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The Penguin Project of McLean County's inaugural production, "Annie," scheduled for June 18-21

What is this thing called "The Penguin Project"? There's been a lot of talk about it locally the last few months, but how much do you know about it?

Dr. Andrew Morgan, MD founded and created The Penguin Project at East Peoria's Eastlight Theater to give children with disabilities opportunities to participate in the

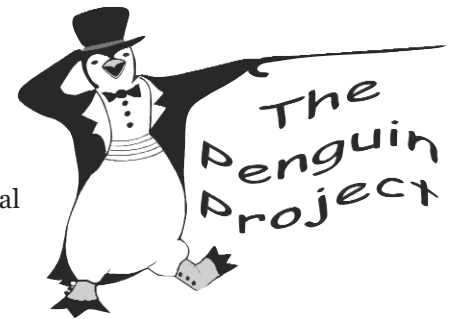
performing arts. One of the many hats "Dr. Andy" wears professionally is Professor of Clinical Pediatrics and the Chief of the Section of Child Development at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria. Dr. Morgan also enjoys the theatrical arts, having acted and directed in community theater for more than 30 years. The Penguin Project partners his talents and loves with children with disabilities and theater.

The Penguin Project arrived at its name from the distinct qualities of penguins; although they are birds, they cannot fly, and they adapted their skills to overcome environmental challenges—much like the young people in the program.

Eastlight has held all of the productions through 2008, but professionals and advocates for those with disabilities in McLean County wanted to see something here that could benefit children in the Bloomington/Normal area. This year marks the first production of The Penguin Project of McLean County with the musical "Annie." All performances will be held at Bloomington Central Catholic High School from June 18-21.

The Normal Kiwanis Club is a proud community partner with The Penguin Project, along with the Bloomington Kiwanis Club, Bloomington Golden K Club, the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation, Easter Seals and the City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation.

Several of our club members are actively involved in helping bring this production to the Bloomington/Normal community, and you can be a part of the experience as well. Consider attending a performance—you will be supporting and encouraging children with special challenges!



Goals of The Penguin Project

- Provide opportunities for children with disabilities to develop creative skills related to the theater arts and participate in a community theater experience
- Facilitate interaction between children with disabilities and their age-level peers through joint participation in a theater experience
- Foster an appreciation of the challenges faced by children with disabilities and their families
- Identify the impact of a community theater experience on the communication skills, socialization, and self-confidence/self-esteem of children with disabilities
- Facilitate interaction among medical, developmental, educational, and theater professionals through participation in a common community project
- Provide a forum for support and interaction for families of children with disabilities

Club officer elections will be held later in April. The list of officer nominees will be made available 2 weeks prior to the election.

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what have we been up to?

Photo summary of March service activities



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Habitat for Humanity Build Day—March 28

1. Barb Wells and Caire Brown (Habitat partner family)
2. Chad Kemp, Michael DeFalco (Chad's co-worker) and Rob Mammen (project director)

Polar Plunge for Special Olympics, Miller Park Lake—March 1

3. Dee Wilson (on the right), one of 256 Plungers who raised a total of \$49,600

Chili-Cook for the Polar Plunge, Miller Park Pavilion—February 28

4. Josh Barnett, Dee Wilson and Dave Axtell

pencil it in

May 8: Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build

Volunteer for the morning, the afternoon or both! Please note—this is a Friday, not a Saturday. More info coming soon.

May 9: Area 6 Special Olympics Spring Games

To be held at Illinois Wesleyan University. Details available soon.

June 12-14: Special Olympics State Games

To be held at Illinois State University.

June 18-21: Penguin Project

See cover article for more information.

June 25-28: Kiwanis International Convention

Nashville, TN. Go to <http://www.ii-kiwanis.org/nashville.html> for details.

June 26-27: Relay for Life

Dust off your walking shoes and help raise funds to find a cancer cure!

2008-2009 club leadership

President

Matt Giordano

President-Elect

Josh Barnett

Vice President

Barb Quick

Immediate Past President

Dave Axtell

Secretary

Diane Kerr

Treasurer

Matt Lauritzen

Board of Directors

2007-2009: Krista Sheppard, Brent Douglas, Julie Smith

2008-2010: Ron Stack, Robert Baker, Barb Wells

Governor-Elect

Kevin McConnell

President's Counselor

Geoffrey Maier

Bulletin Editor

Dena McDonald

board meeting schedule (2008-2009)

Meetings held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7pm at Jamani Java unless notified otherwise:

Apr. 7	May 5	Jun. 2
Jul. 7	Aug. 4	Sep. 1
Oct. 6		

trivia answers*

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1. **a** — General Electric in 2006
2. **d** — 24,000
3. **c** — 7,500

Hopefully 1040 is your tax form and not how many pages **you** submit.

