

KIWANES

WISCONSIN-UPPER MICHIGAN KIWANIS DISTRICT

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First Lady Lynn Koziol and 2021-2022 Governor Larry Koziol proudly donned WI-UM baseball jerseys at the 104th annual Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District Convention, held August 12-14 in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin.

2022 'FIELD OF DREAMS' DISTRICT CONVENTION HITS A GRAND SLAM!

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

Kiwanis members gathered August 12-14 at the 104th annual "Field of Dreams" district convention in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. The event included education, business, fun and camaraderie. 2022-2023 Kiwanis International President Bert West and Director of Global Membership and Education Chris Martz joined us for the weekend.

On Friday, attendees learned about the Miracle League field project in Fond du Lac and met candidates for office during the opening session. At the Kiwanis Family Tailgate, hosted by our WUM Circle K District, Kiwanians enjoyed traditional tailgate fare and participated in axe throwing, bingo and a cornhole tournament. Weaver, the mascot from the Dock Spiders summer collegiate baseball team, joined in the fun!

Saturday's session opened with a service project for the Fond du Lac Food Pantry, making sandwiches for children's lunch kits. Convention participants donated 346 pounds of food to the pantry. Workshops brought attendees a wealth of knowledge on various topics including a forum with Bert West.

During lunch, Kiwanians and clubs were recognized for their efforts this past year and attendees had an opportunity to financially support the Circle K District during the miracle minute and the Kiwanis District Foundation during the live auction. CKI Governor Joanna Carman and Key Club Governor Om Rajpal gave SLP updates with a keynote address by Bert West.

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KOZIOL REFLECTS ON TERM AS GOVERNOR, THANKS WI-UM KIWANIS TEAM

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



Larry Koziol

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District governor! It has been quite the experience and something I will never forget.

It was a great honor to have Kiwanis International President-designate Bert West, his wife Sandy West, and Global Membership and Engagement Director Chris Martz at our "Field of Dreams" district convention.

Thank you to our district's lieutenant governors, committee chairs and service leadership program administrators. What a tremendous job you did this year!

Thank you to Joan Pinch and the three Fond du Lac Kiwanis clubs for hosting a great convention.

Thank you to Justin Hahn and Tonya Alling for taking the Field of Dreams theme and running with it. Your efforts made the convention so much fun!

Most of all, thank you for all you do as members of Kiwanis International for the kids in your community.

That truly is why Kiwanis exists.

I've had a chance this year to travel and meet Kiwanians throughout our great district and to see how our clubs are serving children. I enjoyed great hospitality and fellowship and, above all, I had fun!

A special thank you to First Lady Lynn for being my travel companion and for assisting me during my term.

Thanks to the financial support of Kiwanis Clubs and members, and with the additional help of Circle K members, we raised enough money to fully fund both of my governor's projects benefiting Camp Hometown Heroes and Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek.

The picnic tables are built for Camp Hometown Heroes and – after the Circle K walkathon in September – we'll be able to pay for the wheelchair tie downs and tarps at Camp Wawbeek.

One of my Kiwanis "aha" moments came last month when I volunteered at Camp Hometown Heroes. I was able to attend the memorial session where the kids released decorated containers with a votive light into the swimming pool. It's a way of trying to let go. It's difficult to express the feelings I had watching the kids hug and comfort each other. I get goosebumps talking about it.

Serve, Learn and Grow was my theme this year.

Many clubs started new service projects. A lot of Kiwanians attended workshops and interclubs.

Throughout the year, we have seen an increase in members, but, as most of us know, September 30th is fast approaching and, historically, that's when members who won't be renewing are dropped from club rosters. With less than one month to go, let me quote Yogi Berra and say "it ain't over till it's over." Put your rally caps on and aim to end the Kiwanis year with a gain in members.

My favorite scene from Field of Dreams was when James Earl Jones was talking about baseball over the years. I took a little liberty and changed his speech to:

People will join Ray. People will most definitely join. They will come from everywhere and pay money to join because they know that they will have the chance to serve the children and they will know the joy of helping kids!

Continue to serve and to do your best to make our communities a Field of Dreams for the kids!

