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Governor's Message

Kelly Boswell, 2016-17 Governor



Hello Capital District. First, I must apologize to our editor...I'm always late in getting my article(s) to her and this one is no exception. I started thinking about what I wanted to say on more than one occasion and even sat down at the computer and stared at the screen. Then my mind would wander. So, I'm going to give it my best shot.



It's hard to believe that my term of serving as your Governor is about to end. It sure has flown by so quickly. I remember when I first thought about running for Governor, it was when I was serving as Class President to Governor Scott Zimmerman. During that year, something...I don't how to explain it, just clicked and I have never looked back. Before making such a life altering decision, I made sure that Gary and Jay were both on board. I know it hasn't been easy for either one of them. The house isn't always as clean as it should be, dinners were late or had to be scheduled around conference calls, and oh, the mounds of laundry that piled up...but through it all, their support and love got me through it. Poor Gary, there were times that I would just get so angry

and not at him, just at situations that I didn't know if I was making the right choice and wanted nothing but to do what I felt was right for the District, club or Kiwanian that needed my assistance. Without Gary and Jay, I don't know what I would have done.

Right after I took office on October 1, 2016, my Mother suddenly passed away. We were talking the night before about her coming to Baltimore to be a part of our convention. My world came tumbling down. She was my rock, my best friend and she was gone. I want to thank you for your words of sympathy, strength, and encouragement--the prayers and love that you gave to me and my family during our time of grief. The cards and phone calls meant so much to us.

Thank you.

I would like to share a few parts of my journey with you.

As a team, we have educated the clubs in our district on the I-Plan and the importance of having a long range strategic plan. By now, clubs should be creating their own strategic plan and start implementing them as soon as possible. Keep in mind that this is a working document and should be reviewed each year to make sure that you are on track for success. As your club grows and the needs of the community changes, your plan needs to reflect this.

We had our first District Signature Project Winner, "Carver's Academic Recognition Program" sponsored by

the Kiwanis Club of Greater Hilton. In my opinion, each submission was a winner. The number of children, families and communities that were served was what made them a winner. Remember to brag about your club, and don't forget to submit your entry next year.

I had a blast at K-Family weekend last September. Hard to believe it's been almost a year, I remember it like it was yesterday. This was an opportunity for the District officers to meet and mingle with their counterparts in Key Club and CKI. Just another way to show our students our support. I completely forgot about the tradition of drenching the governors with ice water. I remember standing next to Danny (Key Club) and Elizabeth (CKI), under the balcony and watching everyone looking over our heads, then "splash". I don't know who was laughing more, me or the students, I just know that I was cold.

Our District Convention in Baltimore in March was one filled with education, fellowship and fun. Stephanie Feinberg, a former Key Clubber and now a Kiwanian, spoke to us at our opening session how her journey started with Key Leader and the physical obstacles that she has overcome and how the Kiwanis Family made a difference in her life. Richard Leotta who shared the story of his son Officer Noah Leotta, who lost his life when he was struck and killed by a drunk driver at a sobriety checkpoint. His family lobbied the State of Maryland and Noah's Law, an anti-drunk driving measure was named in his honor. And who could forget our 80's theme murder mystery dinner.

Each May, Division 3, Southern Maryland, sponsors a SLP Recognition

Celebration. The Jaycees of Greater Waldorf, donate the facility and fried chicken dinner with all the trimmings, at no cost to anyone, to say thank you to our Service Leadership Programs. This is a chance for the SLPs to brag about how their clubs are serving their communities, thank their advisors and parents for all their time and support. I always have a warm feeling in my heart after being with all these young people, our future leaders.

Kelly's Krewe...what can I say. I have the best class of Lt. Governors. We have made great strides this year. Since October, we continue to have growth in membership across the District. We are growing and we will continue to grow under the leadership of Governor-Designate Jon Rife and his team. I've said it once and I'll say it again...Thank you so very much for stepping up to serve your divisions and serve your district. You should be proud of all the work that you have accomplished. Each of you have made a difference in your communities and I'm proud to have been a part of it.

My travels around the district was exhausting...in a good way. I was told to always have two sets of travel gear ready...just in case, and I did. When I went to a service project, charter night and other events, you welcomed me with open arms. I have met so many genuine and compassionate Kiwanians, Key Clubbers and CKI members along the way.

Thank you to those that opened your homes to me. It was so nice to know that at the end of a long day, I had a bed to lay my weary and tired body, and a hot cup of coffee in the morning and good friends to share it all with. I have eaten plenty of chicken dinners,

tons of shrimp and my fair share of water, wine and beer...all for a great cause.

I could go on and on about all the places and events that I have attended this past year, but I would be here forever and frankly, I'm getting a bit tired. As most of you know, I have an early bed time, after 9 o'clock, I don't become a pumpkin, I become a squash. I have been given a once in a lifetime opportunity to share my life and time with some of the most wonderful, caring and giving people, I know...The Capital District Kiwanians.

I am honored and humbled to have been able to serve you this past year. Let's stay focused and positive. Let's continue to make strides in growing and strengthening our clubs. Let's do what we do best and that's being a member of the greatest service organization in the world...Kiwanis.

Yours in service,

Kelly

Gubernatorial Photo Memories

Clockwise, this page: With Gary at the Governors' Dinner at ICON; Getting wet with SLP Governors at Kiwanis Family Weekend; Northeast Coalition representatives; Capital District at our District Dinner in Paris; with my amazing LTGs!

