

## **CURRENT & FORMER KLUBBERS:**

### **MEMORY OF KLUBBERS From RENE AND LYNN:**

**One of the highlights each year is visiting the klubs. We enjoy visiting with the klubbers and hearing them say their awards. The Awards Program was added later (about 1991) when several teachers mentioned that they would like to have some awards. Each year we have a Bible Reading Award, saying the Old or New Testament Books, a Memory Passage Award, an Attendance Award, and some other award.**

**When we first started to listen to awards, the children were nervous and shy and didn't really feel comfortable talking to us. Now they are ready and waiting for us and cheer when we come! What a joy to listen to them say their Memory Passage or their books of the Old or New Testament. When we run into klubbers or parents years later, they often tell us they still remember their Old and New Testament books and many of the verses they learned in klub! We praise God for the opportunity to get to know so many of these klubbers**

## **CURRENT KLUBBERS:**

**NAME:** Dexter Britt

**KLUB:** Bureau

**MEMORY:** I like singing, draw Swords, food and learning the Bible.

**NAME:** Fai Goldwire

**KLUB:** Bureau.

**MEMORY:** I like singing the songs, and I like playing the sword drill, and I like being the flag person and going to rally, and I like playing memory verse.

**NAME:** Abby Britt

**KLUB:** Bureau.

**MEMORY:** This is my first year here. I have really enjoyed the singing and the lessons. I like the Bureau Kids Klub.

**NAME:** Claire Grey

**KLUB:** Bureau.

**MEMORY:** I liked 2017 Kids Klub camp. I was in the championship sword drill and won the first two rounds and that gave me 1<sup>st</sup> place.

**NAME:** Ella Grey  
**KLUB:** Bureau

**MEMORY:** My favorite memory is swimming, at Kids Klub camp and all the other activities. Also, I liked Kids Klub camp in general.

**NAME:** Dakota Zerfas  
**KLUB:** Bureau & Ohio

**MEMORY:** I like singing, sword drill, story time, candy at the end. And I went to camp.

**NAME:** Hayden Senders  
**KLUB:** Bureau

**MEMORY:** I like Rally, and winning a trophy in sword drill.

**NAME:** Carter Grey  
**KLUB:** Bureau

**MEMORY:** I like the food, the candy and the singing.

**NAME:** Jacklynn Tillotson  
**KLUB:** Bureau

**MEMORY:** I like singing all the songs. I also like the candy.

**NAME:** Ellen Marie Austin  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** I like Klub because we learn about God.

**NAME:** Riley Sessler  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** My Kids Klub memory is my first day here. I first came in 2016. There was a lot of setting up but then I started making new friends. Thanks to Cheyenne or else I wouldn't be here. I learned more about God and Jesus which was fun.

**NAME:** Autumn Gushi  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** I like the Bible Story.

**NAME:** Cheyenne Fay  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** The first day of Kids Klub Camp, I met new first friends. I learned more about God and Jesus! And I liked doing crafts and a lot of fun activities-- And the camp fire!

**NAME:** Titus Shotsberger  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** When we were at camp, I hit the tetherball, it swung around and hit Taylor, right on the nose. We all started laughing.

**NAME:** Jill Shotsberger  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** I am in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and have been going to Kids Klub since Kindergarten. I compete at Rally in memory verse quizzing. My favorite part of Kids Klub is camp. I make new friends every year. Kids Klub Camp helps me grow in my faith and I love seeing kids come to Christ. One of the best parts of camp is the food. My Klub leaders are the cooks! Finally, I love the activities. I'm very thankful for Kids Klub and all they do.

**NAME:** Jonah Wagner  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** I liked learning the pledges.

**NAME:** Cambria Garcia  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** In the month of October in 2013, I had made the decision of my life. I had become a Christian. I remember Uncle Rene & Aunt Lynn were here. I was so excited to tell them. Even today, I still worship our one true God.

**NAME:** Imani Jackson  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** We sing songs and we play games. One game day we had fries with ketchup.

**NAME:** Finn Davis  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** I like the snacks – the cookies.

**NAME:** Grant Austin  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** I remember winning the cake that I love at Rally. I like the games with the memory verse we do at klub.

**NAME:** Ashley Donovan  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** A couple years I was in Sword Drill for Rally.

**NAME:** Paige Smith  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** I like Fun Day!

**NAME:** Nicholas Edwards  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** Singing the song, Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho.

**NAME:** Matthew Stalcup  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** I remember doing the paddleboats at camp. I remember having my friends as cabin mates.

**NAME:** Annabelle Austin  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** I remember going to Kids Klub Camp, and meeting new friends, and having fun.

**NAME:** Sydney Smith  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** I like singing songs at klub.

**NAME:** Will Austin  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** I remember about my 2<sup>nd</sup> grade year -- my mom taking us to Kids Klub for the first time and us wondering what it was about.

**NAME:** Brynn Ramage  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** My first day of Klub was the best ever. I was lonely without friends and I made 10 friends and will treasure them forever.

**NAME:** Zoey McAllister  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** My first rally.

**NAME:** Everet Hulthen  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** When I came to klub I did not know anything. Then in a couple weeks, I learned songs, verses and more. Then I learned a whole bunch of stuff for Kids Klub.

**NAME:** Payton King  
**KLUB:** Waterman, IL

**MEMORY:** I like to sing songs at klub.

**NAME:** Devon Stalcup  
**KLUB:** Waterman

**MEMORY:** My favorite day of Kids Klub is Fun Day! I like the games we play, and I also like the snacks.

**NAME:** Leah Williams  
**KLUB:** Van Orin

**MEMORY:** Going to Rene and Lynn's house for Christmas Klub and Party.

**NAME:** Chloe Williams  
**KLUB:** Van Orin

**MEMORY:** One of my best memories is when I got 1<sup>st</sup> place at rally for sword drill.

**NAME:** Ava Williams  
**KLUB:** Van Orin

**MEMORY:** Going to Rene and Lynn's house for Christmas Klub Party and going to Rally for Sword Drill

**NAME:** Stephanie Stark  
**KLUB:** Van Orin

**MEMORY:** Being a helper at klub, leading sword drill and memory verse.

**NAME:** Dreyden Sheaves  
**KLUB:** Van Orin

**MEMORY:** I like winning candy for sword drill and playing games.

**NAME:** Quinn Sheaves  
**KLUB:** Van Orin

**MEMORY:** I liked the Valentine's party and all the games and stuff.

**NAME:** Olyvia Crapp  
**KLUB:** Wisconsin

**MEMORY:** My favorite memory is all the pizza parties (at end of year).

**NAME:** Rock Radtke  
**KLUB:** Oglesby

**MEMORY:** That is where I received Jesus as my Savior.

**NAME:** Ellie Radtke  
**KLUB:** Oglesby

**MEMORY:** My favorite memory was when it was my first klub and I was so scared. But everybody treated me so kindly and were so friendly.

**NAME:** Collin Crapp  
**KLUB:** Wisconsin

**MEMORY:** Throwing darts and playing games at the Christmas Party.

**NAME:** Gwenevere Grovenburg  
**KLUB:** Wisconsin

**MEMORY:** Christmas Party

**NAME:** Constantin Grovenburg  
**KLUB:** Wisconsin

**MEMORY:** I like the lessons, friends and Susan, Shelly, Robyn and Gary, our teachers.

**NAME:** Felicity Ackland  
**KLUB:** Wisconsin

**MEMORY:** I like learning about God and being with friends.

**NAME:** Clark Ackland  
**KLUB:** Wisconsin

**MEMORY:** I like when my friends, the Crapps, come to klub.

**NAME:** Brooklynn Grovenburg  
**KLUB:** Wisconsin

**MEMORY:** The people are nice at Klub.

**NAME:** Katie Jolynn Potter  
**KLUB:** Wisconsin

**MEMORY:** Chloe came to Kids Klub.

**NAME:** Carter Crapp  
**KLUB:** Wisconsin

**MEMORY:** Our pizza party.

**NAME:** Olyvia Denner  
**KLUB:** Dover

**MEMORY:** I like when we do the story and when we get to put on a bar and Jail the Giant.

**NAME:** Camryn Hill  
**KLUB:** Wyanet

**MEMORY:** I love everything about Kids Klub, especially my teachers, Ruth & Jim.

**NAME:** Asher McIlroy  
**KLUB:** Wyanet

**MEMORY:** We learn about God and Jesus. And all the activities.

**NAME:** Esther Kalapp  
**KLUB:** Wyanet

**MEMORY:** I love learning about God. And the activities are so much fun. Thank you Mr. & Mrs. Noble for making it possible.

**NAME:** Aubrie Bruhl  
**KLUB:** Wyanet

**MEMORY:** A memory that I have was the pizza party near Christmas. I like Kids Klub because the leaders are great and the other children are nice.

## **FORMER KLUBBERS:**

**NAME:** Gracie Pollok  
**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Camper, klubber & helper at Van Orin Klub, HIT at overnight camp.

