



KIWANEWS

WISCONSIN-UPPER MICHIGAN KIWANIS DISTRICT

JUNE/JULY 2025



Reedsburg Kiwanis Club member Brooklyn Schyvinck leads Bossy the cow onto the grid for Kiwanis Bossy Bingo at the Reedsburg Butter Festival.

BOSSY'S NUMBER 2 IS NUMBER 1 FUNDRAISER FOR REEDSBURG KIWANIS

Submitted by Jeff Seering, Reedsburg Kiwanis Club

The Reedsburg Kiwanis Club has been raising funds since it was chartered in 2007 by sponsoring Bossy Bingo at the Reedsburg Butter Festival, held annually in June. It was the club's first fundraiser.

Kiwanis volunteers lay out a grid of 121 4' by 4' squares. Each square is sold for \$50 with \$1,000 is awarded to

the purchaser of the square in which Bossy does her business. Any owners of squares adjacent to the winner split \$1,000. The club profits roughly \$4,000 every year.

Funds are used to support iPads for Autism, scholarships, the Reedsburg Boys and Girls Club, a Little League team, and other youth-related projects.

GOVERNOR'S PROJECT TO SUPPORT WAWBEEK AND BAY CLIFF CAMPS

Submitted by 2024-2025 Governor Kathy Durner



Kathy Durner

The goal of my governor's Project has been to raise funds for Camp Wawbeek and Bay Cliff Health Camp. Both camps serve children with special needs.

Camp Wawbeek has requested new tables for the arts and crafts room and Bay Cliff Health Camp

has requested financial support for general operating needs. As a retired special education teacher, I have a special place in my heart for children and adults with physical and intellectual challenges.

Camp Wawbeek

Participants at Camp Wawbeek are grouped according to disability and specific needs during a six-day session. Group activities are provided for all participants. To the camper, it may feel like a vacation with boat rides, bowling, adventures in the Dells area, arts and crafts, swimming, campfires, and dances. To the caregiver, it is a physical and mental health break to recuperate from a 24/7/365 commitment. If enough money is raised, in addition to replacing the art tables, I hope to assist in the replacement of the floor in the art room.

Camp Bay Cliff

The cost to support a child while at camp for seven weeks is \$10,000. All of the campers' needs are covered. The camp even has a clothes closet from which the camper chooses their wardrobe for the next week. An individualized program is developed to meet each camper's specific needs. All of this is accomplished in a family-like setting, including shared meals, small group activities, and individually-developed therapies. College students share their talents with the campers as part of the curriculum. I recently had the privilege of meeting a parent whose child attended Camp Bay Cliff. The seven summers at camp for the child were provided through donations made to the camp.

If you have the opportunity, please visit each camp; appreciate the environment in which children and adults with disabilities have the privilege of growing and learning without being judged.

To support these efforts, please remit payment to the District Office with 'governor's project' in the memo.

2024-2025 Governor Kathy Durner can be reached at 814-331-2240 or kathydurner1949@gmail.com.

SUPPORT THE DISTRICT FOUNDATION WITH A CASE VAN KLEEF AWARD

By Tonya Alling, Kiwanews Editor



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

Proceeds from Van KleeF awards support the KDF endowment fund, which generates funds for future grants and scholarships. Can you think of a club member or friend who is deserving of a Van KleeF Fellowship? If so, please contact KDF Secretary Mark Finger at 920-361-9954 or markfingerkdf@wiumkiwanis.org.



