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**100 Years**



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## Presidents Message

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It has been an honor to serve the Helena Kiwanis Club as President in the past year. I am so proud to be a Kiwanian. Our club has provided tremendous service to the community over its century in Helena.

We continue to meet, serve and respond to community requests and needs, particularly those that will benefit children. Our youth service clubs are admirable incubators for future community leaders. Our patriotic actions at our meetings and by posting flags on holidays around the community demonstrate the strong support of our great country. During the Covid pandemic we have made every effort to continue our good work and we are proud of that effort. When things normalize we look forward to returning to our local grade schools where we run Bring Up Grades programs.

One of the things I'm most proud about is how such a diverse group of people can come together to serve the common cause of helping the world "one child and one community at a time". Our country needs more of this. The world needs more of this. We are made up of people from every political and religious view. Kiwanis does it - every day.

I urge anyone looking for a way to serve, and to be connected and have fun with like-minded people, to read Jan Hulme's piece in this pamphlet. Go to the website and complete and return a membership application. You will be welcomed and learn and grow from the Kiwanis family experience of service and concern for our tremendous community.

Thank you for helping us celebrate 100 years of the Helena Kiwanis Club.

Sincerely in Kiwanis Service,  
Alvaro Freyre  
Club President



**Carroll College Circle K proud to be part of  
the Kiwanis family in service to others in our  
community and the world.**

**Congratulations Kiwanis on 100 years!**

# My Personal Historical Reflection of the Helena Kiwanis Club

By , *Kiwanis Centennial Chairman Rick Pyfer*

Growing up in a Kiwanis family in the 1950-1970s in Helena I learned that Kiwanis was truly a service club that favored youth. The Helena club was chartered in 1921 and the business and professional gentlemen who formed it pursued noble goals set forth by Kiwanis International (KI) and conducted regular Monday meetings in the format much as we do today. They weren't excited that they were asked to "sing" at each meeting, yet they did. And, our club continues to sing "My Country Tis of Thee" at the start of our meetings after the Pledge of Allegiance and we continue to sing "Montana" at the conclusion of each meeting, demonstrating our love of country and our great state. This is followed by visitation time, committee announcements and an excellent program by a community member selected by our talented Program Committee.

The Helena Kiwanis in the early days served a business connections group and did purchase items for non-profits and led eventually into the service of youth. Particular beneficiaries were Shodair Hospital, the Deaconess home, 4-H, Scouting groups, the YMCA, the Salvation Army and eventually the "community chest", which evolved into the United Way.

Over the years many notorious Helena men served as members or officers in the local and state organization of Kiwanis. Among them C.R. Anderson, a school superintendent who was honored by a school naming, Governor Sam Ford, Sheriff Dave Middlemas, Justice John C. Harrison, Governor Tim Babcock, Justice James T. Harrison, Gen. Emil Eschenburg, Norman Winestine and John Delano.

Following the motto , "WE BUILD" and the objectives set forth on page 5 of this insert the Helena Kiwanis helped build three other clubs in the Helena and East Helena area. The Last Chance Kiwanis served the community for many years (1960s-early 2000s) as did the East Helena Kiwanis Club (1960- 1990s). The EH Kiwanis restored and relocated the historic Manlove cabin and built the picnic tables in the Main street and Kennedy Parks. Notorious for their pancake breakfasts at the EH Firehall their membership include practically every business owner in the city of East Helena as well as neighboring farmers such as Paul Kleffner. The Last Chance club also sponsored by Helena Kiwanis started the infamous Stampede Steak booth and ran it for decades till their club closed shop and some members melded into the Helena Kiwanis - which continued the tradition up until 2019 when the American Legion took over the booth. They also sponsored the Capital High school Key Club and many highway safety programs and other community support.

The services rendered by our Helena Kiwanis Club over the years are listed at Page 11 of this insert. They are many and varied with the primary emphasis on youth support. Kathy Ramirez, Helena Kiwanis Club's first woman member and first woman Club President writes about her and her family's

experiences in the K family. She and I share the family orientation as my father was an extremely active Kiwanian, who ran for and won State, then International offices serving as Governor of the Montana District and a Kiwanis International board Trustee. Our family attended a number of International Kiwanis conventions. And, we were fortunate to be nominated by the East Helena Kiwanis in 1960 and won the right to represent Montana at the "All American Family" national pageant in Fort Meyers, Florida.