Clockwise, next page: With my Home Club, the Kiwanis Club of Olney; giving a smooch to Past Governor Linwood Watson; ready for the 80's at District Convention; onstage with fellow Governors at ICON; getting installed by International Trustee Art Riley; fun times with the Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg.





Kiwanis in the News

Hands-on Service

By Alison Johnson

Williamsburg's Next Door Neighbors
[williamsburgneighbors.com/
issues/2017/June17NDN.pdf](http://williamsburgneighbors.com/issues/2017/June17NDN.pdf)

Mary Beth Murphy is a woman who has worked as a waitress, bartender and restaurant manager; in information systems for the Virginia Department of Taxation, and even, very briefly, as a housekeeper for former President Richard Nixon. Twenty five years ago, she left a master's program in education to found a successful parking lot striping business.

So, it's no surprise that as a passionate volunteer, Mary Beth enjoys the variety of projects spearheaded by the Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg. As president of the 150-member club, Mary Beth spends about 20 hours a week organizing and staffing service events and fundraisers that support everyone from preschoolers to seniors.

"For me, the appeal is the real hands-on service," she says. "All of my best friends are in the club, and they became my best friends as we worked side by side on different projects and accomplished good things for the community. There is such a sense of fellowship." Mary Beth has been a member of the club for 23 years. She was inducted on her 30th birthday. She has served on the Board of Directors and has been Co-Chair of the Community Services Committee

for about 15 years. She became President in October for a term that runs through September. Kiwanis is a global organization with a simple but powerful mission: improve the world one child, one community at a time.

Its network of clubs has grown to more than 600,000 members in more than 80 countries.

Kiwanis also offers service opportunities for kids, teenagers and college students. "I joined to meet new people and to serve my community," Mary Beth says. "Right away, I just fell in love with it. You can do a lot of good."

In April alone, Williamsburg club members pitched in at a Civil War battlefield clean-up, a fundraiser at the College of William & Mary that raised more than \$4,000 for ALS research, a 5K in Colonial Williamsburg in support of the Angels of Mercy Medical Clinic, which helps uninsured residents with chronic illnesses, and a weekend leadership retreat for high school students.

Every Wednesday during the school year, Kiwanis volunteers read to young children in the Head Start program. Three nights a month, they staff the USO lounge at the Newport News/Williamsburg International Airport, welcoming service members and their families to a comfortable room with snacks, TV and computers

as they wait for flights.

Upcoming events include a night of free childcare for special needs children, an annual shrimp feast to raise money for four local nonprofits and Kiwanis projects, and, just for fun, manning the beer and wine stations at Bruce Hornsby's weekend-long concert in June.

"As president, my motto this year is to 'Have FUN!'" Mary Beth reports. "I try to bring some fun to each Kiwanis meeting, and I tell our members that they will enjoy their Kiwanis experience so much more if they get involved and get to know their fellow Kiwanians.

I have fun every time I get together with Kiwanians to work toward a common goal." Mary Beth was born and raised in a township much smaller than Williamsburg: Ho-Ho-Kus, New Jersey, a New York City suburb that covers one square mile. The youngest of six siblings, she was an active kid who was on soccer, basketball and track teams and spent much of her free time outside.

The summer after she graduated from high school, in 1982, she lined up the temporary job as Nixon's housekeeper at his family's vacation spot in Long Beach Island, N.J. Mary Beth's brother-in-law, a police officer in Ho-Ho-Kus, was on Nixon's private security team and recommended her.

For two weeks, Mary Beth did light cleaning for Nixon, his wife, Pat, and their two daughters, Julie and Tricia. She first met the former president when she was tidying up a bathroom.

“He just came right in and introduced himself,” she says. “They were all very friendly and welcoming. I thought they would keep to themselves, but they were always sure to say hello and talk to me. I wasn’t into politics at all, so I didn’t come in thinking I liked him or didn’t like him. To me, he was very nice.”

Following that brush with fame, Mary Beth started college at Rutgers University and went on to finish a degree in Information Systems in 1986 at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. She worked in Virginia’s tax office for a few years before deciding to go to graduate school and become a teacher. While enrolled in a master’s program at William & Mary, she worked at Second Street Restaurant, where her regular customers included employees of an asphalt company. One day, her boss asked them for an estimate on repainting his parking lot.

“I thought, ‘Well, that’s kind of interesting,’” Mary Beth recalls. “You park between lines all the time, but you never think about how the lines got there. So, I listened to the conversation. They said, ‘We’ll do it for \$600.’”

“I’m like, ‘Wait, \$600?! I could do it for \$300!’” The men told her that they always subcontracted painting work and knew she was a hard worker. They asked why didn’t she start her own business. Never mind that Mary Beth had no experience, lived in a small apartment and drove a Toyota Corolla, giving her no space to keep equipment. They could teach her the ropes, send jobs her way and store large items for her.

“I thought it would be neat to have my own business, and to be outside for work,” she says. “I’m not a desk job type of person. So when the weather got warm, I went to the bank, got a loan and bought my first striping machine for about \$5,000. I was scared. I didn’t know what I was doing, but I learned, and eventually I got busy.”