**MEMORY:** For me Kids Klub was always the highlight of my day. Whenever it was Tuesday that meant Kids Klub and I couldn't wait to get done with my day at school to be at Klub. Klub was so fun. Everyone there was so close and like family and we had such a great time together. I always loved the camps. The teachers/staff taught me so much and I remember things said to me that I use in my everyday life. I have so many wonderful memories about camp that I will not forget.

**NAME:** Emma Abell  
**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Was a Klubber and is a helper at the Tiskilwa klub, attended camp, was a HIT last year

**MEMORY:** One of my favorite memories' is from camp when Josh and Marie had a dance-off singing "King of Kings".

**NAME:** Chris Loy

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Former klubber, and teacher at Triumph and now one of our new office volunteers.

**MEMORY:** As a girl I attended Triumph Kids Klub and was saved, but only in my twenties did I begin to hear the word more and have spiritual growth. Later Triumph Klub was searching for teachers and helpers and I felt led by the Lord to help there.

A burden was on my heart for these children as I studied the Word to share with them. Some were from troubled, broken homes, hurt, confused, and good homes, but still not knowing there was a Savior to help them and love them enough to die for them. It was a blessing to me to help sow these seeds in their hearts that God would reap.

**NAME:** Carol Barkman Haas

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** I was in the first Kids Klub at Van Orin in 1953, teacher/helper at the LaMoille Baptist Church Klub in the early 70's with Laura Jensen, Virginia Barkman, and myself. Later, I was Director at the Van Orin Church Klub for many years with lots of helpers and bus drivers. Now I am a klubber in the Van Orin Adult klub.

**MEMORY:** The first club was at the home of Emerson and Clara Haas with Aunt Ruth and Aunt Lillie as teachers in 1953. Our daughter and her husband, Ken and Gwen Luck, live in that house where lots of kids sat in small chairs or on the floor to have klub. I never thought of all the work to have it at the house with chairs, mud, winter coats, and lots of kids entering the house each week. The school bus dropped us off each week. Clara Haas played the piano for us. Teachers made their own songbooks in large-size. My mother was always looking for big pictures that would go with the words of the songs. The stories were told with flannel graph figures and scenes all made and painted by teachers and helpers. How exciting to see something so pretty.

I got my first Bible ever and began the journey of the Christian life. Through Kids' Klub and the church, I learned about, and accepted Christ as my Lord and Saviour. There were not camps to attend for the kids at that time. Later, klub was moved to the porch of the parsonage of the Van Orin Church where Pastor Richard Prue and wife Laura lived with their son Richie. I'm not sure why but the school bus brought all of us to the Haas Farm -- maybe it worked better to be in town where we could walk to the house. When that changed, I'm not sure. Marge Haas taught that year.

Kids' Klub has always been a wonderful learning time for me in my early years as a Christian -- even as a leader, the learning continued. My mother taught for several years when she was a mother of eight. Norma Matson babysat with my little brothers, Chuck and Steve, so my mother could teach. Four generations have taught or attended Kids Klubs in our family. I'm now attending Kids Klub as a student in the Adult Class at the Van Orin Gospel church. What fun is that to go full circle at age 77!!

**NAME:** Heather Brokaw Luttinen

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Klubber, camper HIT, Counselor

**MEMORY:** Sunday School Charlies is always what comes to mind when I try to think of my favorite thing about Kids' Klub. Sword drill and rally is also another. My favorite is when Kasbeer finally beat Dover in Klub of the Year. This was in the 90's!

**NAME:** Martha Jacobs

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Klubber at Ottawa, teacher; LaMoille, Van Orin, & Ottawa, day & overnight camp worker, and office volunteer.

**MEMORY:** "Playing" Kids Klub with my friend Lynn Erickson in between attending our actual Klub on the south side of Ottawa. I have helped with Klub and camp for over 20 years, learning right along with the Kids.

**NAME:** Todd Moore

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Former Klubber and current Van Orin adult Klubber.

**MEMORY:** When I went to klub as a child, it taught me how to love others, and most of all, how to love and care for myself.

## **CURRENT KLUB WORKERS:**

**The “heart” of the Kids’ Klubs ministry is the teachers, and helpers who minister at the klubs. We have made so many wonderful friends throughout our 30 years. Those who work in the klubs are busy people, often holding several other positions in their church and working full-time. Yet they want to reach and teach children. What a privilege to serve with people like these.**

**One of our goals was to be available to our klub teachers. They can call us and discuss praises and concerns. We learn so much from them as we visit klubs. All of the klubs have some things in common: the lesson, the memory verse, singing, a mission emphasis, and sword drill. Yet each one is unique. We always wished the teachers could visit other klubs. Our Klub Directors are very creative. We get many new ideas for our own klub when we visit. Some of these ideas we share at workshops.**

**The biggest workload falls on the Klub Director who comes to the workshops, organizes the klub, recruits workers, keeps track of records and sends out publicity to bring in the children. Our Intercessors pray faithfully for these special workers.**

**Kids’ Klubs workers are so faithful. If you had a copy of our current Rally program, you would see that we have 133 workers this year. For some this is their first year to help, but others have many years – even up to 30+ years. It is amazing to us to see the dedication of our workers. Once they start helping, most serve for many years!! We will be giving out quite a few 5 and 10 year awards this year as well as a 15 year award!! Most years we have 20 year (last year 3) and 25 year award recipients.**

**We thank God for each of them. Their desire is to see children reached for the Lord and over the past 30 years we have had hundreds of decisions. From time to time we run into some of these children who are now adults. What do they remember about klub? First of all their klub teachers!! Then many of them tell us how God has used the verses they learned in their lives. We PRAISE God that His Word does not return void. A favorite song at klub is BE YE STEADFAST from 1 Corinthians 15:58:**

**Be ye steadfast unmovable, always abounding  
in the work of the Lord  
For as much as ye know  
that your labor’s not  
in vain in the Lord.**

**NAME:** Carol Vaupel

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Teacher at Waterman Klub and hosts Klub at her home.

**MEMORY:** It has been great hearing the Word of God at Kids Klub. No matter how many times I’ve heard or read the stories there is always something new that God teaches Me.

**NAME:** Tiffany Shotsberger

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Waterman Klub Leader

**MEMORY:** As a leader, Kids Klub has given me the opportunity to help children learn God's Word. As a mom of Klubbers, it has been a phenomenal tool used in discipling my kids. So thankful for Kids Klub!

**NAME:** Marilyn Burkman

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Bureau Kids Klub helper teacher, Camp Craft Director, Office Volunteer

**MEMORY:** I think it was about 18 years ago I started helping with Kids Klub at the First Congregational Church of Bureau and also helping at camp. I have really enjoyed working with the children and the joy when they are old enough to attend camp. I have made some very good friends thru the years at camp. rallies and volunteering at Kids Klub office.

**NAME:** Diane Simpkins

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Van Orin Klub helper and former Camp Craft Director, and current Van Orin adult Klubber.

**MEMORY:** All four of my kids went to Klub in Van Orin as did three of my grandchildren. They also all went to camp just about every year they were in Klub. I've recently been a volunteer at Malden, and have been a helper at the Van Orin klub for 20 years and camp craft director several different years. Three of my children were saved at Klub and this year (2017) my granddaughter, Harley accepted Jesus as her Savior at camp. What a blessed event that was!

**NAME:** Carol Debruhl

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Teacher at Kasbeer and Ohio Klubs, have served at Camp as the nurse for the past several years.

**MEMORY:** I've been involved with KK for 15 years. Rene and Lynn are the best! My memories are many and I have been blessed by all of them. KK has had a great impact on my faith. Teaching the Word of God imprints it on your heart forever. I also love seeing kids on the edge of their seats anticipating what God will do next. It warms my heart when they return the next week and know all the answers to last week's story. And then, there's overnight camp. What a joy! We all come together once a year and it's as if we never missed a beat. The fellowship is real and genuine. Oh, I am so grateful for Kids Klubs.

**NAME:** Heidi Kalapp

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Wyanet Kids Klub Helper

**MEMORY:** Getting to see the kids memorizing all the Scriptures and what fast learners they are.

**NAME:** Mary Miller

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Bureau Kids Klub Director, Teacher & Camp Craft Director

**MEMORY:** My first connection as a child was when my aunt Ethel Knauf & Mrs. Kane from LaSalle came to DePue to my grandmother's house for klub. This could have been when Kids' Klubs was still part of Christian Business Men's in the 1950's.

Nineteen years ago, Rev. Robert Allen started a Klub at First Congregational of Bureau. I was a teacher and I went to camp the next year and have made some very good friends. It's very rewarding to see and hear of children coming to know of Jesus love for them and accepting him into their lives. Praise his NAME!

**NAME:** Lois Lawler

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Teacher at Bureau Klub

**MEMORY:** I'm fairly new at working with Kids Klub (this is my third year) so I don't have any long term memories. I enjoy telling the Bible story each week and I am amazed at how much the kids have learned.

**NAME:** Charlene Davis

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Oglesby Klub snack lady, "crowd control" and sword drill director for preschool.

**MEMORY:** I have learned the books of the Bible in order, which is handy for finding scripture more easily!! Kids Klub has helped develop in me a deeper concern for children's souls. Knowing Jesus better, and later spurring them on to a relationship with HIM is key. Others have shown me kinder and more effective ways of helping children listen and learn. I praise God for those who saw the vision of Kids' Klubs mission, instituting it at their church, and then sustaining it over the years.

