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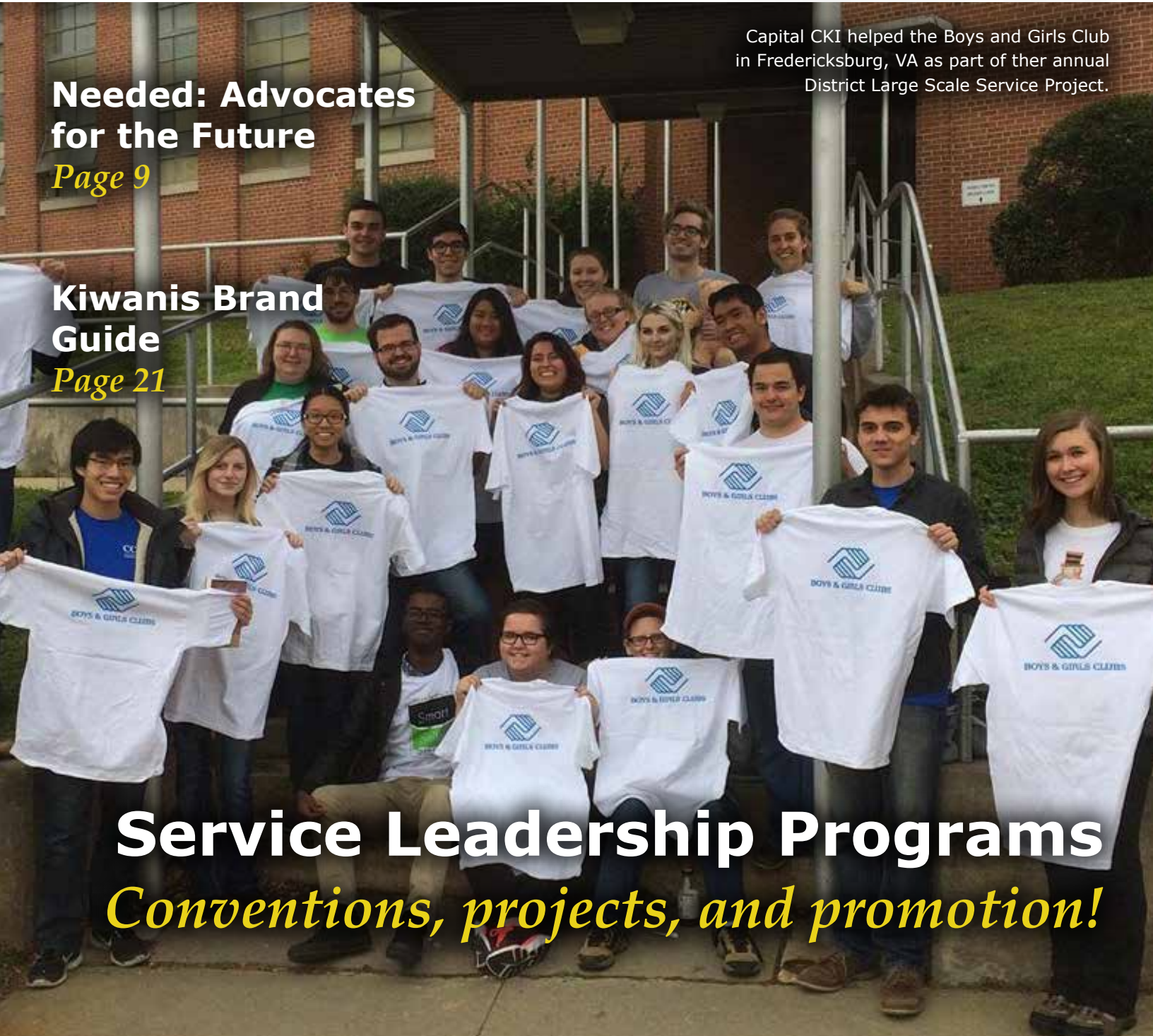
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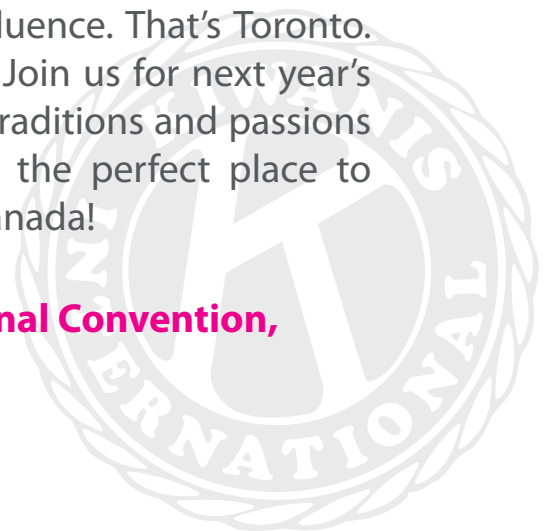
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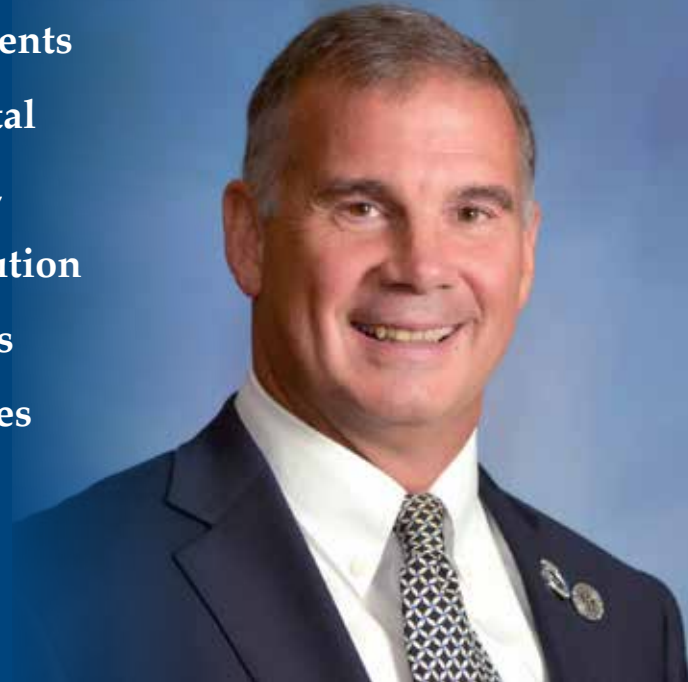
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Governor's Message

