



KIWANEWS

WISCONSIN-UPPER MICHIGAN KIWANIS DISTRICT

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WI-UM KIWANIS DISTRICT PRESENTS

Field of Dreams

104TH DISTRICT CONVENTION

AUGUST
12-13-14 **2022**

 **Kiwanis**
WISCONSIN-UPPER MICHIGAN DISTRICT

MAIN GATE: RADISSON HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTER, FOND DU LAC

Kiwanians... making every community a field of dreams for kids.

YOU'RE INVITED TO THE 2022 FIELD OF DREAMS DISTRICT CONVENTION

Submitted by Justin Hahn, WI-UM Kiwanis District Executive Director

Are you excited about our district convention this year? Come, August 12-14 to the WI-UM Field of Dreams as we gather for an unforgettable weekend filled with Kiwanis fun, education, celebrations, fundraising and conducting district business. It is said in the Field of Dreams movie, "If you build it, they will come." I'm not just talking to the cornfield! This is **your** district convention. We have built the event and now we just need **you** to come!

Joining us in our field of dreams will be International President-elect Bert West – a huge honor for our district. I personally know Bert and he is going to have a great time with our WI-UM team. Also on the team roster will be Area Director Emily Saalfrank, who many of you met at

our midyear conferences. Help us give them both a big dose of our wonderful, welcoming northern hospitality!

Our WUM Circle K members will host a Kiwanis Family Tailgate Picnic on Friday, complete with games, food and camaraderie! We are planning a service project during the convention, so be on the lookout for that opportunity to have an impact with your time and talents. And we also have some pretty neat things planned for entertainment on Saturday before and after the Governor's banquet.

Swing for the fence and knock it out of the park...attend the 2022 Field of Dreams district convention! Online registration is live at wiumkiwanis.org > participate.

GOVERNOR LARRY THANKS VOLUNTEERS, PROMOTES PARTICIPATION

Submitted by Larry Koziol, 2021-2022 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor



Larry Koziol

I hope you had the opportunity to attend one of our midyear conferences. Special thanks to executive director Justin Hahn for handling the logistics at all three.

I would also like to thank the presenters: Jean Long Manteufel and Fred Dietze (Leadership

Education); Justin Hahn (Secretary Education); Anna Bruhn, Dale Vannes, Mike Hipple, Alan Arbuckle and Tonya Alling (Membership and Engagement); Melissa Loebach and Ann Pilot (Service Projects); Erin Idler, Sarah Nolan, Becky Mattson, Lena Scheibengraber and Justin Hahn (Service Leadership Programs); Lynn Messer and Jean Long Manteufel (District Signature Projects); Emily Saalfrank (Kiwanis Education); Todd Liebergen (Youth Protection); John Collins (Risk Management); Mark Finger (WI-UM KDF and KI Children's Fund); and Ron VonDrachek, Anna Bruhn and Bill Abbott (Zoom hosts).

Those who attended had a chance to make new friends and renew old friendships, learn a lot and enjoy some great food! The feedback has been great.

If you didn't attend a midyear conference, there's another opportunity coming up August 12-14 in Fond du Lac at our district convention. This year's theme is "Field of Dreams: Wisconsin Upper Michigan Kiwanians – making every community a field of dreams for kids!"

Many Kiwanis members and clubs were recognized for their achievements at the midyear conferences, but there could have been many more. Please review the awards criteria at wiumkiwanis.org > resources > district awards. The Bill Solberg Distinguished Service Medal and the Outstanding Fundraiser Awards will be announced at the district convention. Please submit applications by the (extended) due date of May 31 so we can celebrate our Kiwanis members' service to children!

We can learn a lot from each other. One way to learn is to participate in interclubs to see what other clubs are doing and to let them know what your club is doing. Currently, two members count as an official interclub. Visiting club meetings, fundraisers, service projects and social events all qualify. It would be great to see fifty or more clubs receive the Round Robin Award. It's simple...do it and submit it!



Finally, I encourage all clubs to download and implement Kiwanis International's new Two for Two membership initiative and the Roster Analysis Worksheet, both available at wiumkiwanis.org > grow > tools for you! Remember, more members means more ideas and more hands for service. If you ask them, they will join!

2021-2022 District Governor Larry Koziol can be reached at 262-338-1996 or larrykoziol@gmail.com.



