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International President: Don Canaday; Governor: Gary Heath; Lieutenant Governor: Dick Cox

President: Tom Villa; Secretary: Carl Polstra; Treasurer: Bill Paulin; Vice President/Editor: Jim Busse

2008 Awards Banquet

Our 2008 Awards Banquet was held on November 20th at the Rochelle Country Club. It was a pleasure to see Dennis Swinton receive the Hixon Award for meritorious service to the club and Kiwanis as a whole. Also, Bill Paulin received a very well deserved Kiwanian of the Year award. Congratulations are well deserved by both gentlemen.



Dennis Swinton (center) receives the club 2008 Hixon Award from Gene Wood (left) and Tom Villa.



Bill Paulin receives the 2008 Kiwanian of the Year Award from club secretary Carl Polstra.

Awards were also handed out for perfect attendance. See page 2 for a list of those awards. Photos of recipients for Perfect Attendance are also featured on our website <http://www.rochellekiwanisgoldenk.org/news.html>.

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Special mention was given to all Hixon Award recipients:
From left - Lyle Kunde, Ron Hansen, Bill Gaston, Arch Millotte
Dennis Swinton (2008), Tom Villa, Gene Wood, Carl Polstra, Warren Moe

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President's Message:

This month will be one of my favorites as your president. You make me proud! I was impressed to see you guys working on Chili Day, 50 organized, so professional, every one knowing his job and doing it well. It was a great success. Good job, Dennis and Hugh.

Mr Wood and his committee gave us another great Awards Banquet. Thank you Carl for letting me give out some of the awards. Mr Wood and I were so proud to present Dennis with his Hixon. Well deserved! Bill Paulin, the look on your face when you received the Kiwanian of the Year Award was beautiful. That's what happens when you work hard for this great club.

Ray Kannheiser is in the hospital with pneumonia. Keep The Grand Poobah in your prayers along with Bud Hall and Fred (Bucky) Baker. May these few lines find you happy, healthy and a little wealthy, and surrounded with the love of God and family.

-Tom Villa

Messages from our college students:

Just thought I'd let all of you know what I've been up to lately with St. Ambrose University Circle K. This month we helped the Rock Island Kiwanis with their pancake day. We have also been busy with rent-a-students.

We are only going to be in school for a week or two in December, but we have a few events planned. We are going to be helping a nearby elementary school with their Santa workshop, ringing bells for salvation army, and will also be doing a fundraiser. In January, about 5 of us will be going to Holiday Embrace in Oakbrook, Illinois. I hope to hear from you soon to see how your club is doing. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

- Amy Chalus (Amy's brother Eric also wrote. His message was read at a recent meeting)

Spiritual Aims for November:

God, our hearts overflow in gratitude for your goodness to us.

Thank you especially for our family, community and all of those who surround us with love.

We thank you for others with whom you let us serve. Help us to celebrate Advent by letting go of old prejudices, and seeing Christ in each person with whom we serve. We will have so many opportunities in this season to share Christ's Love in food and toy drives, children shopping, and ringing of the Salvation Army bells.

May your Holidays and New Year be filled with happiness. In the Saviors' name we pray.

-Carl Polstra

The Test

This is the final test of a gentleman: His respect for those who can be of no possible service to him.

-William Lyon Phelps

Awards Banquet: Perfect Attendance

1 year: Chuck McGrath	2 years: Jim Busse, Lee Harris Arlie Jennings, Jim Moorehead TomPlumb
3 years: Bill Paulin	5 years: Don Furland Dennis Swinton
7 years: Tom Villa	10 years: Pat Lang
12 years: Ray Kannheiser	14 years: Ron Hanson Gene Wood
15 years: Arch Millotte	16 years: Carl Polstra
17 years: Lyle Kunde	18 years: Bill Gaston
19 years: Warren Moe	

Current December programs:

December 04: Board Meeting
December 11: Kathy Taylor and friend from Honor Flights
December 18: To be announced
December 25: To be announced

Programs presented in November:

November 06: Board Meeting
November 13: Jim Busse: Little Big Horn in Perspective
November 20: Awards Breakfast
November 25: Rev. John Hamilton on Kenya

Upcoming Committee Assignments

Breakfast & Greeter Committee

December

Ken Esgar Ch. 562-7511
J. B. James, Ron Wolford
Harvey Folkerts, Bob Felker
Doug Zuehl, Fred Baker G.

January

Dean Herrmann Ch. 562-7723
Bud Elkin, Gene Wood
Al Hann, Marvin Winkel
Bill Gaston, Lyle Kunde G.

Meals on Wheels

December 4 - Bob Elliott & Ron Wolford

December 18 - Ken Esgar & John Schinzer

December 11 - Carl Polstra & John Wanner

December 25 - NO MEALS!

2008 Chili Day

Our Chili Day was a success with \$2800.00 in earnings this year. And the RCHS Key Club enjoyed a banner year in sales of their baked goods, as well as income from the 50-50 raffle.

However we have seen a steady decline in advanced ticket sales over the past few years. From 2007 to 2008 it was a decline of 12%. Total ticket sales for this event was 666, amounting to an average of 10 tickets per member. And 40% were sold by 5 members.

If each member committed to sell 15 tickets (only 5 more than this year's average) we'd have an even greater overall success. So, let's all resolve to kick in and support our upcoming Pancake Day with a renewed effort on advanced ticket sales.



Builder's Club News

The Rochelle Middle School Builders Club Officers will visit us at our breakfast meeting December 11th. Let's all be sure to give them a warm welcome:

President: Dakota Asbury
Vice President: Anai Brizuela
Secretary: Jessica Del Valle
Treasurer: Caitlyn Yochum
6th Grade Rep: Chris Builta
7th Grade Rep: Hanna Gille
8th Grade Rep: Haley Childers

Recent Builders Club photos



Key Club News

The Key Club enjoyed a successful bake sale at this year's Chili Day event with proceeds totaling over \$100. In addition, they made an additional \$167 from the 50-50 raffle. It was great to see them in attendance again this year. Also, Hillary Grutter, vice president, (pictured below left) is running for Key Club division Lieutenant Governor. Let's wish her well on her candidacy. Representatives *may* join at the December 4th meeting.

Photos from recent Key Club activities



December 2008

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3 Ed Richardson-Anniv	4	5	6 Club officer training at New Lenox
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Harvy Folkerts-B-day
14	15 Wendell Colwill-Anniv	16 Children's Shopping: Hicks Hall	17	18	19	20 Hugh McDermitt-Anniv
21	22 Don Furland-B'day	23 Dennis Swinton-Anniv	24	25	26	27
28 Paul Alongi-B'day Ken Esgar-Anniv	29 Robert Colville-Anniv	30	31 Gerald Wine-B'day			

Interclub News

Dixon Sauk Valley
December 11, 2008
Leave at 11:00 a.m.

Dissatisfaction

Dissatisfaction with our condition is often due to the false idea we have of the happiness of others.

-Churchman

Kiwanis Education

WHAT DOES THE CLUB SECRETARY RECEIVE ANNUALLY?

Each club secretary annually receives the Kiwanis International Directory, listing every Kiwanis club in the world, its time and place of meeting, and its president and secretary. This information also is available on-line at kiwanis.org/locator.html. Each secretary also receives the Kiwanis International Supplies Catalog, which includes all Kiwanis-related supplies and merchandise available for sale to clubs and individuals.

- By Arch Millotte

BRING IN YOUR RECYCLING CANS THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH