

It's a Great Time to be a Kiwanian

It's a "Great Time" to be a Kiwanian. Since the last *Kiwanian*, Arlene and I have made visits to Division 6 in Storm Lake, Division 3 in Milford, Iowa, and I was in Division 21 in Wayne, Nebraska. All three visits were just great. While in Division 21, I was able to attend their Division Council, the Governor Dinner, and go to the Norfolk Morning Kiwanis Club meeting. We also held a Division Council in Storm Lake.

Arlene and I have met so many great Kiwanians. We thank those divisions that chose to send a donation to the Kiwanis Foundation.

We attended the International Council in Indianapolis on January 4-7. We really enjoyed seeing all of the Governors and their partners again. Arlene and I got to spend one evening with a great niece who lives in Indianapolis and who Arlene hadn't seen since she was a little girl.

The exciting event was chartering the new Golden K Club in Nevada, Iowa. We will charter a new Circle K club on February 6 in Ottumwa, Iowa.

The Hug-a-K Bear project is moving along quite well, with over 3,000 bears out so far.

I want to invite all of you to our Midyear Conference on March 17 in Ames, Iowa. Just to hear our speaker, Dave Kelly from Georgia, will be worth the trip. Then our own Past International President, Steve Siemens, will address the convention on "The Rest of the Year." Midyear is going to be fast moving and exciting this year. The noon lunch period will be 1 1/2 hours long. This will be a new method of learning more about Kiwanis. There will be at least 20 roundtable discussion topics. There will be tent cards at each table telling what topic is at that table. You decide what you want to learn more about and go there to eat, discuss, ask questions and learn. This will replace the breakout sessions we've had in the past.

I certainly want to thank Governor-elect Mark Holmer and Treasurer Don Glenn for their excellent support this year. We held our second District Officer Meeting in December. You have two great upcoming Governors for the next two years. It has been a real pleasure for me to work with them.

Keep on bringing those guests to Kiwanis. There will be some who will join. With all 24 divisions, we could have a gain of 120 members or more this year – "WE WILL." Remember, I am giving \$50 to the District Foundation in the name of each Lt. Governor who makes a five member or greater net gain.

Governor Dave



Governor Dave with University of Nebraska, Kearney, Circle K members Danielle Policarpio and Kirsten Kronberg