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**Kiwanis Club of
Roanoke Completes
Playground**

**Improving Healthcare
for Afghanistan's
Children**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM
CAPITAL DISTRICT**



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COVER: Members of the Kiwanis Club of Canton-Fells Point teamed up to put together bagged lunches for Beans & Bread soup kitchen.



From your CDCKI
Alumni friends in



The soon-to-be chartered Capital Legacy eClub, a club of CDCKI Alumni, held an online Holiday Service Social, where they made cards for children in hospitals for the holidays.

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Governor's Message

DENNIS BAUGH, 2020-21 GOVERNOR



How many thought we would be where we are today with the challenges to Serve the Children of the World? COVID-19 is still with us and many areas of our District are seeing extensive spikes in positive cases. The leaders in our states and the District of Columbia are struggling to find the balance between safety and the interests of businesses and schools. The leaders of our clubs, divisions and District face the same issues.

In this edition, my message will report on a variety of topics that are important to all of us.

- **Distinguished Club Criteria.** As we start our new Kiwanis year, each club can begin looking at how to complete the requirements to be recognized as a Distinguished Club. They can be found at <https://k03.site.kiwanis.org/recognition> I challenge each club to obtain this distinction.
- **Capital District Kiwanis Foundation.** Do you realize that as a member of a Kiwanis Club in the Capital District, you are automatically a member of the CDK Foundation! I realize you are being asked to make many donations in your everyday life. But have you considered a contribute to YOUR foundation? You can find out how your contributions helps by visiting <https://k03.site.kiwanis.org/foundation-donate-to-help> A club donation of \$5.00/member is one of the criteria for being distinguished.
- **Teenager of the Year.** By now, every club president should have received information on this program. It is available at <https://k03.site.kiwanis.org/toy> This program has been underutilized in the past. Please pass this on to the youth in your community and let's generate more interest. The applicants do not need to be Key Clubbers, and this is NOT a scholarship.

Save the Dates!

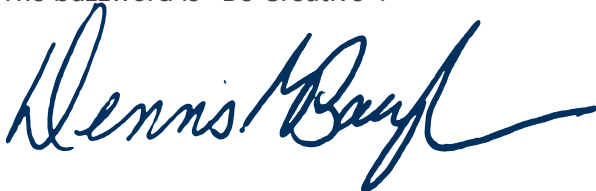
DISTRICT MID-YEAR
March 5-7, 2021 (ONLINE)

DISTRICT CONVENTION
August 20-22, 2021
Hotel Roanoke | Roanoke, VA



- **The Eliminate Project.** Even though it has officially ended, the District is still short of its \$3 Million pledge. To help meet this goal, the Board of Trustees has continued its match of \$250 towards a purchase of a Walter Zeller Fellowship. The cost to you or a club is only \$1,000. Please give this some thought. To purchase contact John Tyner at tyner@taliesan.com. Don't wait, though, Zellers are only available until December 31st.
- **Youth Protection Guidelines.** Each club is expected to educate their members on the Youth Protection Policy during the month of October each year. If you have not done so, please complete this task no later than December 31, 2020. It is important that the club Secretary enter completion on their dashboard. For information, contact Josh Hiscock, Youth Protection Manager hiscockj@gmail.com, or your Division Lieutenant Governor.
- **New Clubs.** New clubs are always important in our goal of providing services to youth in unserved communities. We are on target to open two new eClubs before December 31, 2020. It is anticipated that the NextGen eClub chartering meeting will have occurred prior to the publication of this edition. This club is the result of Josh Hiscock and others using their resources to pull together former Capital District Key Club members from around the District and other areas. The Kiwanis Capital District Legacy eClub is the other new club and is seeking Capital District CKI Alumni as its member base. Jen Wolff is leading the charge with the help of others.
- **It's 5 O'clock Somewhere.** If you haven't attended one of our premier monthly training sessions, you don't know what you are missing. LDE Coordinator Krista Latchaw has put together some top-notch topics thus far, including Youth Protection Policy, Kiwanis Guidelines for handling COVID-19, and the Teenager of the Year Program. You can catch all this at <https://k03.site.kiwanis.org/kiwanis-education/> live or after the fact on demand.

Yes, the Capital District is busy and actively serving our communities. The buzzword is "Be Creative".




At this time of the year, the holidays are celebrated many ways based on culture, religion and ethnic origin. Although Darlene and I recognize Christmas, other Kiwanians may not. As a diverse and inclusive organization, we would like to wish our Kiwanis Family a holiday filled with peace & love... and a New Year rich with blessings.

Governor Dennis Baugh and
First Lady Darlene

Our Firm Foundation



**Capital District
Kiwanis Foundation**

News from the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation

My fellow Kiwanians of the Capital District, we joined Kiwanis for various reasons. In the end, we come together to lend a helping hand to 'Serve the Children of the World.'

I would like to personally thank you for all that you have done supporting the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation (CDKF) during the 2019-2020 year. The COVID-19 pandemic forced our Kiwanis members/clubs into difficult financial times. Through your generosity, the Capital

District Kiwanis Foundation is able to continue to assist people in need, particularly young people; to assist worthy youth in attaining vocational excellence; and to aid people with disabilities in carrying out happy, useful lives. Your club donations provided \$9,989 from 79 Capital District clubs and once again, I say, "Thank You!"

**– Mike Dasovich,
Capital District Kiwanis Foundation President**

Thank you to the clubs listed below who provided a club gift to support the Foundation's efforts:

DIVISION 1

Far East
Greater Landover
Mitchelville
Northwest
Shepherd Park
Washington, DC.

