2023 – 2024 YEAR









# How did the 4<sup>th</sup> become a National Holiday?

For the first 15 or 20 years after the Declaration was written. people didn't celebrate it much on any date. It was too new and too much else was happening in the young nation. By the 1790s, a time of bitter partisan conflicts, the Declaration had become controversial. (Sound familiar?) One party, the Democratic-Republicans, admired Jefferson and the Declaration. But the other party, the Federalists, thought the Declaration was too French and too anti-British, which went against their current policies. By 1817, John Adams complained in a letter that America seemed uninterested in its past. But that would soon change.

After the War of 1812, the Federalist party began to come apart and printed copies of the Declaration began to circulate again, all with the date July 4, 1776, listed at the top. The deaths of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on July 4, 1826, may even have helped to promote the idea of July 4 as an important date to be celebrated. Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on and in 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4 to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4, was passed in 1939 and 1941.

How do we define Kiwanis?....."Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time" The *heartbeat* of the Kiwanis Club of Panama City



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### **SLP Advisors Needed**

Our Service Leadership Programs are very important to this Club and great advisors make great clubs! Our role as club advisor is to help the faculty advisor with support from our Club and let them know that Kiwanis is here to help them succeed. Right now, we need club advisors for Bozeman and N Bay Haven Key Clubs and Chautaugua Aktion Club. This could be your chance to get involved. See Debbie to volunteer.

**Important Days of Summer** 

It may not seem like it, but summer is a busy time in Kiwanis. Since our new year begins on Oct. 1, elections have been held for the new regime and training is underway to help make clubs stronger and more effective within their communities. First is a Club Leadership Education workshop on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> to be held locally for all interested leaders. Next is our District Convention on Aug 15 – 18 where Florida Kiwanians come together to learn and fellowship.

YOU are invited to both.



# July Anniversaries

5<sup>th</sup> – Eric & Melanie Spoon 9<sup>th</sup> – Dave & Jennifer Hornkohl 16<sup>th</sup> – Cindy & Colin Wade 21<sup>st</sup> – Mike & Vera Reiter

## July Birthdays

 $9^{th}$  – Donna Golden  $9^{th}$  – Eric Spoon  $12^{th}$  – Brenda Lewis-Williams  $13^{th}$  – Mike Dickey  $13^{th}$  – Ron Shover  $14^{th}$  – Larry Perry  $16^{th}$  – Nick Sorrento  $18^{th}$  – Vicky Salata  $21^{st}$  – Denise Cox  $28^{th}$  – Arthur Hooks  $31^{st}$  – Allara Gutcher

#### 2023 – 2024 Officers / Directors

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#### **Keep Inviting New Members**

You've invited them, now what? If a potential member came to a meeting, then they must be interested in Kiwanis. Have you called them since they attended? They might have some questions and you can find out what their impression was of our Club. If you don't have the answers, then let one of our officers know and we will follow up.

# **Inspirational Moments for Kiwanis**

Henry David Thoreau wrote: "It's not enough to be busy. The question is, what are you busy about? We Kiwanians can answer that question with pride. We're busy with fellowship and service, working to benefit others, not just ourselves."

#### **Committee Chairpersons**

Service Adopt a Precinct, Fall Festival, Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army Bell Ringing. Human & Spiritual Values Eric Spoon Invocations & Sympathy Cards Service Leadership Programs Mosley Key Club Dan Gall Bay High Key Club Jake Cook Bozeman Key Club Arnold Key Club Steven Stoff N. Bay Haven Key Club Merritt Brown Bldrs Debbie Armstrong Tommy Smith K-Kids Donna Golden Northside K-Kids Todd Brister Beach K-Kids Max Daleiden Parker K-Kids Dale Cronwell Chautaugua Aktion Club 3 advisor positions open at Chautaugua, Bozeman and N. Bay Haven. Interested? Let Debbie or Keith know

of your willingness to serve.

# Kiwanis Trivia

For all you trivia buffs, let's test your Kiwanis knowledge.

How many Kiwanis Clubs existed at the time of the second convention held in Detroit in 1917?

Attend a meeting to find out the answer.

Did you know the answer last month? (Allen Browne)

| Committee Cl<br><u>Membership</u>             | hairpersons<br>Stan Peacock                   |
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| Fund Raising                                  |   |
| Pancake Days<br>Holiday Auction<br>Mardi Golf | Stefanie Gall<br>Sharon Trainor<br>Eric Krebs |
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| <u>Image</u><br>Website<br>Facebook           | Melissa Brister<br>Eric Krebs                 |
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| <b>Finance</b>                                | Keith Forehand                                |
| Auditor                                       | Beverly Halley                                |
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# **Kiwanis Calendar of Events**

**Opportunities to Serve** 

Share the fun and Invite a Guest!

# July 2024

- **3**<sup>rd</sup> Club Meeting Carolyn Wyndom -US Postal Service
- 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day
- 5<sup>th</sup> Meals on Wheels Myron & Chevina Guilford
- **10<sup>th</sup>** Club Meeting Ann Leonard -Camp Experience
- 12<sup>th</sup> Meals on Wheels Ed Bell & Steve Stoff
- 15<sup>th</sup> Club Satellite Meeting 5:30 pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Program TBA
- 19<sup>th</sup> Meals on Wheels Todd Brister & Brian Hinton

### 20<sup>th</sup> - Club Leadership Education

- 24<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Program TBA
- **26<sup>th</sup>** Meals on Wheels Doug Smith & Dave Hornkohl
- **30<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting** Via Zoom 5:30 pm
- 31<sup>st</sup> Club Meeting Program TBA

### August 2024

- 2nd - Meals on Wheels Bob Daffin & Dave Burris 7<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting Program TBA **Q**th - Meals on Wheels Myron & Chevina Guilford 14<sup>th</sup> - Club Meeting Program TBA 15 – 18<sup>th</sup> -District Convention 16<sup>th</sup> - Meals on Wheels Ed Bell & Ron Shover 19<sup>th</sup> - Club Satellite Meeting 5:30 pm 20<sup>th</sup> - Election Day 21<sup>st</sup> - Club Meeting Program TBA 23<sup>rd</sup> - Meals on Wheels Steve Stoff & Dave Hornkohl 27<sup>th</sup> - Board Meeting Via Zoom 5:30 pm 28<sup>th</sup>
  - 8<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting Program TBA
- 30<sup>th</sup> Meals on Wheels Todd Brister & Brian Hinton



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