

Minutes for the Southwest District Kiwanis Foundation Annual Membership Meeting
Saturday, August 8, 2015 at the Hilton El Conquistador Hotel, Tucson, AZ

Call to Order

President Bob Kay

The meeting was called to order by Southwest District Kiwanis Foundation
President Bob Kay at 10:32 AM mountain daylight time.

Invocation

Marge Carrithers, Vice-President

Pledge of Allegiance

Jim Sowers, Immediate Past-President

Report of the President (State of the Foundation)

President Bob Kay

President Kay began his report by asking Marge Carrithers to discuss the Power-Point slide presentation and Tri-Fold that she recently developed that summarize the history of the Foundation and its programs. This presentation was presented to the Foundation Board of directors yesterday and reproduced in this document.

The Power-Point presentation and Tri-Fold also answer some basic questions frequently asked, such as 1) “what is the Southwest District Kiwanis Foundation?”, 2) “what is the mission of the Foundation?”, 3) “how is the Southwest District Kiwanis Foundation from the Kiwanis International Foundation?”, 4) what is the governing board of the Southwest District Kiwanis Foundation?, 5) “who does the Southwest District Kiwanis Foundation report to?”, and 6) “what is the difference between the Southwest District Kiwanis Foundation and Southwest District Kiwanis International?”, 7) “how does someone get to be a Member of the Foundation Board?”, and 8) “what are the Foundation programs?”.

This Power-Point presentation and Tri-Fold brochure provide the answers to these questions and are available to Foundation Board Members for their use in presentations to Kiwanis clubs and as handouts to Members of Kiwanis clubs that the Foundation Board Members visit. Electronic versions of these items will also be available to Members of the Foundation; any Foundation Member who wants these items can request them from Burt Snipes, Secretary, Southwest District Kiwanis Foundation, Email bsnipes@q.com or telephone 505-281-1979. Copies of the Tri-Fold can be mailed but it is not practical to mail copies of the Power-Point presentation.

Members of the Foundation Board of Directors are elected to the positions by the Foundation Members. Fifteen Directors are elected to represent the 15 Divisions in Southwest District Kiwanis by Kiwanians in those Divisions. Three At-Large Directors are elected during annual meetings of the Foundation Members. The Officers of the Foundation (President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer) are elected at annual meetings of the Foundation Members. The Governor, Governor-Elect, and Immediate Past-Governor of Southwest District Kiwanis International and the Immediate Past-President of the Foundation are Ex-Officio Directors on the Foundation Board of Directors.

Foundation programs include Kiwanis Across Borders, Student Recognition, Scholarships, and Kamp Kiwanis. Funding sources include outright donations by Kiwanis clubs and individual Kiwanians, Kachina purchases, Blazer purchases, Sustaining Memberships, and membership in the Foundation's Legacy Society. Applications for these funding options are available at the Foundation table at this convention.

A considerable portion of Marge's Power Point presentation focused on Kamp Kiwanis facilities and activities in progress at Kamp Kiwanis. Major recent improvements to Kamp Kiwanis include rebuilding the water distribution system, replacing old wooden bunk beds with new steel bunk beds and mattresses, modifying the Kamp Chapel to allow its use as a Chapel and conference room, construction of a "challenge ropes course", rebuilding of Kamp Kiwanis sidewalks, and replacing toilets in all Kamp Kiwanis buildings. A lot of work still needs to be done at Kamp Kiwanis; a major project is to complete renovation of dormitory restrooms. Raising money for the Restroom Renovation Project is in progress.

A key point to make is that all Kiwanians in Southwest District Kiwanis International are Members of the Southwest District Kiwanis Foundation and have the opportunity to influence the organization in a variety of ways. The answer to question number five above is that the Foundation reports to its Members. Another point is that all monies raised by the Southwest District Kiwanis Foundation are used for activities and projects in the Southwest District. An important point to make is that the Southwest District Kiwanis Foundation has a 501(C)(3) non-profit designation; Southwest District Kiwanis International has a 501(C)(4) designation, the same as all Kiwanis clubs in Southwest District Kiwanis International.

Election of Foundation Officers and Directors

Patrick Irvine

1) Election of Foundation Officers. It is necessary to elect or re-elect all of the Officers on the Foundation Board of Directors because their terms all end on September 30, 2015. The Officers are President, President-Elect, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Patrick Irvine read requirements for Board Officers from the Foundation By-Laws and proceeded with a request for nominations.

