service hours per member per year, with the decline in membership, the total number of service hours we are providing our communities has decreased by 115,000 hours per year since 2008. Our members are working harder when it comes to fundraising, though, as we're still raising about the same money per member/year now that we were in 2008 when we had 750 more members. However, many of our clubs used to have "reserves" that allowed us to give away \$3,165,000 in 2008, which has declined about \$915,000 per year now as a result of depleting these reserves during these times of economic crisis.

I think we will all agree—for those active Kiwanis members who have chosen to make Kiwanis service a priority in their life, we have been blessed with the rewards that we reap as a result of our

commitment. Friendships, fellowship, self respect, self esteem and fun are all things we are rewarded with when we give to others through the Kiwanis family. Our communities and the children are the beneficiaries of our fundraising efforts and hands-on service. It's a win-win situation that makes a positive impact in all our lives—both givers and recipients. Can you imagine how many more lives we could impact if we reversed our membership trends and started growing again? We the members are the only ones that can make this happen.

I encourage you to look around you and seek out others in your communities—friends, family, co-workers, children, grandchildren, neighbors, church members, local business person with whom you come in contact with, new residents of your town—who are looking for meaning and purpose in their life and who are just waiting to be invited by YOU to become part of your K-Family. Let's all share the rewards of Kiwanis!

And great job to all of you who helped achieve the outstanding service results that we were able to share with you in this issue! Here is just a small sample of the great work done in the I-I District in 2009–2010...



Barrington Area Club members enjoy fun during Peanut Days: John Papamarcos, Secretary Joan Brenner, Former I-I District First Lady Cathy and Past Governor John Peter Curielli.

SIDEBAR PHOTO CAPTIONS (FROM TOP TO BOTTOM)

Palatine Club member Bruce Blanck with fellow members Al Hertz and Maureen Cahill (in disguise) at the Holiday Party for disadvantaged children and their families.

Lansing Golden K members unload bulk items at the Manteno Vets Home Volunteer Office.

Normal Kiwanians Senthil Ramasamy and Ron Stack ring bells for the Salvation Army.

Indian Grove School (Mt. Prosepect) K-Kids Faculty Advisor Fia Viorel works with some of the students making ornaments for sale at their Holiday Boutique.





ELIMINATE a Preventable Problem

Steph Forsberg

2010-2011 I-I District First Lady

I know many of the clubs throughout the District were very involved with and knee-deep in projects centering on helping children and adults have a safe, fun and warm Christmas. It has been very exciting visiting the clubs throughout the district (with more to come) and hearing of the many innovative projects to raise money, clothing, food, and essentials to make a memorable Christmas for those in need. Now with the New Year under way, it is time to continue with new fund raisers and projects to include your time and talents to keep your local children and children from far and wide in your thoughts and plans.

Let me just take a few moments of your time to inform you of another need.

As we know, Kiwanis International is dedicated to improving the lives of children. I'd like to share with you some of the information that has been made available from KI and UNICEF regarding the Kiwanis World Wide Project "ELIMINATE". For those of you who attended International Convention in Las Vegas, you were fortunate to partake in the unveiling of this worthwhile project to fight a deadly disease known as Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus.

Picture this: a woman who has not been fully immunized against tetanus gives birth on the dirt floor of a small hut in a remote village in Ethiopia. A traditional birth attendant helps with the baby delivery but is unaware of the

need for scrupulous sanitary conditions during birth. The baby is born healthy. However, tetanus is introduced into the baby's system when the umbilical cord is cut with an unclean razor blade. Within days, tetanus—acting like a powerful poison, spreads throughout the baby's body, causing spasms, stiffness and

1 baby dies from
neonatal
tetanus every
9 minutes in
40 countries

arching of the spine. The spasms develop into convulsions that are triggered by the slightest sound, touch or light. The baby's breathing becomes more difficult as the spasms occur more frequently. Only a few days old, this tiny infant soon dies a torturous death, unable to be comforted by parents or caregivers.