David A. S. Heppner, 2015-16 Governor

As Kiwanians, we have so many accomplishments of which we can be proud. We have taken a vital role in eradicating Iodine Deficiency Disorder, and we are now making our indelible contribution toward eliminating Maternal Neonatal Tetanus around the world. We have helped communities across the Capital District with our numerous service projects for nearly a century.



Among our most significant roles is our promotion and support of our service leadership programs for our youth. We sponsor the world's largest collegiate service leadership development organization, CKI, with over 500 clubs in 15 countries. Key Club is the largest and oldest service program for high school students world wide. Here in the Capital District, we sponsor 247 Key Clubs which are comprised of just under 15,000 students. Additionally, we also sponsor Builders Clubs and K-Kids. We are impacting thousands of our youth by providing the opportunity to become service leaders and cultivating their desire to serve others!

I recently attended both the Key Club and CKI conventions and I'm so proud of our SLPs and all that they have accomplished this year. Please take the time to reach out to them, invite them to your meetings and events, and provide support for their service initiatives. To those clubs who sponsor

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service leadership programs - thank you! Our youth is our legacy! Our SLPs are our future Kiwanians who will shape our communities and contribute to bettering the world around us.

A special thank you to Elizabeth Silvius who is starting a new young professionals club in Virginia Beach. What a great opportunity for recent CKI members to transition into Kiwanis. We all share the values of the “K” - let's keep the family together.

Have a great Spring and please include our SLPs in your future service endeavors.



KCorps

Global Community Service Exchange

Kiwanis Teens, Go Global This Summer

There's a world of difference between visiting a country and living there. K Corps, Kiwanis International's new exchange program, provides Kiwanis teens (15-18) the chance to live another culture as a member of a host family—all while remaining within the Kiwanis family. The best part? You'll be able to do all of the things Kiwanis is known for worldwide...from building relationships to community service.

Before settling in to two weeks of too much fun and learning, spend three days exploring an exciting "gateway" city as part of your arrival orientation. (Europeans will climb Capitol Hill and pay a visit to the White House in Washington, D.C., while North Americans will cruise the canals and explore a castle in Amsterdam/Leiden!) Inspiration for a lifetime is within your reach—can't you just picture it?

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Getting the Word Out

Friendly Reminder - Promote Your SLPs!

By Caren Schumacher, Chairperson
District Public Relations Committee

If your club is already promoting your SLPs and the connection these programs have to Kiwanis, consider the following a friendly reminder. If your club's public relations plan does not include promoting the participation of your SLPs, I hope this article will provide some kernels of information that can help increase the visibility of the K-Family in your community.

It's all about the kids! Whether you are posting pictures on your Facebook page or submitting photos to your local press, how many of your publicity shots include the participants of your Service Leadership Programs? We promote our clubs - our service projects and fundraisers. We take pictures during our meetings of our speakers, new member installations and more, that showcase our Kiwanis Clubs. But I believe we fall short when it comes to touting our SLPs and Kiwanians working together. Publicizing the link between Kiwanis and our SLPs will increase the public awareness of the scope of Kiwanis' good works. It can also lead to the recruitment of new members.