Always a one-woman operation, Murphy Striping now has three machines, a truck and plenty of work. Mary Beth uses tape marks and stencils to add white lines, yellow fire lanes, blue handicapped signs and crosswalks at parking lots, shopping centers, schools and apartment complexes. Each year, she also paints the Tribe logo throughout the college’s campus and along Richmond and Jamestown roads.

Since painting requires temperatures above 50 degrees, dry conditions and little wind, her busiest times are spring, summer and early fall. Mary Beth also often works weekends, holidays and some nights, when lots tend to be free of cars.



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Around Capital

Let's Make The End of the Year a New Beginning!

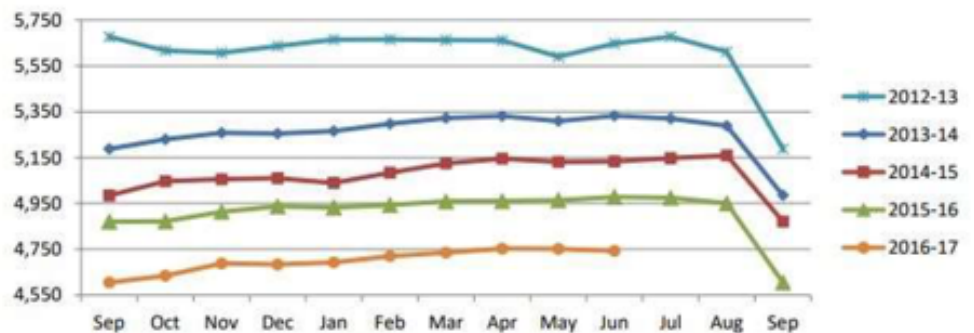
by Missy Zimmerman
The Formula District Chair

Greetings, Capital District. We are coming up fast on the end of our 2016 – 2017 Kiwanis Year. While many of us are looking forward to October for various reasons (jobs well done, or jobs that will begin), I'd like for us to take a moment to think about what we can accomplish as we approach this year's finish line.

Here's a startling number: 312. That's the average number of club members lost in the Capital District over the last three years, from August – September. We all know why it happens: members who were on the fence about staying with their clubs get their annual Kiwanis International Dues bill. Some find the amount too high to afford. Others think they get no value for that payment. Thankfully, many others realize there is value there and furthermore, value their Kiwanis membership so highly that they make that payment for the good of us all.

Here's a hopeful number: 116. That's our net gain in membership in Capital District so far this year. We're ahead of last year's total by 12 new members. If you're like me, however, you've already compared the two numbers I've given you.

Capital monthly membership



Here's a graph that shows a not unexpected pattern: What if we held the line this year? What if we could identify those 196 or so Kiwanians who are thinking about leaving but could be swayed into staying? What can you, one of those Kiwanians who highly values their Kiwanis relationships, do to bring back the enthusiasm, hope and love for service that brought one or two of those 196 on-the-fence people to Kiwanis originally?

Why, you ask? Because every Kiwanian has the power to positively impact the lives of 204 children every year they do service. Those 196 members who are thinking about dropping before September 30th represent 39,984 more kids who can be happy, healthy, safe and loved. Talk

to those members. Find out what it would take to keep them as dedicated to Kiwanis as you. Convince them to stay so we can hold that line and start to grow the Capital District into a magnificent force for children!

We Are So Close...

By John Tyner

MNT District Advocate

As you are aware, the District Board has arranged for a \$250 match for everyone wishing to make a \$1,000 donation to The Eliminate Project in order to receive a Walter Zeller Fellowship. This match expires on September 30, 2018. So far 27 matches have been requested.

The Capital District has raised \$2.4 million towards our \$3.0 million pledge to provide tetanus immunizations to women of child-bearing age around the world. When Kiwanis began our project five

years ago, there were 41 countries in desperate need of financial help to eliminate this tetanus scourge. We are working on the last 18 right now, with two countries really close to achieving their goals.

I'm asking you to provide an inspiration to your fellow Kiwanians by becoming a Zeller Fellow now, and help 550 children have a tetanus-free birth.

Any requests for a Zeller using the District match can be sent to me at 5911 Halpine Road, Rockville, MD

ELIMINATE

maternal/neonatal tetanus



20851 along with either (a) your \$1,000 check made out to Kiwanis Children's Fund with MNT on the memo line or (b) noting your credit card information for \$1,000. I will add the District Board match check after I receive your form. I would note that while the form is for a one-shot donation for these children, if you utilize a credit card charge you of course can pay that off as you wish.

I appreciate your whole-hearted consideration to help our children and do so before September 30, 2018!!

From the First Gentleman

Dear Capital District,

This article is to give you some thoughts and observations as to the past year from the eyes of the person behind the scenes. Since October 1st, Governor Kelly has tried to reach out to as many divisions, clubs and members as she could taking advantage of current technologies (4am emails, 8pm conference calls, Facebook posts, text messages) and the Sonata/Santa Fe driving over hills and valley of the Capital District.

She has leaned on some friends that she had developed over the years

(all being so generous with their time and offering shelter when travel back home would be too late in the day) and she has developed new friends in new places all over the District. Everybody treated her (and when I was able to be there, me) like family and I thank you for that.

I cannot lie and say it has been all roses, as every year there are challenges that come with being Governor. She has had to be confidant for some, disciplinarian for others, and learn the hard way that she could not be everywhere that everybody wanted her to be.