My dad and Judge John C. Harrison decided it was important to start a Key club. They did so in 1966-67 at Helena Central High school where their two sons were to be seniors. (see Key Club article in this insert)

That organization gave myself and many others a tremendous dose of service and leadership training. The Key Club was all boys in the 60s and 70s and in the 80s admitted girls as well - prior to the time Kiwanis voted to include women membership. The experiences of attending Key club International conventions and watching the national leadership perform were inspiring. Now that opportunity and the opportunity to learn, lead and serve through Key Club is rightfully available to boys and girls and is much better for it.

The Helena Kiwanis continues to support and promote Key Club at Helena High School and hope to re-form the Capital High Key Club. A new Kiwanis club in Helena "Capital City Kiwanis" is the sponsoring club for the new East Helena High School Key Club and our club offers support to that club as well.

The long list of youth groups and non-profit organizations supported by Helena Kiwanis (see page 11) bear testament to the slogan "Serving the Children of the World". We are servants of our community's children and proud to be heavily involved in many useful projects with the school district and Helena Educational foundation.

Our membership is diverse, old and young and of many faiths, careers and professions. We are proud of our historic achievements and look forward to the future. As our current President Alvaro Freye so aptly states in his message our country needs more of the type of service Kiwanis provides.

It has been a privilege to serve a Centennial chairman and plan our 100 year banquet (held Sept. 20 at the Civic Center - see program on page 10 of this insert) , provide service through five community work projects this year and develop this Independent Record insert which we hope will enlighten you about the Kiwanis organization and possibly tweak your interest enough to join us.

With sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve Helena through Kiwanis,

Rick Pyfer,  
Helena Kiwanis Centennial Committee Chairperson.

# Letter from Mayor



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September 10, 2021

Congratulations to the Helena Kiwanis club for 100 years of service to the City of Helena and its surrounding areas. The many service projects you have performed over the last century have bettered our children and all Helena citizens. As Mayor, I am particularly thankful for the Cherry Park Playground equipment which your club provided and your original founding efforts of Kiwanis Batch field.

Your support of Helena Schools and numerous non-profits through funding, donations of equipment and scholarships (Weber Music scholarships and Key Club Scholarships) and your Bring Up Grades (BUG) program for grade school children are shining examples of your commitment to our schoolchildren. Also, your support for Headstart, Shodair Hospital for children and many other youth support projects are much appreciated.

I recognize that the strength of any community lies with the extent of involvement of its citizens in positive ways. The Helena Kiwanis Club over 100 years has been a shining example of dedication to service of community. Enjoy your celebration recognition of 100 years and may you have many more years of successful service, personal development, and contributions to the youth of our community.

Sincerely,

**Wilmot Collins**

*Mayor, City of Helena*

# City of Helena Proclamation

## CITY OF HELENA Proclamation



WHEREAS, *The Helena Kiwanis Club has faithfully served the Helena community for 100 years by providing service and financial support to numerous Helena non-profits and schools, and*

WHEREAS, *The Kiwanis Club has provided service to Carroll College, the Helena School district through numerous youth leadership programs such as Key Clubs, Builder Clubs, Bring Up Grades programs and clubs as well as providing academic and musical scholarships to students, and supporting and providing guidance to PAL students, and*

WHEREAS, *The Helena Kiwanis Club has for 100 years followed its prime objectives:*  
*“To give primacy to the human and spiritual values rather than the material values of life;*  
*To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships;*  
*To promote the adoption and the application of high social, business, and professional standards.*  
*To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship;*  
*To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render Altruistic service,*  
*and to build better communities.*  
*To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make*  
*Possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.”*

WHEREAS, *The City of Helena recognizes the importance of service organizations to the well-being of the community; and*

WHEREAS, *The Helena Kiwanis Club has provided exemplary contributions and support to the community by its dedication to Serving the Children of the World and particularly the children in the Helena community by its many projects and financial contributions,*

WHEREAS, *September 19, 2021 is the Centennial 100 year anniversary of the establishment of the Kiwanis Club of Helena.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, *Wilmot Collins, Mayor of the City of Helena, Montana, do hereby proclaim eptember 19, 2021 as*

### ***“Helena Kiwanis Centennial Day***

*throughout the City of Helena, Montana, and ask all citizens to recognize the Kiwanis Clubs 100 years of dedicated service to the community.*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Helena, Montana, to be affixed this 9th Day of September, 2021*

*Wilmot Collins, Mayor*

ATTEST:

*Clerk of the Commission*

## Kiwanis History

The first Kiwanis Club was organized in Detroit, Michigan. The group received a charter from the state of Michigan on January 21, 1915, and this is regarded as the birth date of Kiwanis.