FRIENDS AND FAMILY PROGRAM IS PLANNED FOR DISTRICT CONVENTION

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

New this year, we are offering a family program at a cost of \$10 per person. Visit Lambeau Field on game day, the Packers Pro Shop, Farmer's Market, Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary and Bay Beach Amusement Park. Note: Lunch

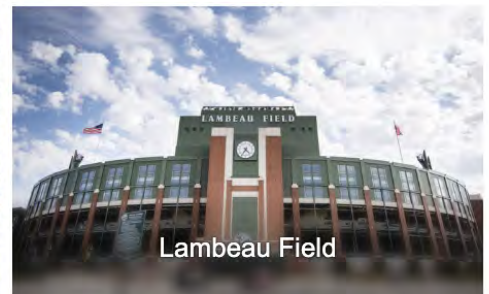
and rides at Bay Beach are on your own. Tour departs the hotel at 8:30am and returns to the hotel by 3pm. **Register online** at k30.site.kiwanis.org/dcon no later than August 1, 2025. You'll be glad you did!



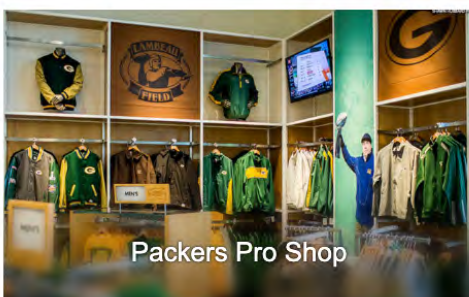
Oneida Casino Hotel



National Railroad Museum



Lambeau Field



Packers Pro Shop



Bay Beach Amusement Park



Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary

TIMELY INFORMATION ABOUT THE UPCOMING DISTRICT CONVENTION

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



Justin Hahn

The theme of this year's [WI-UM District Convention](#) is "Mooo-ving Wisconsin Forward." The August 22nd-24th event will be held at the Oneida Casino Hotel, 2040 Airport Drive in Green Bay. We'll gather for a weekend filled with Kiwanis education, celebrations, fundraising and district business.

Book your hotel reservations at the Oneida Casino Hotel by calling 920-494-7300, referencing group code 789 or book a room online at <https://book.rquest.com/wbe/group/2187/oneidacasino/auth> using the group code 739 and the password 63309133. The deadline to receive the \$139 group rate is July 31, 2025.

Fun Family Program

New this year, we are offering a family program at a cost of \$10 per person. Visit Lambeau Field on game day, the Packers Pro Shop, Farmer's Market, Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary and Bay Beach Amusement Park. Note: Lunch and rides at Bay Beach are on your own. Tour departs the hotel at 8:30am and returns to the hotel by 3pm. [More information and registration details can be found on the registration page of the website.](#)

Friday Night Dinner Aboard the Train

Dinner aboard a train at the National Railroad Museum includes hotel shuttle and entrance ticket with a one-hour train ride along with a roast pork dinner. A non-pork menu is available if requested at registration.

Convention Schedule Changes this Year

The convention schedule-at-a-glance is [posted here](#). Please note that **programming begins at 1:00 pm on Friday** and the schedule for the weekend looks a little different than in the past. If you have any questions, please reach out. **Please note that Club Leadership Education will be hosted on Friday only and that the district will be presenting all awards for the weekend at Saturday's Awards Breakfast.**

Convention Registration

Remember to register online for the district convention. There is no registration cost for attendees. The only cost is the meals you eat. [Find more information, including hotel info and registration here](#). Please note that registration is due by August 1st and room reservations are due by July 31st.

Certification for House of Delegates Session

Every club is allowed three delegates to elect new leaders and vote on proposed amendments. Many clubs have not certified their delegates who are attending the convention and all delegates must be certified. If you are attending convention and your club has not certified you as a delegate, [please use this form to submit your club's selections](#). Please note, this form should be filled out by a club president or secretary. If you are unsure if your club has certified you as a delegate, let me know and I will check for you.

Bylaws Amendment

According to Article XIII. Amendments, Section 1, Sub-section B: No later than thirty (30) days prior to the district convention, the Executive Director shall make available to each club in the district a copy of all proposed bylaw amendments. This is the official communication to membership of this year's amendments. No amendments were proposed by clubs and one amendment has been proposed by the Board of Trustees. [Please find the proposed bylaw amendment here](#). We will host a town hall before the district convention for any discussion or questions as well as have time at the delegate session for discussion. If you have any questions, please reach out.

