



Kiwaniis®

Club of Sidney, Montana

Newsletter

January 16, 2019

In this issue

- Builders Club reports big slate of activities
- Still more new members
- Club hears engaging spiritual messages from pastors new to Sidney
- Club hosts Mike Weber Day
- What new members mean for the club

Builders Club Reports Big Slate of Activities



[Photo credit: **Kelly Johnson**]

Emma Doty and **Anna Allen** reported Builders Club activities during a weekly meeting of Kiwanis.

In October, Builders Club sold Halloween decorations for lockers and ghost suckers. We went trick or treating for Unicef and made a donation of around \$1000.

Miss Montana came to our club and discussed movement and getting involved.

In November, the Builder's Club paid for the lunches of area Veterans who came to our school for a turkey dinner. We made a Christmas tree for the Christmas Auction for Boys and Girls Club in November.

Some of the Builder's Club members helped the Gifts from the Heart program, setting up for their event at the Masonic Temple where families could come Christmas shopping if they needed the help.

We have been selling candy canes for several days to raise funds for needy families and also for a memorial for our classmate Ryland Christensen. We raised enough money to get a table and bench at the park for Ryland. We also gave money for groceries to a needy family.

After Christmas, we will start collecting plastic grocery bags to give to an organization that makes refugee mats. You can drop off your plastic bags in the front entry of our school.

Still More New Members



Leif Anderson and the Membership Committee, in their continuing effort to become the Number One committee of the Sidney Kiwanis Club, inducted still more new members. Pictured above are new members **Karen Olson Beenken** and **Zach Sverdrup**, sponsored by **John Olson** and **Joe Bradley**.

[Photo credit: **Bill Vander Weele**]

Club Hears Engaging Spiritual Messages from Pastors New to Sidney

The club heard two pastors who are new to Sidney. Pastor **Audrey Rydbom** of Pella Lutheran Church spoke on the theme of Thanksgiving, and Assistant Pastor **Mars Harper** of Sidney Lutheran Brethren Church spoke on the theme of Christmas. Pastor Rydbom began her ministry in

Sidney on May 1, 2018 and Pastor Harper began his on October 31, 2018.

The club hosts these programs in pursuit of Object 1 of the **Six Objects of Kiwanis International**, which is, "To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life."

We never will be able to think the same again about the ordinary blessings of life nor about Little Debbie snack cakes.



Club Hosts Mike Weber Day

The Sidney Kiwanis Club honored long-time Richland County Attorney **Mike Weber** on the occasion of his retirement. Mike was elected in 1990 and served to the end of 2018. Program Committee Chairman **John Olson** commissioned a custom artwork by **Rhonda Whited**. The piece featured the Richland County Law & Justice Center, and a piece of advice given to Mike by **Father Ned Schinnick**, "Just do your duty."



What New Members Mean for the Club



New members are vital and add vitality to our club.

As Membership Committee Chair, **Leif Anderson**, says during inductions of new members, "New members are essential to a healthy organization. With each new member comes new ideas, new enthusiasm, greater fellowship, and greater service. We welcome these new members to this global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time."

Kiwanis provides meaningful service, great friendships, and lots of fun; and new members bring new energy, focus, passion, dedication, connections, and ideas.