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



FONDY FOOD PANTRY EXPRESSES GRATITUDE FOR KIWANIS SUPPORT

Submitted by Joan Pinch, Kiwanis District Convention Chair

Food pantry volunteer coordinator Mary Weishapple picked up 346 pounds of food donated by Kiwanis members who attended the district convention. In addition, 15 Kiwanis members prepared enough sandwiches for 146 children's lunch kits at the pantry while other volunteers sorted the donated items.

"What an incredible response from Kiwanis! Fondy Food Pantry is so grateful for the items contributed – plus the kids bag packing project. The food pantry is truly thankful to Kiwanis for their continued support of the pantry and of children in need. Please pass along our thanks to the Kiwanis attendees," Mary said.

The Fondy Food Pantry has been providing supplemental healthy food options and education for families in need in Fond du Lac County since 1973. Compassion for children is a hallmark of the pantry, which believes that "strong bodies, strong minds, and positive growth for all kids in our community will always be a priority."



More than 340 pounds of non-perishable food items were donated to the Fondy Food Pantry during the district convention service project.

The Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District is proud to partner with the pantry to help children living with food insecurity prosper.

AS SCHOOL RESUMES, ENGAGE WITH SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Submitted by Timothy Lubinsky, 2021-2023 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor-elect Designate

The summer of 1966, my family moved to Oshkosh, Wisconsin. When I started high school that September, I was a junior, and did not know anyone. Cliques had already been established. I certainly was not an athlete. The only way I could make new friends was to join school clubs. A student asked me to join Key Club. I did and met my best high school friends there. I enjoyed doing the service projects. On Friday night home games, we would meet at a member's house for supper, and then go as a group to the game. I felt like I belonged.



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Service Leadership Programs

Kiwanis Clubs need to reengage with their service leadership programs as students return to school. Kiwanis has established service clubs for all ages and abilities. They are:

- **K-Kids (primary/elementary school):**
Where young leaders learn to help others.
- **Builders Club (middle/junior high school):**
Building self-esteem at a pivotal age.
- **Key Club International (secondary/high school):**
Learning to lead with compassion.
- **Circle K International (College/university students):**
The next generation of community leaders.
- **Aktion Club (Adults with differing abilities):**
Where development has no disability.

Make contact. Make sure that Service Leadership Program clubs have Kiwanis advisors (preferably one from the school and one from your club). Schedule an interclub to show interest in their club. Invite them to attend your meetings. Buy their meal for them. Ask them to help at your fundraisers or service projects. Your club and the students will mutually benefit.

TODD LIEBERGEN RECEIVES CASE VAN KLEEF FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Submitted by Mark Finger, Kiwanis District Foundation Secretary/Treasurer



KDF Executive Secretary Mark Finger, right, congratulates Kiwanian Todd Liebergen on becoming a Case Van Kleeef Fellow.

The Case Van Kleeef Fellowship Award is the WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation's highest honor. Named for former District Governor and International Past President Case Van Kleeef, the award is given to an individual in whose name a donation of \$1,000 is given to the KDF. Additional \$1,000 donations qualify the honoree for a Distinguished Van Kleeef award.

Proceeds from the awards support the KDF endowment fund which generates revenue for club grants and matching scholarships. Todd Liebergen was honored with a Case Van Kleeef Fellowship Award at the District Convention. Contact markfingerkdf@wiumkiwanis.org to reserve your Van Kleeef Fellowship today!

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Recipients of the Governor's Excellent Division Award (Division 11, led by Lieutenant Governor Miki Bix), the Outstanding Fundraiser Award (Elm Grove Golden K), the Outstanding Kiwanis Support Award (Green Bay Kiwanis), and Signature Project Awards (Eau Claire Kiwanis and Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis) were honored as well.

Saturday sessions resumed with division caucuses, a raffle basket drawing in support of the KDF and the House of Delegates where new leaders were elected and bylaws amendments were considered. All amendments passed, including two which allow members from outside of a division to serve as a Lt. Governor if no one from within the division fills the role. A member dues increase of \$10 also passed.

The governor's banquet followed, at which Todd Liebergen was awarded a Case Van Kleeef fellowship and the Solberg award was presented. Governor Larry Koziol gave his farewell speech and Governor-designate William Abbott outlined his goals. Retirement and installation of officers was followed by a trivia contest.