**NAME:** Ruth Gerlt

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Teacher and Missouri Klub Co-director

**MEMORY:** I share teaching with two others and I have gained a greater understanding and appreciation for the Old Testament. Also it is a joy to observe the improvement the children have made in learning the memory verses.

**NAME:** Brenda Hilty

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Teacher, Missouri Co-director

**MEMORY:** I started out as a very nervous teacher for our Klub #9. Now I am always excited to teach. I learn so much and I love watching the kids brains process the material. It's so important that they see how the stories apply in their lives.

**NAME:** Carol Hulthen

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Waterman Klub helper, camp cook, Office volunteer (occasional)

**MEMORY:** I have been involved with Kids Klub for many years and have many wonderful memories. My children loved camp and now some of my grandkids have experienced both klub and camp. I find that the verses I have learned in Kids Klub have been an encouragement to me in my daily walk with the Lord Jesus Christ.

**NAME:** Liz Radtke

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Oglesby Klub Worker

**MEMORY:** Kids Klub was the tool the Lord used for my children to call upon the name of Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

**NAME:** Jim Draper

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Wyanet Klub Leader

**MEMORY:** Seeing these kids so eager to learn about Jesus is worth all the time we spend at Kids Klub.

**NAME:** Ruth Draper

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Wyanet Klub Leader

**MEMORY:** Having a Klubber say they don't have a Bible and they would like one. And after they get one knowing they are reading it. Also, that kids from Klub started attending Sunday School.

**NAME:** Jean Shuler

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Teacher and helper at Pana.

**MEMORY:** I have worked with Kids Klub for close to 7 years. I have been so blessed to see so many kids work hard to learn scripture and books of the Bible. Some start as 1<sup>st</sup> graders and go all the way to 6<sup>th</sup>. It's so wonderful to see their growth. Some of them are my grandchildren.

**NAME:** Marcia Dempsey

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Waterman Klub and camp worker

**MEMORY:** I have many wonderful memories of Kids' Klub! My first Klub was in 1974 at our home in Ottawa. Aunt Ruth and Aunt Lillie were the directors. Many children have heard the Gospel, Bible stories and life lessons over the years, and I have had the privilege and joy of leading children to salvation in Christ. I have also enjoyed overnight camp as counselor, Bible teacher, and a cook. I enjoy the campers of all ages.

It is a privilege to work with a great team of teachers in our Waterman klub. I am thankful for the opportunities God has given to me over my many years of involvement with Kids' Klub! That includes being blessed by the weekly memory verses and scripture passages that I have memorized each year! Many thanks to Rene and Lynn for all the work they do! To God be the Glory!

**NAME:** Reva Young

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Teacher and story-teller

**MEMORY:** God has shown me the importance of sharing the Bible and his love with kids from an early age. I enjoy seeing them grow in wisdom as they memorize the verses and the books of the Bible. Their enthusiasm is contagious. It's great to see kids come whose parents aren't church attenders.

## **FORMER KLUB WORKERS:**

**We have met many of the klub workers even from the first years in the 1950's. They share wonderful memories and funny stories about teaching klub. Most tell about the "aunts" (Lillie Noakes and Ruth (Attebery Harms) visiting klub. In those days, the aunts would evaluate their teaching and give them encouragement on how to make their lessons or klub better. Also there are stories about the hours the teachers spent painting their own flannel backgrounds with the help of the "aunts"—often until midnight. Some families would go for a whole day on the weekend to help the aunts with needs at the Kids' Klubs house. This even included cleaning as Betsy Collings has shared with us.**

**Others share memories of Uncle Rex and Aunt Geneva and Aunt Arlene. The camp volunteers loved to play practical jokes on the Directors at camp, like having a bucket of water fall on your head. (Rene and Lynn set a rule – no practical jokes on us.) Others mentioned how much they appreciated Uncle Rex for his prayers. He was a real prayer warrior, Aunt Arlene added in the holiday lessons to the klub curriculum. We still use them today. They add a nice change of pace and many decisions are often made with these lessons. Aunt Geneva made large song visuals for camp. We cannot imagine the hours she must have spent making them. We used them for many years, until they were becoming fragile. Many of the former campers remember these large songs and ask about them.**

**Many of our current Intercessors (prayer partners) and financial supporters are former teachers. Their continued love and concern for Kids' Klubs is an encouragement to us. We "Thank and Praise" God for them!**

**NAME:** Arlene Stohr

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Former Bible teacher.

**MEMORY:** I In 1952 I played the accordion for Kids Klub in DePue. Vera Kane told the story. My fondest memory is watching "kids" that I taught, now "teaching" the story of Jesus which never changes. I am still teaching – but the students are 80-90 years old now. Jesus Saves.

A long time ago, I told the story at Kids Klub. One of the little boys was not listening very well. A week later, his mom was sick and she asked me to watch him. He told me the story that I had told the week before, even using my expressions! That taught me a lesson!

**NAME:** Virginia Doyens

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Former teacher, supporter and prayer partner.

**MEMORY:** Jan Jones, Cindy Salisbury and I taught Kids, Klub at the Tiskilwa Bible church when Lloyd Doyens was the pastor there. We had the wonderful opportunity to present the Word of God too many boys and girls who attended over several years. Decisions were made to receive the Lord as Savior and others decided to make Him Lord of their life. Many verses were memorized. I am so thankful for the opportunity to have been a part of this work, and pray that decisions that were made are still foremost in the hearts and minds of the boys and girls.

**NAME:** Barbara Alleman

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Former Teacher at Oglesby, Intercessor

**MEMORY:** I became involved with Kids Klubs when it first started in Oglesby with Aunt Ruth and Aunt Lilly. I taught many clubs that were held in homes at that time. It was so rewarding to see children come to know the Lord and grow in the Word. I learned so much as well through teaching bible studies with flannel graph I became a better Sunday School teacher and church member.

**NAME:** John Frost

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Dorothy Frost (my wife) and Sharon Swanson (my daughter) both taught Kids Klub for years in Marseilles. (Jack passed away a short time after he wrote out this memory. He was a wonderful friend of Kids' Klubs since its beginning in the 1950's.)

**MEMORY:** Sharon (my daughter) accepted Jesus as her Savior at the age of 10 at Doris Hollman's Kids Klub in Marseilles. We were good friends with Aunt Ruth and Aunt Lily. Our children attended Kids Klub Camp several years.

**NAME:** William Haas

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Son of original board member Wilbur, and mom, Marge, taught one of the first Klubs, attended Klub as a child, and then a camp speaker and counselor in the past few years.

**MEMORY:** It was a full-family affair in the 50's for the Haases. After a handful of committed laymen felt moved to begin a Children's Work, Wilber provided the first house for KK for those first few years. The tenant house on his farm had just been vacated! He moved "the Aunts" with his farm truck. Wife Marge became one of the first teachers of the Van Orin Klub held in the remodeled parsonage, while children Bill and Jo attended the klub their mother taught! The pastor's wife was the hostess, right adjacent to the elementary school -- how convenient! What a start for the Van Orin area!! God only knows what an effect that has had on various attendees thru the decades!! Praise the Lord for His sustaining Work through till these days!!

**NAME:** Cynthia Rosinski

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Piano player for Klub when in high school, and helped with Klub in 1970's; was a camp counselor; and was a Bible Teacher at Mendota.

**MEMORY:** My first connection with KK was in 1953. I helped at Klub in Mendota when Donna Eisert was the teacher. I helped in the 1970's when the aunts were Directors. I was a helper, a camp counselor, and eventually taught. We used felt backed figures. My memory was when an active klubber knocked all the figures off the table — all mixed up on the floor, instead of in the order needed for the lesson. Loved him anyway - ha.

**NAME:** Jane McClintock

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Teacher in 1953 and later with Joe Jacobs at he LaMoille Klub and then did a klub at Cherry, office volunteer and flannel painter

**MEMORY:** Mary Jane Hansen came to me at the Oglesby Union Church's 125<sup>th</sup> celebration and asked me if I remember when she accepted the Lord Jesus as her savior at a Kids Klub held at Velma Clydesdales home. It was her aunt's home on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. in Oglesby. She was 7 years old and now she is 71 and yes I did remember.

**NAME:** Beverly & Tom Odell

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Beverly Barker Odell – Klubber, Teacher and mother of Klubber. Tom – Board member

**MEMORY:** I'm so grateful for the memories I have of Kid's Klub. My mom was a teacher and host to Klub for my childhood and I even experienced camp at Muscatine as a camper and a counselor. There was great teaching, music and competition. We were blessed by this ministry in so many ways. Thank You.

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**NAME:** Jean Fox

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Former Klub Director and Bible Teacher for Wyanet Klub

**MEMORY:** It's hard to pick out just one memory from the time I've known Rene & Lynn and been associated with Kids' Klubs. The years of knowing Rene & Lynn – I thought, the time and work they put into Kids' Klubs really stands out. Not only day in and day out but during the time of working on and living through the remodeling of the house! They have devoted these years to help children learn the many stories in both the Old and New Testament. How the children enjoyed it all!

One of the things I'm especially glad for is that I learned the books of the Bible in order although I have to admit that I need to brush up on the Old Testaments ones now and then. I use that knowledge a lot. I feel we have been very blessed to have Rene and Lynn as directors as well as all the volunteers, klub leaders and their co-workers who have made Kids' Klubs such a success.

**NAME:** Jean Polley

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Mendota Klub Counselor/Hostess/heard Bible verses/drove to Kids Klub

**MEMORY:** For about 3 years we had a Klub in our home in Mendota. Aunt Lillie & Aunt Ruth were there. My kids faithfully carried folding chairs from the basement to the upstairs every week. Later I went to camp as a counselor at the last minute. It was enjoyable.

**NAME:** Elisha Pollok

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Princeton/Dover Klubs former teacher parent

**MEMORY:** I taught Kids Klub 10 years while my 2 daughters attended Klub with me. As a teacher, it was a privilege to be able to instruct the children in God's word. Many times, as I was reviewing and practicing the lessons at home, I was convicted and led by God to take a closer look at myself and I was humbled as God was revealing to me new truths about Himself and His Word. I was growing and learning in my faith like the children I was teaching! Awesome how God works in our lives!

Now my son is attending Kids Klub. He reminds me, "It's Tuesday, Kids Klub!" He enjoys it and likes the sword drills! As a parent, I have so appreciated Kids Klubs and Rene & Lynn. Kids Klub has been as important part of our lives.

Kids Klub is a wonderful ministry. It is an enjoyable way to learn God's Word and draw closer to Him. Rene and Lynn are wonderful "godparents" to our children. I so appreciate their love, patience, kindness, and generosity in teaching and "spoiling"

my children. I don't know what we would do without them! I'm thankful they accepted the leading so long ago, from God, to be "vessels" of God's teaching through Kids Klubs.

## **CAMP WORKERS: Past and Present**

**What to say about camp? Our first summer, we added on a Teen camp at the urging of some teens and a Day Camp (Lynn's idea).**

**After a couple of years, we changed from Teen camp to HITS (Helpers-In-Training). Jaimie (Schrader) Costello came up with the name. She wanted the teens to be the HITS of camp and they still are today.**

**Our idea for Day Camp was not only to provide a camp for younger children, but to provide a training program for older children. They could be Sports Staff in 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grades (or craft helpers). Then in 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade they could be helpers. Actually, most of our helpers continued through much of the high school and still served as counselors or teachers. It was a difficult decision to discontinue Day Camp a few years ago, but we were not having many children. We still had a lot of young people wanting to serve as staff, though, and they were disappointed. At overnight camp each year, we have anyone who went to Day Camp or served at Day Camp stand up. Almost all of our Counselors were former Day Campers. We are thankful to God for the opportunity to have a part in their spiritual lives.**

**Overnight Camp was started by the Aunts after a couple of years. For many years, camp was at Muscatine, Iowa. We went there our first year. But to keep costs down, we decided to do our own cooking and so had to find another camp. We went to Camp Maranatha for one year in Ramsey, Illinois, then to Blackhawk Camp near Oregon for 3 years. Next we had camp near Sandwich for 3 years. They did the cooking, but again it got to expensive. So then we attended Rock River Christian Camp for 3 years, After that they only had week in August which wasn't working for us. Kathy Bohm researched camps for us and we decided to try out Streator Baptist Camp. We praise God for this decision. We have been going there now for 18 years. It is so wonderful to go to the same camp each year. We have our schedules ready with small changes.**

**CAMP STAFF: What can we say? Again we have the most dedicated and dependable staff you could ask for. So many of them come year after year. When we get to camp, it is like having a family reunion. We don't want to mention names because we wouldn't have enough room to tell about all of our "GREAT" Staff. BUT I know they won't mind us talking about Pam Schrader, who comes each year from Lincoln, Nebraska, to be our continued story teller. Sunday School Charlie is always mentioned as a favorite in our camp evaluations. How many children have made decisions because of these stories we will never know.**

**Each year, every child is interviewed and given an opportunity to make a decision.**

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,  
That whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."  
(JOHN 3:16 NKJV)

**The Camp Staff would tell you that this is why they come to camp. Many take a week of vacation just to come and minister at camp. THANK YOU!!!**

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**NAME:** Rev. Norman Stark

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Camp Bible teacher to kids and staff.

**MEMORY:** It was always a lot of fun using my Gospel magic to teach the kids the truths from God's word. The best part was teaching them some tricks to take home and share with their parents.

**NAME:** Larry Walter

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Former Streater Baptist Camp Manager and Admirer

**MEMORY:** The precision that Rene and Lynn exhibited in the organization of camp activities will always stand out in my mind. Their impeccable moral standards and Bible knowledge make them role models for all of us. That is how I remember them.

**NAME:** Pastor Bill Jacobsen

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Summer camp Bible teacher, also helped at the Oglesby and Seatonville klubs

**MEMORY:** As I lead the young boys, God keeps teaching me the importance and value of each person. These boys are young and innocent yet getting ready to embark into a difficult world controlled by Satan. What a privilege, it is to help these boys be prepared for the spiritual battles that are ahead for them. Thank God, Kid's Klub is teaching them the Word of God and Biblical principles while leading them to Jesus Christ, our source of Salvation and Victory

**NAME:** Georgiann Engels

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Teacher at camp

**MEMORY:** I remember great times at camp with Eileen Eltrevoog and Joe Jacobs in the 90's. Happy 65<sup>th</sup> year of serving the Lord.

**NAME:** Miranda Fahrenbruch (Rockhill)

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Camper and counselor

**MEMORY:** I looked forward to going to (and then serving at) Kids Klub camp each summer! The friends made at camp have become like family and it's wonderful to see how God has worked in each of our lives. Sunday School Charlie was always a favorite, as well as watching my campers memorize scripture. Hiding God's word in our hearts has been the best gift Camp could have ever given me! Love and prayers for many more wonderful years of Kingdom work!

**NAME:** Sarah Croasdale

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Klubber, camper, HIT, office volunteer

**MEMORY:** I remember being at camp watching the talent show. One group did “Johnny Got Run Over by a Bus” end of story. It was hilarious.

**NAME:** Lois Croasdale

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Mom of Klubber; camp helper; office volunteer

**MEMORY:** Even though I’m not at a klub each week, Kids’ Klub has been a big part of my life ever since our daughter Sarah started attending in 2010. My memories are mostly from overnight camps. I especially remember the first one back in 2011. I went the night before camp started to help set up. That night I was staying in the bunkhouse by myself. It was stormy and I didn’t know the campsite very well yet, so it was a bit scary. At one point I was told a lady named Kim would be coming to my door to stay for the night. She came eventually. We talked for quite awhile. She had come just for that night but I talked her into coming back for more of the week. We’ve been friends ever since.

All of the camp helpers are amazing, and it’s been such a blessing getting to know them over the years. Rene and Lynn are an inspiration to us all. God has given me a big Kids’ Klub family. Each year at camp is like a big reunion.

**NAME:** Christina Eltrevoog

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Day Camper and Staff, camper, klubber, camp staff, HIT, pianist, counselor

**MEMORY:** The biggest thing I remember about Kids Klub is all the coordination that I knew went on to make something that would bless and communicate the heart of God to kids, teens, and adults of all ages.

Kids Klubs has tried to teach the Bible to kids in a language they understand: FUN Bible memory games and Sword Drill-so fun. This was my favorite game. I was fast but I would still get beat by likes of Steven Davies.

There was fun and there was depth. The campfires and conversations with Jeanette and Pam were a favorite of mine, an opportunity to reflect and connect about life

The food and snacks were great. Perhaps what I recall most vividly is the vast array of cereal options – most notably, Fruity Pebbles and Cookie Crisp. I remember the way I used to feel on the drive home like I had experienced a different world than the one to which I was returning. One where love and respect and healthy boundaries and intentional living were normal. Each year I would anticipate that

**culture while driving through the cornfield and ponder how to take some of that where I lived.**

## **KLUB MISSIONARY:**

**The children give money each week for the support of 4 missionaries. Over the past 30 years, we have had only one change in our missionaries. Nancy Worden, was a special missionary from BCM. We enjoyed getting to know her through letters and an occasional visit. (She sent us several sets of flannels which we know use as backgrounds for our PowerPoints.) When Nancy passed away, we added new missionaries: Brad and Linda Quackenbush. Brad was a former klubber. His mother Ethel taught klub in Paw Paw. When Brad died in 2016, we continued supporting Linda.**

**The other two missionaries are the current Kids Klubs Directors (us) and Jim and Fran Lines who have been missionaries from before we came.**

**A few years ago, we added on a yearly project. We wanted the children to hear about all kinds of possibilities for ministry, so each year we pick something different for the children to give to. We have given Bibles, fix-tuned radios, school supplies for children in Afghanistan, helped orphans in Vietnam and given to Samaritan's Purse (Greatest Journey), bought a canoe and a paddleboat for camps and books for a Christian college library. and supported missionaries in many different places in the world. (There have been those involved in Bible Translation, church planting and medical missions.) We want children to have a "heart" for missions.**

**This year the project is Gary Losey with Global Partnership ministries. We want to help with the construction of a Christian School In Rwanda. You will see his memory in this book.**

**NAME:** Linda Quackenbush

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** I am a current Kid's Klub Missionary, and also served with my husband, Brad\*. My mother-in-law, Ethel taught Kids Klub in Paw Paw years ago.