CIRCLE K TO HOST KIWANIS FAMILY TAILGATE PICNIC AT ROLLING MEADOWS GOLF COURSE ON AUGUST 12

Submitted by Joanna Carman, WUM Circle K International District Governor

WUM Circle K is bringing the Kiwanis Family Tailgate (formerly the K-Family Picnic) back this year! This cookout at Rolling Meadows Golf Course will take place on Friday, August 12 with a menu of bratwurst and hamburgers, creamy mac and cheese and potato chips. The Circle K District Board is organizing activities, including a cornhole tournament, bingo and possibly axe throwing! Register online at <https://bit.ly/KFTailgate22>. We are over-the-top excited to host the event and look forward to seeing you there!



CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

August 12-14, 2022 • Fond du Lac, Wisconsin
 Radisson Hotel and Conference Center
 Mail by July 29, 2022 for free advance registration.
 Use a separate form for each Kiwanis member.

All Kiwanians in attendance MUST register.

REGISTER ONLINE AT WUUMKIWANIS.ORG > PARTICIPATE

Name (to use on badge)

Non-member/guest name (to use on badge)

Daytime phone number

Email

Division #

Kiwanis club

2021-2022 office held

REGISTRATION FEE PER PERSON (if postmarked by July 29)

All Kiwanis members who register after July 29 must pay a \$25 late fee.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

• CLUB LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

For presidents, vice-presidents, presidents-elect and those considering a leadership role. *Register if attending so we know how many to expect.*

• KIWANIS FAMILY TAILGATE PICNIC – Rolling Meadows Golf Course

Bratwurst, hamburgers, creamy mac and cheese, potato chips

Hosted by WUM Circle K; Register online at <https://bit.ly/KFTailgate22>

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

• CLUB LEADERSHIP EDUCATION

Register if attending so we know how many to expect.

• LUNCHEON (southwest buffet). Seasoned meat, soft & hard shells, fiesta salad, chipotle ranch dressing, Spanish rice, refried beans, tortilla chips

• GOVERNOR'S BANQUET (plated dinner – make your choice here).

8oz Sirloin Steak: *USDA choice grade sirloin served with roasted reds and California vegetable blend*

Parmesan Crust Stuffed Chicken Breast: *Filled with a blend of spinach, sun-dried garlic tomatoes, and cream cheese served over basil pesto cream sauce with roasted red potatoes and California vegetable blend*

Vegetable Stir Fry: *Stir-fried vegetable array served over a bed of rice; Gluten-free/Vegan/Vegetarian*

Number	Fee	Total
_____	No Charge	\$ _____
_____	\$25.00	\$ _____
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_____	\$30.00	\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED		\$ _____

Special-needs meal (type): _____

CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

Please check one: ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA ☐ Discover

Account number _____

Name on card (print) _____

Expiration date _____ CVC _____ Zip code _____

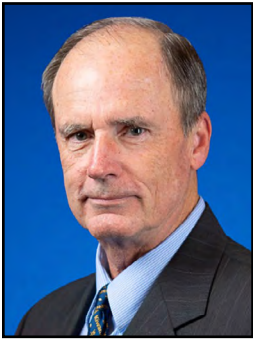
Please note: Online registration is available at www.wiumkiwanis.org > participate or total fees must accompany this registration form.

Make check payable to "WI-UM KIWANIS".
 Mail registration and check to WI-UM Kiwanis,
 1641 Fox River Parkway, Waukesha, Wisconsin
 53189.

To request a refund please refer to the district refund policy p8.3.1 at wiumkiwanis.org/district_bylaws.

GOVERNOR-ELECT ENCOURAGES DISTRICT CONVENTION ATTENDANCE

Submitted by William (Bill) Abbott, 2021-2022 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor-elect



Bill Abbott

It sure is nice to finally see some warm weather arrive. I'm enjoying the opportunity to get outside and get some work done.

I had a great time attending the midyear conferences in West Bend, Madison, and Escanaba. I learned so much and met many great Kiwanians.

Following the final midyear, the district held lieutenant governor training. Participants spent two days learning and exchanging ideas to help guide and assist clubs in their division. By the end of the training, attendees felt more connected and ready to serve club members.

I recently attended Dodgeville Key Club's final meeting of the school year. These students reported more than 1,100 volunteer hours for the year and recognized students for their exceptional service. If you have the chance to include sponsored leadership program members at your events, do so. These young people

bring so much energy and excitement that you can't help but be affected and energized as well.