As always, if you have any questions or need anything as we gear up for this year's convention, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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WISCONSIN UPPER MICHIGAN KIWANIS DISTRICT RAFFLE

Want a chance to win great prizes? Raffle contests give you the chance to win big and support District operations. Each ticket costs \$10 and earns you one chance each day to win that prize. Purchase as many chances as you would like. Prizes will be drawn each day and available for pick-up at District Convention, August 22-24 in Green Bay. Any prizes not picked up will be delivered or shipped to winners.



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ENTER DISTRICT RAFFLE FOR A CHANCE TO WIN 23 PRIZES IN 23 DAYS

Want a chance to win great prizes? The WI-UM District Raffle will provide a source of non-dues revenue to help offset operational expenses, hopefully preventing future dues increase proposals. [Enter here to win big](#). Each ticket costs \$10 and earns you one chance each day to win a prize. Purchase as many tickets as you would like. Prizes will be available for pick-up at the district convention, August 22-24 in Green Bay.

Available prizes range from handbags, to Amazon gift cards, to wine, to groceries, and registration and hotel comps for 2026 midyear conferences and district conventions. [Share the entry link](#) with your club members, friends, colleagues, and family. Anyone, anywhere is eligible to purchase tickets and win. We will ship any prizes won if needed. So please [share the entry link](#) with everyone you know!

THREE GOVERNORS TAKE ROAD TRIP TO MICHIGAN'S UPPER PENINSULA

Submitted by Randall Durner, Kiwanis Club of Wisconsin Dells

WI-UM District Governor Kathy Durner spent the week of July 13-19 visiting Kiwanis clubs in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Based in Ishpeming, along with past Governors Bill Abbott and Larry Koziol and their wives, the Governor made daily visits to various Kiwanis clubs throughout the region.

In addition, Governor Kathy and her husband, Randall, made a stop at Bay Cliff Health Camp located north of Marquette on the shore of Lake Superior. Camp Bay Cliff, a children's therapy and wellness center, is a part of this year's Governor's Project where the goal is to raise \$15,000 for camp scholarships. While at Camp Bay Cliff, they toured the camp, talked with a number of campers, and met with Executive Director Clare Lutgen.



Marquette Kiwanis Club member Carl Gordon was recognized with a Ruby K pin for sponsoring 210 new members.



WI-UM District Governor Kathy Durner attends the Escanaba Kiwanis Club Meeting at Mo's Restaurant in downtown Escanaba, Michigan as part of a road trip to the Upper Peninsula.

Governor Kathy and past Governors Bill Abbott and Larry Koziol attended several Kiwanis club meetings throughout the UP including Escanaba, Manistique, Ishpeming, Alger County in Munising, and Marquette. She also visited the Aktion Club meeting sponsored by the Marquette Kiwanis Club. The visitors were warmly received by all the clubs they attended. Attendance at the Marquette Club was especially heart-warming as club member Carl Gordon was recognized with a Ruby K pin for sponsoring 210 new Kiwanis members. Congratulations Carl, this is an outstanding achievement!

While not attending club meetings, the past and current governors socialized together around the campfire or dined out with Division 13 Lt. Governor Steve Halsey and his wife, along with Carl Gordon and his wife. Overall, Governor Kathy felt like this was a very productive trip with Kiwanis clubs excited to see her, share their service projects and give her an enthusiastic welcome. As past governor next year, she's planning a return trip.



2024-2025 WI-UM Kiwanis District Governor Kathy Durner pitches in to help fold clothing at the Camp Bay Cliff laundry and clothing center. The facility holds blankets, quilts and clothing for the campers who stay seven weeks during the summer. The center allows campers to personally select a new set of clothing each of the seven weeks during their summer stay.

WHAT'S YOUR KIWANIS CLUB DOING TO KEEP MEMBERS COMING BACK?