**MEMORY:** The interest in missions that Kids Klub cultivates in the lives of the children is such a blessing to us as missionaries.

1. Our letters and updates are shared with the children.
2. The children pray for us and our ministries, and some klubs are praying for those doing Bible Lessons to earn a week of camp.
3. They have sent letters and drawings when we need encouragement.
4. The children give (many times their own money) to the work of the missionaries and mission works they pray for. They have given toward the paddle boat project at KMM and also given to us personally.
5. The kids are investing in the lives of others as Kid's Klubs invest in them. *\*(Brad Quackenbush passed away in 2016. He is missed)*

**NAME:** Gary Losey

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** camper, camp helper where needed, is currently our missionary project for the 2017-2018 klub year. We are giving money to the Christian school in Rwanda.

**MEMORY:** I was three years old when Kids' Klubs began and my parents were very involved in the ministry. I remember as a young boy falling asleep at the Kids' Klubs house as my parents worked late into the night many times as they helped with a variety of things for the ministry.

It was August 1958, when I attended Kids' Klub Camp at Green Valley camp in Peoria, Illinois as an eight-year-old boy. My mom was one of the camp leaders. During one of the evening chapel services, I knew I needed to go forward at the invitation, but I just couldn't get up out of the chair and walk down to the front. After everyone was dismissed, I still continued to sit in the chair. Eventually I got up, but instead of going forward to talk to one of the counselors, I exited the chapel and went back to my cabin. I got into bed and was crying. I knew I needed to receive Jesus as my Savior. Aunt Ruth Engel found me crying and asked what I was crying about and I told her. We prayed right there and I received Jesus as my Savior.

Then at the age of 17 at the camp in Muscatine, Iowa, I came along to help Aunt Ruth and Aunt Lillie wherever they needed help. It was at the Friday night campfire, I finally surrendered to the Lord to go into full-time ministry. The Lord had been working in my heart for a couple years, but I kept resisting until that week at camp. After returning back home I applied to Moody Bible Institute and was accepted for classes beginning Fall 1968.

Aunt Ruth and Aunt Lillie were used of God all through my childhood and into adulthood as they encouraged me to live for the Lord and follow Him. Now, approaching 50 years in the ministry, I am humbled that God has allowed me to serve Him all around the world and to see tens of thousands of people come to know Jesus as Savior.

## **BOARD MEMBERS:**

**This first paragraph is a memory and information came from Aunt Ruth (Attebery) Harms.**

**Kids Klubs was originally a part of the Christian Business Men's Committee in the 1950's and 60's. We are thankful to these men who had a vision to see children reached in the Illinois Valley. Eventually the CBMC knew they could no longer be able to underwrite the finances of Kids' Klubs. It was a challenging time. All 4 of the Kids' Klub committee members on the CBMC remained and became the Kids' Klubs Board. When news got around of the need, churches and individuals rallied with support and prayer.**

**Over the years there have been many men who have served on the Board. Most of them served for several terms. When we arrived George Erickson, one of the original board members was still serving. (He was actually a friend, and was the one who approached us about our possible interest in this ministry.)**

**We have appreciated those who served during our 30 years. They have given guidance and direction for this ministry. All of the men who have served have a heart to reach children and are willing to give of their time to attend the monthly meetings. They continue to have a vision for the future. Those who serve as officers give many extra hours to Kids' Klubs. Several of our current Board members have been on the board for more than 15 years! We are thankful for their input and direction Kids Klubs would not be celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary without the ministry of these gifted men.**

**NAME:** Doug Tuntland

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Board President, Camp HIT Bible Teacher, Camp staff for many years.

**MEMORY:** My introduction to Kids' Klubs through a carburetor! My first introduction to the ministry of Kids' Klubs was through the rebuilding of Rex's Motorcraft carburetor. At the time, Kids' Klubs was head quartered in a small house in Van Orin and I worked for the Shell station in LaMoille. It was probably 1983 or so when this man who was a stranger to me brought his carburetor in for an overhaul. As I remember it he carried it in and spent some time either watching or witnessing to me, I am not sure which now. In the course of this conversation, I learned of a ministry that started in the 1950's and had been operating within 5 miles of me and I had never heard of it. It was shortly thereafter that Rene and Lynn took over as directors and Lou started helping in a couple of different Klubs in the area as well as Day Camp. Kid's Klubs has made a positive mark on Lou and I and our three children Thank You God for Kids' Klubs!

**NAME:** Burton Conklin

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Former Klub Director and Kids Klub Board Member and fishing director at camp for many years

**MEMORY:** First time I taught fishing at camp, I noticed most of the girls were baiting their own hooks, where none of the boys were. I told the boys, "You're letting down the males". It didn't matter though. The first time someone said they had never fished before, could I teach them, and after they learned to fish, and when they caught their first fish, the excitement they had was overwhelming.

## **OFFICE VOLUNTEERS:**

**Memory from Rene and Lynn: (There are so many more that we could have shared....)**

**When we arrived at Kids' Klubs in September of 1988, the first workshop was only 4 days away. We were so thankful to Kathy Bohm for getting everything ready and helping us out those first few years. We could not have done it without her!**

**One of our goals was to find some senior citizens who would like to help us by volunteering in the office or taking work home like cutting. Our first volunteer was Irene Hamilton who then brought along Helen Rapp. They came every Tuesday morning. Eventually Larry Rapp joined them. Lynn's mom, Eileen Eltrevoog, came regularly and would bring friends from Ottawa. Then when Lynn broke her ankle, several people called to help and a few of them became regulars: Berneice Brooks, Arlene Moore, Ruth Engel, Alene Williams, Elizabeth Jontz and Norma Matson. They would come whenever we called, especially Norma who lived down the street. She would call in the afternoon and ask if we needed any help and of course, we always did.**

**We often had big workdays and 15 to 20 volunteers would show up to help us get materials ready for klubs or camp. We found two of these groups in old newsletters:**

We had a camp workday at Bache Chapel (May 1994). 15 industrious workers showed up to sew, cut, sort, punch, color and trace. They were: Annabell Morris, Larry & Helen Rapp, Irene Hamilton, Darrell & Betsy Collings, Helen Holtzman, Helen Marten, Eileen Eltrevoog, Harry Smith, Kathy Bohm, Arlene Moore, Marva Lou Thiemes, Norma Matson, & Alene Williams.

These workers showed up on August 22, 1996 to help us get ready for the fall. Again it was held at Bache Chapel. They worked from 9:30 to 3:30. Those who Came were: Darlene Swanson, Odessa Fontana, Arlene Moore, Annabelle Morris Eileen Eltrevoog, Delores Eltrevoog, Helen Marten, Bob & Pat Bridgeforth, Larry & Helen Rapp, Ruth Engel, Norma Matson, Alene Williams, Betie Swanson, Chuck Schertz and Jaimie Schrader, our summer Intern.

**Since about 1997, the volunteers have come weekly (once or twice a week). If we added up all of the hours they have put in to make materials for klubs and camp, it would be overwhelming. The klubs appreciate all of the work the volunteers do to make their work load easier. It also keeps the cost for having a klub very reasonable. We do keep track of hours. Some people only have 2 or 3 hours (We appreciate every hour) and others are in the thousands – several at 3000 to 5000. Several years ago we started a**

**500 HOUR HALL OF FAME plaque.**

**Those who earned this in order were: Norma Matson, Ruth Engel, Bettie Swanson, Helen & Larry Rapp, Annabell Morris, Jane McClintock Arlene Moore, Odessa Fontana, Darlene Swanson, Doris Bohm Helen & Rudy Pacetti, Lee Matson, Evelyn (Rapp) Carey, Barb (Tuntland) Sennett, Patricia Rod, Arlene Lucas, Catherine Freedman, Alva Wood, Judy Miller, Lou Tuntland, Dan Baxter and Diane Simpkins.**

**The volunteers have become our special friends. They support and pray for Kids' Klubs with their time and talents and are excited to see God work in the lives of children in the klubs and camps.**

## **VOLUNTEER MEMORIES:**

**NAME:** Annabell Morris

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Supporter, prayer partner and volunteer.

**MEMORY:** As a volunteer I have enjoyed making things for the teachers and the children. I have met a lot of wonderful people and have kept their friendships. I think so much of Rene and Lynn. They do so much for the klubs.

**NAME:** Bettie Swanson

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** I volunteer at the Malden office, I helped with Klub at Van Orin, and I belong to the adult klub, now, at Van Orin.

**MEMORY:** Some of my very best friends are from the office. I rode the van with Rene to pick up kids from the LaMoille school. It was wonderful meeting such nice young people who were interns, a hope for the future. All those meals Lynn fixed for us!! Going to camp on Wednesdays to help at snack time, memorizing passages from the Bible. Great memories.