There were times she asked my input (already knowing what she was going to do) and other times both Jay and I were her sounding board when she was frustrated with the whole system.

But most of all when push came to shove, she was Kelly. Wearing a "K", her smile, and being positive about the Kiwanis family, especially when interacting with one of our youth groups whom she visited as often as she could.

Thank you Governor Kelly, I love you.
Gary Boswell

Around Capital

Governor-Elect Messages

By Jon Rife, Governor-Designate

This year has been a wonderful year! Thanks to Governor Kelly and her leadership team for a memorable DCON in Baltimore, celebrating “Service Through the Ages” with our Kiwanis family. As we move forward to 2018 and our DCON in Reston, the Capital District will celebrate our 100th Anniversary! We had a wonderful ICON in Paris! Our experiences were uplifting, educational, and encouraging! Capital District worked hard to elect Art Riley as international vice-president; although that election did not go our way, we still learned what a big Kiwanis heart and personality Art Riley brings to all his Kiwanis work.

Since being elected as your Governor-Elect in Richmond on April 24, 2016, it has been an exciting, informative, and fast paced 16 months! I attended a training session in Atlanta, GA on the regional roll out of the Kiwanis I-Plan. We are becoming familiar with the four I’s: Inspiration, Impact, Image, and Investment. “Kiwanis inspires and engages men, women, youth, corporations, and other non profits, partners, and communities to make the world a better place for children to thrive. Belonging to Kiwanis means being part of a massive force for positive change in the world.”

I also attended The Formula training session in Indianapolis September 23-

25, 2016. This training concentrated on the first I: Inspiration. This was my first visit to the Kiwanis International headquarters. I found the professionalism and friendliness of the KI staff very rewarding. I met Jim Rochford, our Kiwanis International President for 2017-18 and became acquainted with his vision, goals, strategies, and tactics for his Governors. This very intense three day training brought renewed enthusiasm for growth opportunities, building new clubs, and increasing membership. I also gained knowledge on grants options of KI.

My next opportunity for training was Nov. 2-5, 2016 in Indianapolis. This four day Governor-Elect training was an intense educational session: sessions included new club opening, goal setting, business traits, membership retention, ideas to increase membership, service leadership programs, branding and public relations, Kiwanis partners, training for LTGs. Jim Rochford’s leadership team is “Eye of the Tiger” and to top off this stimulating weekend, the motivational speaker was Rudy Ruettiger of the movie “Rudy” fame.

My final session of training was on the Service Leadership Program, also in Indianapolis. We all know that what we do best is our Service Leadership Programs!

I believe in THREE SIMPLE RULES:

1. If you do not go after what you want, it will not come to you. I believe in bringing new members to Kiwanis. We must work towards that goal, new members will not just come to us.
2. If you do not ASK, the answer will always be No. We must ASK, and promote Kiwanis in all the new media. The best story always wins! (More on that later from a retail perspective.)
3. If you do not step forward, you’ll always be in the SAME place.

We must take steps forward, we must promote the wonderful work of Kiwanis. We must tell our story so all the community will know the Kiwanis name above the over civic clubs. I ask all our Capital District members to be enthusiastic about our club’s projects, to suggest new service projects, to share your Kiwanis experience with non-members, and offer your club’s hospitality for community events.

Serving as Governor-Elect of the Capital District this year, I have learned much. I have appreciated all the opportunities to expand my Kiwanis contacts, to enable me to bring enthusiasm, encouragement, and experience to our Capital District in 2018.

Our Firm Foundation

News From Our Capital District Kiwanis Foundation

My fellow Kiwanians,

This is my final article to you as President of the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation and I am proud to report to you that the enthusiasm of those Directors that represent your divisions of the Capital District is continuing to show it's wings. We still have many clubs that have not contributed for 2016-2017 and ask that you check and if your club has not done so, consider it at your next board meeting to help us for this current year.

Officers for 2017-2018 are Nancy Simonelli (Division 14) as President, Mike Dasovich (Division 12) as

President Elect, Andrew Wong (Division 4) as Vice President, Tim Wesling as Treasurer and Past Governor Charlie Adams as Executive Secretary. I will continue on the board as Immediate Past President.

We continue to take steps to find a successor to our retiring Investment Advisor, Past Governor Bob Cressy, and should complete that process by the end of the calendar year.

In support of our Service Leadership Programs we again voted to give \$10,000 to our Capital District CKI and then have added a new line item for paying **\$75 of the registration fee for Key Leader for 2017-2018** up to total

grant amount of \$5,000.

Also keep in mind that **grant applications for Cycle I are due to be postmarked by September 10, 2017**. You can find the application and details on our website at foundation.capitaldistrictkiwanis.org and hit the drop down "What We Do/Club Grants" for details.

I thank you for the support of the CDKF over the past two years.

Yours in service,

Gary A. Boswell

Hands on Service *cont'd from page 7*

During her off time, Mary Beth stays outside. She loves hiking, paddle boarding, kayaking, fishing, walking on the beach and playing with her black Lab, Ellie. She always makes time for Kiwanis, including weekly Wednesday lunch gatherings. For members who can't make those lunches, the Williamsburg club has a satellite committee that holds monthly Tuesday night meetings and socials. The chapter, founded 59 years ago,

also spun off the Colonial Capital and Toano Kiwanis clubs. Happily, Mary Beth's husband, retired Anheuser-Busch employee Jim Geiger, is a fellow Kiwanis devotee who has been a club member for more than 25 years. They often volunteer together. "That's a great, fun part of our relationship," she says. Her father, she notes, also was a Kiwanis member in New Jersey during his retirement years.