From decorations to puns, giveaways and baseball cards, there were many "Field of Dreams" theme tie-ins

throughout the weekend with endless memories created.

Thank you to everyone involved in putting together such an incredible event, but special thanks to Tonya Alling for her countless hours of service and work. From creating the logo to taking pictures and creating personalized baseball cards, to managing registration and information on the website, to creating the ice breaker sheets and the convention booklets, the event could not have happened without her contributions.

If you were unable to attend, save August 25-27, 2023 for the next district convention in Middleton, Wisconsin. Can't wait that long to meet up with your new Kiwanis friends? Keep an eye out for more information on our upcoming midyear conferences in the spring of 2023.



WILLIAM 'BILL' ABBOTT ELECTED 2022-2023 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Submitted by Jim Massey, Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville

Bill Abbott of Dodgeville was elected 2022-2023 governor of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Kiwanis District on August 13th at the 104th annual convention.

Abbott has been a member of the Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville since 2009, serving as vice president, president, past president and a member of the board of directors nearly all of 13 years. Most recently, he served as lieutenant governor of Division 7, was deputy lieutenant governor for two years prior to that and was governor-elect during the 2021-2022 year.

His term as governor will officially begin on October 1, 2022. He is the first Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville member elected to the office of governor.

Prior to moving to Dodgeville, Abbott served as a police officer in Milwaukee for 25 years, retiring as a lieutenant. He and his wife, Lynn, moved to Dodgeville in 2005.

Jim Massey, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville board of directors and a past club president, officially placed Abbott's name into nomination at the convention.

"Bill has demonstrated to others what it means to be a Kiwanian and how we can make a difference by serving the children of our community and the world," Massey said. "He will make an excellent leader within the district, and I am proud to join other members of our club in nominating Bill Abbott for governor of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District."

Abbott said his goals for the year as governor include opening five new clubs in the district and adding 200 new members. He would also like to see clubs within the district open new Service Leadership Programs, such as K-Kids, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs or Circle K Club.

"I want you all to talk to people and spread the word about Kiwanis and tell them what Kiwanis does for our communities," Abbott told convention attendees. "When you do that, invite them to a meeting or a service project



Bill Abbott, left, accepted the gavel to signify his election as district governor-designate of the Wisconsin Upper-Michigan District from Kiwanis International President-designate Bert West during the Kiwanis District Convention on August 13. Looking on at right is Larry Koziol, current governor of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District.

or a fundraiser. We won't grow as an organization if we don't make the effort," he said.

"Together we can accomplish much serving the children of our communities and the world. Remember, we all come to serve and we stay for the fun," he added.

Abbott established a governor's project of raising funds for Easter Seals Camp Wawbeek near Wisconsin Dells, where water-refilling stations are needed to serve the camp's clients with disabilities; and money to provide operating expenses for Bay Cliff Health Camp near Big Bay, Michigan, a year-around non-profit therapy and wellness center for children and adults with disabilities. He said he hopes to raise \$6,000 to \$8,000 for the projects during the year.

As governor, Abbott will lead the district by implementing organizational goals, developing and leading a district leadership team, and communicating the vision of the organization to members across Wisconsin and Upper Michigan.

Massey accepted the "home of the governor" banner on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Dodgeville, which will hang at club meetings during the upcoming year. The exchange was made from Mike Weston, president of the West Bend Early Risers Kiwanis Club, home of current district governor Larry Koziol. Koziol's term will end on September 30.



Photos by Tonya Alling. Access more convention photos at www.wiumkiwanis.org > learn > photo album.



Past District Governor Roger Krogstad welcomed Kiwanis International President-designate Bert West to the district convention.



Executive Director Justin Hahn donned baseball-themed apparel to help celebrate the Field of Dreams theme.



Kiwanis District shirts were available to order and pick up at the district convention. The embroidered polo shirts are \$25 each with a minimum order of 72 shirts. If you would like to order a shirt to be picked up at a midyear conference next spring, please contact Executive Director Justin Hahn.



2022-2023 Kiwanis District Governor William "Bill" Abbott, right, delivers a raffle basket to lucky winner Ron Schuler.



Left to right, Jim Burmeister, Bert West and Dan Parks. Realizing that they couldn't carry four raffle baskets on their return flight, Bert and his wife, Sandy, offered two of the baskets to \$50 donors during dinner.