President: Bob Morrell nominated Bob Kay for President and Stephanie Carrasco seconded the nomination. Charles Waiser nominated Marge Carrithers for President and Horse Pfeifer seconded that motion. Marge spoke briefly indicating that she feels honored to be nominated to be President of the Foundation but declines the nomination and anticipates being nominated for the position of President-Elect, which she prefers to allow her more time to gain experience prior to being President of the Foundation. Nominations were closed with one nomination to consider and Bob Kay was voted by acclamation to be President.

President-Elect: Charles Waiser nominated Marge Carrithers for President-Elect and Reba Price seconded the nomination. Marge Carrithers was the only nominee and was voted by acclamation to be President-Elect.

Vice-President: Michael Iafrato nominated Bob Morrell for Vice-President and Charles Waiser seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made and Bob Morrell was voted by acclamation to be Vice-President.

Secretary: Marge Carrithers nominated Burt Snipes for Secretary and Horse Pfeifer seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made and Burt Snipes was voted by acclamation to be Secretary.

Treasurer: Chung-Kai Liu nominated Jim Sowers for Treasurer and Wayne Maxwell seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made and Jim Sowers was voted by acclamation to be Treasurer.

- 2) **Need to Fill At-Large Director Vacancy.** We have a vacancy on the Foundation Board of Directors for an “At-Large Director.” Horse Pfeifer nominated John Baumberger from Division 7 to be the new At-Large Director and Bob Morrell seconded the nomination. John Baumberger had previously agreed to be nominated for this position. No other nominations were entered from the floor. A vote was called for and the Foundation membership voted unanimously for John Baumberger to be an At-Large Director on the Board of the Southwest District Kiwanis Foundation.

Key Club Donation to Kamp Kiwanis Restroom Renovation Project

President Kay introduced Key Club Governor Audrey Schreiner who reported to the Foundation Members that the Southwest District Kiwanis Key Clubs is in the process of donating \$5,000.00 to the Foundation for the Kamp Kiwanis Restroom Renovation Project.

Kamp Kiwanis Restroom Renovation

President Bob Kay

President Kay showed the Foundation Members some pictures of the restrooms in the Kamp Kiwanis dormitories to demonstrate the kind of problems that have developed over the years and the need to remedy these problems by renovation of these restrooms.

First Lady Patti DeBlasi of Southwest District Kiwanis stepped forward to make comments relevant to the Kamp Kiwanis Restroom Renovation Project. Patti had high praise for Kamp Kiwanis, considers the Kamp almost like home, and said that she stands solidly behind the project to renovate the dormitory restrooms.

Alma Carson, soon to be First Lady of SWD Kiwanis noted that Nina Davis started the renovation of Kamp Kiwanis dormitories with the “Toilet Replacement Project.” The current effort to renovate the restrooms is a continuation of Nina’s effort. “We need to think of this effort as what we would do to remedy problems in bathrooms of our own homes.” The young Kiwanians who came here today and donated \$5,000.00 for this renovation project come to Kamp Kiwanis and use those bathrooms. We need to fix the problems in those restrooms right now. “Patti and I are challenging everyone ... in the Southwest District to get your butts in gear and get these bathrooms fixed.”

Awards and Grants:

- **Scholarship Awards:** **Stephanie Carrasco** reported winners of the 2014-2015 Foundation Scholarships. This year we have awards for all of the available scholarships, as follows:
 - a. The **Dean Bartoo Scholarship** (\$1,000.00) was awarded to **Anika Faglie**, Sierra Vista, AZ, Buena High School.

- b. **Three Vocational Scholarships** (\$500.00 each) were awarded: a scholarship to **Kassandra Morales**, Alamogordo, NM, Cloudcroft High School; a scholarship to **Vanessa Hernandez**, Phoenix, AZ, Metro Tech; and a scholarship to **K'Leigh Flotte**, Cloudcroft, NM, Cloudcroft High School.
- c. **The Joan Skinner Scholarship** (\$1,000.00), was awarded to Ngocmy Nguyen, Albuquerque, La Cueva High School.