Planning for this year's **Field of Dreams** convention is in full swing. It's an excellent opportunity to learn and make Kiwanis connections while having a great time.

Some of the workshops planned are:

- Club Mascots: district signature projects
- Batter on Deck: creating a leadership succession plan
- Little League: service leadership programs
- Managing Your Scorecard: club secretary training
- Salary Cap: a high school level financial responsibility program presented by the Iron Mountain/Kingsford club
- Spring Training: revisiting the basics with Kiwanis International Area Director Emily Saalfrank
- Double Play: recruiting new members using the Two for Two initiative from Kiwanis International
- Post-game Press Conference: Q&A session with Kiwanis International President-elect Bert West

2021-2022 District Governor-elect Bill Abbott can be reached at 608-935-9526 or wladodge@gmail.com.

OFFICIAL CALL: 2022 WI-UM DISTRICT CONVENTION FOND DU LAC, WI. RADISSON HOTEL, AUGUST 12-14

Article VI, Section 3 of the Bylaws of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District of Kiwanis International requires the Executive Director to notify each charter club an official call to the Annual Convention at least sixty days prior to the date of the same.

Also, your attention is invited to District Bylaw Article 13 Section 1 regarding bylaw amendments to be considered by the House of Delegates at the Annual Convention.

"Proposed amendments, which shall be submitted only by a club in good standing or by the District Board of Trustees, shall be received by the Executive Director at least sixty days prior to the date of the convention. The Executive Director shall send a copy of all proposed amendments to the secretary of each chartered club not less than thirty days prior to the date of the convention."

Therefore, any proposed amendments must be postmarked to the district office by June 11, 2022.

GOVERNOR-ELECT NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH JULY 22

Submitted by Justin Hahn, WI-UM Executive Director

Candidate nominations for governor-elect will not be accepted later than three weeks prior to the opening day of the district convention, July 22, 2022, for the name to be presented to the assembled delegates of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District Convention.

CONVENTION HOTEL RATES

The convention will be held at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Center, 625 W. Rolling Meadows Dr., Fond du Lac. Rooms must be reserved by July 22 to receive the group rate of \$146.45 per night (with tax). Reserve a room by phoning 920-923-1440, code WI-UM Kiwanis.

LUBINSKY ANNOUNCES 2022-2023 GOVERNOR-ELECT CANDIDACY

Submitted by Timothy Lubinsky, Candidate for 2022-2023 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor-elect



Tim Lubinsky

I am currently the Lt. Governor of Division 9. I have held that position since October 1, 2017. I have been married to my wife Patricia for 39 years. We have an adult married daughter.

I have been a joiner all my life. I was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin.

I was in scouts, attaining the rank of eagle. In 1968, I graduated from Oshkosh West High School. My favorite activity was Key Club. I built many enduring friendships there. One Key Club member was the best man at my wedding. In 1972 I graduated from UW-Oshkosh with a bachelors degree in business administration.

I went directly into the United States Army, serving three years, then joined the Army Reserve, retiring as a Lt. Col. after 28 years of service. Soon after retiring from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services where I was a financial specialist, I joined the Ripon Noon Kiwanis Club.

I have many hobbies, but what I like best is traveling to different lands with my wife and daughter. We even did a destination wedding to Ireland. I also enjoy attending Kiwanis International conventions. To relax, I get on my bicycle and ride the many bike paths around Ripon.

I have served Kiwanis as club treasurer (4½ years), president-elect, president, immediate past president and director, and am currently in my third term as Lt. Governor.

Kiwanis honors:

- Governor's Excellent Div., President's trophy, 2016-2017
- Distinguished Lt. Governor and Division, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2020-2021
- Case Van Kleeef Fellow, 2019
- George F. Hixson Fellow, 2020
- Kiwanis Amplify, Certificate of Completion, July 2021

My vision for the WI-UM Kiwanis District is that we can grow the district membership. We are now coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic which gives us a great opportunity to attract new members and build clubs. People want to get out and socialize. We must market ourselves to these persons. We need to promote our Kiwanis deeds. When seeking new members, we must concentrate on diversity, equity and inclusiveness.

I hope to meet you at the district convention in Fond du Lac. You can always learn something at a convention. I ask you to come, renew friendships and support me.