Right now, one baby dies from neonatal tetanus every nine minutes in forty countries; their mothers often die as well. Tetanus is highly PREVENTABLE. With education and the proper vaccines, we can ELIMINATE this deadly disease. Some of the programs that will be introduced will be:

- Promotion of clean delivery practices, Immunization of pregnant women
- Immunization of women of reproductive age
- Neonatal tetanus surveillance (to detect causes and more at-risk areas), and finally
- Maintain MNT elimination (by providing boosters to those of need).

NOW is the time for the I-I District clubs to begin to plan new activities/fund-raisers to get The Eliminate Project off to a great start. Larry and I were very excited to see some of the clubs we have visited already raising money for this project. It is time to spread the word about what Kiwanis and UNICEF are going to do; tell your family, your friends, your schools, your community, put a blurb on your club websites, involve your Service Leadership Programs for support. The actual launching of The Eliminate Project will be held at the 96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Geneva, Switzerland, July 7-11, 2011. You may also find more resources at www.TheEliminateProject.org.

I know the word on the street is to grow your clubs. What better way to enlist some new members than by allowing them to take part in one of the greatest worldwide projects ever?

I wish you all a very happy, successful Kiwanis New Year!

No one is useless in this world who lightens the burden of it for someone else.

Benjamin Franklin

ELIMINATE

Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus

Kiwanis International is about to embark on one of our most aggressive “world service projects” (WSP). Our last WSP helped the world virtually eliminate Iodine Deficiency Disorder.

The new EliMiNaTe project being organized in partnership with UNICEF will have as its goal the elimination of Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus. This horribly painful condition takes the lives of mothers and their babies in areas of the world where preventative medicine is unknown (for more information, visit www.TheEliminateProject.org).



Each of the 50 districts in Kiwanis International has been asked to appoint an Eliminate Project Chairperson. This person will serve the District for three years. They will be the “go-to” person on this project; they will be knowledgeable of all things Eliminate; and they will make presentations to clubs, division council meetings and District conventions.

Mandatory training will take place the weekend of May 5–7, 2011 in Indianapolis. In attendance will be the District Governors, Governors-Elect, Eliminate Chairpersons and UNICEF staff. Attendance at this training will be a pre-requisite to serving in this appointment.

The I-I District is seeking members who may be interested in volunteering for this position. Ideally, we are looking for someone who:

- **Can make a multi-year commitment to the project,**
- **Is willing to lead by example as a volunteer and as a donor,**
- **Is respected within and familiar with the Kiwanis I-I District,**
- **Is willing to give up other Kiwanis offices, at the club and district levels, during the project, and**
- **Can provide complete support for the fundraising campaign.**

Having the personal resources of time and money will be important as well because there will be limited expense funds available for this position from the District.

If you have any interest, please contact either Governor Larry Forsberg or Governor-Elect Mel Peterson or e-mail eliminate@iikiwanis.org.

Thanks for your service!

Is Your Club on Facebook?



It's all the rage today, and it won't be going away anytime soon! Quickly

and easily communicate your club's activities, share photos and find out what other I-I District clubs are doing.

It can be another effective weapon in your membership recruiting arsenal! Setting up an account is easy—consider establishing one today if your club doesn't have one!

Have a Creative Idea for an Eliminate Project Fundraiser?

Please share it with your fellow Kiwanians! You can email your ideas to illeiowan@iikiwanis.org, and we'll include it in a future issue of *Illeowan*!