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



Alan Arbuckle

If your car had a leak in the gas tank, would you just keep adding gas and not fix it? Why then do Kiwanis clubs keep adding members when they have a problem retaining members?

Clubs survey members about member satisfaction but hesitate to engage them in the sometimes difficult conversations about how it can improve the club. Do members look forward to attending meetings and projects? Does the club delight the members in some way (in any way)? What specifically would they change if it didn't upset the other members?

A year ago Kiwanis International increased dues. Globally, a lot of members decided they would not continue their membership. A number of clubs decided not to continue in Kiwanis. Taiwan, which is the largest Kiwanis district, didn't pay dues (at least as of June 30th). That's almost 500 clubs with about 19,000 members. They had an especially high increase of dues with the standard increase and a change in the dues tier. I hear it may all be ironed out, but it makes an important economic point. Is the value of membership equal to the cost of membership? Would a staggered dues structure improve retention and recruitment of new members?

What about affordability? Many clubs' members pay dues quarterly or semi-annually. Kiwanis International, however, requires dues to be paid in a lump sum. Some clubs subsidize a portion of the dues or run a fundraiser specifically to reduce the dues burden. All of this is permissible with 501(c)4 organizational rules that every Kiwanis club falls under. Clubs with a 501(c)3 foundation would need to structure this carefully to avoid running afoul of IRS regulations. Consult your tax professional.

Of course, any changes may upset some members. Change is hard. Harder as we become older. We have expectations of how things are going to be. Is the club



living up to members' expectations as to service, time commitment and quality of meetings? What about having a sense of belonging to the group or being able to speak frankly or offer new ideas without ridicule?

Retention may be more important than adding new members to maintain a stable membership. In the 2023-2024 Kiwanis year ending September 30th, the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District clubs added 262 new members but deleted 382. As of June 30th, the district has added 186 new members and has deleted 190. While this may sound good, half of any year's deletions happen between September 1st and October 10th (the last day to delete members without being charged dues).

While not cast in stone, this year the district may delete more than 450 members. Clubs would have to average 3.8 new members per club to have a zero loss of members for the district for the year. Each club makes decisions that affect membership. What will yours do?

For more info about member retention visit www.kiwanis.org/members/build-nurture-retain/retain-keep-members-coming-back-for-more/.

Master Club Coach Alan Arbuckle can be reached at 719-502-7853 or leadcoach@wiumkiwanis.org.

WAUSAU COMMUNITY BOOSTS SUCCESS OF PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Submitted by Clay Rice, Kiwanis Club of Wausau

The morning skies over Wausau were filled with more than just aircraft the last Saturday in June. They were filled with laughter, connection, and the unmistakable aroma of sizzling pancakes. The Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, held in conjunction with Wings Over Wausau on June 28th, welcomed more than 300 community members for a morning of food, fun, and fellowship.

From runners and walkers to families and friends, the turnout was inspiring. Attendees gathered to enjoy a hearty breakfast, share stories, and celebrate the spirit of community that defines Kiwanis.

The breakfast was made possible thanks to the generous support of several local partners:

- Caribou Coffee kept spirits high with energizing brews.
- Nueske's Applewood Smoked Meats provided mouthwatering contributions.
- El Mezcal and Pinnacle Tax & Accounting, LLC provided beverages and all the pancake mix

These contributions exemplify the kind of community collaboration that Kiwanis strives to foster – where businesses and individuals unite to serve and uplift. The event served as a reminder of the Kiwanis mission to empower communities to improve the world by making lasting differences in the lives of children.

The pancake breakfast not only brought people together but also helped raise awareness for local initiatives and future events that support youth and families throughout central Wisconsin.



A Kiwanis volunteer provides pancake syrup to a breakfast customer.

As the morning wrapped up, the buzz of conversation and the smiles on faces made one thing clear – this was more than just a breakfast. It was a celebration of what makes Wausau strong: its people.