Tim Lubinsky can be reached by phone at 920-450-3951 or by email at tlubinsky19@hotmail.com.

KDF APPROVES \$15,500 IN CLUB GRANTS & MATCHING SCHOLARSHIPS

Submitted by Mark Finger, WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation Secretary/Treasurer

The WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation approved the following grants at the April Board of Directors meeting:

General Grants

- Ripon Early Birds – \$3,000 for the Riggs County Park Accessible Playground
- Eau Claire Clear Water – \$1,000 for the "Fore" the Kids Golf Event benefiting the ECASD Homeless Program
- Portage – \$3,000 for the Portage Youth Building

Matching \$500 Scholarships

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| • Cambria | • Madison West |
| • Darboy | • Marshfield |
| • Dodgeville | • New Richmond |
| • Eau Claire | • Port Washington |
| • Eau Claire – Clear Water | • Reedsburg |
| • Elm Grove Golden K | • Ripon |
| • Fabulous Fond du Lac | • Ripon Early Birds |
| • Fond du Lac-Lakeside | • Wild Rose |
| • Green Bay | |

DISTRICT CONVENTION AWARDS DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 31ST

Submitted by Justin Hahn, WI-UM Kiwanis District Executive Director

We celebrated the accomplishments of our clubs and members with awards at midyear conferences (see page 7 for a list of recipients). To be recognized, clubs must submit applications by the due date. Awards presented at district convention are due May 15th and those presented midyear are due November 15th.

The Bill Solberg Distinguished Service Medal and the Outstanding Club Fundraiser Award are presented at the district convention. The Solberg Service Medal honors a Kiwanian who has actively served in Kiwanis for at least

10 years on the district level and in their club as well as in their community outside of Kiwanis. This award is presented by the Past Governors. The Outstanding Club Fundraiser Award recognizes a Kiwanis club's dedication and effort in having produced the most outstanding fundraiser during the year.

Applications for both awards can be found on our district website at wiumkiwanis.org > resources > district awards. The deadline for both has been extended to May 31st to give extra time to compile and submit the applications.

HILMAR L. "BILL" SOLBERG DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

- ✓ Recipient must have actively served in Kiwanis for a period of not less than ten years.
- ✓ Recipient must have served in the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District at least as a Lt. Governor or District Chairperson.
- ✓ Recipient must have actively participated outside of Kiwanis in other worthy community, lodge or civic endeavors.
- ✓ Recipient must be nominated by a Kiwanis club's Board of Directors, which is currently in good standing with the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District and Kiwanis International.
- ✓ Recipient's club must submit evidential material in support of their recommendation
- ✓ Nominee may be living or deceased.

OUTSTANDING CLUB FUNDRAISER AWARD

A great fundraiser can keep a club financially responsible or provide a meaningful contribution to another organization or cause. The Outstanding Club Fundraiser Award recognizes a Kiwanis club's dedication and effort in having produced the most outstanding fundraiser during the year.

Statistics Requested

- ✓ Fundraising project and date held.
- ✓ Charitable organization benefited.
- ✓ Amount raised/amount raised per member.
- ✓ Hours spent planning/organizing the event.
- ✓ Attendance information.
- ✓ Why the fundraiser was necessary.
- ✓ How the fundraiser was promoted.
- ✓ How the community was impacted.

KEY CLUB ADULT COMMITTEE SEEKS KIWANIS MEMBER PARTICIPANTS

Submitted by Erin Idler, WI-UM Kiwanis District Key Club Co-Administrator

The district is looking for Kiwanians to join our WI-UM Key Club adult committee. Assisting this committee would require communication with students and administrators, attendance at quarterly board meetings, district convention attendance and meetings with administrators as needed.

If you are interested, or to learn more, contact District Co-administrators Erin Idler (erinidler@gmail.com) or Sarah Nolan (nolans24@gmail.com).

KEY CLUB®

2020-2021 DISTRICT AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT MIDYEAR CONFERENCES

Submitted by Jean Long Manteufel, 2020-2021 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor

The following honors and achievements were announced at midyear conferences. Please join us in applauding these Kiwanis members and clubs for the work they did last year as they served the children in their community!

DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS

• **Membership and Education**

Nicholas Berger (Eau Claire)
Joan Pinch (Fond du Lac)

• **Community Impact**

Rebecca Mattson (Eau Claire)
JJ Raflik (Fond du Lac)
Orris Smith (Mauston)
Jean Long Manteufel (Appleton-Fox Cities)

• **Our Kiwanis Image**

Dennis Johnson (Eau Claire)
Peter Grimm (Fond du Lac)
George Shook (Madison West)
Jay Stephany (Appleton-Fox Cities)

• **Financial Viability**

Robert Evenson (Eau Claire)
Louise Gudex (Fond du Lac)
Eric Aronson (Appleton-Fox Cities)



Justin Hahn, right, presented Beverly Johansen with the Outstanding Kiwanis Advisor award for her role as the UW-Platteville Circle-K advisor.

Round Robin Award

- Division 5 – Madison West
- Division 8 – Chilton
- Division 8 – Manitowoc Golden K
- Division 10 – Appleton-Fox Cities
- Division 12 – New Richmond

Terrific Kiwanian Award

- Division 8 – Charles Zarnoth (Chilton)
- Division 10 – Jean Long Manteufel (Appleton-Fox Cities)
- Division 10 – Tom Rigden (Appleton-Fox Cities)
- Division 10 – Paul Shrode (Appleton-Fox Cities)
- Division 10 – Peter Zellmer (Appleton-Fox Cities)
- Division 12 – Tom Mihajlov (Eau Claire)
- Division 12 – Gregory Kier (New Richmond)

Governor's Service Award

- Division 10 – Appleton-Fox Cities

Distinguished Lt. Governor and Division

- Division 1 – Melissa Loebach
- Division 3 – Fitz Fitzpatrick
- Division 5 – Ken Saville
- Division 6 – Kathy Durner
- Division 9 – Tim Lubinsky
- Division 11 – Miki Bix



Immediate Past Governor Jean Long Manteufel, left, recognized Charles Zarnoth for achieving the Terrific Kiwanian Award.

GOVERNOR'S PROJECT EXPANDED TO INCLUDE CAMP WAWBEEK NEEDS

Submitted by Larry Koziol, 2021-2022 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor

Your response to the Governor's Project has been awesome! We exceeded our goal and will be able to purchase more than 10 picnic tables for Camp Hometown Heroes. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

However, Camp Wawbeek has an urgent request. I would like to funnel any future contributions into this much-needed project.

Camp Wawbeek's staff has indicated that they are in need of funds to improve safety measures for campers who use camp trailers as they travel around for programs such as cookouts, camp outs and trail rides. Trailers are also used to transport respite campers to the Kiwanis pool and to weekly boat trips provided by the Dells Boat Company. The camp uses the units regularly during the summer as well as during weekend adventures which include veterans and transition weekends.

The camp is hiring a welding company to install tie-down plates to allow camp staff to securely connect wheelchairs to the wagon so there is less chance of an accident. These tie-downs are similar to the type that accessible vans employ to safely transport people with limited mobility. The camp also needs two new trailer coverings to protect campers from sun and rain.



The need for picnic tables at Camp Hometown Heroes has been met, so Governor Larry Koziol has turned his focus to wheelchair tie-downs and other accessibility and safety needs at Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek.

Attaching the proper tie-downs will cost approximately \$4,500. Two new tarps will cost \$1,500 plus an additional \$500 for roll-up accessories to make the tarps work best on sunny days. There is also a strong possibility that four trailer tires will need to be replaced at a cost of \$100 each. Additionally, safety chains that attach the wagons to the tractors may need to be replaced or re-welded at a cost of approximately \$300. The estimated total cost of the project is \$7,200.

I'm reaching out to all clubs and asking for any donations – large or small – to help with these upgrades.

Thank you for your generosity!

AUTISM SIGNATURE PROJECT IS APPROACHING 1,400 IPADS AWARDED

Submitted by Lynn Messer, iPads for Autism District Signature Project Chair

The iPads for Autism District Signature Project remains in high gear. Requests continue to exceed the available supply. Half the current order is spoken for. Recipients for the last order were designated before it was unpacked.

The cost of the protective cases and shipping have both increased. The current price for one iPad with a case is \$385. The good news: we are close to 1,400 iPads granted, far exceeding our original expectations during my 2012-2013 term as district governor. This project has changed the lives of children on the autism spectrum and I thank all the clubs that continue to support it.