DIVISION 2

Alexandria
Arlington
Fairfax
Fredericksburg
Leesburg
Tysons
Woodbridge

DIVISION 3

Bethesda
Charles County
Leisure World
Rockville

DIVISION 4

Commodore Mayo
Crofton
Ellicott City
Severna Park

DIVISION 6

Hampden Midtown
Loch Raven
Reisterstown
Towson-Timonium
Wilmington

DIVISION 7

Frederick
Mount Airy
Westminster

DIVISION 8

Old Town
Winchester

DIVISION 9

Charlottesville
Harrisonburg
Staunton
Waynesboro

DIVISION 10

Chester
Colonial Heights

DIVISION 11

Midlothian-
Chesterfield

DIVISION 12

Gloucester
Grafton
Middlesex
New Kent
Poquoson
Toano
Williamsburg

DIVISION 13

Carrollton
City Center
Denbigh
Downtown Hampton
Greater Hilton
Mercury 64
Old Point Comfort

DIVISION 14

Beach Combers
Chesapeake
Churchland
Great Bridge
Lynnhaven
Norfolk
Ocean View Beach
Town Center

DIVISION 15

Botetourt
Danville
Fort Hill
Lynchburg
Roanoke
Smith Mountain Lake

DIVISION 16

Abingdon
Wythe County

DIVISION 17

Clinch River
Clinchco
Clintwood
Coeburn
Council
Haysi
Hurley
McClure River
Norton
St. Paul-Castlewood
Wise

▶ IMPORTANT - NEW ADDRESS

The Capital District Kiwanis Foundation has a new mailing address for all club gifts, donations, and requests of recognition items. Effective immediately, the new address for clubs to use is below:

David Lurie, Treasurer CDKF
15189 Londons Bridge Road
Haymarket, VA 20169

▶ CONGRATULATIONS to the following Kiwanis Clubs who were awarded a grant during the November 2020 cycle! The Kiwanis Club of Greater Hilton was awarded \$1,000 for their Soundscapes music intervention program for underserved children and the Kiwanis Club of Waldorf was awarded \$1,500 for their Feed the Hungry food insecurity program. Applicants for the next grant funding cycle are due March 15, 2021 and additional information can be found on [our website](#).

Around Capital

WAY TO GO FOR FINISHING OUR 2021 GOAL

BY PG JOHN TYNER II
DISTRICT COORDINATOR, THE ELIMINATE PROJECT



WE'LL NEVER STOP CARING

Since 2010, the Kiwanis family has helped eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus from 27 countries. While The Eliminate Project campaign officially ends this year, Kiwanis will remain committed to raising money to help protect moms and babies from MNT in the 12 countries where it remains a threat. The Kiwanis Children's Fund will offer Walter Zeller Fellowships through December 31, 2020. And our Board has made \$250 match available to you if you wish to get a Zeller or diamond. Let me know!

In times of crisis, the children of the world are always the most vulnerable. That's when Kiwanis matters most — because members like you rise to meet their needs.

All your gifts to The Eliminate Project and the Kiwanis Children's Fund have been one of the most effective ways that Kiwanians help kids. When you give, you do more than provide immunizations, feed hungry kids, deliver supplies such as masks and sanitizer and serve other health needs. You bring health and hope to kids and communities.

We have \$322,500 left to raise as we approach the finish of our \$3 million District Pledge. My previous articles have shown how generous our donations have been since our kick-off campaign in Geneva, Switzerland and my October/November 2020 article said it all. There is another angle for you to consider, as I have myself, and that falls into place as you do your taxes.

As we approach the end of our 2020 taxable year, the Kiwanis Children's Fund would like us to be aware of tax incentives that are included in the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act. To encourage charitable giving in 2020, the CARES Act includes U.S. tax provisions that reward people who donate to charity. So, please consider these:

- **\$300 "above the line" charitable contribution deduction in 2020:** If you do not itemize your deductions in 2020, you can still reduce your taxable income by up to \$300 for cash donations to any public 501(c)(3) charities such as the KCF. A married couple can reduce taxable income by \$600 for these contributions. Donations to donor advised funds are not deductible.
- **Waiving adjusted gross income limit:** For taxpayers who itemize, the 60% percent of adjusted gross income limit that normally applies to cash donations will be waived for 2020 taxes. That means you could conceivably deduct 100% of your adjusted gross income to the KCF or other public charities. Donations to donor advised funds are not deductible.
- **Minimum IRA withdrawal:** In addition, the CARES Act suspends the requirement that seniors take a minimum withdrawal from their IRAs, 401(k) plans and other retirement accounts in 2020.
- **IRA charitable rollover:** However, qualified charitable distributions are still a great way for donors 70 ½ or older to make charitable contributions. A "IRA charitable rollover" allows you to contribute up to \$100,000 to the KCF or other another charity from your IRA without paying income tax. In all of these possibilities, we encourage you to check with your financial or other advisors to see how these temporary rules apply to you. When you are ready, the Kiwanis Children's Fund will be here to help you invest in the life-changing work Kiwanians do around the world.



MNT Elimination Programmatic Updates

**As of November 30, 2020*

VALIDATION STATUS

- **Globally** 47 out of 59 priority countries have been validated for MNT elimination.
- In addition, three countries have been partially validated: the **South East and South West Zones of Nigeria**, the **Punjab Province in Pakistan**, and **Southern Mali** have been validated.
- Currently, 12 countries are still at risk for MNT.
- **Nigeria's South-South zone** completed a pre-validation assessment in October 2020 – awaiting results.
- **Mali** completed implementation of all activities in the northern region following a recommendation after the validation assessment in November 2019 and is preparing for a final assessment.

