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**“What you
get is a
living --
What you
give is a
life!”**

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Bozeman District Conference successful

By Jack Hanley

(Pix scattered throughout issue)

Division Six of the Montana District of Kiwanis hosted the 2005 Mid-Winter Conference with great success at the Holiday Inn in Bozeman.

As with all K conferences, it was a learning experience along with renewing old friendships. Some of the subjects covered were “What does Kiwanis Membership mean and what does it offer?” International Trustee Pete Mihelic, Missouri, instructed the topic and intertwined the “Objects of Kiwanis” into the subject.

District Secretary Roger Baker then instructed on Kiwanis Technology, what is available, and how we can use it for the benefit of our clubs. Baker is really up on the technology part of it. He and others went through an array of websites, pulled down forms, and made it look so easy that anyone could do it. Time will tell on this one. It was probably the most thorough lesson on “high tech” that I have been through.

SKIP was introduced to the group which is a system of identifying children on a world wide network.

SKIP is designed to help those who cannot help themselves. Your child's picture and description is placed on a CD and should be updated every six months to prove effective. There is a one time charge of \$12 to initiate the disk. It is then kept on file. In addition to the ID info, SKIP offers a tooth print that collects saliva for DNA purposes along with a tracking scent. SKIP claims there were over 800,000 children lost last year with about 250 in Montana. A list of names were read and it was

surprising to hear that three were from my hometown that I knew nothing about or hadn't heard a word. SKIP will be looked into by the Montana District. We'll hear more later.

The Interclub luncheon boasted 23 clubs in at-

tered to remind all that we should go to Hawaii and support Dave Curry for the office of International Vice President.

Governor Ron had several reasons to go to Hawaii which included the following: (1) You have never been there. (2) A chance to meet Kiwanians from all over the world. (3) You need a tan. (4) To see the beach cleared by Dave Curry wearing a pair of shorts in public. (5) Your significant other says they need a vacation and Hawaii is a great choice. (6) Why not? (7) Grass skirts, sandy beaches, perfect weather. (8) To bring back great ideas for your club. (9) Increase your knowledge of Kiwanis. (10) Support one of our own, Dave Curry, by casting your vote.

Governor Ron adds “Every journey starts by taking the first step. Now is the time for us to take that first step and honor our commitment to our club and our district. Dave Curry has shown us that he has the leadership skills but, more importantly, has a vision for the success of the Kiwanis in the future. Dave has been one of the ‘best kept secrets’. Now is the time to share that secret.”

Following the luncheon, all donned their pirate regalia, joined with Circle K, and went out soliciting items for the local food bank. The group as a whole did very well with about 400 pounds of groceries and it was estimated we had about a pickup truck and a half of food bagged for the Bozeman Food Bank. The project was unknown until the time it was announced. It was won

by the team of Marcia Baker (Sunrise Butte), Beckie Hoffman (Big Butte), Jack Hanley (Big Butte), and Laurel Masterson (Circle K Billings). Each of the members were awarded a music CD at the banquet by Governor Ron.

International Trustee Pete Mihelic, Missouri Ki-



“I'm going to Hawaii to support Dave Curry for International Vice President! How about you? Join me now!” Montana Kiwanis Governor Ron Schafer at the Bozeman Mid-Winter Convention

tendance of the Montana District's 72 clubs. The highest number of attendance was 120 for the evening meal which included the attendance of Circle K (30) and some 35 guests.

Most of the meals ended up with some reminder that we were going to Hawaii and items were gar-

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wanis, advised us the new definition of Kiwanis is, when asked, a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time” Mihelic said this is what we are to go by from now on when one is asked what Kiwanis do. Mihelic also discussed the objects of Kiwanis quoting and reading from an issue of the KSpan as a guide.



International Trustee Pete Mihelic quotes from the KSpan about the objects of Kiwanis International. Mihelic and his spouse attended the convention for the three days. He also stated, “It was warmer in Bozeman and Montana,” than it was in his home town in Missouri.

Division Caucuses were held with the following Lieutenant Governor results: Division 1: Dwight Faulk (re-elected); Division 2: Shawn Pahut, Shelby; Division 3: Bill O’Connor (re-elected); Division 4: Arloa Weiss (re-elected); Division 5: Jim Swanson, Sidney; Division 6: Cathy Bartel (re-elected); Division 7: Lila Buen (re-elected); Division 8: ???; Division 9 Becky Henne, Helena. We will have more on the new officers as the year progresses.