Left to right, Lynn Abbott, William "Bill" Abbott and Bert West celebrate Bill's election to 2022-2023 Kiwanis District Governor.



Bert West accepts a gift of custom-made Wisconsin and Upper Michigan cutting boards from Bill Abbott.



Governor-elect designate Tim Lubinsky is congratulated by 2022-2023 Kiwanis International President Bert West.



WI-UM KIWANIS DISTRICT IS AWARDED 4IMPRINT ONE BY ONE® GRANT

Submitted by Tonya Alling, Ripon Early Bird Kiwanis Club

When placing an order for t-shirts for my American Legion Post in May, the 4imprint customer service representative asked me if I had applied for a "one by one" grant. She told me a little bit about the program.

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After learning about the grant program, I applied for a grant for my American Legion, which we used to purchase banners and yard signs. I then applied for and received a grant for my Kiwanis Club's golf outing. They also gave us golf towels to distribute to our participants.

Our Kiwanis district was considering purchasing shirts. I told executive director Justin Hahn about the program. He received a \$500 grant, which was used to purchase 20 shirts to sell to members at district events. More than 72 shirts were pre-ordered and picked up at the district convention with about half of the extra shirts purchased on site. When enough orders are placed (72 shirts is the



Kiwanis District Foundation members Lori Bents and Paul Shrode pull the winning raffle tickets. Paul is wearing his new Kiwanis District polo.

minimum for preferred pricing), an additional order will be placed for pick up at midyear conferences.

If you are employed by, or serve on the Board of Directors of a charity, religious organization or accredited school, and are working hard to make a difference in your community, 4imprint wants to help. Visit onebyone.4imprint.com to learn more.

Note that when applying for the grant, which only takes about 15 minutes, there is an area where it asks if you are a 501c3. I intentionally left that box unchecked (because my veterans organization is a 501(c)19 and most Kiwanis clubs are 501(c)4s) and still received both grants.

KWIK TRIP CARES GRANTS AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT YOUR CLUB EVENT

Submitted by Tonya Alling, Ripon Early Bird Kiwanis Club



The mission of Kwik Trip Kares is making a difference for communities and organizations. I recently received funding for a pancake breakfast (\$250), two brat fries (\$200 each) and the Kiwanis Family Tailgate (\$325 in gift cards). Requests can be made for products, money, or gift cards. They awarded \$75 more than requested when we asked for gift cards. *Hint: request gift cards and ask members to purchase them if you prefer cash.* Apply at www.kwiktrip.com/community/donations/kwik-trip-kares.

CKI HEART OF THE DISTRICT AWARD CREATED TO HONOR JUSTIN HAHN

Submitted by Lena Scheibengraber, Circle K International District Administrator

When you think of "Circle K International" what comes to mind? Creative, energized college students, hands-on service projects, late nights at Camp Wawbeek...and the ever-present, ever-smiling, ever-vibrant Justin Hahn! Justin has worn a lot of different hats in the Kiwanis family and has dedicated many years of his life to the betterment of our organization. One of those hats was as the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan CKI District Administrator, from which he retired in March 2022.

Justin stepped into the administrator role in March 2019 with ease – he had been assistant administrator for many years prior. In his previous role, Justin had a profound impact on members. Any time you'd walk into a CKI district event, Justin would be there with a huge smile on his face and unlimited hugs to give. He was everyone's personal hype man, cheerleader, biggest fan, honorary dad, and he helped hundreds of student leaders become more confident, competent and compassionate.

Justin kicked off his administrator's term in high gear and our student leaders were thriving under his guidance. And then...cue COVID-19. This crushing pandemic really turned CKI upside down. Unlike others who may have given up and walked away, Justin helped guide the student leaders through the transition to a virtual world. Month after month, COVID changed the face and function of the organization and, through it all, Justin kept his positive attitude and made sure our students were motivated, supported, and taken care of, both mentally and emotionally. He helped steer the ship that was floating through choppy waters and kept things afloat when everything seemed hopeless.