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DAY TWO – Arrival in Switzerland

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Dinner

DAY THREE – Full-Day Sightseeing in Lucerne

After a hot buffet breakfast at the hotel, we are ready to tour Lucerne with an English-speaking local guide. Join us for a walk around Lucerne! Ideally situated in the historic and scenic heart of the "true" Switzerland, Lucerne offers picturesque mountains, alpine scenes and meadows full of edelweiss. Once a simple fisherman's village, this charming town whose name means "Alpine Splendor" continues to delight visitors with its 17th century Renaissance town hall, old squares and medieval bridges. In 1400, Lucerne was the only city in Europe to boast four bridges. The Hof Bridge, constructed around 1250 (demolished 1834), and the Chapel Bridge, built around 1300, formed part of the city fortifications. The Spreuer Bridge served to connect the lower parts of the city. Nowadays the less attractive Reuss Bridge is the oldest river crossing and contributed considerably to the city's development. It was not until the 19th and 20th centuries that five more bridges were added. However,

Lucerne is also a city of palaces, churches and squares. You will learn some funny, interesting and true facts about Lucerne's history, churches, bridges, lanes, squares, towers and of course about Lucerne's trademark, the Chapel Bridge with the Water Tower. After the walking tour, we will enjoy a boat ride on Lake Lucerne.

Enjoy lunch on your own. We continue on with a short ride to Kriens. We will travel on gondolas and aerial cableway to Mount Pilatus. From here we will enjoy an unforgettable view over the surrounding mountains and lakes. Descend on the world's steepest cogwheel railway to Alpnachstad. This evening is at leisure to explore dining choices and nightlife in Lucerne. *Breakfast*

DAY FOUR – Bern

Enjoy a hot buffet breakfast at the hotel before departing Lucerne. We will be heading for Bern and a guided city tour. Bern is the capital of Switzerland, a diverse and beautiful city! Bern is a medieval city founded in 1191, on and around the River Aare. Bern has quite a few attractions and historic sites, as well as an active cultural life. It is here that Albert Einstein worked, the Toblerone chocolate bar is made, and Emmental cheese, known as Swiss Cheese, reached out to the world. With its stately sandstone buildings, historical towers and 11 magnificent fountains, Bern is one of the most impressive examples of medieval town architecture in Europe. Over the centuries, the townscape has been preserved virtually intact, and in 1983 the UNESCO inscribed Bern as a World Heritage Site. The noble dome of the House of Parliament presides above the city, just a few steps from the main station, and also from the Aare River, the Prison Tower and all the other places of interest in Bern. On most days, the

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doors of the House of Parliament are open to the public with visitors permitted to watch the live proceedings of the parliament. The tour will include a view of Rosengarten. After lunch which is on your own, we will proceed with our drive to Geneva. This evening a three course dinner is included at a local restaurant. *Breakfast, Dinner*

DAY FIVE – Montreux

After your hot buffet breakfast at the hotel, we will head to Montreux for a half day guided tour. The town of Montreux nestled in sheltered Lake Geneva bay, is surrounded by vineyards and against the breathtaking backdrop of snow-covered Alps. Because of the exceptionally mild climate Montreux is called the capital of the Vaud Riviera. The long, flower-bordered lake promenade which links Vevey and Montreux going all the way to Chillon Castle, is simply asking to be strolled along. Cultural events, as well as countless excursion options to the mountainous hinterland or on the lake, make Montreux the most popular excursion and holiday destination. Many of the houses along the lakeside road, including the magnificent Fairmont Le Montreux Palace, date from the heyday of the Belle Epoque. Highlight of the tour is the visit to Chateau de Chillon.

We return to the hotel in the afternoon and the remainder of the day is at leisure to attend the Kiwanis Conference. *Breakfast*

DAY SIX – Geneva

Following a hot buffet breakfast at the hotel enjoy a guided tour of the city. This tour of Geneva will take you through the international district of Geneva to the centre of the world's peacemaking organizations, followed by a tour of the main highlights of the city like the Water Fountain (Jet d'eau) and the wonderful Flower Clock.

We will back in time for lunch on your own. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is at leisure to attend the Kiwanis Convention. *Breakfast*

DAY SEVEN – Zurich

Enjoy a hot buffet breakfast at the hotel. The morning is at leisure so you can attend the various festivities at the Kiwanis Convention. In the afternoon, we depart for Zurich. This evening we enjoy a dinner at a local restaurant in Zurich. *Breakfast, Dinner*

DAY EIGHT – Sightseeing in Zurich

After a hot buffet breakfast at the hotel, we head for a guided city tour of Zurich. This tour is for everyone who wants to combine culture with nature! First, you will get to see the most beautiful sights in Zürich, such as the castle-like National Museum, the world-famous Bahnhofstrasse, historic Limmatquai, Zürich's Opera House, St. Peter's Church with Europe's largest clock face, the university quarter and Fraumünster Church with the famous Chagall windows.