**NAME:** Arlene Lucas

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Malden Office Volunteer, Day Camp worker

**MEMORY:** Volunteering at Kids Klubs has given me a unique opportunity to do God's work, even with dimming eyes, feeble knees, and diminishing energy. Time flies and I realized it's been almost ten years already. Fellowship, friendships and a joy of being a small part of bringing children to know Christ as Savior are blessings I thank God for. Praise the Lord. Bring on that cutting, counting and folding!!

**NAME:** Odessa Fontana

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** I helped Joe Jacobs with the Seatonville Klub, and was a Malden office volunteer for many years. I helped at camp as a snack helper and also helped at Ralies.

**MEMORY:** I have many wonderful memories of my years at Malden House and helping Joe with the Seatonville Klub. One of my special joys is seeing the kids at camp and at Rally when they receive their awards. God must be smiling in heaven when He sees those little ones come to Him. They don't forget. Years later when introduced to one of them, we hear "I went to Kids' Klub". His Word is hiding in their hearts.

**NAME:** Evelyn Rapp Carey

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Former teacher at Amboy, Sublette, and LaMoille. Office volunteer, camp helper, and prayer warrior.

**MEMORY:** What a blessing to be connected to Kids Klub Ministries over the past 48 years. Now I am blessed to be a Malden office volunteer for the last 15 years. I had Christ come into my heart in 1946 at a Christian camp. It has been a privilege to serve the Lord in this ministry and to have served under all three Kids Klub Directors.

I thank God that Helen Rapp witnessed to me about Kids Klub and encouraged me to send my 5 boys to Sublette Kids Klub over 50 years ago. Later when I was blessed with 2 girls, I got involved in teaching and helping in both Sublette and Amboy after school. It was during the Amboy Klub that Alice Ebersole, who was teaching the lesson, asked me to take a 10 year old girl out into the hallway as she was being so disturbing to the rest of the Klubbers. This happened nearly every week. I had the opportunity to witness to her one on one. I never really seen any accomplishment. However 10 years later at a wedding reception in Amboy, this girl came up to me and introduced herself. She wanted me to know that she had asked the Lord into her heart. I was blessed and so thankful that we hadn't given up on her and sent her home.

I also have very fond memories of the 16 years I helped Joe Jacobs with Kids Klub in the LaMoille Congregational Church. Now I am making memories as a volunteer at Kids Klub house for the past 15 years. This past January we enjoyed helping Bettie Swanson celebrate her "99<sup>th</sup> Birthday".

**NAME:** Judy Miller

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Former Klubber and current Malden office volunteer.

**MEMORY:** It was in the 1950's in a farm house near Malden, where Ruth Nelson graciously opened her home and Marie Lynch helper her in hosting Kids Klub. I had transferred to Malden Grade School and someone invited me to attend Klub. Irene Hildebrand provided transportation. Kids Klub was a new experience for me. How I loved the Bible stories presented with the flannel graph, the sword drills, and the memory verses! Unknown to me at the time, seeds were being planted that started me on my spiritual journey, as I heard the message of salvation and developed a love of God's Word. Many years have passed, and now God has brought Kids Klub into my life again, as I am enjoying the blessing of volunteering at the Kids Klub office in Malden. I thank God for Kids Klub!

**NAME:** Helen Marten

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Office volunteer, (Lynn's Aunt), prayer intercessor

**MEMORY:** I liked so much to help -- cutting items, making items for the children sorting the lessons for the teachers and praying for Lynn and Rene. I enjoyed helping to sew Christian flags for the klub to use and the Klub banners for the Rally.

**NAME:** Doris Bohm

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Office Volunteer, former Van Orin teacher, and intercessor

**MEMORY:** My memories as a Kids Klub teacher go way back – so far back that many of those former klubbers are now grandparents. I taught in Van Orin from 1961 to 1977 and later in Ohio for a few years. Although Van Orin Gospel Church wasn't my church home, the good ladies of that church were my foremost encouragers. Mabel Haas baked countless cookies. Clara Haas was my first and very capable helper, and Carol Haas made numerous songbooks, etc. for us (Back then teachers made their own visual aids).

Telling those stories from Genesis to Revelation made the Bible come alive to me and contributed to my own spiritual growth. What a privilege and awesome responsibility it was to try to rightly divide the word of truth to boys and girls who might never otherwise have heard it. I hope I did it "rightly". Looking back at more recent memories as an office volunteer makes me smile. I think of the folding, sorting, counting, cutting, coloring, collating (and occasionally complaining), all made so pleasant because of Rene and Lynn and the wonderful co-workers.

**God bless Kids' Klubs, Inc.!**

**NAME:** Dan Baxter

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** One of the newest Office Volunteers Klub Director at Mendota Bible, Teacher at Camp Counselor, Bible Teacher, Dishwasher, Sports, First Aid (the Band-Aid), Office Volunteer

**MEMORY:** My first memory of Kids Klub is when I was given the task of dropping off a check from the Kasbeer Community Church Men's Group for a camp scholarship, the Friday before camp was to start. I stopped at the Kids Klub House, the big red brick house on Rt. 92. I rang the doorbell with check in hand ready to explain its purpose. When Uncle Rex answered the door, I reached out my hand with the check and to my surprise, Uncle Rex greeted me with "You are going to camp, aren't you? I stammered and then started rattling off my list of excuses why that would be impossible. After a persuasive conversation with Uncle Rex in which he said he was two Boy's cabin counselors short, I agreed to go to camp, a day late though. This was my first year as a camp counselor. I was the 12 year old Boy's cabin counselor for about five more years.

One year at camp, in Muscatine, being the 12 year old Boy's counselor after the annual pillow fight, I remember being outside our cabin, under a night sky full of stars, kneeling on the ground with one of my boys, praying with him for salvation.

One year we held Klub in our living room, 22 kids packed in sitting on the floor on our new carpet. I had little room in front of the kids for my easel and no room to move around. We had three sets of twins, two of the sets being identical twins. Fortunately all the kids were well behaved and we had few discipline problems. There was always a huge pile of shoes in front of the front door and it was always a challenge to get the right shoes on the right feet.

## **INTERCESSORS, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, etc.:**

**We began our Intercessor Ministry in January of 1995. We send out answers to prayer and lists of prayer requests that include everything we do and.....the klubs, klubbers, campers, camp staff. It is a vital part of Kids' Klubs. There have been about 200 people who have been involved in this ministry. Each year we have from 60 to 70 prayer partners. God has been so faithful and we know that the prayers of our friends is what keeps us going!!**

**For many years, we had a morning of prayer when we prayed for each klub and klubber. For the last couple of years, we have done this with the Office Volunteers.**

Colossians 4:2,3

**"Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it  
with an attitude of thanksgiving;  
praying at the same time for us as well,  
that God may open up to us a door for the Word..."**

**If you would like to be a part of this very vital ministry, just send us a note.**

**NAME:** Linda Baxter

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Prayer partner, parent, helper at camp, teacher, volunteer and hosted Klub at our home.

**MEMORY:** God has been good to us being able to send our kids to Kids Klub and Kids Klub Camp. There have been lots of good memories over the years. Kids Klub has been a great ministry and we appreciate all Rene and Lynn do. They are true servants of God.

**NAME:** Bob and Carol Gustavson

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Grandchildren attend Oglesby Klub

**MEMORY:** We understand that this is the 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Kids Klub! We send our congratulations, as well as our thanks for this wonderful program. Three of our grandchildren attend weekly, (and have enjoyed summer camp as well.) We are thrilled with how much they have learned, how much they have grown, and the decisions they have made to accept Christ as Savior. Please accept this love gift for Kids Klub. We pray that God will continue to bless this ministry and bless Jim and Jeanette Michael for all their devotion and work.

**NAME:** Mary Michael

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Intercessor Prayer Partner, Bible Story background Painter

**MEMORY:** I still enjoy cooking from the 50<sup>th</sup> Kids Klub Anniversary Cookbook. Its fun to leaf through and see the NAME's of people I've known who sent in recipes. Many of whom are gone on to heaven.

**NAME:** Karen Hildebrand

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Our children attended, I helped at Klub and was camp counselor 1 year.

**MEMORY:** The Klub I helped with was held at Moore's home in Malden. Ruth Engel was the teacher in the 60's and 70's. Kids Klubs helped give our kids a biblical teaching that helped them grow in their Christian faith.