THE FOLLOWING COUNTRIES ARE PLANNING/CONDUCTING TT SIAS

- **Afghanistan:** Planning to restart activities around implementation of the multi-antigen round in December. However there are persistent challenges from the Taliban, COVID-19, and the upcoming winter.
- **Central African Republic (CAR)** conducted the first round of TT SIAs in 33 out of 35 targeted in October 2020. Two districts (Haut Mbomou and Vakaga) postponed due to insecurity and flooding.
- **Guinea** conducted second round of SIAs during March 5-10, 2020, and the First Lady of Guinea participated in the campaign launch event. Prior to the final round, the country team is planning to review the risk categorization of districts to finalize the target districts. The country is also considering integration of MNT campaign with other SIAs, such as polio or measles.
- **Mali** conducted a validation assessment from November 2-9, 2019; two out of five zones in the North were at low-risk and two additional rounds of TT SIAs were recommended for the other three zones. The first round was conducted in January 2020, and the final round in 14 districts of 3 northern districts was conducted in June. Currently planning for a post-campaign coverage survey which is a pre-requisite for validation of the country.
- **Nigeria:** Ten out of eleven states in the **North-Central** and **North-West** zones have implemented the first round of Td vaccinations. The first round for the final state Zamfara and the second round for the other states has been postponed due to COVID-19 and is planned for December 2020. The **North-East** zone is planning to start campaigns in the first quarter of 2021.
- **Pakistan:** Balochistan province conducted the final round of SIAs during August 24 - 30, targeting 3 million WRA. Torrential rains interrupted implementation in 9 out of 28 districts, which were rescheduled and completed in September. Gilgit Baltistan (GB) province will conduct its third round in Q1 of 2021. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Merged Districts (KPMD) provinces will commence the first round in Q1 of 2021, subject to availability of operational funds. Sindh province will conduct corrective activities in 3 districts in January 2021 as recommended after the validation survey.
- **Papua New Guinea:** A risk assessment and budget for campaigns shared by the country have been reviewed, but the implementation timeline is under discussion as all SIAs are paused due to COVID-19.

- **Sudan** has completed all three rounds of TT SIAs in the 33 remaining districts and is planning for a pre-validation assessment in these districts. In the meantime the country is planning to do targeted activities in 39 localities where the coverage of three immunization rounds were below 85% - these are planned for January 2021.
- **South Sudan:** 23 high-risk counties (out of 34 targeted) implemented the first round of Td campaigns and 19 implemented the second round before the pandemic. Terekeka and Lanya counties implemented in September/October. The third round will be conducted in Q3 of 2021.
- **Yemen:** After the revised 2018 risk review, the first round was conducted in 53 new high-risk districts in October 2019, the second round which had been scheduled for March 2020 was postponed due to COVID-19. Yemen implemented two rounds of integrated outreach rounds which includes Td vaccinations in September and October 2020 in 59 districts targeting 460,000 WRA. The third round is scheduled for Q2 of 2021.



Your last chance for a Walter Zeller Fellowship is NOW!

Capital District Kiwanis pledged \$3 million dollars to The Eliminate Project in 2015 to help Kiwanis International reach it's goal of \$110 million to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. To date, we have raised \$2.68 million in cash, which is an amazing accomplishment, but we are still \$320,000 short of our pledge.

The Capital District Board of Trustees instituted a new giving program that provides a \$250 match for every \$1000 donation made. So, you can purchase a Walter Zeller Fellowship for yourself or a family member for only \$1000 instead of the normal \$1250 price. This also applies to Diamond level add-on donations if you or the recipient already has a Zeller Fellowship recognition. However, the Kiwanis Children's Fund has alerted us that Zeller recognitions will no longer be available EVER AGAIN after December 31, 2020. If you have been waiting for the right time to purchase a Zeller, help us fulfill our pledge, and most importantly to help save mothers and babies from dying of tetanus, NOW is your time!

If you are interested in helping during this holiday season, please contact John Tyner, Kiwanis Children's Fund Trustee and our District Advocate for The Eliminate Project. We are counting on you!



Secretary's Scribbles

PG JEFFREY WOLFF, DISTRICT SECRETARY-TREASURER

Benjamin Franklin once said “The best investment is in the tools of one’s own trade.”

For my column, I thought I would address the need for good tools for club secretaries and treasurers.

CLUB SECRETARIES

Although the job of club secretaries is harder than most in your club, a lot of the tools you need are provided to you by Kiwanis International. The Secretary’s Dashboard is the one-stop shop for all your club management needs. From this one interface, you are able to:

- Add, Edit and Delete Club Members
- Identify Elected Club Officers and Appointed Committee Chairpersons
- Update SLP Advisors and Verify Background Check Status
- Keep Website URL and Social Media Account Names Current
- Keep Club Meeting Location, Date and Time Current
- Complete Club’s Monthly Report (Due by 10th of each month)
- Not included in the Secretary’s Dashboard, but accessible to club secretaries is also the “Club Bylaws” function which allows you to access the currently on-file version of your club’s Bylaws and Policies. Your club should conduct an annual review of your club’s Mandatory and Optional Policies and if they need to be updated based on revised practices of your club, be sure to follow the voting process to update them within the club and then file the new version to KI through this tool.