Here's something else for you to consider. Do those participating in your SLPs understand they are linked to Kiwanis? At a meeting of the Jamestown High School Key

Club earlier this year, I asked who understood that Key Club was connected to Kiwanis International. I was astounded to see how many Key Clubbers weren't aware that they were part of the Kiwanis Family. Since that time, the club has had a presentation about Kiwanis International and the K-Family, and have heard from a CKI member from the College of William and Mary. We need to do a better job of making sure that Key Clubbers' parents "get it", too. After all, they are potential members of our clubs.

Our programs at the elementary and middle schools are likely to have a greater number of informed parents. Take Bringing Up Grades, for example. Parents and Kiwanians interact when certificates are given to the students. The awards ceremony is a great photo opportunity, too. There is one caveat to using pictures of our young SLP members in your promotional efforts.

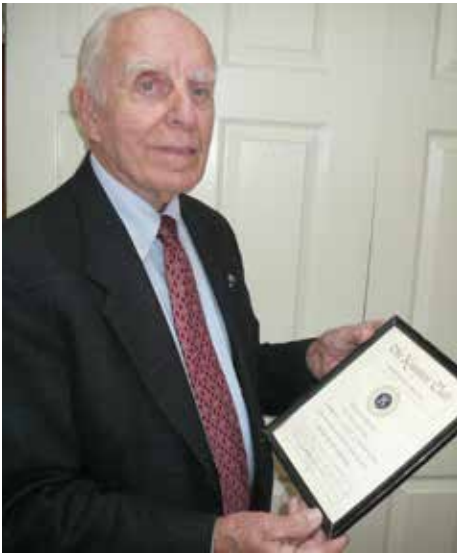
Make sure you obtain a photo release form that is signed by a parent. The Kiwanis International site has one that can be adapted for your purposes. Visit http://kiwaniskids.org/Libraries/KKids_Club_reports_forms/Form_Photo_Release.sflb.ashx

CKI and Aktion Club activities also provide many promotional opportunities. Since your club's publicity person likely can't be everywhere, they should keep track of your SLP activities and assign someone who is participating to take pictures. Most everyone has a cell phone that takes pictures. An advanced camera is no longer needed to acquire good publicity photos!

Kiwanis is home to the largest youth service programs in the world. The Kiwanis International website states: "Kiwanians around the globe have one common goal: To serve the children of the world. Kiwanis advocates this vision every day by providing opportunities to serve for every member of a community through Service Leadership Programs. Through these opportunities, youth and young adults around the world become competent, capable and compassionate leaders."

Your Kiwanis One Day activity likely included members of your SLPs. Take advantage of this great promotional opportunity to showcase that Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.

The Capital Record



Perfect Attendance

Douglas Butler displays the original Certificate of Membership dated 1949, 67 years ago by the Kiwanis Club of Winchester, Va. He has awarded the 67 years of perfect attendance at the weekly Club meeting considering make-up attendance at Board meetings of the Club, inter-club visits and community projects.

Awards

Walt Rudy presented **Jerry Williams** with a Hixon Fellowship. Jerry has been a member of the Bridgeville Kiwanis club since 2004 and served as its club president for the 2010-2011 year.

Lt. Governor and club secretary Jack Hassman presented **Richard Beauchamp** the Legion of Honor for 30 year's club membership and **George F. Hardesty, Jr.** with the Legion of Honor for 55 years' club membership. Richard served as Lt. Governor in 1999-2000, received the George F. Hixon Fellowship in March 1998. Richard served as the club's president from 1993 to 1995. Richard joined the club in 1986. George F. Hardesty, Jr. joined the Bridgeville

Kiwanis club in 1961. Sonny served as Lt. Governor for division 11 during the 1976-1977 year. He was the first recipient of the George F. Hixon Fellowship in September 1955 and is Diamond 1 level. Sonny served two terms as the Bridgeville Kiwanis Club President--first term was 1965-66, and his second term was 1974-75.



Monthly Donations

The **Kiwanis Club of Old Town, Winchester, VA.** decided instead of having a food drive that they would select one article needed at the local Salvation Army Shelter Kitchen and have their membership bring in that article at their semi-monthly meetings. The article show above with Kiwanis member Amy Lewis is stove top dressing that was needed. For those members who forget, the club secretary collects money and purchase the items from a local wholesaler to complete the drive.

Welcome to Kiwanis!