4K student Kyrie Griffin, along with her mom Tiara Wortham, receives an iPad from Fond du Lac Lakeside Kiwanis secretary Dan Weninger. The club has awarded more than 30 iPads through the iPads for Autism WI-UM Kiwanis District Signature Project.

FOURTH ANNUAL FOX CITIES KIDZ EXPO DRAWS 4,000 VISITORS

Submitted by Jay Stephany, Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis Club

The Fox Cities Kidz Expo returned to the Fox Cities Exhibition Center in downtown Appleton on Saturday, April 9 after a two-year pause. Judging by all the smiles and laughs from attendees, this year's event delivered.

The Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis Club estimates that 4,000 visitors entered the exhibition center for a day of interactive and educational activities for kids and families.



The Kidz Expo provided more than 60 activity booths, displays, mascots, balloon artists, food concessions and face painters, which participants engaged with throughout the day. An entertainment stage was alive with demonstrations, music, magic and fun. This year, the Kiwanis n' Cops n' Kids reading program was added to the event, which connected visitors to another children-focused Kiwanis initiative.

When the Kidz Expo was originally created, the goal was to provide a free event for families that was educational, fun and adventurous. Club members feel that the annual event has become an established part of the fabric of the community and they look forward to hosting it again.



A police officer reads to children at the Fox Cities Kidz Expo, bringing the Kiwanis 'n Cops 'n Kids program to the event for the first time.

WEST RACINE KIWANIS HOSTED PERSONAL FINANCE EDUCATION EVENT

Submitted by Paul Holley, Kiwanis Club of West Racine

Kiwanis Club of West Racine members helped high school students get a dose of financial reality in April. Now in its 17th year, Reality Check Day is a personal finance exercise presented by Educators Credit Union. Each participating student is assigned "a life" – loaded onto a personal computing device – that includes a career, one month's salary, a family status and a credit score.

After a short briefing, the students are given an hour to visit nine different "life stations" staffed by volunteers, where they figure out how to pay for housing, food, clothing, transportation, child care and other basic needs.

"The goal is not to leave with the most money in your checkbook," Victor Fraser, Educators Credit Union Director of Community Engagement, said of Reality



Students visited "life stations" to help determine a budget based on the career, salary, family status and credit score each had been assigned.

Check Day. "It's to get an idea of how expensive life really is." Students commented that the monthly cost of things like child care, auto loan payments, mortgages, rent and insurance were more than they had imagined.



SLINGER CLUB DONATES \$16,500 TO PARK & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Amanda DeSua, Slinger Kiwanis Club

Members of the Slinger Kiwanis Club presented \$16,500 – the proceeds of a community event held in February to

raise money for outdoor games at a local splash pad – to the Slinger Park and Recreation Department on April 4.

RIPON'S EASTER BUNNY, BAGS & BOOKS EVENT HAD GREAT TURNOUT

Submitted by Tonya Alling, Ripon Early Bird Kiwanis Club

The Ripon Early Bird Kiwanis Club Easter Bunny, Bags and Books event was a great success. 325 kids received a treat bag from the Easter bunny, plus a coloring sheet from Ripon College's mascot, a tattoo from the grocery store's duck mascot, plus coupons from area restaurants.

Ripon emergency personnel took part in the Kiwanis 'n Cops 'n Kids program by distributing 325 books to children as they made their way through Barlow Park.



Police officers participated in the Kiwanis 'n Cops 'n Kids program, handing books to children as their parents drove them through the park.



Local mascots joined the Easter Bunny and emergency personnel at the Ripon Early Bird Kiwanis Easter Bunny, Bags & Books event in April.

Cars waited up to an hour for their turn to drive through to see the bunny and other characters. Members heard that the kids loved it and that it was worth the long wait!

"Members of the Ripon Early Bird Kiwanis Club volunteer for many activities to make an impact on children in our area and this Easter event is one that kids and their parents look forward to every year," said club president Dan Parks. "We know kids need Kiwanis, in our community and in communities around the world."

KIWANIS MEMBER TRAVELED TO ROMANIA ON HUMANITARIAN MISSION

Submitted by Dan Weninger, Fond du Lac Lakeside Kiwanis Club

Justin Lindberg, Fond du Lac Lakeside Evening Kiwanis Club 2016-2017 President, has called Lviv, Ukraine a second home for the past decade.