Another shock wave rippled through the Kiwanis family when Mark Finger announced his retirement as WI-UM Kiwanis Executive Director, which plays an integral support role for our CKI district. Justin felt called to service and stepped up to fill the role that Mark left... while still staying on as CKI administrator. Between his full-time job, Kiwanis, CKI, and trying to be a rock star husband and doggy dad, one wonders if Justin ever got



The Circle K district executive team created the Justin Hahn Heart of the District Award to honor Justin's service in his role as CKI administrator.

any sleep! He must have been asking himself the same question, as after many months, he decided to take a step back from CKI in order to ensure WI-UM Kiwanis was a thriving district. This decision was a difficult one for him, as CKI has always held a special place in his heart.

After hearing the news that the 2021-2022 year was Justin's last, our CKI students pondered how to honor someone who is leaving such a legacy. How can you properly honor the impact he's had on hundreds of student leaders? In popped the idea – why not give to him what he has given to all of these students – the recognition he deserves, all while building a foundation for future generations to be recognized themselves! The Justin Hahn Heart of the District Award was born.

This award recognizes Justin's dedication to service and his fierce commitment to making sure that Circle K is a diverse, inclusive and supportive environment for student leaders. Justin was the glue that held things together when the world seemed like it was falling apart...he was truly the heart of the district. In future years this award will be given to a student who exemplifies these qualities.

While Justin may no longer be CKI administrator, his impact on the district will last well beyond his lifetime. We thank him for his years of selfless service and celebrate him as he continues to bring that incredible positive energy to Kiwanis. Home is where the heart is, and CKI will always have a home for him.

TO HAVE A SUSTAINABLE CLUB, SERVICE, ALONE, ISN'T ENOUGH

Submitted by Alan Arbuckle, WI-UM Kiwanis District Master Club Coach

Your club does service, but is that enough? Being a strong organization is important to your club's ability to continue doing terrific, high impact service. For example, every club loses members over time, so there needs to be an ongoing strategic plan to bring in new members.

Whether it is monthly "Two for Two" recruiting, Kiwanis membership events or continually inviting members to the club, it is important to focus on membership. New members need orientation and should be encouraged to get involved in a service project, right away. Pairing the new member with a mentor is a terrific practice. Don't let them get lost with Kiwanis acronyms like SLP (service leadership program), DCON (district convention), KCF (Kiwanis Children's Fund, KDF (Kiwanis District Foundation) or CLE (club leadership education).

Leading a volunteer-driven non-profit organization is different than running a business. Incoming presidents should attend an in-person CLE session, every time. Following the timetable of governance events (for example, club elections, delegate selection and budget approval) is critical to having a great club. There are always new service ideas, new fundraisers or new governance to share with other presidents. A president has a huge effect on the culture which defines the club to its membership.

Secretaries and treasurers should be able to advise the club how to handle things like dues increases and how to implement the prorated dues structure. Timely reporting of officers, adding or deleting members and paying dues and fees helps the district to plan. What are the responsibilities of having a 501(c)3 charitable foundation or a 501(c)4 social welfare organization? Kiwanis International is promising major changes to club reporting. Will your club be ready?

Is there a succession plan? Who are the club's future presidents? How are they being prepared? Presidents



shouldn't be expected to fulfill more than two years in a row. The office of secretary and treasurer are not lifetime appointments. Members who are ready and able to take on these roles should be identified.

"KIWANIS IS A BATON MEANT TO BE PASSED ON."

Is your club seeing the bigger picture of Kiwanis? Clubs have a responsibility

to the district and to Kiwanis International that extends beyond the edge of your community. The Kiwanis District Foundation and the Children's Fund need financial support. Kiwanis has leadership opportunities at every level. Lt. Governors are an important factor of successful clubs. Many divisions also need club coaches to help the clubs that are struggling.

Many communities would benefit from having a Kiwanis club. Someone from a different community opened your club. It may be your time to pay it forward by helping open a new club. We belong to a large organization that needs our support to continue its impact of service.

Master Club Coach Alan Arbuckle can be reached at 719-502-7853 or ajarbuckle@yahoo.com.

SUPPORTING OTHER CLUBS IS AN OBJECT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

Submitted by Tonya Alling, Ripon Early Bird Kiwanis Club

My Ripon Early Bird Kiwanis Club will soon host its 30th annual golf scramble. Because our club is kicking off a campaign to raise funds for an all-inclusive playground, we mailed postcards and sent emails to other Kiwanis clubs. The support has been heartwarming.