Anyone who cares about the community and has ideas and enthusiasm for improving it would be a perfect fit for Kiwanis, Mary Beth Murphy adds. "It's like a family," she says, "and it's a family you're always going to want to be part of."

A Clock Returns

By Joshua Hiscock and Andrew Wong

On July 29, 2017, hundreds of people gathered on the corner of Main Street and Maryland Avenue in Ellicott City to watch the dedication ceremony and unveiling of the new stately street clock, which had been destroyed one year ago during the Ellicott City flooding.

The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City donated the original clock in 2000 to celebrate the club's 60th anniversary and the sesquicentennial (150th anniversary) of Howard County, Maryland. Its historic appearance quickly landed it on the covers of local magazines and in county tourism advertisements. Emblazoned with Kiwanis branding, the iconic clock stood as a reminder to passersby that our club was a presence in the community, serving the people of Ellicott City.



On the evening of Saturday, July 30, 2016, intense thunderstorms led to a flash flood that devastated Historic Ellicott City and sadly, two lives were lost. A pickup truck was carried down Main Street by rushing floodwaters and leveled the clock in dramatic fashion, sending it downstream. The moment was captured on camera, as were many other moments that fateful night. It was an evening that changed the lives of many people in Ellicott City and tested the strength of local residents.

The clock was later found in the Patapsco River by a local kayaker and the county was able to build a temporary support structure to secure and raise the clock at its original location. The status of the clock replacement was unclear for many months and the overall focus was on the recovery and rebuilding efforts for

local businesses and residences. Our club's initial response was a \$2,000 donation to the Grassroots Crisis Intervention Center, which provided emergency shelters to those displaced by the flood. Then, together with a generous contribution from the Kiwanis Club of Woodbridge, we donated \$4,000 to the One EC Recovery Project, which was dedicated to the long-term recovery of residential homes in the community. Then in late May, our club learned about plans for the county to obtain a new replacement clock. We jumped at the opportunity to sponsor the dedication ceremony, which was organized by the Ellicott City Partnership.

The event successfully came together and was attended by our elected representatives, to include U.S. Senator Ben Cardin, Maryland Lieutenant Governor Boyd Rutherford, Howard



County Executive Allan Kittleman, and Howard County Council Chair Jon Weinstein. With many of our members present, the club was recognized for our work and valuable role that we play in the community. More importantly, a proud symbol that represents both Ellicott City and our Kiwanis club has returned to its rightful place on the corner of Main Street and Maryland Avenue.

Eye On KI

News from Kiwanis International



Give The Gift Of Kiwanis To Others

Show them all the happiness, gratification and lasting friendship that happen when like-minded individuals come together for the common good. Extend a special welcome to friends, family or colleagues.

These specialized invitations can help you do just that. Whether you are looking for a fully customized brochure or a simple invitation to join Kiwanis, the options can be found here.



What's Your Superpower?

Show the world that Kiwanis is your superpower with our new images created for social media. Download an image for your Facebook or Twitter profile picture, cover photo or social media square. All the assets are available under the social media tools section at kiwanis.org/brand.



Mothers, Babies Protected From Mnt In Haiti

This month, Haiti became the last nation in the western hemisphere to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. Because of Kiwanians' hard work, only 16 countries remain affected by this excruciating disease. We will eliminate MNT around the globe. Help us finish the fight against MNT.



Show Members They're Appreciated

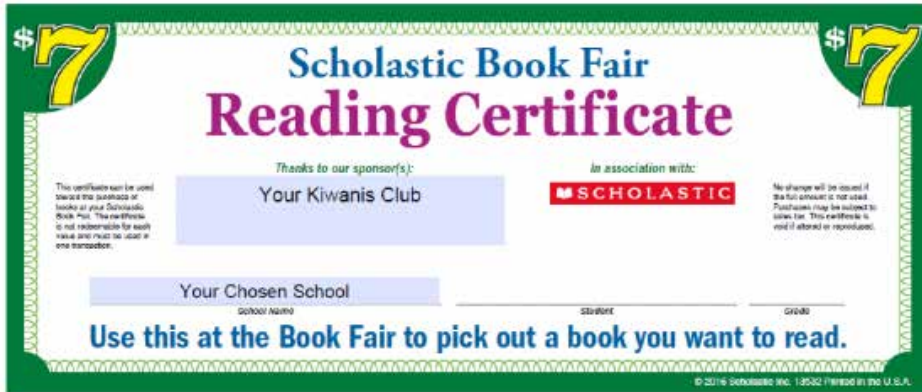
There are plenty of ways to say, "Job well done" to club members who are loving, sharing and living Kiwanis. Celebrate the success and Kiwanis commitment of your members by using these resources for fun and creative ways to show your appreciation.



Kitazato Appointed To Fill Kiwanis International Board Seat

Peter Kimberley from the Australia District was elected by the Asia-Pacific Region as one of its designated trustees on the Kiwanis International Board for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2017. Peter's election was confirmed at the 2017 Kiwanis International convention. On his way home from Paris, Peter passed away.