We will end our tour with a cruise on Lake Zurich. The afternoon is at leisure to explore Zurich on your own. The final evening of our tour will be celebrated with a farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Zurich. *Breakfast, Dinner*

DAY NINE – Homeward

After a quick breakfast at the hotel, we head for the Zurich airport on our way back home following a successful Kiwanis Convention with fond memories of Switzerland. *Breakfast*

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

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Days Five and Six - Royal Hotel, Geneva
Days Seven and Eight - Senator Hotel, Zurich

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Division 8 has a long history of service to the community during the holidays. Read on to see the differences made by your fellow Kiwanians from the...



For most of its 11-year existence, STREAMWOOD has been one of the most active clubs in the Division, and last December was no exception. One of its longstanding projects is the Holiday Toy Drive held in conjunction with a two-day, multi-team gymnastics meet at member Mike Buckley's Gymkhana Gymnastics Studio. Folks that attend this meet may pay an attendance fee or donate a toy. Club President Linda Frye-Danner reports that this year over 1100 toys were collected

GREATERCHICAGO E-KIWANIS was a busy club in December. Its holiday projects included manning Salvation Army kettles, reading to children at the local library, caroling for seniors and packing Toys for Tots gifts at the Humanitarian Service



Streamwood Club President, Linda Frye-Danner, and her husband, Jeff, with some of the over 500 gifts collected at the Gymkhana Gymnastics Holiday Toy Drive.

and distributed to needy children of Hanover Township, and \$865 in cash receipts were used to purchase educational toys and supplies for community schools and the St. Alexius Hospital Pediatric Unit. In addition to this event, the Streamwood club also conducted a successful Winter Wear Drive and participated in the Village Luminaria and Tree Lighting.

The ARLINGTON HEIGHTS club also has project tradition—a Holiday Party for the special needs kids of Riley Elementary School. This year they hosted 11 children and school staff (how cool is that?) for a holiday lunch at a local restaurant. The club also provided round-trip transportation and gifts for the children.



E-Kiwanis Club Members and Past I-I CKI Governor Kathy Scheuing and Past Lt. Governor Jerry Scheuing organizing holiday gifts at the Humanitarian Service Project toy drive.

Project. This last item deserves special mention. HSP collects toys and operates a food pantry and e-Kiwanis volunteers a significant number of hours with them. This year more than 6000 toys were collected, sorted and shipped to over 1200 children—a massive effort that required two full weekends.

Members of the DES PLAINES club must enjoy caroling because they have done it for several years. This year, joined by the e-Kiwanis club, they sang for appreciative senior citizens at Oakton Arms. President Holly Sorenson, an accomplished pianist, led the club in a variety of traditional seasonal songs.

Other holiday activities included Salvation Army bell ringing; public tree decorating and lighting; and helping out at Bessie's



Des Plaines and e-Kiwanis club members caroling at Oakton Arms (Des Plaines President, Holly Sorenson, at the piano).

Table, a volunteer group that provides hot meals for the homeless and other needy individuals on a weekly basis.

President Dave Samson reported that the PARK RIDGE-NOON club conducted a coat and blanket drive for Night Ministry, a non-sectarian organization that assists with the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of children and adults in the community who face poverty, homelessness and neglect. The club also hosted a holiday party where they sang holiday songs with 50 children from a local school and residents of the Summit senior facility. Also, the club (and its sister club, Park Ridge-Morning) organized a food drive for 44 local families in need. They sorted,



Park Ridge Noon Club President Dave Samson gets his food basket delivery assignments from program coordinator Jan Van De Carr.

organized and delivered two very large boxes of various food products and a \$25 Jewel gift certificate to each of the families.

