

ST ANTHONY VILLAGE KIWANIS

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.Kiwaniis District Fundraiser Gets a Big Helping Hand from St. Anthony Residents

On Saturday, April 5th Kiwanis Clubs across the Nation will celebrate the spirit of giving and caring by hosting One Day events. The St. Anthony Kiwanis Club is a part of District 7 International Kiwanis and they, along with the other chapters in this district will host their One Day Project making Trauma/Hospital Dolls for children in hospitals and orphanages across the world. The event will take place from 8:00 – 1:00 p.m. at Fridley Middle School, 6100 W. Moore Lake Drive, Fridley, MN. Lunch will be served.

There is much preparation that has to be done prior to April 5th and the citizens of St. Anthony have once again proven an invaluable asset in the preparation process. Our goal is to have 400 of these dolls ready to stuff, final sew and package on the 5th. But prior to that date the dolls had to be traced onto muslin material, cut out and pre-sewn.

A huge thank-you goes out to **Rose Fitzjerrells** and her Autumn Woods Apartment residents for hosting a tracing and cutting party. Many of her residents, as well as residents from Kennsington Place, the St. Anthony Quilter’s Club, spouses and members of the St. Anthony Kiwanis Club (special thanks to Pat & **Tom Miller**), Lisa Huninghake from Wilshire Park School, and various friends and family of our Club managed to get the 400 dolls sewn. As an added treat Orla Elsen, a resident of Autumn Woods designed a backpack that will hold the coloring markers for each of the dolls and once again residents stepped up to trace, cut out and sew 400 little backpacks.

If the love and dedication prior to the event is any indication; the event on the 5th should be a huge success. Grab your family and come on out and stuff, sew and commiserate with the Kiwanis. For information contact **Mary Dierbeck** at 715-381-0371.

Special points of interest:

- April 5th Kiwanis One Day
- K-Kids Activities
- Great programs for March
- Key Club Activity
- Some History

“I’ve found that luck is quite predictable. If you want more luck, take more chances. Be more active. Show up more often.”

Brian Tracy

Our Presidents Cor-

Dear Club Members;

Read Around the World has been a tremendous success and wraps up mid March. **Kari Page** and **Wayne Terry** from Wilshire were at our meeting last week to thank the club members who participated. They have also joined our club as new members! So again I give special thanks to **Dale Gunderson** and **Paul Stroom**. Since **Paul** flew south, Dale actually has done all the scheduling as well as participated in the reading. Awesome job and there is money set aside also to purchase some books for the school. The Board will be looking at that this month.

The third Wednesday morning meeting continues to make me smile! A great group, who when asked to sign up for activities put their names on every list I sent around. Come and experience the fun! Next one is March 19th at 7:15AM.

Activities fast approaching are the Good Friday Breakfast, March 21st. Senior Health, Safety and Resource Expo on April 4th and the Kiwanis Family Fun Day One Day on April 5th. You can participate in one or more, just come to a meeting and sign up!

Calling all potential officers!!! We are looking for a President Elect and understudies for Secretary and Treasurer to learn those duties. If you feel you could help the club, please let me know. Board positions will also be available for the next year starting October 1st, 2008.

See you at the meetings! **Mary Dierbeck**



Just a note that our club is very busy. We miss so many of you not being at the meetings and participating in our volunteering. Children are our number one priority but we serve the entire public. Just being a member isn't enough, being an active member, coming to the meetings and sharing your tremendous amount of expertise and guidance would make our club even stronger.