Kiwanis Club of Lynchburg:
Brent Childress
Pat Ferguson

Happy Anniversary

April

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| Charlottesville | 1922 |
| Elkton..... | 1932 |
| Ellicott City | 1940 |
| Wythe County | 1948 |
| Mount Airy | 1949 |
| Williamsburg..... | 1958 |
| Churchland..... | 1974 |
| Greater Landover | 1979 |
| McClure River | 1981 |
| Calvert County..... | 1981 |
| Midlothian | 1990 |
| Montgomery Village | 2003 |
| Strasburg | 2010 |

May

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| Danville | 1921 |
| Alexandria | 1921 |
| Harrisonburg..... | 1922 |
| Frederick | 1922 |
| Seaford..... | 1923 |
| Cumberland..... | 1924 |
| Pikesville | 1935 |
| Suffolk..... | 1947 |
| Christiansburg..... | 1949 |
| Rockville..... | 1950 |
| Crofton..... | 1976 |
| Old Point Comfort..... | 1981 |
| Shenandoah Valley..... | 1981 |
| Bull Run Manassas | 1985 |
| Clinch River..... | 1988 |
| Mitchellville..... | 1995 |
| Greater Westminster | 1996 |
| Old Town | 2006 |
| Central City Newport News..... | 2009 |

Around Capital

The Kiwanis I-Plan Takes Action

By Jon Rife, Past District Trustee
District I-Plan Chairperson

As I mentioned in last month's article in *The Capital Kiwanian*, this month we will concentrate on the second goal of Kiwanis International's I-Plan: **IMPACT—meaningful service.**



The goal is to perform meaningful service, with service to children as our priority. "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time."

Kiwanis is best expressed through meaningful service in communities around the world. When we work together and with other organizations to address important needs for children, we change lives, build stronger communities and even improve our own lives.

Strategy: Involve our service leadership program - One idea is to solicit funds from clubs that do not sponsor SLPs to help other clubs with SLPs or help orphan SLP clubs.

Strategy: Create a District Service Project that all 17 divisions can support - One example is to place automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in schools that sponsor SLPs. This new service project would enhance the image (another goal/priority of Kiwanis I-Plan) of both our SLP and Kiwanis Club.

Strategy: Partner with other organizations. This helps cross-pollinate our vision of Kiwanis as a positive influence in our communication throughout the district. As we work with other community organizations, this will help enhance our image.

Strategy: Strongly encourage clubs to complete a community survey to

align our service projects with their community needs - We should always encourage clubs to develop plans to sponsor a "signature project" in their community; one signature project could be a fund raiser where all or a large portion of the collected funds are donated to a local charity, school, or youth organization.

We have the skill set within our divisions, clubs, and membership to perform meaningful service projects throughout our great Capital District.

Next month *The Capital Kiwanian* I will preview the third goal of our I-Plan: **Image—Our Kiwanis Image.**

Needed: Advocates for the Future

By Arthur Riley, Trustee
Kiwanis International

April 1, 2016 marks the start of the second half of the 2015-16 Kiwanis administrative year. This is an ideal time to access the status of Kiwanis in districts around the world.

There are accomplishments to celebrate this year including thousands of Kiwanis members diligently working on The Formula, ongoing leadership of President Sue Petrisin, the first female president of Kiwanis International, The Eliminate Project approaching its \$110(USD) goal and the ever increasing enthusiasm I have witnessed as I have traveled in Kiwanis districts. This enthusiasm is especially evident when I stand before a Kiwanis club and I see an increase in younger members and more diversity in Kiwanis.

But there is work ahead. This is why Kiwanis needs advocates for the future. To strengthen Kiwanis, these advocates will need to look

ahead and determine how Kiwanis is going to “serve the children of the world.” The needs of the children in Kiwanis communities are growing and if Kiwanians really mean to fulfill the pledge we have made there is a lot of work ahead. This work is not confined to a particular country, district, division or town, and each of us as an advocate for children, must recognize the priorities that are needed in our community. From Asia-Pacific to Europe and from South America to Canada there are needs, whether it is early childhood education, nutritional support, child care, child abuse prevention or one of any number of services that will improve the lives of children. Meeting the needs of children can lead to a

signature service project. A signature service project is one that will be maintained annually, will result in better opportunities for children, and will recognize Kiwanis as the world leader, in not only advocating for children, but producing results.

The recognition derived from signature service projects will make the work of The Formula teams easier. Who in your community would not want to be affiliated with an organization that improves the welfare of the children? More people involved with Kiwanis will mean that Kiwanis can provide even more services. It also means when

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neighboring towns see the success of Kiwanis there will be demand for additional Kiwanis clubs. More Kiwanis clubs will bring additional sponsorships of Key Clubs, CKI clubs, Builders Clubs, K-Kids, Aktion Clubs

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Around Capital

New Changes Coming For SLP Advisors

By Dennis Baugh
Youth Protection Manager

Beginning in October 1, 2016, all Kiwanis advisors to a Service Leadership Program (Aktion Club, Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club and K-Kids) will be required to have a clear criminal history background check conducted and verified through Kiwanis International. These background checks will be valid for 2 years.