The 2017-18 Kiwanis International Board, which has the authority and responsibility to fill the vacancy for the first year of the term, has appointed Koshiro "Kit" Kitazato to serve October 1, 2017–September 30, 2018. Kit recently served on the board for a three-year term ending September 30, 2017. The Asia-Pacific Region will elect someone at its 2018 convention to fill the remaining term, which will end September 30, 2020.



Help Kids Get New Books

Research has proven that independent reading is critical to developing a child’s literacy.

Children in lower-income communities rarely have the opportunity to choose books that they want to read and own—and that dramatically decreases the amount of time spent reading for pleasure. Incredibly, the average book-to-child ratio in these communities is

1 age-appropriate book to every 300 children. Even in middle-income neighborhoods the ratio is 13 age-appropriate books to every child.

The Scholastic Reading Certificate program helps fill this void. Kiwanis clubs can support a deserving school in their community by sponsoring Scholastic Reading Certificates, which allow each student at the selected school to choose a book of their choice

from a Scholastic Book Fair. To locate a school already hosting a Book Fair, search “Scholastic find a fair” online and enter your zip code. You may also contact us to help arrange a sponsored book fair at a school of your choice.

Contact DiQuaid@Scholasticbookfairs.com, or call (866) 232-3616 to plan a sponsored Scholastic Book Fair.

Kiwanis Children’s Fund Board Meeting Minutes Published

The minutes of the July 12, 2017, Kiwanis Children’s Fund Board meeting are now finalized. They can be found here and will be approved at the October 4-8, 2017, Kiwanis Children’s Fund Board meeting. If you need further information regarding committee reports and tabs, please contact Denise Parker at dparker@kiwanis.org.

Minutes from July 12 & 15 Kiwanis International Board Meetings Published

The minutes of the July 12 & 15, 2017, Kiwanis International Board meetings are now finalized. They can be downloaded here and will be approved at the October 23-29, 2017, board meeting. If you need further information regarding committee reports and tabs, please contact Denise Parker at dparker@kiwanis.org.

Eye On KI

International Convention Recap

By Georgia A. Eaves,
Division 3 LTG-Designate

The Kiwanis International Convention was great. It is hard to tell you how it really was because everything was awesome. Just meeting and making new friends is the best accomplishment of the event. The Convention was a great opportunity to share stories and ideas. The networking is awesome. You got many suggestions and recommendations from others on having a signature project, getting new members and retaining current membership, finding ways to get your community involved. There was a great focus on retaining membership and building our clubs. Recruits are the life line of our organization. We must find ways to keep them interested.

The opening session on 13 July 2017 was inspiring. We were serenaded

with a musical concert by the Garde Republicaine Orchestra. We were welcomed to Paris, City of Lights, by Marie-Jeanne Boutroy, 2017 Host District Chairperson. Kiwanis International European Federation is celebrating its 50th year. We had a mime presentation -- Energize the Dream. Jane Erickson shared that (1) passionate (2) grateful (3) family are signs of a great Kiwanian. She told the story about Earl who did not like children. Her getting him involved in Kiwanis showed him our importance. Just delivering books to school children, watching their joy and delight of receiving a new book for the first time changed his perspective of children. Earl died loving children. He joined his true calling by helping children. Kiwanis is something we are. We joyfully make things happen for our kids. Everything you think, do and say impacts your Kiwanian family. This is a way of life. Are you

passionate about Kiwanis? President Jane continued to talk about places she visited with Kiwanis and the gratitude she felt, knowing we made a difference in their lives.

The Opening Session Guest Speaker was Ruby Bridges, Civil Rights Activist. Ruby was the first Black person to integrate with a New Orleans all white school. She said she knew nothing about what was happening, all she knew she was going to a new school. They brought a teacher (Barbara Henry) in from Boston to teach her. She talked about how it was only the two of them in the classroom. Parents refused to send their children to school and the other teachers refused to teach. Ruby's father lost his job during the midst of this, but the neighbors brought them food and clothes. She lost her son due to violence. Her message to us was we should all set differences apart and make this world a better place for



children. After her presentation, the Humanitarian Award was presented to her teacher, Barbara Henry. Barbara was given the award because of what she endured to teach Ruby. She did the right thing, COURAGE TO CARE!

We heard from our Circle K and Key Club International Leaders. Their commitment to Kiwanis is a true testament of our “taking care of children one child at a time.” Their commitment level is what propels them to join a Kiwanis Club after fulfilling their obligations with Service Leadership Programs. They are a true testament to “Kids Need Kiwanis and Kiwanis Need Kids.”

There were great workshops to help you move your club to another level. Things were put into place so if you went home and practiced what you learned, your club would have a successful year. Taking advantage of partnering opportunities, getting signature projects that identifies you and put your club in the limelight, and learning how to build new clubs and retain those we have. This is what Kiwanis is about -- Building Our Future: Not Only One Child at a Time, but One Club at a Time!

Start planning now to join us in Las Vegas, 28 June - 1 July 2018. To truly understand Kiwanis and all it has to offer, you need to attend the International Convention. On that note, LET'S MEET IN VEGAS!