In addition to its annual Holiday Party, the BARRINGTON club participated in another project that makes them a lot of friends in the Village. Every year Santa arrives in Barrington via fire

engine and meets its children in a charming, small building that is a reproduction of the original town train station. Because the building is small, however, the children and their parents are required to wait outside in what can be very long, cold lines. Members of the club addressed this situation by providing very welcomed free hot chocolate and cookies to those in line.

More than most, the MT. PROSPECT club is all about the kids. They have several successful BUG and K-Kids programs at many of the elementary and middle schools in the Village. This year, for example, the K-Kids at Indian Grove School (80 members strong!) helped with several school and community projects, such as: (1) ornament and gift making to sell at a Holiday Boutique, (2) collecting for the local fire department's Toys for Tots campaign, and (3) making posters for the Holiday Boutique and the school's Christmas Concert. Members of this club also supported the Village's needy family program by providing gift card donations for one of the families and by volunteering to help serve at the annual Christmas Party for Higher Up Ministries, a local faith-based organization dedicated to providing a safe environment and guidance for at-risk teens.

For many of his 31+ years of Kiwanis service, PALATINE club member Bruce Blanck has spent much of each November and



Several Palatine Kiwanis members prepare to distribute cupcakes and ice cream at the Holiday Party.

December as the driving force behind Palatine's Christmas Program. This program includes delivery of 80 food basket certificates (valued at \$30 each) to local families in need. Also, working with the Village and Jaycees, they sponsor a party for about 150 underprivileged kids and their families. The party features pizza, cup cakes, ice cream, fruit drinks, games and crafts. The real highlight for the children, however, is a personal visit and photograph with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus (members Al Hertz and Maureen Cahill) and some enthusiastic "elves" from the club sponsored Builder's Club who deliver to each child a wrapped, personalized present. This club also

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sent a package of goodies to some soldiers in Afghanistan, participated in a Coats for Kids drive and some of its members helped out with collections and deliveries for locally sponsored food pantries.

Keeping up with PARK RIDGE-MORNING in December requires roller skates or track shoes. They are moving all the time – from bell ringing for the Salvation Army to working with the Noon club on the food drive, to purchasing a table at the holiday dinner for Friends of the Handicapped, a Chicago-area organization dedicated to serving the many and varying needs of the handicapped. Two other projects stand out. First, when the city was running low on funds to put up holiday street lighting this club stepped in and (along with other volunteer groups) donated a very significant number of hours to make sure the streets of Park Ridge looked appropriate for the season. The Mayor at a City Council meeting honored the club for these efforts. Additionally, continuing their long relationship with The Harbours, an agency whose principal mission is providing housing for homeless children, the club sponsored a Christmas

party for the children of a nearby Harbour House location that included pizza and presents provided by the club. Because of these and the other services they provide all year long, The Harbours has chosen to honor the Park Ridge-Morning club with its annual Bobby Mayer Commitment to Youth Award.



Park Ridge Morning Club members gather at the Christmas Tree at Harbour House before distributing presents. Program coordinator, Ted Sigg, stands at far right.

Put it on Your Calendar!

*This listing includes 2010–2011 district events that may be of interest to **all** Kiwanians. For a comprehensive list of activities, particularly leadership-related events, please refer to the I-I District website calendar.*

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
Friday–Sunday March 4–6, 2011	I-I District CKI Annual Convention	Northern IL University DeKalb, IL
Saturday March 26, 2011	Kiwanis Member Education Day	Double Tree Hotel Bloomington, IL
Saturday, April 2, 2011	Kiwanis International's Kiwanis One Day	All local club and division local projects
Thursday–Sunday April 7–10, 2011	I-I District Key Club Convention	Indian Lakes Resort Bloomington, IL
Monday–Sunday June 20–26, 2011	Circle K International Convention	Virginia Beach, VA
Wednesday–Sunday June 29–July 3, 2011	Key Club International Convention	Phoenix, AZ
Thursday–Sunday July 7–10, 2011	Kiwanis International Convention	Geneva, Switzerland
Thursday–Sunday August 4–7, 2011	Kiwanis I-I District Annual Convention	Radisson Hotel Center Davenport, IA
Friday–Sunday October 21–23, 2011	Key Leader Weekend	East Bay Camp Hudson, IL

Breakfast with Santa!