Governor Ron: A man of many costumes




Ship’s Captain Ron Schafer dons his leaders attire to lead his buccaneer crew of Kiwanis on the drive for food for the Food Bank in Bozeman. The crew ended up with about 800 pounds. The Captain was happy with the Drive.

Wouldn’t you just know it? They all begin with “B”



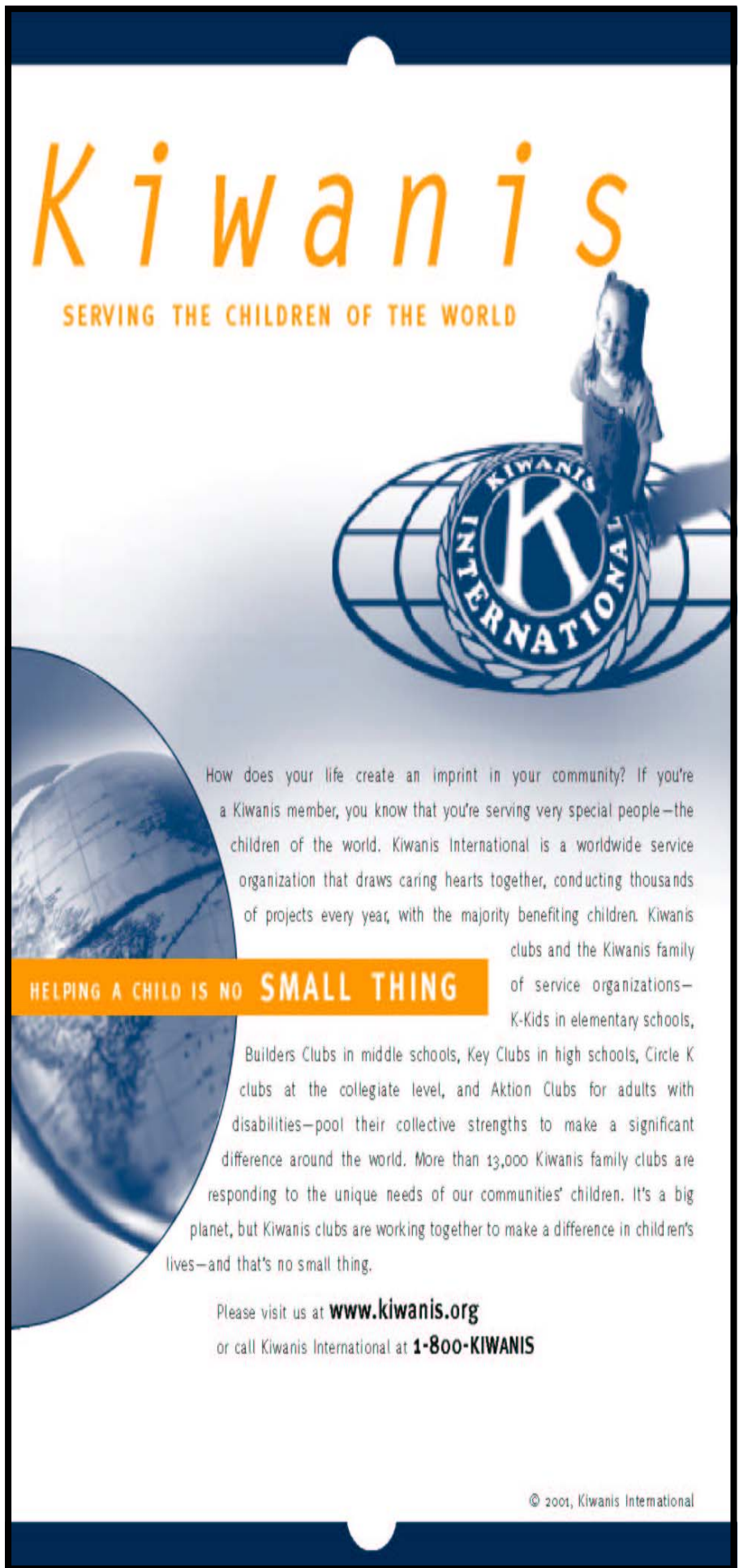
Winners of the pirates grocery gathering contest were (LtoR) Jack Hanley, Butte; Marcia Baker, Butte; Beckie Hoffmann, Butte. The group was led by Circle K’s Laurel Masterson of Billings.

Human and Spiritual Values: Russ Myers



“A man who fails well is greater than the one who succeeds badly.

One who is content with what he has, and who accepts the fact that he inevitably misses very much in life, is far better off than the one who has much more but who worries about all he may be missing. For we cannot make the best of what we are, if our hearts are always divided between what we are and what we are not.” By Thomas Merton.



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