Finally, I’ll draw your attention to the Support box at the bottom of the Secretary’s Dashboard page. If you have any questions about club administration, this is your resource. That box sends an email directly to me and I usually respond within 24 hours to all requests. If I can’t answer it, I’ll usually direct you Member Services at Kiwanis International (800-KIWANIS x411). You can also use chat bubbles at the bottom right of the same page to send a message to Member Services.

CLUB TREASURERS

As the officer responsible for the financial management of your club, your tools are vital to the successful operation of your club within the prescribed laws and policies. However, aside from generating the invoice to pay KI for dues, new members and activities fees, you aren’t really provided with the tools you need.

While you can manage your club’s financial records via Microsoft Excel spreadsheets, your club is effectively a small business and I strongly suggest that your club invest a basic accounting package.

Intuit’s QuickBooks is my personal favorite and what I use to manage the District’s financial operations. Not only does it automatically interface online with banks, it generates and records payments (manually printed checks and online payment types), and stores all expense documentation for proper recordkeeping.

QuickBooks comes in two modes, Desktop and Online. There are pros and cons to both, the the summary is that QuickBooks Online is the most flexible since you use it from any web browser on any machine anywhere (and grant other members of your club - including your Financial Review Committee - access to the data as needed) but it is more expensive since it’s a monthly or annual subscription your club purchases. QuickBooks Desktop is less expensive but has to be installed on typically one user’s computer. If you have a club treasurer that doesn’t change from year to year, this might be the right approach, but that person has to generate and distribute reports regularly.

Another advantage of either version of QuickBooks is the ability to invoice your club members for their dues (and

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CLUB BIRTHDAYS

BY JOHN FOX, DISTRICT HISTORIAN

IT IS TRULY UP TO THE CLUB TO DECIDE WHEN THEY WANT TO CELEBRATE THEIR KIWANIS CLUB BIRTHDAY. THERE ARE TWO DATES TO CONSIDER THE ORGANIZATION DATE OR CHARTER DATE.

As the principles of Kiwanis spread across this country. Field Representatives were sent out to organize clubs. They traveled by train to the main cities in the US.

- Arthur Malkin organized Washington, Baltimore, Wilmington, Richmond and Norfolk.
- E. F. Westcott organized Roanoke, Lynchburg and Salem.

You can view your club "Genealogy" at <http://history.capitaldistrictkiwanis.org/sponsor/index.html>

Once a club is organized and paperwork received, a club is given a "key" number. This unique number distinguishes one Kiwanis Club name from another Kiwanis Club with the same name. Past Governor and District Historian Fred Terrell discovered the home office had alphabetized the first 131 clubs organized between 1916 and 1919, then gave them a Key Number.

- Baltimore organized May 5, 1918 key number is 00009.
- Richmond organized March 6, 1919 key number is 00103.
- Washington organized May 19, 1817 key number is 00127.
- Wilmington organized November 19, 1918 key number is 00131.

<http://history.capitaldistrictkiwanis.org/kiclubs/kc1517.html>

The Organization date is the first meeting of a new club by electing officers and board members. From that date, the club is officially part of the Kiwanis Family.

The Charter date occurs later when the club receives its official charter, hence the name. The governor and other Kiwanis officials would attend among community leaders to celebrate this new club in its community.

Taken from the Washington club's history page "On January 16, 1918, International President George M Hixson was present and delivered the charter, which bears date May 19, 1917. There does not seem to have been any special celebration in connection with this presentation George said, Here's your charter and Roe said, Darn if it ain't."

Club 100th Birthdays in 2021 are: Norton, Martinsville, Salem, Hagerstown, Danville and Alexandria.

NOTE: When a club merges with another club, the Key Number, organization and charter dates are associated with the older club.

Here is a list of active clubs and their Birthday dates

<http://history.capitaldistrictkiwanis.org/clubkeys/birthdays.html>



BACKGROUND CHECKS

Thank you for volunteering to work with our Kiwanis International Service Leadership Programs. You are making an investment in the future of Kiwanis and your community by dedicating time to our future leaders!

Now that you have made this important commitment, the first step is completing a background check with the Kiwanis International-approved vendor, Safe Hiring Solutions.

STEP 1 Log into your Kiwanis portal and click the background check button. If you have trouble finding the background check button, email your club secretary for a member-specific link or contact backgroundchecks@kiwanis.org.

STEP 2 Have your Social Security number, home addresses for the past five years, phone numbers and any other personal identifying information at your fingertips as you complete the Safe Hiring Solutions background check forms. If you are paying for your background check, please have your credit card information (Visa, Mastercard, Discover) nearby to submit at the end of the process, unless your club has made other payment arrangements.

STEP 3 The search begins! What exactly do we check?

IN THE UNITED STATES

Social Security verification
National Criminal Database
National Sex Offender Registry
County criminal search
Federal district search

OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES

We make every attempt to keep the screening process similar from country to country to ensure that our volunteers and the youth that we serve are safe. If you are outside of the United States, please contact backgroundchecks@kiwanis.org for more information.

STEP 4 Review time: If your check returns any convictions, we will review those and determine next steps. A full list of offenses and which offenses are not suitable for SLP advisors can be found in section 197.2 of the Kiwanis International Policies and Procedures.

FAST FACTS

• Globally, 1 in 4 youth will suffer some type of abuse or maltreatment (World Health Organization).

• 85% of child abuse victims never report their abuse.

• Abuse is usually at the hands of a known acquaintance or family member, NOT strangers.

90%

• More than 90% of abusers are people children know, love and trust.