Breakfast with Santa was held at the Sterling Moose Club the morning of November 20, 2010. More than \$1600 was raised to benefit Hospice of the Rock River Valley, thanks to the 545 children and adults who attended.

The entire \$3 admission fee was donated to Hospice because the cost of the breakfast was covered by the Sterling and Rock Falls Kiwanis Clubs.

Attendees enjoyed breakfast while children and, in some cases, families, had their pictures taken with Santa. The children were free to color the placemats, complete puzzles and games and enjoy facepainting.

Congratulations to Deb Kinnicut, who was in charge of the breakfast meal, and John Stauter, who organized the volunteers, for their great efforts.

"Thanks" is extended to the following for their help:

- All Kiwanians who served breakfast and performed clean-up duties.

- Newman Key Club members who painted faces,
- Sterling Key Club for carrying trays, cleaning tables and generally helping as needed, and
- Alex Rodriquez for serving as the Picture with Santa photographer.

The breakfast not only benefited Hospice but also provided an inexpensive holiday event for the whole family. Everyone seemed to have a great time, especially the Kiwanians who look forward to this event every year!

I would like to ask each club in our I-I District to consider reaching out to your Children's Miracle Network (CMN) Coordinator at your local Children's Hospital to see what their needs are for assisting with the 2011 Telethon! Please see the hospital contact list that follows. This year's CMN Telethon will be held across the nation on Sunday, June 3. The needs could include answering the telephones for an hour, helping get volunteers to answer the telephones, organizing snacks and drinks for the volunteers the day of the event, etc. CMN is a district-wide project and you would record these activities on your monthly reports to show you supported an I-I District and Kiwanis International recognized project.

If you have any questions about what hospital you are associated with—or other questions—I have that information and would be happy to share that with you. Please contact me:

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Children's Memorial Hospital Chicago, IL

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Riley Children's Hospital Indianapolis, IN

Contact Name: Sherry Sutton
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St. John's Hospital Springfield, IL

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(217) 544-6464 (x44700)
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St. Louis Children's Hospital or Cardinal Glennon Hospital St. Louis, MO

Contact Name: Maria Langston
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University of Iowa Children's Hospital Iowa City, IA

Contact Name: Sarah Adkins
(319) 335-8484
cmn@uiowa.edu



Will Raycraft, son of Andrea and Rob (Kiwanis Club of Normal, standing behind at left), is learning the Kiwanis tradition of service early as he helps ring bells for the Salvation Army. The time you spend serving and fundraising for the Children's Miracle Network today will benefit Will and thousands of other children.

Strive for Excellence

Why your club should attend an Achieving Club Excellence workshop

Start changing the world in your own community by improving your own Kiwanis club. Lead the way to a larger, more vibrant club that is providing significant service to children. Help your current and future members connect to the Kiwanis purpose and mission to change the world one child and one community at a time.

The Achieving Club Excellence workshop presents a dynamic seven-step process that clubs can follow to remain viable in today's culture. In this three-hour workshop, club members learn how to explore new approaches to increase service and apply new strategies for membership growth. Club members will focus on how to enhance the membership experience for all club members and how to develop and maintain a relevant service impact in their community.

Clubs will benefit from attending this workshop by:

- Engaging all club members in the club improvement process,
- Assessing club projects and activities to determine what the clubs need to keep doing, start doing, and stop doing,
- Add value to the individual member's experience in Kiwanis,
- Increase the service impact in the club's community, and
- Create public awareness of the Kiwanis club presence and mission.

Children in your own community and around the world need Kiwanis, and there are people in your community who have the desire to help. Following this simple process will bring them together.