The Kiwanis Club of Wausau extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and contributed to this unforgettable morning. We invite everyone to join us at a future event, as we continue to build a better community, one gathering at a time.

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KIDS NEED KIWANIS

WEST RACINE KIWANIS ARE SERVING UP HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS

Submitted by Paul Holley, Kiwanis Club of West Racine

For the residents of HALO (Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization), a warm meal is more than just sustenance – it's a symbol of community, care, and connection. And for more than fifteen years, the Kiwanis clubs in Racine have been a steadfast partner in providing that vital support.

Fred Kaste, a dedicated member of the Kiwanis Club of West Racine, recently shared the inspiring story of their long-standing involvement with HALO. It all began around 2008, when various Kiwanis clubs in Racine recognized a crucial need within their community. Initially, about 20 different community groups rotated monthly to serve dinner at HALO, primarily focusing on women and children. Fred proudly notes that the Kiwanis club stepped up to ensure the men residing at HALO were also included in this act of kindness.

While the number of monthly serving groups has decreased since the pandemic, the commitment of the Kiwanis Club of West Racine remains unwavering. Every third Wednesday of the month, a dedicated group of around 20 Kiwanis and other community and church volunteers arrive at HALO, ready to serve a potluck-style meal. What's truly remarkable is that these meals aren't funded by the club; each member generously brings a dish prepared from their own funds. This personal touch allows them to connect with the approximately 70 residents who come in each month for a nourishing meal.

The menus are as diverse and heartfelt as the volunteers themselves. The club strives for variety and comfort in its menu choices, which speaks volumes about their commitment. In the colder months of January and February, they host an "empty bowls" theme, featuring

everyone's favorite chili or soup recipes.

Volunteers typically arrive around 3:30 pm, with some just dropping off dishes while others focus on the actual serving at 5:00. During the school year, they even receive enthusiastic assistance from the Park High School Key Club, fostering a spirit of service in the next generation. When asked about the motivation behind their partnership, Fred emphasized the core mission of Kiwanis International: "is helping children of the world,

so that was the driving factor to get involved." He highlighted the hands-on nature of this project: "Our club members love hands-on community projects."

For the Kiwanis members, the reward goes far beyond simply providing a meal. Fred eloquently explained, "There's something about taking things a step further

than writing a check; being able to make a difference in someone's life is the main motivating factor – buying the food, preparing a dish, and serving."

"Especially last year, we were seeing families that looked like they could be a next-door neighbor, but based on a medical emergency or financial situation, it reminds you that there are circumstances in life that can affect anybody. Life is fragile, and life can change."

The enduring partnership between the Kiwanis Club of West Racine and HALO is a testament to the power of community collaboration and the profound impact of simple acts of kindness. It's a reminder that a warm meal can offer not just nourishment, but also dignity, hope, and a vital connection to a caring community. HALO is deeply grateful for the Kiwanis club's continued dedication to their mission.



Volunteers from the Kiwanis Club of West Racine, with assistance from Key Club and other community members, provide monthly meals.

FOND DU LAC'S WALLEYE WEEKEND FESTIVAL IS FUNDRAISING MECCA

Submitted by Kathy Strong Langolf, Division 9 Lt. Governor

Walleye Weekend, a three-day fishing and music festival held at Lakeside Park in early June, is the main fundraiser for many service organizations in Fond du Lac, which then give the proceeds back to area non-profits and community organizations.

WI-UM Governor Kathy Durner spent the afternoon visiting the three Kiwanis clubs in Fond du Lac on Sunday of the festival along with Division 9 Lt. Governor, Kathy Strong Langolf. The Fabulous Fond du Lac morning club served more than 2,000 pounds of deep fried cheese curds, while Fond du Lac Noon Kiwanis members served hundreds of grilled cheese sandwiches, and the Lakeside Evening Kiwanis Club served the largest fish fry during the event with walleye dinners and sandwiches.