The first clubs were organized to promote the exchange of business among the members. However, even before the Detroit club received its state charter, the members were distributing Christmas baskets to the poor. A lively debate ensued between those who supported community service as the Kiwanis mission and those who supported the exchange of business. By 1919, the service advocates won the debate.

Kiwanis became international with the organization of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, in 1916. Kiwanis limited its membership to the United States and Canada until 1962, when worldwide expansion was approved. Since then, Kiwanis has spread to all inhabited continents of the globe.

Kiwanis was defined as “an organization for men” in the constitution and adopted in 1924. In 1987, after several years of debate and growing support, women’s membership received overwhelming approval.

## Kiwanis Objectives

The six permanent *Objects of Kiwanis International* were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 Convention in Denver, Colorado. Through the succeeding decades, they have remained unchanged.

To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.

To provide, through Kiwanis Clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill.

# 1921 Charter Membership

Spratt, T. H.  
 Goodall, A. J.  
 Christie, J. W.  
 Shafler, Dr. C. L.  
 Varney, R. L.  
 Price, C. O.  
 Horning, R. W.  
 Boyer, Z. M.  
 Edy, J. N.  
 Quinn, J. N.  
 Towle, Robert  
 Walker, J. E.

Trerise, W. E.  
 Rankin, W. D.  
 Fister, Harvey  
 Goodman, San  
 Bartley, Paris H.  
 Swarthout, Wm. N.  
 Sherman, E. J.  
 Topping, Thomas  
 Bardon, Wm. C.  
 Roberts, G. A.  
 McFarland, C. A.  
 Rogers, Leslie

Carlson, Rev. F. E.  
 Grant, Raymond C.  
 Jeannet, R. O.  
 Carley, W. R.  
 Bovard, C. V.  
 Sutphen, Dr. J. D.  
 Casteel, Geo.  
 Hoff, Rev. N. C.  
 Claflin, R. H.  
 Loble, Lester H.  
 Nelson, Ernest L.  
 Kohler, J. Victor

Hepner, H. S.  
 Hart, H. L.  
 Benson, H. S.  
 Jacquemin, F.  
 Barney, Julius  
 Locke, Jerone G.  
 Almon, W. C.  
 Anderson, E. A.  
 Kelly, Wm. J.  
 Conrad, R. J.  
 Burke, Geo. B.  
 Young, W. S.

# Past Presidents

1921 Lester Loble  
 1922 Lester Loble  
 1923 Victor Kohler  
 1924 Ralph Varney  
 1925 Henry Souers  
 1926 Norman Winestine  
 1927 George Nagle  
 1928 C.A. McFarland  
 1929 A J. Roberts  
 1930 F.H. MacDonald  
 1931 L.V. Haegg  
 1932 A.H. Angstman  
 1933 Lars Carlson  
 1934 Mark Farris  
 1935 M.P. Mee  
 1936 Arthur Cooper  
 1937 George Padbury, Jr.  
 1938 Jack Chivers  
 1939 Frank Ceserani  
 1940 Arthur Fitzpatrick  
 1941 Chester Whittier  
 1942 Charles Batch  
 1943 W.O. Zirnstein  
 1944 Elmo Steffensen  
 1945 Ralph Ander  
 1946 Alex Kirk

1947 Charles Wilson  
 1948 Percy Kolb  
 1949 Sigvald Berg  
 1950 John Harrison  
 1951 Russell Stiles  
 1952 Harold Mead  
 1953 Clifford Vaughn  
 1954 Sam Ford  
 1955 C.R. Anderson  
 1956 Clark Pyfer  
 1957 Rex Dalley  
 1958 Joe Roy  
 1959 Frederick Sell  
 1960 Edwin Booth  
 1961 John Austreng  
 1962 Richard Dightman  
 1963 John Delano  
 1964 Chase Patrick, Jr.  
 1965 C.D. Spurgin  
 1966 Lawrence Wendel  
 1967 William Rossiter  
 1968 William Alvord  
 1969 Clem Van Nice  
 1969 Ed Kralicek  
 1970 George Bennett  
 1971 Jack Smith