Two Kiwanians approached me at the district convention and said that they will either golf or join us for dinner. Five clubs are planning to send a team to the event.

Our members have attended several golf outings to show our support for other service organizations. Following a local golf scramble, a Rotarian sponsored a hole at our event, saying "I appreciate the Early Birds sending a team to our Rotary outing." The photo above shows members of the Kiwanis Club of Fabulous Fond du Lac with their hole sponsor sign at the Fond du Lac Kiwanis Club Scott Wittchow Golf Outing.

One of the Objects of Kiwanis International is "to provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to



build better communities. Supporting the efforts of other Kiwanis clubs is a great way to meet that objective.

We are dedicated to making the world a better place for kids. Helping other clubs ensures success. Plus, it feels great to know that we are building better communities while having fun at a Kiwanis-sponsored event. Thank you for supporting our club's efforts. We will endeavor to pay it forward by supporting clubs around us, too.

KIWANIS FAMILY TAILGATE RAISES FUNDS FOR CKI SERVICE PROJECT

Submitted by Elizabeth Johnson and Joanna Carman, WUM CKI

With members of Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club represented, the Kiwanis Family Tailgate was a blast as we kicked off the Kiwanis convention together on Friday, August 12th. There was food, bingo, axe throwing and a cornhole tournament! It was fun to see Kiwanis members dressed in baseball gear, representing their team in the spirit of the "Field of Dreams" convention theme.

Thanks to the generosity of participants, WUM Circle K raised a large amount of money in support of the 2022-2023 Governor's Project. This year's project is focused

on serving individuals without housing. CKI members will raise funds for projects and service events to serve this population, educate members of the Kiwanis family about homelessness and the systemic issues regarding it and serve those individuals through service projects.

We are planning the Kiwanis Family Day of Service which will be integrated with the Governor's Project. The event will be hosted in the Milwaukee area in November or December. We would like to assemble and distribute care packages to homeless individuals or work with a local non-profit or shelter that serves them.

Thank you for your support of our CKI Governor's Project. Working together to have a positive impact truly does embody the spirit of why the Kiwanis family is so special!

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WISCONSIN DELLS KIWANIANS SERVE EASTER SEALS CAMP WAWBEEK

Submitted by Randall Durner, Kiwanis Club of Wisconsin Dells

The Kiwanis Club of Wisconsin Dells began serving at Camp Wawbeek this year. Camp Wawbeek is a Wisconsin Easter Seals facility for special needs children and adults. Easter Seals is a corporate member of the Wisconsin Dells Kiwanis Club, and Alex Peters, the camp director, is the specified corporate member to the club, which regularly meets at Camp Wawbeek.

Prior to the camp's spring opening, six Kiwanis members planted flowers in the main camp following one of the club's meetings. Kiwanians also helped paint the ceiling of the respite camp dining facility. Once camp opened, several Kiwanians assisted over several weekends by helping cook meals for both staff and campers, and by providing board games during staff's down times, providing a change of pace from the challenges of working with the campers.



Division 6 Lt. Governor Kathy Durner, a retired special education teacher, celebrated with members of the Camp Wawbeek staff at the end of camp dinner in Wisconsin Dells.

Easter Seals held an end of camp dinner for staff in the Dells with several Kiwanians invited to attend.

CAMBRIA KIWANIS CLUB RAISES FUNDS AT ANNUAL VEGETABLE SALE

Submitted by Randall Durner, Kiwanis Club of Wisconsin Dells



Volunteer members and friends of the Cambria Kiwanis Club in Division 6 held their annual sweet corn and cut bean sale on August 20th, 2022. The club sets up the sale under a tent at a local park.

The drive-through operation affords customers the opportunity to arrive with their containers and purchase sweet corn, cut beans or both. The club has both 10- and 20-pound containers of beans and corn. The local Seneca cannery provides large containers of beans and

sweet corn which club members sell for \$ 1 per pound. A significant portion of the proceeds are set aside for playground improvements in the park.

The local community is a strong supporter of the club's fundraiser as they sell to between 300 to 400 customers.



A bin of sweet corn is ready for customers at the Cambria Kiwanis Club annual vegetable sale.