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STEP 5 Upon an approved completion of your background check, you will receive an email from Safe Hiring Solutions stating that you have been approved to volunteer. If you do not receive any notification within a month of submitting your information, first check your spam and junk folders and then contact your club secretary or backgroundchecks@kiwanis.org to follow up.

STEP 6 Your background check is good for two years. About one month before your check expires, we will send you an email reminder with a link to reapply for an updated background check.



HOW IS MY DATA PROTECTED?



All personally identifiable information is kept on a secure server, and access is strictly limited to those employees who need that information to carry out their job responsibilities. All Safe Hiring Solutions employees and contractors are carefully screened and properly trained. The privacy and integrity of all information is protected. Any information that is transmitted electronically is done so via SSL (secure socket layer) encryption.

BACKGROUND CHECKS FOR KIWANIS ADVISORS

BY JOSH HISCOCK, DISTRICT YOUTH PROTECTION MANAGER

As the new year begins, we always see renewed energy and a recommitment to service from our K-Kids, Builder's Club, Key Club, and CKI students. Our Aktion Club counterparts continue to serve their communities with passion and excitement. Does your Kiwanis club sponsor one of these service leadership program (SLP) clubs? If so, now is the time to take advantage of planning joint virtual service projects and finding new and innovative ways to collaborate with your youth counterparts. The best way to ensure that this happens is to communicate regularly and to spend time building a relationship with the faculty advisor and club officers. Does your club have a Kiwanis Advisor appointed to work with each club?

Kiwanis clubs are required to designate a member to serve as an official advisor to each sponsored SLP club. This decision is made by your club's Board of Directors and the assignment is recorded officially by your club secretary in the Kiwanis Connect reporting system. The [Kiwanis Youth Protection Policies](#) call for each SLP advisor to have a criminal background check administered through Kiwanis International and its approved vendor, Safe Hiring Solutions, every two years. The cost of this background check is \$25. While some clubs may ask individual members to pay this expense on their own, clubs are allowed to budget for it from either the administrative or service account. When a member is

added as a Kiwanis Advisor for the first time, he or she will receive an e-mail message prompting the start of the background check process. Kiwanians already serving as Kiwanis Advisors will receive an e-mail prompt approximately one month prior to when their biennial background check is set to expire.

Kiwanis International has the above helpful infographic to provide more detail on the background check process. For more information or to ask a question, please contact the District Youth Protection Manager Josh Hiscock at hiscockj@gmail.com.

EDUCATION NEWS

KRISTA LATCHAW AND DON DUDEY, DISTRICT LEADERSHIP EDUCATION COMMITTEE



It's 5 O'clock Somewhere Series

Thank you for your support of the Education Team's 'It's 5 O'clock Somewhere' Series. The team is sponsoring monthly discussions where club members can grab a drink and listen to guest speakers talk about a variety of relevant topics. Sessions are held on the last Thursday of the month (except when holidays get in the way). We've had a lot of success and interest in this program....and the team is just getting started!

All sessions are recorded and posted on the [Capital District YouTube Channel](#).

Previous Sessions:

- Youth Protection & You (Speaker: Josh Hiscock)
- Risk Management for COVID-19 (Speaker: April Gassler)
- Teenager of the Year Program (Speaker: Judy Pantelides)

January 2021 Topic:

Kiwanis Amplify Program:
Learning And Living Leadership Out Loud

Thursday, January 28th, 7 – 8pm

Zoom Link: [CLICK HERE](#) (Meeting ID: 971 0601 0756, Password: 277470)

Email Krista Latchaw if you would like to present a topic klatchaw@hcg.com

Educator Spotlight

The Education Team is giving club members a chance to meet some of the people that make Kiwanis Education happen. We are starting an Education Spotlight to get you familiar with the faces you can use all year long for Education questions.

CATHERINE CUMMINS, SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA REGION

[Email Catherine](#)



Background: Catherine attended Longwood University and obtained an undergraduate degree in biology. She then went on to then pursue a career in environmental health (Registered Environmental Health Specialist) that ultimately spanned over 35 years. Now retired, Catherine was an Environmental Health Manager/Consultant with the Virginia Department of Health, serving as an FDA certified Standardization Officer for the Food Program, an FDA Rating Officer for the Dairy Program, and as a VDH trainer.

Kiwanis Journey: For 25 years, Catherine was a member of Altrusa International of Charlottesville, VA, but relocation home to the Southwest Region necessitated finding a local service club, and Kiwanis was her logical choice. Catherine's grandfather and father had both been members of the Clintwood Kiwanis Club, so she made contact with the club and was immediately accepted as a member. Within a year she became President of the club and then last year gravitated into the Lt Gov role, a position both her grandfather and father had held. She agreed to serve two consecutive terms (2019-20; 2020-21) for Division 17.

Hobbies: Reading, gardening, painting, fishing and backpacking. She certified as an Open Water Diver in 1985 and, except for 2020, has been able to participate in at least one recreational scuba diving trip annually.

Fun Fact: Catherine is one of 7 children. The date of February 20 is significant in her family - five of the children share that same month and day as a birthday... all in different years. In 1977 Catherine's family was acknowledged by the Guinness Book of World Records as the only verified family with five single children sharing coincident birthdays. It's a record yet to be broken. The 2019 edition of the book actually features a family photo.



TIS' THE SEASON FOR KEEPING YOUR MEMBERS ENGAGED

BY CAREN SCHUMACHER, CAPITAL DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

The holidays have always been a time where Kiwanians participate in multiple service projects and club members gather to share in the spirit of the season. Has your club made alternative plans to spread the joy during these challenging times?

The Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg has held a Holiday Party for its members and their guests for many, many years. It is a special time where Kiwanians come together to celebrate the season with dinner, music, raffle prizes, and most importantly, fellowship and fun. A coveted tradition of the evening is the singing of the Twelve Days of Christmas. Each of the days is assigned to a different table. Along with singing their verse of the song, Kiwanians perform the action depicted by the day. You can only imagine the laughter that abounds with the interpretations of lords a-leaping, maids a-milking or geese a-laying!

This annual get-together is an important member experience. It is fondly anticipated by the club members, who pay a \$5 monthly social fee that covers the cost of the party (along with an early summer picnic). The holiday social includes a service project. Everyone in attendance brings a book that is then donated to the organizations the Kiwanis club's reading programs support.

The party cannot take place at Legacy Hall in Williamsburg this year. Instead, club members will gather on Zoom on December 17th, wearing their ugly holiday sweaters and holding their favorite beverage in hand. The hour-long social will include all the usual elements - jokes, singing and the infamous Twelve Days of Christmas. Names of the members participating on Zoom will be eligible for raffle prizes and the person wearing the ugliest sweater will be recognized. While the event will certainly be different this year, the opportunity for members to still gather and uphold a fun club tradition has been extremely well-received.

What does a holiday party have to do with membership? Everything! Member retention is paramount, and keeping your members connected is critical to member satisfaction. Throughout the Capital District it is important to increase the number of club members and build new clubs. But if we lose current club members because they do not feel engaged and excited about Kiwanis, shame on us!

Ask yourself the question: what is your club doing to keep your members engaged? The holiday season provides a perfect opportunity to bring your members together. Make it a fun get-together that makes your members feel connected with each other. Think outside the box – there are so many creative ways you can make your event a special one. 'Tis' the season for keeping your members engaged and celebrating, together, the joy of being a Kiwanian.



NEW NEXT GENERATION E-CLUB TEAMS UP WITH OPERATION GRATITUDE

BY KATHERINE PAJEWSKI, CAPITAL-NEXT GENERATION E-CLUB

In many ways, the Capital District’s new Next Generation E-Club is a club for the moment. It began as a way to draw in new Kiwanians — and welcome former Key Clubbers back into the fold — with the promise of flexible, virtual meetings. It’s a bonus that that structure perfectly suits an era dominated by Zoom meetings and virtual happy hours. The club’s founding members are from the Capital District and beyond — from Richmond to Baltimore and to Birmingham to Roanoke

For our first service event, we teamed up with Operation Gratitude, and wrote 45 thank-you cards to healthcare workers, first responders, active duty service members, National Guard members, and firefighters. The nonprofit, which works to connect people to members of the military and first responders through volunteer service projects, will distribute the club’s letters across the nation. On a Zoom call in November, members displayed their handmade cards, as they crafted personal notes to frontline workers in need of support during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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GENERATION E-CLUB

The COVID-19 global pandemic has made all Kiwanis groups’ meeting and service events look quite different. We have been able to take the current limits required for the public health emergency in stride and create a COVID-friendly version of Kiwanis. The club is already brainstorming service and social events that they are able to do both as a group and in their respective communities. In addition to the service events they do as a group, the club wants to encourage members to independently serve their communities and come back to the club to share their experience. As we continue through the holiday season, the Capital - Next Generation E-Club will be the common feature for newly rejoined members of the Kiwanis family to make a difference in their communities, no matter where they are.

2021 TEENAGER OF THE YEAR

BY JUDY PANTELIDES, DISTRICT TEENAGER OF THE YEAR CHAIRPERSON

As of December 1st, it is anticipated all Kiwanis clubs have been notified of the Teenager of the Year process and it has been sent out to schools. This information was emailed to all Capital District Lt. Governors by November 1st. A great way to get this to all of the schools in your division is to send it to the Director of Guidance who can then ensure all students, ages 13-19, are made aware of it. A personal followup with them is always good to make sure they did receive it and to ask if they have any questions. We ask Lt. Governors or the divisional ToY chairperson make sure the link and information gets out to all schools, not just ones where we have SLP clubs.

Just a reminder that this Capital District Foundation award of \$2500 is a great way to advertise your club and the many ways we support the youth of our communities. Be sure to ask your club members to send the link to other youth in your community who you think need to be recognized for the service they provide. These nominees do not have to be a member of a Builders Club or Key Club to apply. Connecting non-SLP nominees to the process may even help build a club where none currently exists. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.



WE CAN DO SERVICE

DAVE ROTHBERG, SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

Service is at the heart of every Kiwanis club, no matter where in the world it is located. Each year, Kiwanis members stage nearly 150,000 service projects, devote more than 18.5 million hours of service and raise nearly US\$100 million for communities, families and projects.

Are you bringing your "A" game to serve your Kiwanis community? Especially in these difficult times, the community you serve is more than ever in need of your help.

Here are some tips to help your club think out-of-the-box to continue Service Programs:

- ASK your community leaders what help they need
- Find out where the need is and figure out how to help. Turn old projects into "drive-in" or "drive-up" events, whether it's a literacy program, food drive or whatever

- Remember, service starts at "home," within your local club. Reach out to isolated Kiwanians, do porch visits, send cards or set up call trees ... stay in contact with your members
- Get creative. Turn "can't do" into "how can we do?" Adapt new ways to serve others.
- Reach out to Kiwanis Family Service Leadership Programs clubs and figure out ways to include others' talent, time and resources.

Follow this link <https://bit.ly/KiwanisService> for service project ideas.