Stephanie always encourages Southwest District Kiwanis clubs to continue to apply for these awards for their Key Club members, as well as for students in high schools that do not have a Key Club. The Dean Bartoo Scholarship can be applied for only by Key Club Members, but the vocational scholarships are open for students from any high school, including charter schools and private schools. Applications are mailed to Kiwanis club Secretaries about November of each year and are also on the Southwest District Kiwanis website, as well as the Southwest District Foundation website. The due date for completed applications for 2015-2016 will be in March 2016.

- **Kiwanis Across Borders Grants:** **SWDK Governor** Joe DeBlasi is coordinator of this program. This program is budgeted for \$2,000.00 each year to provide matching grants for Kiwanis club projects helping children in countries outside of the United States. **Governor DeBlasi** Joe reported that he received three applications this year for matching funds for the Kiwanis Across Borders Program. The Kiwanis Club of Nogales-Santa Cruz will receive \$250.00 for their project in Nogales; the Kiwanis Club of Phoenix will receive \$500.00 for their school project in Cambodia; the third award will be for the Sandia Kiwanis Club of Albuquerque for \$1,250.00 for their wheelchair project in Mexico.

Presentations of Kachinas, Blazers, and Legacy Society Awards **President Bob Kay**

- Lew Bradley reported that our newest Members of the Foundation Legacy Society are Scott Wede (Kiwanis Club of Camelback, Phoenix) and Jeanie Kainec (Kiwanis Club of Capitol Gateway).
- We had no Kachinas or Blazers to present. However, Horse Pfeifer said that the Kiwanis Club of Silver City was in the process of purchasing a Kachina.

Gifts to the Southwest District Kiwanis Foundation

President Bob Kay

1. Kamp Kiwanis Restroom Renovation Project

- The Kiwanis Club of Silver City presented a check for \$1,000.00;
- The Kiwanis Club of East El Paso presented a check for \$500.00;
- Bob and Alma Carson presented a check for \$500.00;
- Dr. Ed Verburg presented a check for \$1,000.00;
- Ms. Jeanne Kainec presented a check for \$5,000.00;
- Ms. Charlotte Manning presented a check for \$1,000.00;
- Mr. Paul Gonnerman presented a check for \$1,000.00;
- The Kiwanis Club of Litchfield presented a check for \$300.00;
- The Kiwanis Club of Bullhead City Morning presented a check for \$100.00;
- The Kiwanis Club of The Superstitions, Mesa presented a check for \$200.00;
- The Kiwanis Club of Los Altos presented a check for \$850.00;
- Mr. Lew Bradley presented a check for \$250.00;
- The Kiwanis Club of Chandler presented a check for \$200.00;

- Marjorie Carrithers presented a check for \$1,000.00;
 - The Kiwanis Club of Zane Grey Country, Payson presented a check for \$1,000.00;
 - The Kiwanis Club of Sierra Vista presented a check for \$2,000.00;
 - The Kiwanis Club of Mesilla Valley presented a check for \$100.00;
 - Ms. Peggy Davis presented a check for \$500.00;
 - The Kiwanis Club of Sun City West presented a check for \$3,000.00; and
 - The Aqua Fria-Kiwanis Club of Sun City West presented a check for \$200.00.
2. Kamp Kiwanis Donations
- The Kiwanis Club of Portales presented a check for \$500.00; and
 - The Past Lt Governor's Association presented a check for \$750.00.
3. Foundation Donations
- The Kiwanis Club of Capitol Gateway presented a check for \$500.00;
 - The Kiwanis Club of Phoenix presented a check for \$1,000.00;
 - The Kiwanis Club of Queen Creek presented a check for m\$1,000.00;
 - The Aqua Fria-Kiwanis Club of Sun City West presented a check for \$100.00;
 - The Kiwanis Club of Sun City West presented a check for \$205.00;
 - A check for \$100.00 was presented by a donor that could not be readily identified; and
 - The Sunset Kiwanis Club - Fountain Hills presented a check for \$150.00.

Certificates of Appreciation

President-Elect Marge Carrithers

Marge presented a Certificate of Appreciation from the Foundation to Lew Bradley, Marge Carrithers, David Gordon, and Jan Smeal for their service to the Southwest District Kiwanis Foundation as Directors. Each will have served full terms as Directors as of September 30, 2015 and were replaced with new Directors who will begin three-year terms on October 1, 2015.

Adjournment

President Bob Kay

President Kay invited everyone present to visit Kamp Kiwanis, and there being no further business to come before the members, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42 AM.



Burt Snipes, Secretary