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Fabulous Fond du Lac are joined by District Governor Kathy Durner and Division 9 Lt. Governor Kathy Strong Langolf at Walleye Weekend.



Members of the Fond du Lac Noon Kiwanis Club enjoyed the help of Governor Kathy Durner and Lt. Governor Kathy Strong Langolf.



Fond du Lac's Lakeside Evening Kiwanis Club members serve the world's largest fish fry every year during the Walleye Weekend festival.



District Governor Kathy Durner and Division 9 Lt. Governor Kathy Strong Langolf take a moment to smile for the camera at Walleye Weekend.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR UPCOMING KIWANIS EVENTS

WI-UM Kiwanis District Convention – August 22nd-24th – Green Bay, Wisconsin

Key Leader – September 12th-14th – Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin



On a picture-perfect summer day overlooking the sparkling waters of Lake Michigan, the spirit of unity, joy, and inclusion came alive at the annual Picnic on the Plaza – a cherished tradition that brings together Aktion Club members and Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee members.

ANNUAL PICNIC ON THE PLAZA UNITES AKTION AND KIWANIS MEMBERS

Submitted by Joy Gravos, Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee

On a picture-perfect summer day overlooking the sparkling waters of Lake Michigan, the spirit of unity, joy, and inclusion came alive at the annual Picnic on the Plaza – a cherished tradition that brings together Aktion Club members from all four of Curative Care Network’s adult day programs in partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee. This heartwarming event is more than just a picnic. It is a powerful celebration of friendship, community, and the dignity of every individual – regardless of ability.

Set against the beautiful backdrop of Milwaukee’s lakefront, the plaza was transformed into a vibrant hub of music, laughter, and shared celebration. Volunteers from the Kiwanis club provided an exceptional picnic lunch – delicious food made with care and served with warmth. Hamburgers, fresh fruit, and summertime treats made their rounds as everyone gathered under the sun to enjoy the picnic. Thanks to the generosity and hard work of the Kiwanis members, this year’s event once again felt like a family reunion – where smiles are abundant, barriers are few, and everyone is welcome at the table.

The energy truly came alive when the DJ started the music. With a playlist of upbeat favorites and nostalgic hits, he had everyone dancing, and Aktion Club members radiated happiness and freedom in every beat. Music has a special way of bringing people together, and

at this event, it transcended any limitations. It connected us all in one celebration.

The Kiwanis Aktion Club is a sponsored leadership club for adults with a wide range of abilities, and our Curative members who participate proudly demonstrate leadership, compassion, and civic engagement. Picnic on the Plaza is one of their signature events – an opportunity to not only have fun but to model inclusion in action. It was inspiring to witness the Kiwanis members helping serve, and our clients dancing with friends, and simply enjoying the moment as empowered individuals and community leaders.

Curative Care is deeply grateful to the Kiwanis Club of Milwaukee for their longstanding partnership and unwavering support. Events like Picnic on the Plaza remind us of the incredible impact that inclusive, joyful experiences have on the lives of those we serve. It fills me with pride to witness the compassion of our staff, the resilience and joy of our clients, and the generous spirit of our community partners. We look forward to many more years of celebrating together, one picnic at a time.

Together, we are building a community where everyone belongs. Thank you to everyone who helped make Picnic on the Plaza a success. Your presence, kindness, and laughter were the true highlights of the day.



North Fond du Lac Horace Mann Key Club officers celebrate the club's accomplishments during the year-end club review.

HORACE MANN KEY CLUB MEMBERS CELEBRATED A PRODUCTIVE YEAR

Submitted by Kathy Strong Langolf, Division 9 Lt. Governor

Division 9 Lt. Governor, Kathy Strong Langolf attended the year-end review of the North Fond du Lac Horace Mann Key Club which is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Fabulous Fond du Lac. The Key Club has 66 members with 31 new members since last year. They held five fundraisers and donated back to the community through 12 organizations.