1972 Alvin Feller  
 1973 John Morrison  
 1974 James Sparing  
 1975 William Sternhagen  
 1976 O.F. "Ty" Ingram  
 1977 Joseph Harrington  
 1978 James Harrison Jr.  
 1979 Henry Jorgensen  
 1980 Russell Steen  
 1981 Ernest Neath  
 1982 Emil Eschenburg  
 1983 Richard Griffin  
 1984 James Posewitz  
 1985 Alton Hendrickson  
 1986 Bruce Loble  
 1987 Robert McNellis  
 1988 Harold Rawson  
 1989 William Ware  
 1990 Joel Maes  
 1991 Doug Abbott  
 1992 Rick Bartos  
 1993 Ken Moore  
 1994 Kathy Ramirez  
 1995 Buddy Wiley  
 1996 Karen Cooper  
 1997 Nick Stevens

1998 Rick Pyfer  
 1999 Bob Billings  
 2000 Jim Pullen  
 2001 Mike Sullivan  
 2002 Howard Skjervem  
 2003 Jim Donaldson  
 2004 Kim Milburn  
 2005 Ken Knapp  
 2006 Judy Rolfe  
 2007 Ed Mangis  
 2008 Tyler Wright  
 2009 Bob Werner  
 2010 Candace Payne  
 2011 Tom Rolfe  
 2012 Tom Cordingley  
 2013 Mary Williams  
 2014 Tom Trebon  
 2015 Bill War  
 2016 Colleen Brady  
 2017 Terry White  
 2018 Craig Crawford  
 2019 Rob Lawler  
 2020 Brad Schmidt  
 2021 Alvaro Freyre

# First Woman Member and First Woman President of Helena Kiwanis - Kathy Ramirez

The International Kiwanis Convention, held in Washington D.C., the summer of 1987, was definitely one which changed the organization forever. At that convention the delegates voted to allow women to join Kiwanis. For me it meant an opportunity to continue a life-long involvement in the Kiwanis family. My father, O.J. Sova, was a Kiwanian in Columbia Falls, Montana. I joined Key Club in high school and fondly remember working many motor cross races and bingo at the Veterans Home. I join the Carroll College Circle K serving as Lt. Governor, Governor and then International Trustee. After graduating in May 1987, I became the first women to join the Helena Kiwanis Club in September of 1987. In 1993 I had the honor of serving as the first woman president of the Helena Kiwanis. I remember the mixed feelings of the club when I joined. Most were very welcoming. One older club member, Ernie Neath, would not talk to me for about a year. Once he figured out I wasn't coming in to change everything he started talking to me again.

At that time, Kiwanis was the largest, most active service club in town. Most community/business leaders were a member of the club. If you wanted to know what was happening in Helena you would join Kiwanis and never miss a Monday meeting. People like Clark Pyfer, John Delano, Steve Browning, General Emil Eschenburg, Joe Goldes, Hal Stearns, Ed Gilleran and so many others who continually worked to make this community a better place. They were pillars of this community and it was an

honor to serve with them.