## **SUMMER INTERNS:**

**In 1996, we started our Summer Intern Program. We have had 20 interns: Jaimie (Schrader) Costello, Heather (Rosene) Dzioba, Lance Hall, Megan (Bohm) Barone, Johnathon Eltrevoog, Jayson Tuntland, Charity (Mols) Kahn, Liana Hall, Hannah Tuntland, Emily (Burke) Flowe, Gabrielle Schafer, Nichole Philhower, Tim Smith, Marie (Brokaw) Curry, Emily Burkman, McCaela May, Emily Willis, Lindsey Patrick, Ellen Jacobs and Jordyn Pollok (current).**

**We have wonderful memories of each one of these interns. They all had different skills and abilities and each one added something to Kids' Klubs that continues on....**

**If you chatted with any of them, they would tell you that we often shared our "wisdom" with them. (Not sure they always wanted to hear it, but they were all kind enough to listen). Rene often had "history" lessons or technical things to teach them. But what we learned from them was not only useful, but challenging.**

**It has been exciting to hear from many of them over the years – how they continue to serve our Lord. One of our goals was to encourage them to seek God's direction for their life. We have been able to attend weddings and graduations for several of them. Some are married and even have their own children we hope will attend klub or camp someday.**

**We continue to pray for them, asking God to "fill them with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding" (Col. 3:9 NASB) knowing that there will be challenges in their lives.**

**NAME:** Jaimie (Schrader) Costello

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Pee Wee, camper, day camp staff, HIT, counselor at camp, Kids' Klubber at Van Orin and Dover, First Summer Intern

**MEMORY:** I attended Kids' Klub Camp every summer until I went away to college, and this was THE highlight of my year. I loved the activities, the friends, and the staff. I knew these people loved me and were there for me and every other child—what a privilege and joy. Thank you for all that love over the years!

**NAME:** Marie Curry

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Klubber, camper, HIT, counselor, Summer Intern, and camp secretary.

**MEMORY:** I've been a part of Kid's Klub my whole life so it's very special in my heart. My greatest Kids Klub memory comes from my summer as the Kids Klub camp intern. It was so cool to work alongside Rene, Lynn and the office volunteers. I loved watching God's work in the campers through the camp we prepared.

**NAME:** Johnathon Eltrevoog

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Attended Day camp and overnight Camp, was a HIT, camp pianist and counselor and Summer Intern

**MEMORY:** I could probably fill up a whole section of the Kids' Klubs Memory book with funny memories, another spiritual and meaningful memories and stories about friends, and another full chapter about what it was like to intern with Kids' Klubs in the early 2000s. Perhaps yet another full chapter still of the adventures with Rene and Lynn in Kasbeer, Van Orin, Malden and surrounding areas as a young kid. Maybe I could even try to remember which verses of the Bible I memorized in order to work toward the much-celebrated 50-memory-verses award! And all of that is well and good, but if I left out the detail that KIDS' KLUBS IS WHERE I MET MY WIFE NATALIE, I would be in real trouble. It has been a meaningful thing to have started out as a day camper and moved on to overnight camper (ahem, honor camper...) HIT, piano player, canoeing revolutionary, counselor, intern, and now to have the privilege of being a monthly financial supporter and prayer partner, it means a lot to stay closely connected to Kids' Klubs. Thank you Rene and Lynn.

**NAME:** Jordyn Pollok

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Klubber, camper, Hit, Counselor and will be the New Intern (2018)

**MEMORY:** One of my favorite memories is of the campfires where everyone shares something and Josh plays guitar and Aunt Kathy leads the songs. I also, spending time with the campers.

**NAME:** Ellen Jacobs

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Klubber, camper, camp volunteer, office volunteer and Intern

**MEMORY:** I loved coming to Klub each week in the basement of the LaMoille Church and one of my favorite parts was singing all of the songs. Even today they'll still come up, and I sing with them with a smile – just like when I was in Klub. My father, Joe Jacobs, loved playing the piano, and even though he had passed away, we still used a cd of Klub songs that he had recorded. I learned how to serve the Lord with music. With all of the memory verses I learned, God still uses them today. I remember a verse when I need it! I loved completing all of the Bible readings; they helped me grow closer to God and they helped me begin to love His word from before I even started school! God really uses Kids Klub to make a difference in everyone's life, whether they are old or young!

I am still blessed through Kids Klub as now I help with preparing materials that still tell the gospel in these small rural areas. My life may never have been what it is today without someone having a heart to start Kids Klub 66 years ago.

**NAME:** Tim Smith

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Klubber, camper, Day Camp staff, camp HIT and Counselor, summer intern

**MEMORY:** My favorite memory from Kids Klubs Camp came from my time as the summer intern working in the office with Rene and Lynn. As many people know, Rene and Lynn have been remodeling the second level of the Kids Klubs offices for many years. Back in 2011 Rene was in the middle of remodeling the bathroom and had an old cast iron bathtub that he needed to bring down to the ground level to take to the scrap yard.

Rene asked for my help and decided that the best way to get the tub down the stairs was to slide it onto a blanket, and have a person on each end to guide the tub down the stairs. Rene volunteered to hold the bottom so it was my job to hold on to the top and make sure the tub didn't slide too quickly. Things started out fine on the second story landing; we both got into position and slid the tub to the edge of the steps. As we angled it onto the first few steps I ran out of room to hold on and let Rene know that I would have to let go and come up with a different strategy to help. In the blink of an eye that tub took off down the stairs with Rene on the bottom end moving his feet as fast as possible to stay one step ahead. I wanted to close my eyes, but all I could do was stare in amazement as Rene ran down the steps backwards holding onto a three-hundred pound bathtub. As quickly as it started, the tub came to rest on the first floor with Rene looking up at me in shock. Lynn calmly came around the corner and asked, "Why didn't you just lower it down with a rope?"

In the end Rene was not injured, the stairs didn't have a scratch and we all had a good laugh. I like to think about that experience to remind myself how God watches over us in everything we do—even in things we aren't expecting!

**MEMORY: A poem from Ross Hovind (brother-in-law)  
for Rene and Lynn's 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and  
finishing their 30<sup>th</sup> year with Kids' Klubs.**

## **Noble's 40<sup>th</sup> (and 30<sup>th</sup>) Anniversary**

(By Ross Hovind)

**How Lynn and Rene found each other, I guess we'll never know.  
But the Lord sure brought them together, 40 some years ago.  
Then Rene became a welder, but that wouldn't be his career.  
They went to Moody Bible College, and graduated with their peers.  
Then moved to Dallas, Texas, where the Y and Lynn would be.  
And Rene to Dallas Seminary to get his Master's degree.**

**But the Lord wasn't done with them. He had plans they couldn't snub.  
He brought them to the city of Van Orin and then to join Kids Klubs.  
They've been there through thick and thin, through hundreds of girls and boys,  
With over 20 klubs and counting, all over Illinois.**

**With overnight camps and sword drills, at Streator with Sunday School Charlie,  
And sometimes Uncle Ross would come, driving up there on his Harley.  
Then showers, s'mores, and bonfires, memory verses and crazy songs.  
And staff and cooks and counselors, and volunteers would come along.**

**And all this time they were living in a 2 story house on Main,  
In the big city of Malden, but they would never complain!  
As their house was literally torn apart from the roof to the basement stairs,  
And every room was gutted, because they all needed repairs.  
New siding and windows and plumbing, drywall and cabinets galore,  
Carpet and tile and electric lights, back and forth from the home to the store!  
With hundreds of extra outlets, you never know when you need one!  
And volunteers would come on Thursday, and they always had to feed one!**

**Well life goes on and so does remodeling, like the stairs to give Ross more headroom.  
Then finally after 20 some years, they got to sleep in their bedroom!  
Through all of this work, and all of this time, and all of the camps and such,  
The most important thing of all, is all of the people they touch!  
The lessons they taught, the examples they are, from the Bible,  
the book and the verse.  
They always stayed true to their motto, on their rings it says, "Jesus First"  
Here's to the first 40 years of marriage, and 30 years with the kids  
Praise the Lord for Lynn and Rene, and for everything they did!**

# **ADDITIONS TO THE BOOK:**

**The following pages (34- ) are memories that were turned in after we completed the book.**

## **CURRENT KLUBBERS:**

**NAME:** Paityn Pritchett

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Missouri Klub

**MEMORY:** My memory is about God because I love the Bible so I can read it and I pray to God every day.

**NAME:** Cayla Colby

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Van Orin Klub

**MEMORY:** I enjoy camp a lot especially the cook's songs, swimming and I love archery. Thanks to Rene and Lynn I like church again.

**NAME:** Raven McSherry

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Van Orin Klub and camp

**MEMORY:** Annie teaching everyone the baby shark song at camp.

**NAME:** Colby Pollok

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Klubber at Van Orin

**MEMORY:** I like sword drill and story time.

**NAME:** Asher McInay

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Wyanet Klubber

**MEMORY:** In my klub I remember playing hide and seek and other games.

**NAME:** Atticus Goff

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Harmon Klubber

**MEMORY:** My favorite is learning about God.

**NAME:** Braden Shoemaker  
**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Harmon Klubber

**MEMORY:** My favorite is the food.

**NAME:** Kaydence Roath  
**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Harmon Klubber

**MEMORY:** My favorite part was meeting everyone.

**NAME:** Cordia Asenticio  
**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Harmon Klubber

**MEMORY:** My favorite part was the friends and “family” I got.

**NAME:** Hannah Shoemaker  
**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Harmon Klubber

**MEMORY:** I like Kids Klub when we have parties.

**NAME:** Harpie  
**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Harmon Klubber

**MEMORY:** I like the parties.

**NAME:** Natalie Norberg  
**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Harmon Klubber

**MEMORY:** I like when we get to play.

**NAME:** Dean Norberg  
**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Harmon Klubber

**MEMORY:** I like when we trapped the giant.

**NAME:** Seeley Goff  
**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Harmon Klubber

**MEMORY:** I like the food.

## **CURRENT TEACHERS:**

**NAME:** Andy Polheber

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Oglesby Klub Teacher, HIT Mentor at Camp.