ELECTION RESULTS

President: James M. Rochford, Illinois,
President-elect: Florencio “Poly” Lat,
Philippines

Vice President: Daniel Vigneron,
Luxembourg

Trustees:

US and Pacific Canada Region:

- Greg Beard, Louisiana, USA
- Charles “Chuck” Gugliuzza, Florida, USA
- Richard “Dick” Olmstead, California, USA

Asia-Pacific Region: Peter Kimberley of Waverley, Victoria, Australia, was elected at the 2017 Kiwanis Asia-Pacific conference in Jeju-do, South Korea, this past March, but unfortunately passed away shortly after convention.

At-large seat: Ernest Schmid, Einöde, Austria

Europe Region: Paul Inge Paulsen of Florvåg, Norway, was elected at the 2017 Kiwanis International-European Federation convention in Paris, France, also in July.

AMENDMENT RESULTS

Approved

- To remove the provision that allows criminal history background checks conducted by districts to be considered equivalent to those conducted by Kiwanis International.

Passed as amended

- To provide a way for tie votes on elections to be resolved in accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order.

Defeated

- To provide that members who belong to more than one club shall pay Kiwanis International and district dues only to their primary club but not their secondary club(s).
- To remove the limitation that only one person from a district may serve on the Kiwanis International Board at the same time.
- To remove the restriction that a person may not serve on the Kiwanis International Board for one full year after someone else from the same district has left service on the Board (the ‘dark year’ provision).
- To provide for candidate nominations and initial review of proposed amendments and resolutions at the Kiwanis International convention, with final voting permitted to take place online.

Service Showcase

News From Capital District Kiwanis Clubs

Division 2

The **Kiwanis Club of Tysons** hosted its monthly dinner for the residents at the Northern Virginia Ronald McDonald House. Most recently, the club made BBQ chicken, coleslaw and brownies!



Division 9

Harrisonburg Kiwanis is a proud supporter of Summer Reading Games at the local library. As of July 12th, over 4,221 children had signed up for Summer Reading Games. Of those, 840 have already completed the 10-hour reading challenge and are continuing their reading to earn chances to win special prizes. The club's support of the library also makes other programs possible, such as allowing the library to host a regional theatrical group, as well as special guest readers.



Division 12

23 members, family and friends of the **Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg** volunteered at the FunHouse Fest - Bruce Hornsby Concert. It was hard work, but any service project worth doing always is – and it also was FUN! Volunteers from the club manned the beer/wine tent and served as ushers to the concerts in the performance tent. Those who volunteered were rewarded with a day of concerts free of charge.



Division 15

Members of the **Kiwanis Club of Ocean Pines-Ocean City** proceeded to the 4STEPS Therapeutic Riding Program location in Parsonsburg, Maryland. The club has been donating to this program for several years as it supports individuals with special needs “to empower them by

providing therapeutic horseback riding and equine assisted activities and therapies”. A donation of a bench made by the club's Lt. Governor-Elect Carolyn Dryzga and club President Barb Peletier, and a \$400 check in support of the program was made, after which the Kiwanians painted and cleaned up in preparation for summer camp.

Family Ties

Updates from Our Kiwanis Family

Key Club Maegan Richards, Governor

Hello Capital Kiwanians!

I hope you all have enjoyed your summers and I hope they have been filled with service!

Capital District Key Club has been working these past couple of months to prepare for a school year full of service! Right now, we are working on planning for our Fall Rally which will be held at Kings Dominion in October! With our new district project being the Boys & Girls Clubs, Lieutenant Governors have been getting in touch with their community Boys & Girls clubs.

At the beginning of July, our district sent 34 students, including myself, to the annual Key Club International Convention in San Antonio, Texas. Attending International Convention was such an amazing experience! It was such a great time meeting new Key Clubbers from all over the world and spending time with ones from our very own district! Walking the River Walk and visiting the Alamo are some truly special memories that I will never forget!

About a week after International Convention, I traveled to Kiwanis International Headquarters in Indianapolis, Indiana for LeadCon to meet with the International Council for the very first time. I had such an amazing experience at this event and learned some things that I can take back and utilize within the Capital District. These past couple of months have been truly exciting and filled with Key Club. I look forward to our next board meeting in September and a school year filled with service and events! Good luck these next few months, I hope to see you soon!

Yours in service and friendship,

Maegan Richards



CKI Morgan Massa, Governor

Greetings Capital Kiwanians!

Capital District CKI has been busy this summer! This past July we attended CKIx in conjunction with Key Club's ICON in San Antonio Texas. CDCKI brought home some awards: Virginia Commonwealth University won Third Place in the Diamond Division of the Growth Enhances Membership Award and Sebastian Vazquez won Distinguished with Excellence Lieutenant Governor. Sebastian was also elected to the International Board as International Trustee at Large. Congrats to VCU and Sebastian!

The Conferences and Conventions Committee is hard at work planning CKI's Fall Membership Rally to be held at the Front Royal 4H Center from November 3-4th. The theme this year is Serve-ivor, a CKI twist on the TV show Survivor. Look for more promotional information on the CDCKI Facebook page!

One of my goals for the year is to expand the Kick-It Partner Program. Some of you may have heard about this Kiwanis and CKI mentorship program that was started between The College of William and Mary and the Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg. Our Kiwanis Family Relations Committee has identified some locations across the district where CKI and Kiwanis clubs already have a strong relationship with each other and our CKI Lieutenant Governors and in contact with some Kiwanis Lieutenant Governors to facilitate the growth of this program. If this is a program you would be interested in starting at your Kiwanis Club, I would be happy to give you our Kick-It Resource Guide and get you in contact with the appropriate CKI club.