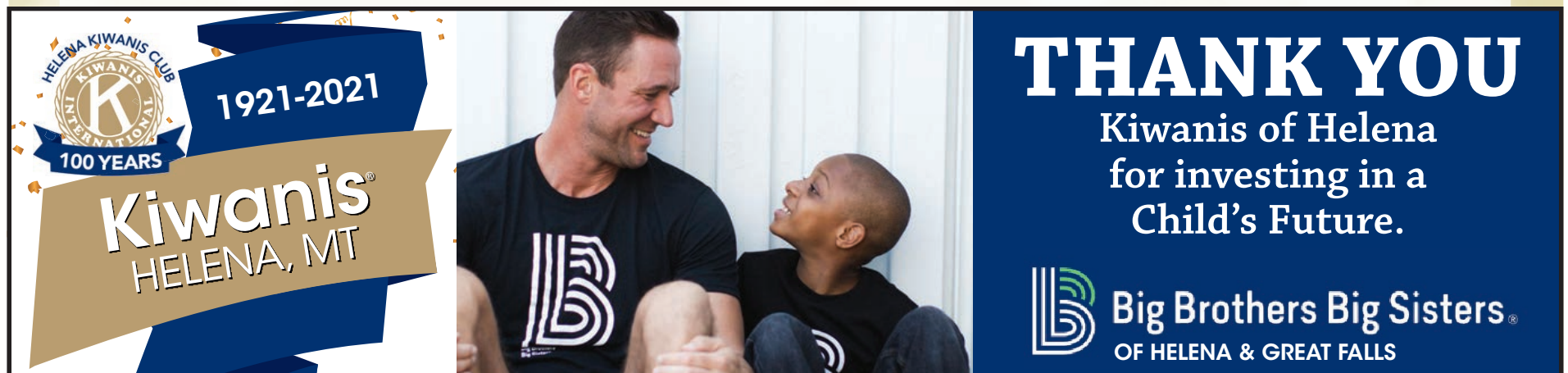
I held many other roles in Kiwanis over the years including Lt. Governor, Circle K District Administrator and interim Key Club Co-Administrators with K'Lynn Harris. My husband John and I have six children. Three have served in Key Club. Elyse and Alex both served as Montana District Key Club Lt. Governors while Mariah served as President of the CHS Key Club. Our daughter Rosie recently joined the Carroll Circle K Club.

There are so many memories - Kiwanis steak booth at the fair, puppets & books for the library, coats and toys for Head Start, bell ringing, building playgrounds, painting Batch Fields, selling peanuts & apples, leadership training for the sponsored youth groups, Y-olympics...

But, most importantly is how Kiwanis has played a key role in supporting children and young adults of all ages – making a difference in their lives, letting them know someone cares and teaching them how to be servant leaders.

Happy Birthday Kiwanis! Thanks to all the incredible K-Family members for serving the children of the Helena community for 100 years and counting!

Yours in Service,  
Kathy (Sova) Ramirez  
Kiwanis member since 1987



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# Past Montana District Governors from Helena Kiwanis Club



1933 Helena  
Torrence H. MacDonald



1936 Helena  
Mark Farris



1943 Helena  
Martin P. Moe



1950 Helena  
James T. Harrison



1954 Helena  
Norman Winestine



1962 Helena\*  
Clark S. Pyfer



1992-93 Helena  
Emil P. Eschenburg



2006-07 Helena  
Howard Skjervem



2007-08 Governor  
District Secretary-Treasurer  
2010-2020 Bozeman  
Mary Brydich



2010-11 Helena  
Ed Mangis



2012-13 Helena  
Charles Amdahl

*\* S. Clark Pyfer was elected a Trustee of the Kiwanis International Board in the 1960's serving three terms. Only two other Montanans have served on the Kiwanis International Board.*

# Kiwanis Centennial Banquet

The Helena Kiwanis Club held its signature event, a dinner celebration at the Civic Center ballroom on Monday September 20, 2021, in conjunction with its founders day in 1921. Special guests included Montana District Governor Cathy Tutty, Bruce Loble (Past Club President and grandson of Charter president Judge Lester Loble) and featured speaker Dave Curry, Past Kiwanis International President from Butte, Montana. Dave is the only Kiwanis International President from Montana. The Group viewed a slide show of its "Kiwanis Heroes" over its century of service to the Helena community and was entertained by the Helena Xpress Singers, fresh off their appearance with Foreigner over the weekend at the Butte Civic Center.

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## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION PROGRAM

Master of Ceremonies.....Wayne O'Brien

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation ....Msgr. Joseph "Joe" Harrington

"My Country Tis Of Thee" .... Led by Helena  
Xpress Singers  
Directed by Barb Leland

Dinner

Slide Presentation.....A Century of Helena  
Kiwanis Heroes

"Musical Selections". Helena Xpress Singers

Introduction of  
Past International Kiwanis  
President Dave Curry.....by Rick Pyfer  
Past Club President

Address by Dave Curry

"Montana" .... Led by Helena Xpress Singers

Closing Comments

# Service to the Community

## Helena Kiwanis Service to Community:

Over 100 years the Helena Kiwanis Club has logged thousands of hours of service, provided incredible amounts of financial assistance to schools and the community and offered hundreds of club members over the years to receive the reward of performing service and developing organizational and leadership skills in the process. The following are many (but not all) of the outreach programs, services and special work performed by the Club.