*This month's trivia is brought to you by Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner and the fine folks at the IRS. **Happy filing!**

so distinguished...

Normal Kiwanis Club earns Distinguished Club honors!



Our club was recognized as a Distinguished Club at the I-I Mid-year Convention Awards Luncheon held Saturday, February 14, 2009 in Decatur.

The honor is given to clubs who submit all of their monthly reports before the deadline (great job, Diane!). Additionally, points are then awarded to clubs based on the number of service activities, giving activities and member education programs they engaged in. Clubs must earn at least 80 points to be honored.

Some of the club's officers posed for a photo recognizing the Distinguished Club award: Diane Kerr (secretary), Matt Giordano (president), Dave Axtell (immediate past president) and Kevin McConnell (governor-elect)

by the numbers

Figures are as of March 31, 2009

Displayed below is the Administrative Budget. For information regarding the Service Budget or general questions about club finances, contact Matt Lauritzen or another member of the Finance Committee.

Kiwanis Club of Normal 2008-09 Administrative Budget

	2008-09 Budgeted	Current Month	Year-To- Date	YTD Budget %
INCOME				
Dues (33 @ \$60 * 4 Quarters)	\$8,180.00	\$60.00	\$4,208.00	51.44%
<i>Regular Rate (27 @ \$60 * 4 Quarters)</i>	<i>\$6,480.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>0.00%</i>
<i>Employer Rate (5 @ \$85 * 4 Quarters)</i>	<i>\$1,700.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>0.00%</i>
Club 50/50	\$250.00	\$12.50	\$133.00	53.20%
Liability Insurance Trnsfr from Service (33 @ \$11.75) ¹	\$387.75	\$0.00	\$364.25	93.94%
Income Total	\$8,817.75	\$72.50	\$4,705.25	53.36%
EXPENSES				
Finance & Administration Committee				
District/International Dues (33 @ \$86.90)	\$2,900.00	\$0.00	\$2,325.00	80.17%
Liability Insurance (33 @ \$12) ¹	\$396.00	\$0.00	\$372.00	93.94%
New Member Fees (5 @ \$60)	\$300.00	\$60.00	\$120.00	40.00%
Secretary of State Filing	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	200.00%
Lt. Governor Expenses	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<i>Finance & Administration Sub-Total</i>	<i>\$3,676.00</i>	<i>\$60.00</i>	<i>\$2,827.00</i>	<i>76.90%</i>
Public Relations & Marketing Committee				
Club Website Domain & Hosting ²	\$93.40	\$0.00	\$95.40	102.14%
Printing	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<i>Public Relations & Marketing Sub-Total</i>	<i>\$143.40</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>	<i>\$95.40</i>	<i>66.53%</i>
Membership Growth & Development Committee				
New Member Orientation	\$75.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Club Socials	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
International Delegate Fees (2 @ \$200)	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
District Delegate Fees (2 @ \$100)	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Mid-Winter Delegate Fees (2 @ \$50)	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Polar Plunge Chili Meal	\$0.00	\$219.42	\$219.42	
<i>Membership Growth & Development Sub-Total</i>	<i>\$825.00</i>	<i>\$219.42</i>	<i>\$219.42</i>	<i>26.60%</i>
Club Meetings & Programs Committee				
Signature Inn Rental (50 @ \$75)	\$3,750.00	\$225.00	\$1,575.00	42.00%
Awards and Recognition	\$98.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Meeting Pastries	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
Speaker Gifts	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
<i>Club Meetings & Programs Sub-Total</i>	<i>\$4,173.35</i>	<i>\$225.00</i>	<i>\$1,575.00</i>	<i>37.74%</i>
Administrative Expenses Total	\$8,817.75	\$504.42	\$4,716.82	53.49%

¹ \$11.75 per member is transferred to the Administration Budget from the Service Budget.

² Website domain and hosting fees will be dispersed equally over the 2008-09 and the 2009-10 budgets (\$93.40 per year)

Coming in May!

The Normal Kiwanian will begin featuring new member and existing member spotlights. The club gets to know its new members while new members can more easily put names with faces.

Got ideas for questions?

Email them to Dena at djmcdonald70@yahoo.com.

got news?

The Normal Kiwanian will be available the first Monday of each month.

The deadline for the May 4 newsletter is April 27 (you will receive an email reminder). Anything received after April 27 is not guaranteed to be included.

If you need a copy of the 2009 deadline schedule, or to report any errors, please email Dena at djmcdonald70@yahoo.com.