When Russia invaded Ukraine on February 24, 2022, the events drew Justin to travel to Romania to help refugees. He packed suitcases with essential items in short supply and arrived to help on March 17, 2022. He rented an SUV and traveled on dilapidated roads to secure supplies and transport them to a refugee center.

Justin connected with the Fight for Freedom organization, which was established in 2019 to help the homeless population in Romania. When refugees from Ukraine began crossing the border, the organization quickly turned its focus to helping secure shelter, jobs, work visas and other immediate needs for refugees. Justin will



Fond du Lac Lakeside Kiwanian Justin Lindberg volunteered at a refugee center in Romania shortly after Russia invaded Ukraine.

return to Romania on May 28 to continue relief efforts with the organization (www.fightforfreedom.ro).

To learn more about Justin's humanitarian efforts, contact him at (920) 273-4956 or justinlindberg@me.com.

DODGEVILLE KIWANIANS TAP VOLUNTEER POTENTIAL OF SLP MEMBERS

Submitted by Jim Massey, Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville and students in their sponsored leadership programs have had a busy spring and are looking forward to summer fundraisers and service projects within the Dodgeville community.

The club had a successful fundraiser in March, in which items donated by area businesses were auctioned live on the radio. Members of the Kiwanis club and the Key Club staffed phone lines to help earn nearly \$13,000.



Members of the Dodgeville Middle School Builders Club, pictured with their advisor at right, Michele Latterell, helped members of the Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville sell brats and hot dogs at the Wisconsin Grilled Cheese Championships April 23 in Dodgeville.

In April, Kiwanis, Key Club and Builders Club members took part in fundraisers in conjunction with the Wisconsin Grilled Cheese Championships organized by the Dodgeville Chamber of Commerce.

Builders Club members helped Kiwanians at a hot dog, brats and beverages concessions stand, while Key Club members joined the high school FFA chapter to make and sell grilled cheese sandwiches to the 2,000 people in attendance at the event.

The Dodgeville club will sell hot dogs and brats again at the Iowa County Farmers Appreciation Day in July, with help from Key Club and Builders Club members. They will also distribute books to children in the community, in conjunction with the Dodgeville Police Department, as part of the Kiwanis 'n Cops 'n Kids Program.

The club also supports the UW-Platteville Circle K Club and is hoping to start a K-Kids program during the 2022-2023 school year.

CAMBRIA KIWANIS CLUB COLLABORATES ON COMMUNITY GAME NIGHT

Submitted by Brittany Fisher, Kiwanis Club of Cambria

Service groups and other organizations have faced many hurdles finding ways to serve and gain relevance under a new post-pandemic normal. The Kiwanis Club of Cambria is no exception. The club routinely met during the pandemic and discussed ways to reach out to the community to establish community awareness and remain engaged. Two of the options discussed were the Kiwanis 'n Cops 'n Kids service project and hosting community game nights. With community input and joint leadership from the public library and the Kiwanis club, an idea began to form.

On March 31, the Kiwanis club – together with the Jane Morgan Memorial Library and the Columbia County Sheriff's Department – hosted what it hopes will be the first of many game nights. The night featured many fresh young faces, a community hall full of laughter, and a wide variety of games (all available for library checkout).

The sheriff's office participated in the Kiwanis 'n Cops 'n Kids program and exceeded expectations by sending several deputies, including a K-9 unit. They stayed and



As a result of a collaboration between the Kiwanis club, the library and the sheriff's department, a community game night was held in Cambria.

played games with families, read and handed out books, stickers, cups, coloring books and balloons.

With a turnout surprising for a small town, the Kiwanis club, library, and sheriff's department considered the night a complete success. The three organizations are all looking forward to their next collaborative project.

NEW RICHMOND KIWANIS EASTER EVENT ATTENDED BY OVER 350 KIDS

Submitted by Lindsey Springer, Kiwanis Club of New Richmond

The Kiwanis Club of New Richmond hosted an annual Easter event on Saturday, April 16. Volunteers braved the



Volunteers filled treat baskets to give to more than 350 children who attended the Easter event hosted by the Kiwanis Club of New Richmond.

cold breeze and brought smiles to the faces of more than 350 kids. 170 vehicles arrived in previously-assigned time slots. Each vehicle was checked in by Kiwanis, Key Club or Star Prairie Community Club volunteers and given a bag of candy-filled Easter eggs.