4-H scholarships, Key Club (sponsored High School youth club) scholarships and advisory support since 1967.

Sponsorship of Carroll College Circle K- sponsored youth service and leadership club.

Sponsorship of CRA Builders Service and leadership Club. Sponsored Bring Up Grades (BUG) programs in six district one grade schools involving hundreds of students for years until Covid stopped the program.

Sponsorship of Aktion Club for Disabled adults to provide service and develop leadership skills  
Supported Project for Alternative Learning (PAL) with scholarships, recognition of Students of the Month'

Support the local Salvation Army, YMCA, Exploration Works, Grandstreet Theatre, Helena Education Foundation, and Helena School District.

Pee Wee Weber Music Scholarship (two per year).

Michael Pichette Scholarships

Approximate 1000 bicycles repaired and given away

- Jim Christnacht Kiwanis Member's project

Flag project- flags placed on holidays in Helena and East Helena area

Sponsored the Carroll College Shootout Basketball Tourney

Built original Batch Kiwanis Baseball field and perform annual upkeep work

Repainted East Helena picnic benches in City Parks- originally constructed by East Helena Kiwanis

Repaired and cleaned up Manlove Cabin-at junction to Kleffner Barn - originally moved to this site by EH Kiwanis

Funded new play equipment for Cherry Park in Helena. Working with city and county on partnerships for additional playground equipment in parks

Annually scholarship Key Clubbers

Sponsored Guatemala Orphanage

Contributed over \$65,000 to Iodine Deficiency project of Kiwanis International

Readers and contributors to Fabulous Firsts

Provided school system with audio visual equipment

Salvation Army bell ringers annually since the 1950s.

Major participants and often 1st place winners of Ylympics service club competition 50'-90's.

Purchase and wrap 200 Christmas presents annually for Headstart children

Succeeded Last Chance Kiwanis as Steak Booth purveyors at County Fair

Provided City Police Dept. (Chief Bill Ware) their first fax machine.

Formed and had 2 teams in 14 team Service Club

Bowling league at Sleeping Giant Lanes-

Annual supporters of Big Brothers Big Sisters

Canoes and other donations in kind to Helena Y Camp Child.

Raised and distributed thousands of dollars each year (Contributions committee) from numerous fundraisers over the years including:

Peanut sales, apple sales, Auction Dinner, Shootout

Tourney, Concerts, Flag sales, Steak Booth,

Personal member voluntary contributions. In recent

years additional beneficiaries of contributions were

CASA, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts.







## 1971 HHS State Championship Basketball Team Honored



1971 HHS Basketball State Championship team  
Pictured are: Coach Kinzer, Andy Tucci, Randy Rucker, Greg Allen,  
Pat Donovan, Andy Pool, Jim Charlton



1971 HHS Basketball State Champions  
Coach Rick Kinzer



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### **Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club for 100 years of service to the Helena community and our children!**

**Congratulations also to Rick Pyfer for his unwavering support and dedication to the children of Helena.** Rick has a long track record of service to the Helena community, serving in various roles and on many different non-profit boards, including president of Kiwanis Club. Most recently, Rick, along with the many other dedicated Kiwanis members, spearheaded efforts to build Cherry Park, which is a great asset to the children of our community. After spending 40-years as an attorney advocating for his clients, Rick recently retired from the practice of law at the end of 2020 so he could dedicate more time to helping the Kiwanis Club and the many other non-profits in our community which he has been deeply involved with throughout his life.

We congratulate Rick for his years of service to the Kiwanis Club; its people like you, Rick, who will keep the Kiwanis Club going for another 100 years! We are proud to have you part of our community and proud you play such an active part in Kiwanis and are such a supporter of Helena youth.

## Kiwanis donate canoe to YMCA Camp Child



The Kraliceks (Ed and wife) with canoe Kiwanis donated to the YMCA Camp Child circa 1950's

*Congratulations  
Helena Kiwanis Club  
on 100 Years of serving  
children in Helena.*



NorthWestern Energy has proudly contributed to Helena Kiwanis projects financially, and supported employees who have been members of the Helena Kiwanis Club through its 100 years of service, including Howard Skjervem, Mike Pichette, Gary Willis, Steve Schmitt, Larry Thompson, and Earl Conner.