Welcome to new members, **Jack Kiefer, Kari Page, Wayne Terry, Mary Jo Nelson and Widdicombe**. What a pleasure to say we are the fastest growing club in the region. Why? We get involved with the community and make a difference, so if you are a member, get involved. **Paul Redlinger**



Mary Dierbeck

Hey Everyone,
I'm dropping a note to you all for **Rose Fitzjerrells** - as you know Rose and Sally Cain are putting together a Senior Health & Recourse Day on Friday, April 4th at the St. Anthony Community Center. At this point it looks like they have about 25+ vendors signed-up to be a part of this event. Rose has asked me to see if anyone in our group would be willing to make a few phone calls to area businesses to ask for some items for door prizes to give away. Would there be anyone who would be willing to contact some of the following:

- Tires Plus - maybe a lube job or something?
- Pei Wei - gift certificate
- Chipolte - gift certificate
- Cabina - gift certificate
- Mobil - small gas card or lube job?
- Caribou - gift certificate
- Lexy nails - free manicure/ pedicure
- Cold Stone Creamery - free cake or cone?
- Goodyear Tires - free lube - or tire rotation?
- Cub Foods - Gift Card
- Freedom Gas Station- gas card?
- Village Pub - Gift Cert?
- Jersey Mikes Subs - Gift Certs
- Ficocellos Hair Salon - Free hair products or hair cut?
- St. Anthony Liquor Store - Free bottle wine?
- Dairy Queen - free lunch or dinner?
- Zannoco Ace Hardware - gift cert?
- Bakers Square - gift cert
- Super Clips - gift cert
- Chenowiths Floral - Gift Cert?
- Lee Ann Chin - Gift Cert
- Urban Harvest - Gift Cert
- Pletscher's Floral - Gift Cert
- Rosackers Flowers - Gift Cert
- Gross Golf Course - Free round?
- Brighwood Golf Course - Free Round
- Fitness Crossroads - apparel?
- Bremer Bank- pens or pencils, notepads?
- US Bank - pens, pencils, notepads?
- TCF Bank - pens, pencils or notepads

If you know any of the above businesses or anyone else you could contact (including yourself if you own a business and would like to have give a ways) please let Rosie or I know. Need to know as soon as possible if you could please. Thanks, **Dianne**

BOARD MEETING

Meeting of the Board of directors, Feb. 5, 2008

Members Present: **Abrahamson, Tondo, Redlinger, Bunderson, Wagner, Sparks and Committee Chair: Holsten**

Committee Reports: Spiritual Aims: It was agreed to make a circle of churches larger than the St. Anthony Community and come up with a new list of Churches and send letters for memberships and scholarships.

Major Emphasis: Read Around the World Project, **Dale Gunderson** reported that at least 10 people had signed up.

Inter-Club: Joe Tondo is getting a meeting set.

New Business: Agreed to sponsor a Veteran Family. Approved approximately \$275 toward this support. Ronald McDonald House: Need food for 95 people at a cost of \$300, need 4 to 10 volunteers to prepare and serve, can bring in or prepare there.

Pancake breakfast location has to be changed due to road construction. **Ted and Joe** will investigate the alternatives. Question about Feeding Children International is endorsed by International. **Jerry Brede**

Treasurer's Report: Have about \$33,567 in our account. Contributed \$300 to Cradle of Hope, \$120 to Read Around the World, \$300 to UNICEF, \$200 Senior Party, \$500 to N. E. Senior Citizen Resource Center, \$500 to Special Olympics this past month. **George Wagner**, Treasurer

Hey Everyone,

I am bringing forward to you a project which has been approved by the board and was brought to our membership at the February 13th meeting.

As a group we would like to participate in the Cooks for Kids program which is designed to help 48 families who stay at Ronald McDonald House while their children are undergoing treatment for life-threatening illnesses at area hospitals.

We are told that we have to be prepared to serve approximately 90-95 people. All volunteers and guests must be 14 years or older to enter the residence and those between 14-18 have to be accompanied by adults so - this might be a good joint project with the Key Club. We only need approximately 4-10 volunteers to do the dinner. Food may be prepared on site or off site and we would serve and then do the clean-up. Meals are served at 5:30 p.m. and generally last up to an hour.

I think this is a great project for our group. I have all the information in hand and was going to try to schedule one of the "picnic" days where we could cook brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, etc but, the only days they do those are on a Wednesday at the lunch hour and I don't think we could get enough volunteers during that time frame.