You can make the difference! Start your club's journey toward excellence—plan now to attend...

DATE
Saturday,
March 26

TIME
TBA

LOCATION
Bloomington
Doubletree
Hotel

Optional buffet lunch available prior to the session.

Kill two birds with one stone—help improve your club's vitality while making it an interclub activity!

For more information, go to the district website.

Kiwanis Moment

Andy Krauss, Alpine-Rockford Club

I joined Kiwanis in late 2007. I was invited by Jeff Walton who happened to be my car insurance agent. I have a couple of favorite Kiwanis moments. One is when we passed around a stack of thank you cards at a club meeting that were written by the 3rd graders of a Rockford Public Elementary school. Our club had donated funds from our annual "Brat Days" fundraiser to a local Dictionary Fund allowing every third grader in the school to have their own special dictionary. The letters were very heartwarming.

Also, another is the first time my wife and I volunteered for the local "Special Olympics" Spring games. All the events are run pretty much by volunteers from our club. It was a cold day in early May, but you couldn't tell by watching all the Special Olympics athletes. They all had high spirits and enthusiasm. It has amazed me to see how much involvement there is in areas of our community by the many service-minded members of our club.

Knowing that we needed to add new ideas and new enthusiasm to our club in order to continue to better serve the children of our community and the world is the main reason that I invited John [Noonan] to visit our club. His son and my daughter ran cross country together while in high school. I knew

he was a community-minded person and would make a great addition to our club. He got involved right away in our annual fundraiser, even before becoming a member.



Andy Krauss (L) is pictured with Alpine-Rockford Kiwanis Club new member John Noonan.

Division 33 Serves 650!

On December 7, 2010, Kiwanis Clubs of Division 33 met at the Benton Civic Center and served a Christmas dinner of turkey with all of the trimmings to about 650 mentally and physically challenged guests from the Division 33 area plus approximately 140 volunteers who gave

their time to assist the guests in serving, singing, seating, etc.

The guests were transported to the Benton Civic Center by their respective facilities and then were treated to a delicious dinner, music, songs, clowns and pictures with Santa—plus they were

able to take home with them a bag containing cookies, candy canes, bananas, oranges and apples.

The Kiwanis Clubs of Division 33 met at the Civic Center the night before to set up tables, bag cookies, and get everything ready for the next day.



Salem Kiwanians are manning their posts and waiting to serve the guests.



The guests have arrived and are waiting to be served.

Where in the District is Governor Larry?!

Listed below are just some of the visit dates. Please refer to the I-I District website for a comprehensive list, including exact locations and times.

Governor Larry and First Lady Steph will continue their quest to visit all divisions in the District during 2010–2011. Please plan to attend the visit in your area—he would love to see you!

DIVISION/CITY	DATE
36 (Anna—Council Mtg/Gov's Visit)	Friday, February 11
16 (Quad Cities Area—Council Mtg)	Saturday, February 12
17 (Moline—Council Mtg)	Sunday, February 13
7 (Libertyville—Council Mtg)	Thursday, February 17
14 (DeKalb—Council Mtg/Interclub)	Monday, February 21
23 (Steger—Council Mtg/ACE Seminar)	Saturday, February 26
26 (Paris—Gov's Visit)	Saturday, February 26
6 (Elmwood Park—Council Mtg)	Monday, February 28
8 (TBD)	Wednesday, March 2

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Road Trip!

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GOVERNOR'S VISIT

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When Governor Larry and First Lady Steph visit your area, be sure to snap a few photos. E-mail us your best ones, and we'll do our best to publish them all in future issues of *Illeiwana*.



TOP: Gov. Larry and First Lady Steph with Division 12 LTG Chuck Moen (Freeport Golden K), Della Moen (Freeport), Terry Furth (Freeport), Jane Furth and Michelle Stubbe (Freeport).