Kiwanis International staff are currently dedicated to figuring out the best process for this upcoming new guideline. Here are a few updates I am able to share with you right now.

- **Safe Hiring Solutions will remain Kiwanis International's background check provider.** Therefore if someone has already completed a check through Safe Hiring Solutions (either through KI, at the club level or as an individual) within the last 2 years and Kiwanis International has a record of it, then they will not need to complete a new check until it expires.
- **Only background checks verified through Kiwanis International will be accepted.** Even though someone might have already completed a background check with a school or other organization, Kiwanis International needs to have a background check on file that checks for the specific criteria outlined in the policy. This is a liability reason, for if something were to happen, Kiwanis International could prove that the person had a clear criminal history check on file. We cannot rely on other organizations or other background checks.
- **Exact wording of the policy will be finalized at the April 2016 Kiwanis International Board of Trustees meeting.**



2016-17 Leadership Updates

By Kelly Boswell, Governor-Elect

District Position Available

A new district partnership coordinator position has been established to help educate, share and promote our corporate partners at the district and local level (IHOP, U.S. Army, Nickelodeon, Rustic Pathways), just to name a few. I will provide a full job description upon request; but here are a few of the significant qualifications:

- A background in marketing, business to business sales, or corporate relations.
- Active Kiwanis member in good standing
- Kiwanis member may not hold any other District or International volunteer leadership position.
- Able to commit to the position for a three-year term and ensure a

- seamless transition to successor
- Attend the district partnerships coordinator training which will be conducted on an as-needed basis, and would occur at least once every three years.
- Ability to speak in public and conduct workshops and training sessions. Excellent communication skills.
- Creating a team to support this position is encouraged, but not required.

Kiwanis International is committed to fully support the partnership coordinator. Training will be conducted at the Kiwanis headquarters in Indianapolis and will include time to meet our current portfolio of partners

who will be attending the annual partner summit during the same time. The dates for this meeting are October 10-11, 2016. Kiwanis International views training as an ongoing process and will be regularly communicating with our coordinators, sharing partner updates and opportunities, as well as best practices we learn from across our Kiwanis districts.

If you are interested, or know of someone that is, please contact Kelly Boswell at 301-602-6487 or kellyboswell@verizon.net.

Please consider serving our clubs and our Service Leadership Programs on a whole different level. Remember #kidsneedkiwanis

“Chat with Kelly”

I want to thank everyone who has called in during my monthly “Chat with Kelly”. I really appreciate the sharing of your thoughts and concerns and I especially enjoy hearing about your club’s successes. Please remember to submit this information to *The Capital Kiwanian*. Let’s celebrate “YOU”.

Call takes place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 9pm. Call-in number is 702-589-8325, code 3205367. Keep in mind, that you can call me anytime at 301-602-9487. I look forward to hearing from you.



Front & Center

CKI District Convention

By Ashley Carroll, Chairperson
CKI Conventions & Conferences Committee

It's a bird, it's a plane, it's Circle K's 56th Annual District Convention! The convention began with a costume contest where members were able to escape their daily lives and suit up for a blast of a weekend. Throughout the event, members had the opportunity to participate in a service project, attend engaging workshops, elect the new board of officers and listen to a true comic artist, Carl Yonder, detail his work! Our super powers were revealed when we raised over \$200 through a marvelous silent auction, a rocking casino night and even a WOW-ing miracle minute, all benefiting The Eliminate Project. During the House of Delegates, non-delegates were able to make no-sew blankets for Project Linus. At the Presidents' Banquet on Saturday, the dedication and hard work of clubs was celebrated. If you missed this session, you missed more than just deserving clubs receiving recognition; you missed the cheesecake, my personal favorite. On Sunday, the new District Board was installed and members left excited for their new year of fellowship and service. It was a BAM! POW! WOW! of a convention and we look forward to the Tri-K Convention in 2017!



CKI DCON: A Member's Perspective

By: Samuel Stowers, member

I recently attended DCON and it was a great experience for me as a new member of CKI. Looking back on my experience at the event it was a great opportunity to meet other members of CKI, which helped me to understand just what the organization is all about. The first workshop I attended was CKI 101/102, which covered the basics of CKI and officers titles along with their jobs. Next, I attended a workshop on public speaking and this one was very cool because the

instructor gave us some simple tips to help us and then selected some students to speak on different topics she gave them. The audience critiqued their weaknesses and also shared what we liked about their speech. The third, and final workshop, was how to be a healthy superhero. This was an interesting one because the facilitator shared their experiences with weight loss and what helped them, how to handle stress, and just how to get through tough times. This was extremely beneficial as a college student with loads of schoolwork and

trying to balance extra activities. We also had some free time and other activities, which consisted of making blankets, going to the mall, casino night, and a dance. If there were one thing that I could change about my experience it would be to get my home club, Radford University, more involved and to take home some awards next year.