Vehicles then drove around the high school to receive a treat basket and a chance to take a photo with the Easter bunny. Nine lucky kids won bicycles in the annual bike giveaway, which is funded by donations from current members as well as a memorial gift from a past Kiwanis member. Helmets for the lucky winners were donated by the New Richmond Police Department.

Members of the Kiwanis Club of New Richmond are already looking forward to next year's Easter event!

SUCCESSFUL FOOD SAMPLING FUNDRAISING EVENT HELD IN DARBOY

Submitted by Ron Simonis, Kiwanis Club of Darboy

After a one-year hiatus, the Kiwanis Club of Darboy was able to host Taste of the Town, a food tasting and fundraising event. This year's event was held on March 15 and featured food and beverage samples from 20 area eateries. The menu included southwestern chimichangas, egg rolls, pizza, buffalo wings, burritos, Texas BBQ, soups, single-origin coffee, craft soda, cookies, tarts, candy, cake and more. The event drew approximately 200 guests.

Tickets for the event included samples from all of the participating vendors, entry into the grand prize drawing featuring prepaid cash cards, and a chance for door



A gourmet chocolatier from Appleton displays her creations at the Taste of the Town fundraising event benefiting the Kiwanis Club of Darboy.

prizes. Raffle prizes included a Kiwanis "party wagon," fitness memberships, gift card trees, amusement park passes and many other items.

Taste of the Town is the principal fundraiser for the club. The event is advertised as food, fun, and fundraising and it delivers all three. Guests enjoy the chance to sample food from restaurants while supporting the club's efforts. The vendors appreciate the opportunity to promote their menu items to potential new customers.

Proceeds from the event help fund scholarships, student service organizations, iPads for children on the autism spectrum and the club's other outreach efforts.



A "party wagon" filled with adult beverages is one of the raffle prizes available at the Taste of the Town fundraising event in Darboy.

UW-LA CROSSE CIRCLE K CLUB DONATES NON-FOOD NECESSITIES

Submitted by Kathy Sims, La Crosse Kiwanis Club

La Crosse Kiwanis Club member and Circle K Club advisor Kathy Sims, far right, and four University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Circle K members shop for items that were donated to the Cavalier Cupboard at Western Technical College and the Campus Food Pantry at UW-La Crosse. Club President Rochelle Nicks chose supporting the pantries as her mission during her term as president.



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La Crosse Kiwanis Club Past President Jared Leis talks to the media about the club's successful fundraiser/service project, the Kiwanis Flag Project.

LA CROSSE KIWANIANS FIND SUCCESS WITH U.S. FLAG FUND RAISER

Submitted by Jared Leis, La Crosse Kiwanis Club

Last year, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the La Crosse Kiwanis Club took an idea from a former club member and turned it into a successful fundraiser. The idea? Planting American flags in local parks to generate nearly \$15,000 for the club.

The flag project was seen as a way to promote patriotism and awareness of the Kiwanis club in the La Crosse community. In addition, the money raised by the club continues to provide direct financial support for local youth-focused programs.

Jared Leis, past president of the La Crosse club said, "We provided all the volunteers for the project. Through donations by individuals and business sponsorships, Kiwanis constructed the flag poles and holders, installed the underground sleeves and placed and removed the American flags four times during the year."

Those four times were Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day and Labor Day. The flags were displayed at Veterans Freedom Park on Clinton Street and Roellig Park on Losey Boulevard. There is hope, as sponsorship grows, that other locations will be utilized to display more flags.

More than 50 sponsors contributed to the project, with numerous donations of \$100, \$200, \$500 and even one for \$2,000. Kiwanis members secured financial sponsorship commitments from businesses and individuals. Judging by club participation and the community's willingness to support the project, it was one of the more successful fundraisers the club has had in recent years.

To learn more, contact Jared Leis by phone at (608) 785-2265 or by email at jleis@citizensstatebank.us.

KDF REQUESTS RAFFLE BASKETS FOR AUGUST DISTRICT CONVENTION

Submitted by Mark Finger, WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation



Please bring your raffle baskets to Fond du Lac and help us hit a home run for the Kiwanis District Foundation! Thousands of dollars have been raised during midyear conferences and district conventions. More than \$3,430 was raised at the three midyear conferences this year! All proceeds help provide scholarships and grants for local club projects. We're looking forward to similar success at the district convention thanks to your support.