I wish you well in the rest of your summer and am looking forward to Kiwanis Family Weekend in September!

Yours in Service and Leadership,

Morgan Massa



The Capital Record



Scholarships

It takes a year to raise funds for the biggest project of the **Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines – Ocean City**. Fundraisers such as our Annual Pancake Breakfasts, the Italian Dinner, Beer & Brats Fall Festival, Wine Tasting and Silent Auction, numerous “Dawg Team” refreshment sales, a Ducky Derby and any opportunity to raise funds to help fund annual awarding of thirteen scholarships to local deserving graduating senior students. Funds also go to many other local organizations, especially focusing on children as the goal of Kiwanis Clubs all over the world is “Serving the Children of the World”.

The Kiwanis Club of Poquoson presented \$6,000 in Kiwanis scholarships to deserving members of their community. In addition, the club’s President Phil Tawney recognized Drew Barden as the club’s

Teenager of the Year. Drew had earlier been presented with a \$1,000 scholarship at a club meeting.

Donations

President Thomas, assisted by Past President Steve Bevis, on behalf of the Arlington Kiwanis Foundation and the **Arlington Kiwanis Club**, presented a check for \$4,000 to the Arlington Pediatric Center. Mr. Steve Rubloff, the organization’s Vice President & Chief Development Officer, accepted the check and expressed thanks for the gift and our club’s long-term support.

Welcome to Kiwanis

Michael Fagan, Williamsburg
Ed Irish, Williamsburg
Beverly Maurice, Williamsburg

Happy Anniversary

August

Washington.....	1917
Bassett.....	1926
Reisterstown.....	1935
Front Royal.....	1945
South Arlington.....	1947
Peninsula at Oyster Point.....	1959
Virginia Beach Town Center.....	1973
Greater Hilton.....	2010

September

Allegany Highlands.....	1923
Georgetown, DE.....	1935
Abingdon.....	1942
Montgomery Co-Blacksburg.....	1946
Wise.....	1946
Mount Vernon.....	1953
Denbigh.....	1967
Poquoson.....	1974
Shepherd Park.....	1976
Smithfield.....	1976
Tuckahoe.....	1979
Olney.....	1982
Lynnhaven.....	1983
Greater Millsboro.....	1989

Reflections

Returning to Normandy

Frank Dulong, longtime Kiwanian and Secretary / Treasurer for Division 13, turns 92 very soon and traveled all the way to the Paris ICON alone.

During his travels to France, he took the bus trip to Normandy – where he had served years ago during World War II. This is Frank's story.

My first day in the U. S. Coast Guard was on August 13th 1943, when I reported in at the boot camp in Brooklyn, New York. I was assigned to a barracks with 11 others. The leader of the boot camp was Jack Dempsey. He had hired many of his friends from different professional sports to train us. After 13 weeks of intense training we were in the best physical condition and had fired a variety of weapons in the inventory. My next assignment was to be a radioman in Atlantic City. After six months I was assigned to a LST (Landing Ship Tank) crew at Camp Braddock at Virginia Beach. The camp was built for 5000, but we were crowded in with about 10,000 sailors. After three months of training, my crew took the train to Pittsburgh to pick up our ship. After a month of training on board we headed down the Ohio and the Mississippi River to New Orleans. Our next voyage was through the Canal and up to a California port to pick up ammo for our ship's guns. Our next destination was the Hawaiian Islands to pick up Fifth Marines and load the tank deck with three feet of boxed ammo. The tanks were loaded

on top of the ammo boxes. We headed for Iwo Jima.

We arrived there on D-day, February 19, 1945. We pulled up to the beach and the Marines went on to the beach. The tanks and ammo was moved ashore. We made many trips from the beach with wounded Marines to the hospital ship anchored off shore. We returned to Saipan after the island was secured to repair minor damage to our ship. Our next voyage was to Okinawa for the invasion on Easter Sunday, April 1, 1945. We were loaded with Army soldiers and their equipment and ammo.

During the invasion a cyclone was headed for Okinawa. All Naval vessels headed for the South China Sea. It was the worse storm ever. Since we had discharged our cargo, we were as light as a cork. With waves as high as 35 feet, we would climb to the top then plunge to the bottom of the wave. After the storm calmed down we headed for the Philippines Islands. As we approached our anchorage we witnessed many Third Fleet vessels

-warships, aircraft carriers, and other large ships with 60 to 80 feet of their bow missing. These capital ships were low in sea and were hit by huge waves. It was hard to fathom such an impact to cause the damage to these ships. Back to Okinawa to await our next voyage. There, we trained for the invasion of Japan. I had a copy of the battle plan which was about 8 inches thick. I turned to the first page which listed the estimated casualties for the allies to be one million. I pondered that figure a long time. D-day was scheduled for November 1945.

Thank the Lord, Harry S. Truman had the guts to issue the order to drop the atom bomb. The pilot of the B-29, named The Enola Gay (his mother's name) and his name was Paul W. Tibbets. As I'm writing this memo this date-August 6, 2017, I want to reflect that this is the anniversary date of the dropping of the bomb. After my tour in Thailand as a briefing officer at 7th/13th Air Force headquarters I was assigned to the Pentagon, September 1966. To my pleasant surprise one of my bosses was Paul W. Tibbets. It proves again it's a small world.



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