FORTY YEARS OF SERVICE CELEBRATED BY WAUTOMA AREA KIWANIS

Submitted by Barbara Struzynski, Wautoma Area Kiwanis Club

The Wautoma Area Kiwanis Club has been very active in supporting youth of all ages and backgrounds, affording students the opportunity to participate in fun and educational projects since 1982.



The Wautoma Area Kiwanis Club has awarded 60 iPads to children on the autism spectrum since 2013.

Projects the club has supported include Kiwanis 'n Cops 'n Kids, the Smile Project, iPads for Autism, local sports activities, Key Club, Easter egg hunts and parades. The club has provided financial support for playground equipment and a basketball court, and scholarships have been awarded for colleges and technical schools. The local performing art center and area religious organizations have also benefited from Kiwanis support.

Some of the most popular ways to earn money for projects are food stands at local events, a beverage stand at the county fair and selling candy bars.

The club's newest project was supporting the Wautoma Police Department with the "Cops and Bobbers" program. The club purchased fishing rods and reels for participating children so they were able to keep the equipment they used. Another new project was funding the purchase of a new Pinewood Derby track and setup for the local Cub Scout troop.

The Wautoma Area Kiwanis Club is located in a rural community in central Wisconsin. The club has been fortunate to receive support from local businesses as well as community members as it strives to help children.

ESCANABA KIWANIS FALL BANQUET PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 23RD

Submitted by Gordy Fitch, Escanaba Kiwanis Club

The Escanaba Kiwanis Club will host a fall banquet on Friday, September 23, 2022 at the William Bonifas Fine Art Center, 700 1st Ave S in Escanaba, Michigan. The doors will open at 5:30 pm with a beer and wine reception. Dinner, catered by Matt Wiles, will follow. Members will celebrate 2022 successes, install 2023 officers and honor award recipients.

The public is invited. This would be a great opportunity to interclub with Escanaba Kiwanians. Responses are requested no later than Friday, September 16th to eskykiwanis@gmail.com. Full details can be found at www.escanabakiwanis.org.



Picking up trash along a two-mile stretch of highway is just one of the many service projects that members of the Escanaba Kiwanis Club take on at least twice each year.

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UNION GROVE KIWANIANS SALUTE RACINE COUNTY FAIR CENTENNIAL

Submitted by Elizabeth Henderson, Kiwanis Club of Union Grove

The Kiwanis Club of Union Grove celebrated Racine County's 100th fair at the end of July by running a food stand at the event. Volunteer members sold fair food favorites like hot dogs, brats and burgers and specialty food items like steak sandwiches, cheese steaks and the famous "wurst burger" (a brat, burger, and two slices of cheese on a pretzel bun). The booth is a major source of club funding in support of youth organizations.

Volunteers from community youth organizations, Key Club members and Kiwanians worked together to serve a record amount of food for the first three days of the fair and matched the amount made from previous years on the last two days. Ten different community youth organizations volunteered to help feed hungry fairgoers. Profits from this year's fair food booth exceeded previous efforts and will go a long way towards helping many of the organizations whose members volunteered.



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Union Grove helped celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Racine County Fair in July.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR OCTOBER 1ST ELVIS NIGHT IN RACINE

Submitted by Robert Cooper, Kiwanis Club of West Racine



The Kiwanis Club of West Racine will host an Elvis Presley impersonator on Saturday, October 1st. Proceeds of the fundraising event will be split between the Make-a-Wish Foundation and Toys for Tots.

The Kiwanis Club of West Racine will present Elvis Night, an evening of great food and entertainment, on Saturday, October 1st at Infusino's Banquet Hall, 3201 Rapids Drive, in Racine.

The doors will open at 5 pm for cocktails and mingling. An Italian dinner will be served at 6 pm followed by an Elvis Presley tribute show starring local entertainer Mike Bishop. The event includes a cash bar and the Kiwanis club's famous home-made dessert table.

During the evening, two 50/50 raffles will be held with all proceeds to be split by Tex Reynolds' Toys for Tots and the Wisconsin Make-a-Wish Foundation.

Tickets are \$40 each and include dinner, tip and the performance. Only 200 tickets will be sold. Tables of eight may be reserved. To reserve your tickets, please contact Robert Cooper at (262) 497-1018.