I had a great time during attending DCON and I am looking forward to going again next year!



Front & Center

Key Club District Convention

By Christine Condon and Sophia Vermeulen, Chairpersons
Key Club District Convention Committee

The 67th Annual Capital District Key Club Convention was legendary. With its mythological theme, chosen by the members, the convention stood out among Capital's best.

This year's convention was attended by more clubs than ever before, and during opening session, about 1,000 members donned togas, unicorn costumes, and Medusa wigs to celebrate a year of changing lives through service. As the convention began, keynote speaker Scott Backovich encouraged members to reach out to those around them, and change the world, one life at a time.

After opening session, during the convention's meet-and-greet, Capital Key Clubbers proved their service was anything but mythological, as many spent time creating dog toys for local animal shelters and cards for children at nearby Children's Miracle Network hospitals. And with a little help from the convention's Miracle Minute, Parade of Checks, and dance raffle, the Capital District raised over \$73,000 for The Eliminate Project, protecting over 40,000 mothers and all of their future babies from the devastation of maternal/neonatal tetanus.

District board members, as well as Key Club and Circle K members from all over the district, presented informational workshops on everything from how to hold an Eliminate Project fundraiser carnival to transitioning to CKI. Club delegates represented their schools during caucusing and the House of Delegates, where next year's Capital District Key Club executive board was elected, and the bylaws were amended to reflect the district's current election system.

The convention proved to be a success, as members and advisors walked away with enhanced skills, new perspectives, and an even greater passion for service.





Photos by Thomas N. Pajewski

Service Showcase

News From Capital District Kiwanis Clubs



Division 2

Woodbridge Kiwanis recently sponsored the club's annual Kiwanis Karnival on March 23 during Spring Break at Gar-Field High School, in Woodbridge, Virginia. The carnival is owned and operated by Amusements of America, a second-generation, family-owned business with exceptional reputation and highest quality rides and concessions. There were 21 rides (including 8 Kiddie rides) plus food and game concessions.



All proceeds received from the carnival are given back to the community through service projects and charitable contributions to Eastern Prince William County organizations including Boys and Girls Club, Salvation Army, ACTS, Woodbridge Senior Citizens Center, Special Olympics and others. Funds from the carnival also support Service Leadership Programs including Key Clubs at Forest Park, Gar-Field, Hylton, Potomac and Woodbridge High Schools and CKI Club at NVCC Woodbridge Campus.

Division 3

On a beautiful spring day on the Potomac, Kiwanis One Day was celebrated as a Division 3 activity. Potomac River Clean-Up Day was a day for all Kiwanis Family clubs to work together to pick up trash along the waters' edge. Point Lookout was looking good. Participants included the clubs of Spring Ridge Builders Club, Margaret Brent Builders Club, Huntingtown Key Club, La Plata Key Club, North Point Key Club, St. Mary's College of Maryland CKI, Kiwanis Club of Calvert County, Kiwanis Club of La PLata, Kiwanis Club of St. Mary's County and the Kiwanis Club of Waldorf. A delicious picnic was served by the adult clubs.

Division 5

Saturday, February 13th was a cold day, but inside the Ocean Pines Community Center guests were cozy and enjoying some great hot food and drinks at the Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City's Annual



Winter Pancake Breakfast. This event raised funds for the club's Scholarship Foundation which supports local students to further their education.

Division 8

The Kiwanis Club of Old Town, Winchester's Adopt-A-Street Project Committee coordinates a street clean up for each calendar quarter. The City of Winchester, VA has erected signs designating the area that the club clears. This activity promotes Kiwanis in the area and assists in publicizing the organization while completing a community service project.



Bob Pflugfelder issued the challenge to the scores of volunteers to spruce up the newly constructed Donation Circle Drive in preparation for the grand re-opening of this outstanding community asset. A ton of mulch was spread, beautiful flowering trees, bushes, and shrubs were planted, and fence lines cleaned up in order to enhance the welcome to donors as they drive up to the donation center. Charlottesville Kiwanian and

Salvation Army Major Susan Shiels assigned teams to a variety of work stations in the back room where they were trained on the spot by Salvation Army staff to convert piles of donations into resellable treasures to benefit the operations of The Salvation Army homeless shelter, transitional housing unit, and soup kitchen--the largest such services in Central Virginia.