MIDDLE: Gov's Asst. Ed Wiemers (Glen Carbon), Sandy Wiemers (Glen Carbon), Gov. Larry, First Lady Steph, Div. 33 Past LTG Steve Pauley (Salem), Div. 33 current LTG Monna Pauley (Salem), Div. 36 LTG Larry Swope and Cindy Swope.

BOTTOM: Murphysboro President-Elect Fr. Gary Gummingsheimer, Div. 36 LTG Larry Swope, three members of the Murphysboro Key Club, Div. 36 Key Club LTG Michael Roberts and Gov. Larry.



TOP LEFT: Gov. Larry and First Lady Steph enjoy an evening of fun with Div. 21 LTG Vicki Howell (Plainfield) and Div. 10 LTG Rick Poulton (Elgin).

TOP RIGHT: Gov's Asst. Ed Wiemers (Glen Carbon), Gov. Larry, Div. 34 LTG Jerry Vallina (Fairview Heights), Div. 31 LTG Diane Horning (Alton Godfrey), Melissa Rebman (Cahokia Area Club new member) and David Kelley (Cahokia Area President).

MIDDLE LEFT: Gov. Larry poses for a photo with members of the Kiwanis Club of Salem, including Div. 33 LTG Monna Pauley (seated at right).

MIDDLE RIGHT: Neil Baird, Gary Gray, Gary Goeken, Past Div. 27 LTG Howard Lawrence, Gov. Larry, Past Div. 27 LTGs Rene Corcoran and Larry Bechtel.

BOTTOM LEFT: Past Div. 13 LTG Ron Beem, First Lady Steph, Gov. Larry, Div. 13 LTG Christine Beem (Byron) and Div. 13 Key Club LTG Ashley Wolfe (Dixon).

BOTTOM RIGHT: Gov. Larry, First Lady Steph, Past LTG Frank Crescenzi (Lakeview-Chicago) and LTG Div 1 Mark Farina (Forest Glen-Mayfair).

GOVERNOR'S VISIT

10-11

Key Club and Circle K Scholarships Now Available



Please be sure your sponsored Key Clubs and Circle K Clubs are aware of these scholarship opportunities! The number of applications submitted each year has been

declining, so please make sure to spread the word about District/KIF Matching Scholarships!

The annual application process for the scholarships provided jointly by the Kiwanis Club of the I-I District and the Kiwanis International Foundation are now available. These are often referred to as the "Matching Scholarships", and we have four \$1000 scholarships available to Key Club and Circle K members in the I-I District this year. Application deadlines and where to find application forms are listed below:

Key Club Scholarship (graduating high school seniors)

DEADLINE: JANUARY 31, 2011

Application available at Key Club I-I District website www.iidistrict.org on the Scholarships page.

Circle K Scholarship (college freshman, sophomores or juniors)

DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 11, 2011

Application available on the Circle K I-I District website at www.iicirclek.org on the Resources page.

These scholarships are only available to current Key Club and Circle K members of the I-I District who are in good standing with their club, the District and International. Winners of the scholarships will be announced at the Circle K District Convention, March 4-6, 2011 at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb

and at the Key Club District Convention, April 7-10, 2011 at Indian Lakes Resort in Bloomingdale, IL.

Past Lt. Governors Association Memorial Scholarship

DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2011

A \$1000 scholarship is awarded to one Key Club Member and one Circle K Member from the I-I District each year in Memory of Past. Lt. Governor Peter Renier. The applications for these scholarships are also available at the Circle K and Key Club district websites noted above. Winners will be contacted directly by the Kiwanis Past Lt. Governors Association and will be recognized at the Kiwanis District Convention in Davenport, IA August 5-7, 2011.

Applications for all of the above scholarships are also available on the Kiwanis I-I District Website at www.iikiwanis.org under Links and Resources/SLP Scholarships.

Deadline for the March-April *Illeowan*

The *Illeowan* will be distributed around the 15th day of odd-numbered months.

Email your submissions to illeiowan@iikiwanis.org.

(If you notice anyone who is misidentified in *Illeowan* articles or photo captions, please email the same address, and a correction will be noted in the following issue.)