**MEMORY:** It has been great to be a part of Kids Klub for the past many years. It's exciting to see those who have come through Klub that are now adults serving in the church and reaching out to others. It's always good to hear our young adult group sharing about how much Kids Klub Camp has impacted their lives and to see the ongoing friendship's that have been formed that last beyond their years in Klub. I am thankful for Rene and Lunn, their friendship and their love for the kids that come thru Klub. Our church has been greatly blessed by the ministry of Kids Klub.

**NAME:** Hidi Garber

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Founding Director of Missouri Klub and now sub teacher

**MEMORY:** I volunteered as Director the year Kids Klub was introduced by Dave and Ruth Zapf in Fortuna/Versailles, Missouri. Kids Klub has brought so much fun and ministry to our town and church body. It's been an honor to be involved. I've had 2 of my own kids graduate Kids Klub this year and 2 more still in Klub. This klub has been the reason my kids memorize scripture and know their books of the Bible and do well. I've loved every minute of this opportunity and keeping that fire burning in my heart as well.

**NAME:** Jim Michael

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Current camp worker—Dean of Boys and Bible Teacher, Oglesby Klub

**MEMORY:** The Lord has His own way of directing one's path, and this is how my connection with Kids Klub developed, first with Camp and then with Klub. My wife, Jeanette, helped Chris Couch with Kids Klub in Oglesby, 1991-1992, and because our daughter Sara wanted to go to camp, Jeanette and I decided to help at Blackhawk in '92. I just went along to ring the bell, but Rene found other things for me to do and in the course of a couple of years he eventually had me interviewing the boy campers, and Jeanette the girls, to see how they were doing in their walk with the Lord. It has been very rewarding to observe the Lord's work in the children's' lives, and we have done the interviews at camp except for a couple of years, ever since. As for Klub during the year, it went like this, when Chris turned the leadership over to Jeanette in the fall of 92, I volunteered to do the lesson and have been doing that until now—splitting the time with Andy Polheber and Kathy Marincic. Kathy still does the flannels, which the kids love, and Andy and I do the Power Point when she's not there.

**NAME:** Kathy Marincic

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Former Klubber and camper and Current Teacher at Oglesby Klub

**MEMORY:** I attended Kids Klub for the first time in the fall of 1953. My mother, Velma Clydesdale, was the teacher and Klub was held in our house. Later I attended Klubs at the Oglesby Union Church taught by Barb Alleman and Lois Libario. I attended camp twice in Muscatine, Iowa. Many of the Bible verses I am able to recite today I learned in those early years in Kids Klub. I owe much of my beginning spiritual knowledge to being a regular member of Kids Klub. Thank you for 65 years of faithful service to the children of the Illinois Valley.

**NAME:** Reva Young

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Buda weekly teacher of Grades K-2<sup>nd</sup> in memory verses and sword drill.

**MEMORY:** I love working with the kids each week. It is very rewarding to see them “light up” when they’ve learned the books of the Old and New Testament. It has shown me the importance of teaching them God’s word when they are young. God’s word says “we are to come as little children”. I brought my grandchildren to Kids Klub 18 years ago and I’m still coming!

### **CURRENT CAMP STAFF:**

**NAME:** Lou Tuntland

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Former Klub helper and Day Camper helper Has served in many capacities at camp: HIT Mentor, General Helper, Snacks Director. (This year Lou received an award for 30 years of ministry at camp!)

**MEMORY:** Kids Klub has been a very important part of the Tuntland life. Our children have grown up with Kids Klub and have also become Summer Interns as well as camp workers. Thank you Rene and Lynn for helping us and our children to grow in the Lord. What an awesome example, you two have set for us all. We love you.

### **FORMER TEACHERS, CAMP STAFF, KLUBBERS, & CAMPERS :**

**NAME:** Josie Lind

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Former worker at Walnut Klub

**MEMORY:** On the last day that we met this year, I was given the opportunity to speak one-on-one to a fourth grade girl who had always been kind of unattached from the rest of the group of kids. In the end, I gave her the first Bible she’s ever owned and told her about what it was, and she accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior! Very moving moment.

**NAME:** Don & Carole Ledbetter

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Counselors at camp in Iowa in 1959. Carole was a teacher in Wedron, IL in 1958

**MEMORY:** My first contact with Kids Klub was at Paul Street Bible Church in Ottawa when Aunt Ruth and Aunt Lillie were leaders. After Don and I were married in 1958, I taught at the Klub in Wedron. Don and I were camp counselors in Iowa. We have great memories of Rene and Lynn when they first came to our church -- their courtship and marriage. Through the years we have admired their leadership and devotion to Jesus and His Word. It's a ministry we have admired and were happy to be a part of.

P.S. Our granddaughter, Ashley Ledbetter, has also participated in Kids Klub.  
P.P.S. With prayers for Rene!

**NAME:** Cathy Griffin

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Parent of klubber and former klubber.

**MEMORY:** My daughter, Catherine, attends Klub at Malden. I attended Klub as a child. I attended in 4<sup>th</sup> grade (1980-81) and accepted Jesus during that time. My Klub was held at Lincoln School in Mendota and we met in the gym. I have the Bible my leader gave me a good many years ago.

**NAME:** Jairin (Schrader) Drevo

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Former Klubber at Van Orin and Dover. Former Day Camper and Camp Staff

**MEMORY:** Kids Klub was the main avenue in my childhood where I learned the beautiful detailed stories of the Old and New Testaments, the books of the Bible in order and how to find them, and memory verses that stick to this day. It was a family affair.

I attended camp from when I was 8 months old until I was 18 years old without missing a year! What fun! I really did grow up at camp, with my Grandma Arlene and Grandpa Rex as the directors for a few of my young years.

I still remember the way Donna Miller's beautiful lips told the stories at the Dover Klub. [I was fascinated as she put up the flannel graph and as she reenacted the stories with actions and whispers and screams and excitement], and I remember the exact way that Carol Bentley held her Bible at the Van Orin Klub with her hand under it with her palm down, telling the story of God.

And, I remember that camp officially STARTED in my world when Aunt Kathy Bohm's van pulled up...she came to camp with such enthusiasm and love and how she pointed at the words on those huge song signs and sang her heart out!! She gave me her name tag pin at the end of the year one year, and it made my day. I remember Uncle Scott Ransom teaching Jaimie and I the constellations one night, and I remember walking into breakfast singing, "His Banner Over Me is Love."

I remember Aunt Lynn laughing at something funny a kid did and saying, “Ahhhh...kids are so cool!” I remember Uncle Rene loving the cereal choices just as much as the kids, and the cooks serving faithfully from dawn to dusk (literally!) and developing a hilarious style of their own! I think camp accesses the kid in all of us!!

After growing up in this way, I don't know how I could ever have turned my back on God and on these faithful, forgiven sinners who pointed out the way so clearly. I am saved and forgiven by Jesus, and I will love all of you and Him forever. I can't wait for the camp reunion in heaven. Thank you for loving God and for loving children so fiercely and tirelessly and faithfully. I'll never forget!

## **ONE OF OUR SUMMER INTERNS:**

**NAME:** Charity (Mols) Kahn

**CONNECTION WITH KIDS KLUB:** Former klubber (Waterman, Ashton), camper, klub worker, HIT, Counselor and Summer Intern

**MEMORY:** ENDLESS MEMORIES! Thanks so much for always including us in your newsletter mailings. Scott and I read through them every time we receive one. We love hearing about the klubs and camp. Kids Klub has been a huge part of our lives. It's wonderful that you have been there for 30 years! God is good!

I have countless memories of Kids Klub! I started out as a klubber in 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade. I was floored by the fact that Uncle Rene and Aunt Lynn knew me by name and were interested in getting to know me personally. In those formative years I really gained important knowledge of God's Word and His plans throughout history. I remember Mrs. Dempsey helping me with the map quizzes and other leaders listening to my verses. Now as an adult I can still navigate through my Bible without the index because of all the sword drill practice at klub!

Kids Klub Camp was the highlight of my summers as a camper, hit, counselor, and summer intern. That hill up to the chapel as the camp in Dixon, Ugh: pranks and hijinks as a HIT — Aunt Lou is a lovely, patient lady and I can't imagine camp without her! Aunt Pam telling Sunday School Charlie stories was the best!

Being the intern one summer was such a joy. I loved spending time at the office getting to know the volunteers. I also had a lot of fun just being with Rene and Lynn! I remember spending a whole day doing some silk screening with Rene—that was while the flannels were still in use. Seeing some of the “behind the scenes” work that goes into camp every year was astounding. Sure was a blessing to be able to be praying for the campers and staff before camp and enjoy all the fun during camp.

Thanks to all the leaders, helpers, and especially to Uncle Rene and Aunt Lynn for your investment in Kids Klubs! It's made an incalculable difference in my life. Now as a pastor's wife I am sharing Christ's love with others. The lessons I learned through Kid's Klubs as a child and teen have stayed with me.