

ST ANTHONY VILLAGE KIWANIS



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“Believe it! High expectations are the key to everything.” Sam Walton

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.A social event that was a great success thanks to **Dianne Sparks** and **John and Mary Dierbeck**. Each year the Kiwanis Club of St. Anthony has been having a auction than brings in Funds to help our Administrative Budget. These funds must be raised without support from the community. **Dianne Sparks** started this some five years ago and this years was indeed the biggest.

Attendance was great some 28 plus spouses and members came to the Village Pub and enjoyed a nice meal and a couple of beverages plus lots of socialization plus dessert of miniature candy bars. The evening started at 5:30 and last until around 7:30 with an adventuresome auction conducted by Colonel **Tim Mezzenga**. Each wrapped gift presented a chal-



lenge for the auctioneer and the potential bidders. Yes, husbands bid against wives, some people raise their own bid and others just watched the entertainment. Not knowing what was in each package made for pure luck of the draw when they opened their gifts. Yes **Rick Dunn** won a bid and upon opening removing the paper it was a Victorian Secret box and the suspense rose while Rick continued but nothing too shocking came out of the box. Since the box came from the **Mezzenga's**, it wasn't revealed what

was in the original box. Many wonderful items were purchased and the club benefited by raising \$640. Again many thanks to all that participated and could you imagine how much we could have raised if another 15 members had shown up.

Special points of interest:

- Builders Club is busy
- K-kids love helping
- Key Club action
- Village Fest
- Programs
- Auction is great hit

Builders Club in Action

The end of winter and beginning of spring, according to the calendar, has been a busy and productive time for Builders Club members from St. Anthony Middle School. The highlight of March was the construction of over 300 fleece tied blankets for cats and dogs at the Hennepin County Humane Society in Golden Valley. Fifteen members and adults brought the blankets to the humane society and experienced an educational and fun tour of the facility.



Rachel Lininger & Sarah Brickson



Timothy Jaszewski & Riley



Grace Freitag & Lydia Kalenze

Learning about the adoption process and seeing various steps of the process were very interesting for all of us.

Later in the month, a few members attended an open house at the Union Gospel Mission to learn about the great services they provide for the less fortunate.



As we return after our school spring break, Builder's Club will be launching their annual food drive to help the Northeast



Chaplin at Mission showing sleeping area

Food Shelf. Members will create posters for the hallways and announcements to educate and encourage middle scholars to donate nonperishable food. The food drive will run for two weeks.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER: DALE HALE



See article on the last page why the hat.

SPECIAL BULLETIN

It is with great pleasure that **Sue Holten** has accepted the assignment as our **Kiwanis representative for Village Fest** this year for the event to be held at Central Park on Saturday, August 6.

Sue has agreed wholeheartedly to attend all the planning meetings as our Kiwanis representative and report back to the club all its proceedings.

We thank Sue for accepting this great responsibility. The next Village Fest planning meeting is set for Thursday, April 7 at 7:30 pm.

Sincerely,

Dale L. Hale, President
Kiwanis Club of St. Anthony

Note from **Sue Holten** Regarding Village Fest

Both Kiwanis and Lions are back in doing the same things as in the past, other than replacing the dunk tank. Julianne had some concern that it might conflict with the high school basketball team. She didn't know if they even had any plans to participate in Village Fest, but suggested that Kiwanis should check with the coach. —From Meeting of Village Fest Board

Sue Holten provided information.

At our second meeting of the month members will present their ideas for worthy causes to donate the \$600 we have earned this year. Individuals give a short presentation of special causes and the group votes to decide which organizations to give money to this year.

We are also looking to the future to plan a few remaining activities for the school year plus put in place a call list of volunteers for the Village Fest this August.

Ginny Gagol and **Ted Holsten** and **Carol Jensen**

Hello!

What a busy spring it has been for K-Kids! We finished our Pennies for Patients fundraiser to raise money for a child at our school who has been diagnosed with cancer. All of the classrooms in the school participated and we raised \$3233.93 for the student's family! We are so thankful to have such generous families here at Wilshire Park. At our K-Kids meeting, we counted all of the money to come up with our total. The kids loved pouring out all of the buckets full of money and counting all of that change! It was a great learning experience for the students and everyone felt great being able to help out the student's family!



We also took a second group of students and parent chaperones to 'Feed my Starving Children' in early March. It was another great experience and the students seemed to really enjoy it! We worked in small groups packaging different types of food into sealed baggies and then boxing them up. Everyone worked together for a great cause and we were so glad to be able to participate.

We are getting ready for our current 4th graders to join us at some upcoming meetings. We worked on making welcome signs to let them know what K-Kids is and when they can join us to learn more! We'll plan to have them come to a few meetings this spring so they can be informed about what K-Kids does and decide if they want to participate and/or run for office next year! It's an exciting time for us to show them what K-Kids is all about! We hope you're enjoying the start to spring and let's hope for some warmer weather in the near future!



Take care!

Jenny Arnfelt and Anna Nelson, K-Kids advisors

Key Club Feeds the Hungry

On January 25th, Key Clubbers made their annual visit to Feed My Starving Children. First, we learned about where the food we were packaging was to go and what a difference FMSC has made in the world already. An hour and a half of work and several boxes of food later, we had packed more than 17,000 meals bound for Haiti. That's enough food to feed 48 kids for a year! As with any project, we left feeling rewarded at the positive impact we had made, stopping hunger and making the world a better place, one meal at a time.



Key Club Elects New Officers

The Key Club elected new officers at their early March meeting. They are (ordered as in the picture – left to right):

- President – Elizabeth Jacobsen
- Vice President – Natalie Jaszewski
- Publicist – Taylor Ward
- Treasurer – Diana Ly
- Secretary – Jenna Swaray



Story and pictures provided by **Dale Gunderson**

written and assembled by **Paul Redlinger**. All articles submitted by Kiwanians or Kiwanis related youth advisors. Thanks to **Coldwell Banker Burnet** for the use of their copy machine and paper. **Just a reminder as of today I will contribute \$500 to the Kiwanis for any home that I list or sell that was referred to me by a Kiwanian at the time of closing.**