Members amassed 1,095 volunteer service hours. They were especially fond of attending the Key Club district convention and the many special projects they were able to complete, such as the Linus Project, Shoes and School supplies for Belize, and the Backpack Buddy weekend food collection.



Division 9 Lt. Governor Kathy Strong Langolf is especially proud of her granddaughter, Madeline Langolf, who is serving as Key Club president.

FOND DU LAC CLUB TO HOST AUG. 15 SCOTT WITTCHOW GOLF SCRAMBLE

Submitted by Kathy Strong Langolf, Division 9 Lt. Governor



The Fond du Lac Noon Kiwanis Club will host the 7th Annual Scott Wittchow Golf Outing on Friday August 15th, 2025 at Fond du Lac's Rolling Meadows Golf Course. Scott Wittchow was a member of the Fond du Lac Noon Kiwanis Club, a past Lt. Governor, and the *Kiwanews* editor for many years. After his passing, club members decided to honor his dedication to Kiwanis by renaming their long-standing golf scramble the Annual Scott Wittchow Golf Outing.

The 18-hole four-person scramble will begin with registration at 10:30 am, followed by a shotgun start at 11:45 am. The \$90 per person entry fee includes 18 holes of golf with cart, range balls and dinner, hole event prizes and chances to win other prizes. The cost for the meal alone is \$30. The public is welcome. The deadline to register is August 1st. Request a registration form by calling Michele Haensgen at 920-948-9181 or by scanning the QR code.



KIWANIS CLUB OF WESTERN KENOSHA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS

Submitted by Joanne Horner, Kiwanis Club of Western Kenosha

On June 12th, the Kiwanis Club of Western Kenosha proudly awarded scholarships to four exceptional local students in recognition of their academic achievements, community involvement, and future aspirations. The club is proud to support their journeys and excited to see the difference they will make in the world.

Lily Freund was awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. She will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison to pursue a degree in Art Education. Lily shared, *"I would like to become an elementary school art teacher, as these teachers had the most impact on me throughout my school years. They always made me feel safe and supported in my academic and creative endeavors."*

Margaret Salmon received a \$1,750 scholarship and plans to attend St. Louis University. Her passion for helping others has led her to pursue a career in speech-language pathology. *"This field allows me to combine my love of communication with the opportunity to make a meaningful difference. I hope to help create a world where everyone can be known, understood, and valued – regardless of the challenges they face,"* Margaret said.



Arrien Narula was awarded a \$1,500 scholarship and plans to study pre-med neurobiology at either UW-Madison or UW-Parkside, with the goal of becoming a cardiologist. *"I'm committed to pursuing a path in medicine and making a positive impact on people's lives,"* Arrien stated.

Talib Young received a \$1,000 scholarship and is setting out on a path in emergency medical care. *"My occupational goals are to become an Emergency Medical Technician and paramedic, starting with nursing,"* Talib shared.

IPADS FOR AUTISM SIGNATURE PROJECT UP FOR FIVE-YEAR RENEWAL

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

The Autism Signature project continues as strong as ever 13 years after its conception. This week we received two new grant applications and are now approaching 1,820 iPads granted. This is something that I never dreamed would go this far when it was my Governor's Project in 2012-2013; our original goal was 1,000 iPads and we are knocking on the door to reach 2,000. Isn't that amazing! A super thank you to all the clubs supporting this project.

We have had changes in cost due to availability and an Apple price increase. Most recently, the refurbished 10th Generation iPads were not available and we can now receive A16 iPads at a 10% discount. I did receive a call last week that when we are ready for a new order, the refurbished iPads may be available again.

There are many clubs participating in this extremely important project helping children on the autism spectrum. This is why we need to vote to continue the iPads for Autism project as a District Signature Project for the next five years.



I am grateful to all the clubs that are supporting this project as well as teachers and therapists. This Kiwanis project has become a primary source for therapists and autism organizations to provide an iPad and child-specific learning and communication apps to families in need with a child on the autism spectrum.

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