Division 9

Upwards of fifty Kiwanis Club and Key Club volunteers, working in collaboration with Charlottesville Rotarians and Salvation Army Advisory Board members, brought a special Day of Service to the Salvation Army Family Store on Cherry Avenue on Saturday, April 2nd. Past Kiwanis President and Kiwanis One Day Chair



Division 15

On Saturday, February 20th, members of the Kiwanis Club of Lynchburg's Satellite Committee prepared stuffed lions to be given to children in the pediatrics ward following surgery, awarding them for their courage.

Eye On KI

News from Kiwanis International

Raise money, club's profile with flag service project

Searching for a unique service project? Consider beginning a flag subscription program. During each patriotic holiday, your club lines the streets with flags and raises money too!

Learn how to get started and how our partner can help U.S. clubs get the tools they need:

<http://kiwanis.atlasflags.com/flag-subscription-program-how-to/>



Win US\$25,000 for your playground

For the third time, Kiwanis has teamed up with partner Landscape Structures to award one Kiwanis club US\$25,000 of playground equipment to be installed during Kiwanis One Day 2017. Submissions will be accepted through May 5. The top 10 playground proposals, as voted on by the public via our Facebook page, will then go to a panel of judges for the final decision in early June.

Learn more about the contest and submit an entry on our Facebook page.



Enter Kiwanis One Day video contest

Share your Kiwanis One Day video—and enter our contest to win a GoPro camera.

It's easy to enter! Create a fun or inspiring video about your Kiwanis One Day project. Then directly upload it here before midnight EDT on Monday, April 25.

Starting at noon EDT on Wednesday, April 27, you'll be able to vote for your favorite videos once per day. The video with the most votes by midnight EDT on Tuesday, May 3 will win a GoPro camera, so spread the word to your friends and family!

Read the official rules on our Facebook page, then start planning your video!

Welcome “missing” members back to your club

Strong, healthy clubs have members who are engaged, excited and happy to share their experience. Help your fellow club members be those kinds of Kiwanians—whether they're new to Kiwanis or longstanding members. Kiwanis clubs often lose members who don't feel engaged in club activities and just drift away. Is this happening in your club? Make an effort to find out why and re-engage them.

- Review the club roster to identify members who have become inactive.
- Assign club members to contact “missing” members.
- Contact members by phone or with a personal visit to tell them what's happening and invite them to the next event.
- Conduct a fun meeting to celebrate the club's members and accomplishments.

Life insurance available from KI

The newest offering of Kiwanis Insurance, Life Insurance Central®, helps you and your family continue to live as they do now should a fatal accident occur. Get a no-cost comparison quote or call 1-800-866-5074, ext. 9633 to speak directly with a licensed agent.

Family Ties

Updates from Our Kiwanis Family

Key Club Daniel Inglis, Governor

Kiwanis Family Members,

My name is Daniel Inglis, and I am the new District Governor for Capital District Key Club. I am currently a junior at Winters Mill High School in Westminster, Maryland.



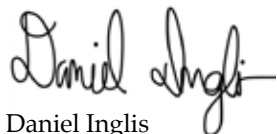
I am super excited to meet and to serve all of you throughout my term. My term began on Sunday, March 15th, the final day of the Capital Districts 67th annual convention. DCON is the home of hundreds of Key Clubbers from Delaware, Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. At our DCON, the members made dog toys in addition to cards for children in local Children Miracle Network hospitals.

Our first District board meeting will be from April 1st to April 3rd, where we will train all of the new Lieutenant Governors, install new board members and above all else, have fun! Our district's next Key Leader event is from April 15th to April 17th at the Jamestown 4-H Center in Williamsburg, VA. Key Leader is a weekend leadership camp that supplies students with an arsenal of leadership skills, as well as fond memories that they will keep forever. So if a Key Clubber asks for help dealing with the cost, please consider sponsoring them!

Although it is 4 months away, the Key Club International Convention will be in Atlanta Georgia, where we will be visit the Coca-Cola factory, elect the new international board, and meet Key Club members from around the world!

I am very excited to serve on the same board as Mrs. Kelly Boswell as the Capital District Kiwanis Governor, and Colin Austin as the Capital District CKI Governor. I know I will have a great year serving such a fantastic organization filled with such caring people.

Yours in service,



Daniel Inglis

CKI Colin Welzenbach Austin, Governor

Hello Capital Kiwanians!

My name is Colin Welzenbach Austin and I am beyond excited to serve as the 2016-2017 Governor for Capital District CKI! I've met with many of you before, and I can only hope that I have the privilege of meeting and serving alongside many more as we ensure the growth and prosperity of our homes and communities!



