



**Montana Kiwanis Governor
Betsy Pahut
2005-2006**

Greetings Kiwanis Family,

I would like to start my first Governor's article off with a great big "Thank You", I am humbled by your confidence in me and it is with great pride that I represent this great district! I sincerely promise to do my very best in the coming years.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome members from the new **Challis, Idaho Club** and the new **Three Forks, Montana Club** to our district! The T.A.G. Team worked very hard together with other district members in building these two new clubs and we do not intend to stop there! All clubs should have received the new public relations and marketing materials. If you did not please let me know and we will get them



Governor Betsy and Larry Pahut in their Christmas mode outfits

My Dear Kiwanis Family:

Larry and I wish you a special Christmas with your families and a holiday season filled with health, happiness, fellowship and service!

Betz' Best

for you. These materials are wonderful, when you see them, you can't help but be proud to be a part of the Kiwanis organization! **You are only One, but One Can Make a Difference.**

Together We Can, is not just a catchy phrase, I believe that whatever we do as Kiwanians, we can do it bigger, better and with phenomenal impact if we work together to achieve our goals. Our new club-building goal for 2006 is to build two more clubs in our district, but we can go above and beyond just building new clubs, we can work hard to build the clubs we currently have too. This is a goal that is not mine alone, but a very important goal for all of us to work together to achieve great growth. There are new achievement incentives for bringing new members to your club, **"It's as Easy as 1-2-3, You hold the Key"** is a sweet deal and one you will want to be familiar with as you bring new members into your club. Kiwanis International President, Steve Siemens, has declared our goal for 2006 is to grow Kiwanis to **"One Million"** members. Do you believe we can do it? I do! We can do that and more if we all work together to make it happen. Imagine the world when we do.

Some important dates to remember this year include:

Mid-Winter – February 10-11, 2006, in Great Falls at the Hampton Inn. Please note: **President and Secretary training** will be offered at this time, rather than in August. Please make plans to attend; it will be a great way to kick off your planning before you start your official duties.

The 2nd Combined Western Canada and Montana District Convention, August 24-26, 2006, in Butte, at the Copper King Inn. More to come, I mention this now so you know early enough to make plans to join us. You won't want to miss this!

On Sponsored Youth: Anyone who knows me knows that I believe our mission in Kiwanis is to provide

leadership and support to all of our K Family units--not only to our Kiwanis clubs, but also to our sponsored youth organizations. If your club is not currently sponsoring a youth organization, please consider it. You will find such joy in working with the young people. I know I have. Your opportunity is waiting for you, because we have a few **Key Clubs** that are currently in need of sponsors. Our **Circle K clubs** need our guidance and support too. Attend one of their meetings and you will be surprised at the level of commitment and energy that you encounter when you do. **Builder's Clubs** can provide our middle school youth with opportunities to learn at an early age how to serve others as they grow to be responsible teens. If your club does not sponsor a Builder's Club look for an opportunity to do so in your community.

Does your community have an **Aktion Club**? You may find it is the perfect way to make a difference in the lives of a group of dedicated and hardworking individuals. You will truly be amazed at what they can accomplish when asked to provide service.

There are more...you can find out all about our sponsored youth programs by visiting the web at www.kiwanis.org. Be involved and support the Kiwanis Family of Clubs.

Don't forget our district website at www.mtkiwanis.com.

Key Leader is a new Leadership Camp that is coming to Montana in 2006! April 21st and 22nd at Camp Make-A-Dream, Gold Creek, Montana. Watch for more information in the future. Or you can go to www.key-leader.org and get the scoop. If you are interested in working with us to put this camp on, let me know. Cost to send a student to camp will be \$100, please keep this in mind when doing your club fundraising – send one or two students to camp this year.



Remember, You can make the difference in the life of a child, One Child and One Community at a time.

Happy Holidays to you and yours.

Serving the Children of the World together with you,
Betsy Pahut, Governor of the Montana District

Serving the children of Montana and of the world

An open letter to all Club Presidents and Secretaries:

Dear Club President, Secretary

Do you ever wish that you could do more to serve the children of the world? If so, then make sure that your club participates in the 2005-2006 Annual Club Gift (ACG) campaign!

The Kiwanis International Foundation relies heavily on the generosity of the clubs that participate in the ACG campaign to make a difference in the lives of children around the world. By taking a moment to make an ACG at the suggested minimum level of \$5 per member, you can help us maximize the amount of support that we provide through things such as disaster relief and program grants.

A prime example of how an ACG is truly an investment in the children of the world is our disaster relief efforts associated with the Gulf Coast hurricanes. Because of the generosity of clubs across the country, the Foundation has been able to provide nearly \$500,000 in direct assistance to those in need. Your ACG is what makes this possible.

By participating in the ACG campaign, your club allows us to use 100% of the Disaster Relief Fund for disaster relief and 100% of the Kiwanis Children's Fund for program grants. The ACG campaign covers the unrestricted obligations of the Foundation, which, in turn, allows us to better serve the children of the world.

For participating in the ACG campaign, your club will receive a banner patch and/or chevron to proudly display on your awards banner. Special chevrons will be given to clubs that achieve a level of \$5, \$10 or \$20 per member. In addition, an ACG will earn your club points toward "Distinguished Club" status.

Not only will an ACG change the lives of children around the world, it will serve as a shining example to other clubs that we are all part of the larger Kiwanis family. An ACG will symbolize your commitment to all

that Kiwanis stands for.

Please consider making your ACG during the first quarter of the 2005-2006 administrative year. Doing so enables us to provide support in a timely manner.

Yours in Kiwanis Service,



Daniel P. Borba
Executive Director

cc: Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees, Kiwanis International Foundation District Chairs, Kiwanis International District Governors, Kiwanis International District Secretaries

Ed note:

President Betsy adds:

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