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### Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of Helena on your Centennial Celebration!



John Morrison Sr.  
*Kiwanis Member 55 years*

Bob Morrison  
*Kiwanis Member 10 years*

John Morrison Jr.  
*Kiwanis Member 14 years*

 Morrison  
Maierle



## Kiwanians Celebrating State Centennial in 1989



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## HHS Key Club



Key Club was a new organization at Helena High having been at Central previously. The officers for 1970 were: Joe Keily, president; John Marcinek, vice-president; Ed Walchuk, secretary and Tom Jenko, treasurer. Rick Pyfer was Governor of Key Club for the State of Montana. Their sponsors at Helena High were Mr. Glenn Barrows and Mr. Homer Loucks.



The state Key Club Convention was held in the new athletic complex at Carroll College and was sponsored by the local Key Club. Five-hundred boys from all over the state, which included 29 other Key Clubs attended.

Among their daily tasks around the school the Key Clubbers sold doughnuts, raised and lowered the flag and changed the Bengal sign.



**Brad Schmidt**

# Proud to be a Kiwanian!

## Immediate Past Club President

## Helena High School Key Club advisor



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# International Key Clubs



Officers: Secretary Tom Younger, Vice President Mike Kiely, Dist. Lt. Governor Bob Harrison, President Frank Pease, Kiwanis Advisor Mr. Bill Sternhagen, Treasurer Mike Lawlor, Junior Class Director Bob Faltermeyer



Bob Marcinek, Dan Foley, Robby Dickey, Bob Harrison, Mike Kiely, Bob Pyfer, Mick Robinson, Mike Langenfus, Pat Harrison, Buzzy Buzzas, Frank Pease, Bob Faltermeyer, Bob Buzzas, Mark Yuhas, Tony Hunthausen, Stefan Fechter, George Cruickshank, Tom Younger, Mike Lawlor, Mike Grainey, Dave DeWolfe.

*Congratulations*

**Helena Kiwanis!**

Dave Kettman  
Proud to be a  
Kiwanian for 29 years!



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would like to congratulate owner

**Tom Cordingley**

for warming the hearts of Kiwanis over  
the last 25 years and maybe more  
(And who wouldn't?)

He was delinquent during his 2013 Kiwanis presidency trying to save the world and was so successful that his own family can't believe it!



Thank you Kiwanis,  
for letting me be part of your  
**FIRST 100** years!

**Tom...You are the BEST.**  
**Love, Tom (himself)**

# CONGRATULATIONS

## HELENA KIWANIS

Wipfli (formerly Galusha, Higgins and Galusha) congratulates the Kiwanis Club of Helena on **100 YEARS** of service to the Helena community and especially Helena youth.

We are proud of our former partners S. Clark Pyfer and George Olsen's achievements and contributions over many decades to this club.

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Since 2012 Helena Kiwanis has been an annual contributing sponsor to our Fabulous Firsts program, helping put the gift of a hard covered book in the hands of every first grader in Helena's public schools.



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The Lewis & Clark Library is honored that Library Director **John Finn** is a member of the Helena Kiwanis Club and is the club's Vice President.

### Congratulations

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# Join The Club!

## JOIN THE CLUB

*If you have*

**A Desire to Serve Helena Children**

*If you want*

**A Place to Connect with Helena Community**

*If you want*

**A Source of Fulfillment through Service**

The membership of the Helena Kiwanis club is dynamic. At present 76 active Kiwanians provide service to the community and hold weekly meetings with excellent program presentations from a variety of community speakers. Since its original charter in 1921 with 48 community members (see list published in this issue) it has grown to as many as 176 and stayed steadily near 100 members. The effects of the COVID pandemic year caused the club to leave its regular meeting site at Jorgensons Lower Level. However, the leadership of the club conducted Zoom meetings and eventually returned to in-person meetings, now at the Double Tree downtown at Noon on Mondays.

The Helena Kiwanis Club serves children in the community as its primary focus, with other community assist work projects and programs for the needy of the community. The strength of the club is its diverse membership of women and men, young and older, from businesses, nonprofits, and retired people who have learned the value their common friendship and community service.