If I can help in any way, please feel to contact me at madventuresinc@yahoo.com

AKTION CLUB UPDATE

BY JENNIFER HISCOCK, AKTION CLUB ADMINISTRATOR

Aktion Club is the only service club for adults with disabilities and has more than 12,000 members worldwide. This is the fastest growing branch of the Kiwanis family in the last 8 years! Aktion Club is founded on the four core values of character building, leadership, inclusiveness, and caring, which helps to accomplish the mission of "providing adults living with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative, leadership skills and to serve their communities."

George D. "Jake" Swartout, 1988-1989 Governor of Kiwanis International's Florida District, organized the first Aktion Club for adults who live with a disability in Putnam County, Florida, in 1987. Aktion Club became an official Service Leadership Program of Kiwanis International on October 1, 2000. Today, there are clubs in Canada, Barbados, Malaysia, Jamaica, Bahamas, Philippines, Australia, and the United States.

Aktion Club within the Capital District is quickly growing! There are currently 263 members in 16 clubs, all of which are spread throughout the District. Within the Capital District, Aktion Club members stay busy with service projects such as making arts and crafts with assisted living members, collecting canned goods for local food banks, assembling welcome bags for newborns at their local hospital, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army during the holidays, and making holiday cards for local senior centers.

A Kiwanis club can form an Aktion Club by enlisting interest from a supporting organization. Examples of organizations in your community could include the local ARC, Easter Seals, Special Olympics, or Centers for Independent Living. Once an agreement is in place, the Kiwanis Club is encouraged to underwrite chartering costs and provide a Kiwanis advisor to the club, just as you would with any SLP.



Key Clubs and CKI clubs often get involved with Aktion Club, providing excellent role models.

Did you know that Key Clubs and CKI clubs are able to assist in chartering an Aktion Club? It is a tremendous opportunity for our students to work with their Kiwanis Club in order to impact their local community. If you are ready to make a meaningful, life-changing impact, co-sponsor a new Aktion Club at a local agency that supports adults with disabilities. A Key Club or CKI club can register with Kiwanis International as a co-sponsor along with the sponsoring Kiwanis club. By being a co-sponsor, the Key Club or CKI club establishes the right and responsibly to fulfill the obligations of sponsorship, along with the Kiwanis club. The joint effort can be one in which everyone learns from each other and a meaningful relationship evolves, as well as it is a wonderful way to bring together the various branches of our K Family. Joint sponsorship, where multiple branches of the Kiwanis Family come together to charter an Aktion Club, is a winning combination.

If you are interested in learning more about sponsoring an Aktion Club, becoming involved as a member of the Capital District Aktion Club committee, or have an idea of how to further educate Kiwanis and SLP members about the value of having an Aktion Club in your community, please feel free to contact Jennifer Hiscock (Capital District Aktion Club Committee Chairperson) at hiscockjenn@gmail.com.

JEFFERSON AREA AKTION

BY SUZANNE HOLLIDAY, WILLIAMSBURG AKTION CLUB KIWANIS ADVISOR

Members of the Jefferson Area Aktion Club teamed up with the Western Albemarle High School Key Club on a beautiful fall Saturday afternoon to conduct a bake sale fund-raiser during the annual Innisfree Village community hay ride event. Amidst all the smiles and laughs and socially-distanced fun and fellowship, \$241 was collected in support of Save the Children, a very well-known and respected international organization dedicated to improving the lives of children through better

education, health care, and economic opportunities. Founded in London in 1919, Save the Children also provides emergency aid in natural disasters, war, and other conflicts and is at work in 120 countries around the world. Aktion Club counselor, Carol Evans, commented that it is fitting that the local Kiwanis family take on such a project as this in order to confirm our commitment to making a difference in global issues of importance while at the same time acting locally.

Attitude with Gratitude is the mission for the Williamsburg Aktion Club!. Enthusiasm and joy were abundant as they met virtually for the first time in November. Their first call to Aktion is to make and send "Thinking of You" and "Get Well Soon" cards to members of the Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg that may be struggling with isolation from COVID-19 or an ongoing illness. It is their hope to build stronger relationships within our Kiwanis family.

Building an Aktion Club Step by Step

A resource for the Capital District of Kiwanis International

1

Secure a Sponsoring Kiwanis Club: Meet with club representatives and explain the mission/core values of Aktion Club. Share how each stakeholder will benefit and what requirements being a sponsor entail. *Remember a Circle K or Key Club can also be a sponsor!*

2

Select a Site: An Aktion Club is sponsored by a Kiwanis Club in conjunction with an agency that supports adults with disabilities or as a community-based club.

3

Meet with Agency Administrator: Contact an agency and meet with the administrator. During this meeting, you should share the relationship of Aktion Club to Kiwanis and the benefits of Aktion Club members to the agency.

4

Secure an Agency Advisor: This person needs to understand the agency policy and client limitations. This person will work collaboratively and closely with the Kiwanis sponsor.

5

Recruit Members: Provide Aktion Club brochures to agency staff members and solicit member names. Schedule a time to make a special presentation about Aktion Club and invite interested clients.

6

Download the Chartering Toolkit: This kit consists of the petition for charter, which must be submitted to Kiwanis International along with a \$600 sponsorship fee. Once submitted, you receive the following: member pins, member cards, banner, gavel, and resources.

7

Officially Organize the Club: The purpose of the organizational meeting is to adopt the club's bylaws and elect the charter officers and directors. The club will also make decisions about the club meeting schedule.

8

Chartering Night Ceremony: Plan a chartering ceremony where members and officers are officially inducted. Remember to invite Kiwanis members, family members, and community leaders.

