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Kiwanis mid-winter set for Great Falls

Why should you come? By Jack Hanley

The mid-winter conference is always a lot of fun mainly because of the politics in action. This year promises no difference. By rights, there should be a Governor Elect announcement followed by Lieutenant Governors for each of the Divisions in the Montana District which now includes some cities in Idaho.

This year, the mid winter will feature training for the secretaries and the presidents as opposed to the summer convention for the main reason that the 2006 convention will be held jointly with Western Canada.

Western Canada trains a bit different than we do. In addition, the summer convention promises to be lighter in 2006 because of two major districts participating along with international visitors, two governors, more dignitaries, more tours, more fun & games, etc.

As a result, all training will take place at our mid-Winter in Great Falls. Another reason for you to come!

The main headquarters will be the Hampton Inn in Great Falls located at 2301 14th Street Southwest which will probably be where most Kiwanis stay. They have 98 rooms, four floors, and it was built in 2003. Another reason.

They are adjacent to the newest shopping area in GTF and within a quarter mile of Interstate 15 and 10th Avenue. All rooms offer high speed internet access and wireless HSIA in public areas. Coming in from the North or South, take Exit 278 (Tenth Avenue South); travel quarter mile to Exit 0 at first traffic light. Turn left and the hotel is immediately on your left. Non-smoking and smoking rooms are available.

Take this issue of KSpan with you because we will guide you all the way. Another reason!



Hampton Inn is headquarters for Great Falls Mid-winter conference

Why do we have conventions? And why do we encourage Kiwanis to attend them? The first word that pops to mind is "change." There is nothing more permanent than "change."

As a service group, and especially if you are one of the leaders of a Kiwanis group, the changes, challenges, and complexities, are subjects in which you need to have a say. In order to have a say and be confident in your statement, you need to have a basic knowledge of what it is you are defending or

denying. This is what you can do at mid-winter. Another reason for you to come!

We hear complaints a lot of the time about or such as "We don't do 'this'; we don't do 'that'!"

Is that so? Well, did you know that you can do "this" and you can do "that" if you sell one more person on your idea.

It's a motion you bring up at your various meetings, get your second (the other person you convinced) and the material or body of "this" or "that" has to be discussed.

If you have strong arguments and a positive belief about "this" or "that", Kiwanis seem to be able to

read you and they will tell you, "You are right! We will help!" or "You have misjudged and here's why!"

A good debate always leads to a good conclusion. The world would not be as good a place as it is without good debate. Believing in your effort or idea is how it all starts. The only thing that is disturbing in this debate of an idea or belief is, "That's not the way we used to do it!" and drop it there. Kiwanis is "change"! Kiwanis is "challenge"! Bring your ideas, projects, and yes, beliefs to mid-winter. Let's hear you out! Another reason to come. (Agenda Page 2)

Past Montana Kiwanis Governor Joe Burst named as new Special K Ranch Development Director



Greetings Fellow Kiwanians,
As many of you know, I owned a restaurant in Billings for the last two years. After much soul searching, I decided that I could no longer subsidize this venture and decided to close the restaurant. This decision was one of the hard-

est things I have ever faced because my son Scott and I enjoyed what we were doing and were very proud of what we achieved. For me, the restaurant was more of a hobby and for my son, the culinary arts have become his passion. Scott is still utilizing his skills in this field but I told my wife Mary that in giving up the restaurant, I was going to be very picky in my next career and do what is really my passion by providing service to my community. I'm

proud to say that my wish came true when I was offered the position of Development Director for the Special K Ranch in Columbus Montana.

Did you know that the Billings area Kiwanis Clubs were instrumental in helping to start the Special K Ranch when they were approached by a group of men who were interested in modeling a program after Rainbow Acres in Camp Verde, Arizona?

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Mid-winter agenda announced

**Montana District of Kiwanis International
Mid-Winter Conference**
Hampton Inn, Great Falls, MT
Friday, February 10, 2005
Saturday, February 11, 2005

Friday, February 10

10:00 AM: President's & Secretary's Training
*(There will be no training in August this year
due to the joint convention with Western Canada)*

12:00 Noon: Registration Opens; Hotel Lobby

12:30 PM District Board Meeting

3:00 PM Foundation Board Meeting

6:00 PM **Dinner** (Tony Roma's – see registration form)

7:30 PM *Kiwanis Game Nite (Bingo)*

9:00 PM Governor's Hospitality Room

Saturday, February 11

Breakfast : On Your Own (Hampton provides
breakfast for guests)

General Session – Convention Center

9:00 AM *T.A.G. You're It – A New Twist To An Old Game*

10:00AM Club Responsibilities – District Chair, John Menyhart

11:00 AM **Governor's Hour**

Combined Western Canadian & Montana District Convention
"Friends Across The Borders"

& Montreal Kiwanis International Convention

12:30 PM **Interclub Luncheon & District Awards**

2:00 PM Kiwanis & Sponsored Youth
Bring a new baby blanket to
"Keep Our Babies Warm in Winter"

3:30 P.M Division Caucuses
Election of 2006-2007 Lieutenant Governors

General Session Resumes

**4:00 PM Past Governor's and
Past & Present Lt. Governor's Open Forum**

**District Promotions, Projects & Activities
Open to all!**

6:30 PM **Governor's Banquet** – Please join Betsy and Larry for
a lively evening of entertainment and festivities.

10:00 PM Governor's Hospitality Room

Registration forms are listed on Page 14. Please fill in and return to Roger Baker, Montana District Secretary, 3003 Amherst, Butte, MT 59701-4651 at your earliest convenience. Make Motel reservations directly.

Human and Spiritual Values: Russ Myers

A friend is a person

A friend is a person who will help you in the hour of sickness; who will lend you a dollar without deducting the interest; who will help you up hill when you are sliding down; who will defend you in the hour when others speak evil of you; who will believe in your innocence until



you admit your guilt; who will say behind your back what he says to your face; who will shake hands with you wherever he meets you even though you wear patches; and who will do all these things without expecting a return. Dorothy Retsloff

Kiwanis
SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD

How does your life create an imprint in your community? If you're a Kiwanis member, you know that you're serving very special people—the children of the world. Kiwanis International is a worldwide service organization that draws caring hearts together, conducting thousands of projects every year, with the majority benefiting children. Kiwanis clubs and the Kiwanis family of service organizations—K-Kids in elementary schools, Builders Clubs in middle schools, Key Clubs in high schools, Circle K clubs at the collegiate level, and Aktion Clubs for adults with disabilities—pool their collective strengths to make a significant difference around the world. More than 13,000 Kiwanis family clubs are responding to the unique needs of our communities' children. It's a big planet, but Kiwanis clubs are working together to make a difference in children's lives—and that's no small thing.

HELPING A CHILD IS NO SMALL THING

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