I was wondering if anyone would like to chair this project? (**Joe Tonda** has agreed to Chair this event.) I simply gathered the info and have it in hand and also have a calendar to be able to schedule a time but, would love to give any newer members (or older ones too) a chance to chair a project as I have done many

and don't want to "monopolize" them! We do need to get the date scheduled as soon as possible as there are not that many dates available. Maybe we could do a mid-week project and do the dinner? Anyway let me know if you are interested. Thanks **Dianne**

K-Kids busy with Activities

With 2008 underway, we've continued to promote good things at Wilshire Park Elementary and the community. With the success of our fall project collecting clothing items for the Karen refugees, we were lucky to have visitors come speak to us at one of our meetings. Phonh Sinbondit is the pastor of New Life Church, which is a SE Asian congregation that meets at Faith Christian Reformed Church in New Brighton. They have Laotians, Karen (which is the newest refugee group from Burma) and Thai members in their congregation. Phonh brought along with him three children who are recent Karen refugees. They are all attending school in St. Paul, and were able to briefly describe (as they are still learning English) what life was like for them in the refugee camp, and what it is like now. They were all very grateful our group was able to pull together many winter items for them to use! We also recently wrapped up our annual "Pennies for Patients" campaign in which our school raised over \$1800! The money will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma society that raises money to help cure cancer, especially for children. The coordinator of the program, Angie Lundeen came to our last meeting for a check presentation, a discussion on what leukemia and lymphoma are, and to tell us how the money will help the honored heroes who currently have this disease. We were so glad to help! We're looking forward to our upcoming Spring projects. We'll let you know how they go!

**MEET AT CULVERS 2ND & 4TH WED. OF THE MONTH
AT NOON AND THE 3RD WED AT 7:15 AM.**

Programs for March/ April

- March 12 – **Randy Stille** will have Joe Lefto, Board President of Children's Safety Centers speaking
- March 19 – We will continue having introductory talks from new members. This month will be **Tim Mezzenga** and **Clarence Ranallo**.
- March 26 – **Mike Mornson** will have the Staff of Hennepin County talk about the upcoming Silver Lake Road project.
- April 9 – **John Ohl** will have Officer Jeff Speiss talk about their Drug Recognition Expert program
- April 16 – New members, **Cyndi McReavy-Seitz** and **Dr. Rod Thompson** will give introductory talks.
- April 23 – **Darlene Higgins** will have Susan Ager, Administrator and CEO, of the Benedictine Health Centers speak.

The Objects of Kiwanis International

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than material values.*
- To encourage daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.*
- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.*
- To develop by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.*
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.*
- To cooperate in increasing and maintaining the sound public opinion and high idealism, which make possible the increased righteousness, justice, patriotism, and good will.*



Key Club News of Interest

Key Club in St. Anthony Village High School has been up to a lot so far this year. We started off with the paw project on the path, Lucas Carretta was the head of that and did a great job. We started the school year with the rake-a-thon in October and had a good turn out for that. Then for Halloween we did the UNICEF coin drive at Wilshire. The class that raised the most money got a pizza party and the high school key club members that helped with that got to go to the pizza party as well. Also, for Halloween we had a lot of members work at the Halloween carnival at the community center. We helped Fridley do a project at Culvers; it was teeter tottering all night, which was very exhausting. That brings us to winter; we rang bells at Wal-Mart, decorated the St. Anthony village shopping center, and made fleece blankets for Gillette Children's Hospital, which we still have to deliver. Most recently we've done the Baby Photo Contest at the fun fest at Wilshire Park and raised some money for SIDS and had many members working at different games throughout the night.

Our upcoming projects include volunteering at the Health Care Center a couple times a week, selling t-shirts at school to raise money for people in need in Africa, raising money for March of Babies and Common Hope, bagging at Cub, making dolls with Kiwanis, and the pancake breakfast.

-Angela Melland, Key Club Publicist

Some History of our Club

1991-92 Our member **Vince Ella** again chaired the Village Cancer Drive. Served pancakes at the Village Fest. Adoptive Dakota Indian, Arlo Hasse, enlightened the club on Indian History. Club members worked the International Special Olympics. St. Anthony Village was Hosts for the group from St. Vincent. Member **George Wagner** and his wife Audrey were with the group on a daily basis and deserve much credit for their work.

Key Club News