The 2015-2016 term was successful for Capital CKI. However, as one year comes to an end, we have to look forward and ensure our growth and success as a whole. To prepare ourselves for the upcoming term, our club officers attended our Spring Officer Training Conference at which they were able to receive training for their positions, develop leadership skills, and plan out their goals and strategies for the term. Come mid-April, our District Board will be doing the same at our District Officer Training Conference.

The Capital District of CKI currently reigns as the third largest District, however the importance of the size of our membership does not outweigh that of our impact on our communities. We are only as successful as our Kiwanis counterparts, as we are all a collaborative machine. This being said, the Capital District will have a heavy focus on Kiwanis Family Relations this year so that we can not only increase our membership through the continuation of our Kiwanis careers, but also the impact that we have as Servant Leaders.

We look forward to an amazing year together, and many more to follow. Should you have any questions about CKI, or are interested in chartering a club, feel free to reach out to me at governor@cdcki.org. Together let us begin to make our organization's tomorrow better, today.

Yours in Service,



Colin Welzenbach Austin

Beyond the Call

Nominate a deserving Kiwanian for *Beyond the Call*. Contact editor@capitaldistrictkiwanis.org

Lindley H. “Dig” DeGarmo Kiwanis Club of Reisterstown

By M. Olivia Fogarty

Lindley H. “Dig” DeGarmo, my grandfather, passed away in September 2015 at the age of 87. He was a member of the Capital District Kiwanis Family for 64 years. He first joined Kiwanis in April of 1951 and had lifelong perfect attendance. He served in leadership positions at the club, district, and international level.

In 1966, he served as President of the Reisterstown Kiwanis Club. In 1969, he served as Lt. Governor and in 1979 he went on to serve as Governor of the Capital District. From 1996-1999 he served as a Trustee on the Kiwanis International board. In 2008, he served a second term as President of the Reisterstown Kiwanis Club.

He was a firm believer in empowering others through leadership. This was evident not only in the numerous leadership positions that he held but also in how he encouraged and inspired others. At club service projects, he was always the first one to volunteer to do anything that needed to be done, and the last to leave. He greeted everyone he met with a smile and a kind word.

He encouraged others to take on leadership roles and was always available to answer questions and give advice. When his granddaughter,



Chandler Fogarty, told him that Hereford High School did not have a Key Club, he encouraged her to start one. He helped her through the entire process and got his home club to sponsor it.

When I joined James Madison University CKI in college he encouraged me to run for a board position, and after I was elected executive vice president, he was always the first person I would call if I needed advice on anything club related. He always listened patiently and never failed to help me come up with a solution.

He stressed the importance of leading by example and building up those around you. One of his favorite sayings was “people will often forget the words you say but they will never forget how you made them feel.” He embodied this idea fully during his life.

His love of Kiwanis was passed on to his children, his youngest daughter, Karen Keyser, is a member and past president of the Reisterstown Kiwanis Club. It was also passed on to his grandchildren, five of whom have been members of Key Club, CKI, or both.

Advocates for the Future

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and Key Leader Weekends. Greater Kiwanis activities and service projects will yield a more positive image for Kiwanis in the community. But increased visibility in the community is not the only component of image. Kiwanis image is also the way we conduct meetings, the way we interact with Kiwanis SLP organizations, the impact that results from district and international conventions and the way clubs respond to community emergencies. Every time we put on a Kiwanis shirt or attend a Kiwanis service project each of us is responsible for the Kiwanis image.

The Kiwanis image is further enhanced by the manner in which Kiwanis clubs manage and develop resources. Financial resources that are derived from contributions and fund raisers are a trust from the community. How does Kiwanis invest resources? Does Kiwanis utilize funds for projects that are necessary and that will have a long-lasting affect? Does Kiwanis develop community leaders from within the club? Does Kiwanis invest in the future through children? These and each contribution Kiwanis makes must be an investment in the future.

If what I have presented sounds interrelated; it is. If it also sounds familiar, it is because it is based on the objects of Kiwanis. It is also called the Kiwanis I-Plan; the Kiwanis road

map to the future. It is a road map to complete The Eliminate Project, the opening of new clubs, retaining existing members, attracting new members, expanding the Kiwanis image and investing in financial stability and financial security for the future. But to reach the future, advocates for the future are needed. Regardless of your Kiwanis position, your Kiwanis years of service, your talents, or the location of your Kiwanis club, there is a vital role for you to play. Can you increase your Kiwanis service to benefit the children? Pledge now to be an advocate for the future, a future where children grow, thrive and become leaders because of Kiwanis.

Are your club materials meeting Kiwanis brand guidelines?

Is your club, division and district using the correct Kiwanis logo and wordmark? Did you know Kiwanis has a brand and style guide where you can get the information?

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