

# Kiwanis

## Mankato Kiwanis Diversity Club

### NEWSLETTER

~ See you this Thursday August 2nd at noon at UCC ~

### **Music Festival plans move forward! Can you help?**

Your talent and time is needed for these items:

- \* Publicity
- \* Arranging for the bands/getting commitments etc...
- \* Arranging for foods for a multi-cultural menu
- \* Selling tickets
- \* And more...ask Tony to see the big list!

This is the concert event that we will use to raise funds for our organization to be used in the future to support our chosen service projects.

- \* Please contact Tony Goodwin to see how you can plug in to this activity. His email is [tonywin@charter.net](mailto:tonywin@charter.net) .

### **Report from our first Retreat**

Our first Kiwanis Retreat was held July 29th at the Land of Memories Park

**A brand new slogan is born! "Gathering diverse talents, serving diverse needs"**

The concept that this is a diversity club first, was reinforced with this short statement we developed to describe our club. That we want to gather people of diverse backgrounds for fellowship and talent sharing and serve people of diverse backgrounds, was a primary focus for many that joined the club.

Here are some highlights of the meeting; more details will be shared at the next club meeting.

- \* The group agreed that our focus will be on serving the needs of children in need, particularly those 5 and under where their need is related to having a background that is different than the mainstream of southern Minnesota.

- \* We agreed that for this first year, we will focus more on the needs of local people versus international, but that we will strive to do something unique - we will strive to tie each local service project to an international effort as well. For example, if we provide medical assistance for a child here in Minnesota, we also perhaps agree to sponsor a child in another country to provide medical care.

- \* When we talk about diversity both in terms of our members and those we hope to serve, we agreed that we wish to be open to those that are diverse based on a variety of factors, including race, physical abilities and limitations, religion, socioeconomic status, orientation, etc.