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Good people
double the
length of their
existence.

To have lived
so as to look
back with
pleasure on
life is to have
lived twice.

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Hawaii reports:

Persistence Pays! Dave Curry elected as new International Vice President



Dave Curry
New Kiwanis
International
Vice President

Testing the waters in the last two international conventions with near misses, Dave Curry finally realized a most recent dream at the 90th Kiwanis International Convention hosted in Honolulu, Hawaii, when he was elected to the office of International Vice President/Treasurer.

Utilizing a humanitarian theme and having served as an International Trustee along with his many other offices in Kiwanis, Curry is noted personally as a humanitarian.

This effort was further exemplified when, almost single-handed, he assisted with the establishment of the Montana Sunflower Orphanage Branch in Vietnam.

Born in Boise, Idaho, Dave's Family moved to Butte when he was four. He is married to Eva Curry, an Oncology Nurse at Butte Oncology Services. Dave and Eva have five children and two grandchildren. Having graduated from Carroll College (1977) in Helena, he works for NorthWestern Energy as Director of Applications. Within the Butte community, Dave has been involved with scouting, coaching, literacy programs, and has served on numerous boards

including Chairperson of the Butte-Silver Bow Planning Board and as an elected representative on the Butte-Silver Bow Council of Commissioners. Through these efforts, Dave received the prestigious "Meritorious Service Award" from the Butte Pachyderm Club.

Dave joined Silver-Bow Kiwanis in 1989. At the club level, he served as a Distinguished Club President (1995-96). At the District level, he was a Distinguished Lieutenant Governor (1997-98), helped develop the Montana District Strategic Plan, chaired the 1997 District Convention, and was a Distinguished Governor for the 1999-2000 year.

At the International level, Dave is a Diamond Level 2 George F. Hixson Fellow, Tablet of Honor recipient, Kiwanis Lifetime Membership recipient, was Secretary for the 99-2000 class of Governors, received the Special Service Award for his IDD efforts, presented forums at two international conventions, was an International Trustee, and served as Kiwanis International's representative to the Young Child Priority One Advisory Council, which meets in Washington D.C.

Curry is not new to the international political scene. He has run twice for the slot of International Vice President for the last two years missing by three votes in St Louis, Missouri.

Curry has not been disturbed by the outcomes. He was quoted recently as saying, "Although there

are already a lot of projects (at Kiwanis International), the Kiwanis appear to be open to the strategies printed in my concept letters." Curry was referring to the ten concept letters now available on www.mtkiwanis.com.

Curry's concept letters number ten to date with three additional anticipated this year. The present concepts deal with "One a year sponsorship" dealing with membership; "Hold Town Meetings" styled after the old town meetings, but dealing with Kiwanis projects; "Selecting a Core Leadership Team; Increasing District Convention Attendance; Add (ing) a Spark to Club Officer Training; Strategic Recognition; Reinvigorating District Chairs; Internet Clubs, the future is now; Distinguished with a twist; A couple of questions."

The letters deal with the expansion of Kiwanis and/or upgrading of some of the current programs or the way of looking at it.

This election in which Curry was elected was conducted in Hawaii, an expensive trip for those who have been encouraging him to run and try the waters again, but "it was worth all the anguish," District Secretary Roger Baker told this reporter in a hoarse voice. "Curry has received recognition and support from all over the world and we can be proud."

Curry, Eva, and their family reside at 1204 West Woolman, Butte, MT 59701. Curry can be reached at (406) 723-8067.

Helena Kiwanian Howard Skjervem announces for Montana Governorship. Election to be in Missoula



Presently Lieutenant Governor of Division Nine which includes the clubs of Boulder, Helena, Helena Downtown, and Helena Last Chance, Howard Skjervem is presently employed as a Consumer Advocate for the Helena Division of North-Western Energy and has held that position since 1978. He joined the Helena Kiwanis Club in June 1987, and he has chaired the Weber Scholarships Committee, co chaired the Carroll College-Kiwanis Thanksgiving Basketball Classic, and he has been a member of the Program Committee. Howard has also served as President of the Helena Club for the years 2001-2002, and he has served as Lieutenant Governor since 2003. He attended the Indianapolis and Taiwan Conventions, and he is currently a member of KI's TAG Team. The newly announced gubernatorial candidate is married to Angie, and they have three children: Bryce who attends MSU Billings; Brittney, who attends Northwest University; and Caleb, a

senior at Capitol High School, Helena.

In his spare time, he serves as a board member for the Gateway Economic Development Corporation; Energy Share of Montana Helena Committee, and is a past board member of the United Way of Lewis & Clark County. In the community, Howard has served as Co-chair of Helena Area Chamber Diplomat Committee; MT Governors Prayer Breakfast Organizing Committee; Leadership Helena Alumni and is a member of the First Assembly of God in Helena.

Skjervem is the only announced candidate.

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Harlowton receives bequest.

The Harlowton Kiwanis Club recently received a bequest in the amount of \$45,180 as its share of a Trust Fund distributed after the death of a local resident.

Lucretia "Sis" Hicks was a Wheatland County employee for 47 years, with 30 years of that as the elected Clerk & Recorder. "Sis" was 99 years old at the time of her passing in 1999. Her family moved to Harlowton in 1909. She was married in 1918 and her husband died in 1940. She was also preceded in death by two young sons.

In later years she established a Trust Fund which provided medical care for an ailing sister-in-law, the only close relative she acknowledged. After the sister-in-law died in 2004, the Trust Fund was to be distributed among six area organizations. The Harlowton Kiwanis Club was named to receive a 25% share of the fund.

Bill Jones, Club President, said the funds would be managed by the Montana District Foundation with the annual proceeds used to support the Kiwanis Youth Center in Harlowton. The club owns the building and maintains it as a club house and community center which is made available to youth groups at no charge (if they aren't doing a fund raiser).

Jones said that the bequest will assist the club in maintaining the Youth Center which has taken a major portion of the club's income in past years. Although the building does receive some rent monies from various users, it was not sufficient to cover all expenses.

Jones said the club has been working on developing a local foundation to provide financial support on a continuing basis, and this bequest now gives the club a cornerstone for further development.

Aktion Club of Butte remains busy

Post flags for veteran graves; build flowers for Vets day; win Sweepstakes Prize in Butte 4th of July Parade



Aktion member of the year Laura White and Vice President Wayne Kelly place flags at veterans graveside for Veterans Day ceremonies.



Flowers line the walkways to Veterans Memorial built by the Aktion Club of Butte. The club made over 100 artificial flowers on decorated cans. "It added a lot to our service," former State Legion Auxiliary President said.



Aktion members gather on raft float just prior to the parade start at the Civic Center in Butte. The theme of the parade was Lewis & Clark and the raft won first place sweepstakes award. Previously, the Aktion Club of Butte had won two first places for the past two years. This year's parade attracted 136 entries.

Human and Spiritual Values: Russ Myers



"A blessed thing it is for any man or woman to have a friend; one human soul whom we can trust utterly; who knows the best and worst of us, and who loves us in spite of all our faults, and who will speak the honest truth about us, while the world flatters us to our face and laughs at us behind our back,

who will give us counsel and reproof in the day of prosperity and self conceit, but again will comfort us in the day of difficulty and sorrow, when the world leave us alone to fight our own battle as we can." By Charles Kingsley

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