We welcome new members and would love to have our service membership grow to 100 before the end of this Centennial year. Join us at a club meeting

at no charge. The dues structure is outlined on the website. If you do join make a point to open your Mondays to attend meetings and join one of the club's committees. There are many opportunities to be of service. Although not mandatory, attendance at regular club meetings is essential to becoming a part of the important work of the club. Also, it expands business relationships, provides education about the community and gives you a wonderful opportunity to connect with others who reach out and provide service to our community.

If you'd like to become a member of the Helena Kiwanis, go to: [www.helenamtkiwanis.org](http://www.helenamtkiwanis.org), find us on Facebook, or complete and return the New Member Application found on page 23 in this publication. Become A Part of Helena Kiwanis Club.

## Congratulations Rick!



**Thanks for your  
lifelong commitment  
to service and  
advocacy for  
Montana's youth,  
disabled and seniors!  
Job well done.**

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# Member List

Andersen, Nancy  
Augenstein, Jacob  
Bauman, Sandra  
Berger, Chuck  
Bostrom, Steve  
Brazill, Travis  
Butcher, Jason  
Casey, Bernie  
Cates, Dennis  
Christensen, Mike  
Christnacht, Jim  
Cordingley, Tom  
Dutton, Leo  
Dalbec, Fred  
Egeline, Jason  
Evans, Bill

Finn, John  
Freyre, Alvaro  
Garber, Bob  
Garber, Sue  
Gaub, Sonda  
Gordon, Andrew  
Hargis, Rebecca  
Harlow-Schalk, Rachel  
Harrington, Father Joe  
Harris, Barbara  
Hill, Gerry  
Hudson, Duke  
Hulme, Jan  
Kerr, Tom  
Kettman, Dave  
Larison, Larry

Mahugh, Jesse  
Mangis, Ed  
McClain, Michael  
Meek, Don  
Morris, Barb  
O'Brien, Wayne  
Olson, Angie  
Payne, Candace  
Poole, Kal  
Posewitz, Kelly  
Pyfer, Rick  
Ramirez, Katherine  
Riebe, Nicole  
Roberts, Bill  
Rolfe, Judy  
Rolfe, Tom

Schmidt, Brad  
Schmidt, Debbie  
Skelton, Rosana  
Skjervem, Angie  
Skjervem, Howard  
Smith, David  
Soper, Luke  
Stahly, Carol  
Sullivan, Peter  
Todd, Al  
Wadekamper, Jeff  
Werner, Bob  
White, Terry  
Wignot, Mike  
Williams, Mary

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**Kiwanis**  
Helena, MT

100 Years of Service



**Thank you**  
Kiwanis for many years of  
supporting YMCA Camp Child.

From scholarships and canoes to  
sponsoring and maintaining a cabin,  
your generosity is felt by so many.



# New Member Information Form

To help us support you, please provide the information below. We have clubs of every age and ability, but to become a member of Kiwanis you must be the legal age of adulthood in the state or country where the club is located.

## Member type\*

- New Kiwanis member   
  Former Kiwanis member   
  Current Kiwanis member   
  Transferring Kiwanis member  
 Honorary Kiwanis member   
  Corporate Kiwanis member   
  Former Service Leadership Program member

Former name (returning member whose name has changed) \_\_\_\_\_

## Why do you want to join? (check all that apply)

- To help kids   
  Community involvement   
  Business networking   
  To make friends   
  Leadership skills  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

## Contact information

Prefix:  Mr.     Mrs.     Ms.     Dr.     Rev.     None     Other \_\_\_\_\_

Full legal name \* \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred \_\_\_\_\_

LAST/FAMILY                      FIRST/GIVEN                      MIDDLE

Preferred mailing address \* \_\_\_\_\_

STREET

\_\_\_\_\_  home     work

CITY                                      STATE/PROVIDENCE                                      POSTAL CODE

Phone \_\_\_\_\_  home     work     cell

Email \_\_\_\_\_  home     work

## Background information

Spouse/Partner name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children at home ages: 0-5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6-12 \_\_\_\_\_ 12-15 \_\_\_\_\_ 15-18 \_\_\_\_\_ 19-21 \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday MO./DAY/YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Date joining club\* \_\_\_\_\_

Languages spoken \_\_\_\_\_

Corporate board or community groups you serve with or on \_\_\_\_\_

Philanthropic interests or charities you donate to \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies you enjoy \_\_\_\_\_

\*REQUIRED

HELENA KIWANIS CLUB



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