9

Launch and Support: Review provided resource materials to make sure the club is on track. Work together with club members to devise a calendar of events for the year. Attend all meetings!

10

Promotion: Educate the community about the wonderful service members are completing!



IMPROVING HEALTHCARE FOR AFGHANISTAN'S CHILDREN

BY DR. RICK MANNING, PRESIDENT AND CEO, BE TEAM INTERNATIONAL

It has been over a year since I had the honor of speaking to Capital District Kiwanians at your annual convention in Portsmouth, Virginia. When I recently learned that the World Health Organization had designated November 20, 2021 as Universal Children's Day, Kiwanis came to my mind. I was reminded that Kiwanis and Be Team International (BTI) have a shared mission of improving the lives of children. The medical staff at BTI's Cure Hospital in Kabul, Afghanistan are dedicated to saving lives and changing communities through quality healthcare training, global partnerships and compassionate patient care. I visited our hospital in February, and I am pleased to provide an update of how our efforts are truly making a difference.

One of the most challenging medical operations undertaken by the staff was on a 15-year old boy born without a nose, an extremely rare condition known as arhinia. Within moments of birth, the baby required a highly skilled resuscitation team. It was a miracle that Hedayatullah survived the first few minutes of his life. Not only did the young boy experience the shame of having no nose with everyone staring and avoiding him, but eating and drinking were immense challenges causing constant choking.

When the boy was 15, the family travelled to our hospital and met with Dr. Said Olfat Hashimi, Chief Medical Officer and head of the Plastic Surgery Department. Dr.

Hashimi recalls the meeting. "It was a challenge, because I wasn't sure how to make holes for the nose. I shared pictures with friends and colleagues from around the world. Most advised to do just the aesthetic part without making holes for the nose." But Dr. Hashimi wanted to do both.

Hedayatullah spent six months at the hospital, so Dr. Hashimi could create his nose in three staged operations. Everything was provided free of charge. Life has changed dramatically for Hedayatullah. He is no longer shunned, and he can eat and drink without choking. He attends school, and his dream is to become a doctor, so he can help people, just like his doctors helped him.

Hedayatullah is just one of the many miraculous stories from BTI's Cure Hospital and the plastic surgery team. Through an important partnership with SMILE Train, nearly 10,000 children had cleft deformities repaired. SMILE Train's Medical Advisory Board has provided invaluable guidance, so that we can perform high-quality and safe cleft surgical procedures on the many small children who are depending on us.

Since starting our work in 2005, we have delivered nearly 40,000 babies, operated on almost 40,000 patients two thirds of which are on children and seen nearly one million outpatients.

We have a very comprehensive training program. We have five



Dr. Rick Manning

OBGYN fellows, 15 family doctors, a general surgeon and a pathologist in our government approved continuous training program. Nearly 90 percent of the trainees have stayed in Afghanistan.

Following the District convention in August 2019, I had the chance to meet with Kevin Thomas from the Kiwanis Pennsylvania District who has an office in my hometown of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. We explored ideas of how Kiwanis and BTI can work together and are pursuing an idea of creating a Kiwanis Reading Corner and a playground for the hospital's young patients and visitors. With the shared vision of improving the lives of children and BTI's dedication to global partnerships, I look forward to a long and lasting relationship between Kiwanis and BTI. For more information on BTI's work and to view photos of Hedayatullah, visit www.beteamintl.org.

Capital Record



KI Executive Director Speaks at Meeting

On December 3, 2020, the Kiwanis Club of Virginia Beach hosted KI's Executive Director, Stan Soderstrom, as a speaker via Zoom. Stan's subject was "KOVID with a K: Kiwanis reaction and response to the COVID pandemic." Many clubs and members from Division 14 (Hampton Roads) joined the meeting.

Mr, Soderstrom said that we're dealing with things we didn't know existed a year ago. From his global view, he reported that we are not alone, as many, many clubs also lost their major fundraisers. He has seen success where clubs have moved their meetings and fundraisers online, and made changes to bylaws that were needed to provide more flexibility. Our goals have not changed, as we have adapted.

Stan tracks reports online at, 'Operation Warp Speed' and he's hopeful as more vaccines are being introduced, that by summertime 2021, we'll be operating in our new normal as clubs are again meeting in-person and adding a broadcast option, by increasing our online capabilities. Stan's positive approach gave us all the inspiration to redouble our efforts to meet any and all future challenges.

Welcome to Kiwanis

- Doreen O'Connor, Kiwanis Club of OP-OC
- Joan Esworthy, Kiwanis Club of OP-OC
- Kathryn A. Hill, Kiwanis Club of OP-OC
- Steve Greco, Kiwanis Club of OP-OC
- Michelle Breslin, Kiwanis Club of Tysons
- Kelly Griffith, Kiwanis Club of Tysons

In Memoriam

On December 1st, the **Kiwanis Club of Alleghany Highlands** lost its Past President, **Gary "Boo Boo" Whitehead**, after complications from open heart surgery along with the ongoing Coronavirus. He was the soul of the club since joining, and took on the annual Golf Tourneyment. The club's goal for the event went from \$3,500 to \$15,000 under Gary's leadership. The community will miss him as well as the club.

Kiwanis Club of Severna Park has shared that long-time District Risk Manager **Mike Rind** passed away recently in Delaware. He & his wife, Bernice, moved to a senior community there about 2 years ago. Mike was a long time Kiwanis member of the Mountain Road Club and then the Severna Park club. Mike was a retired lawyer, a past Lt. Governor and past Capital District Risk Manager. He especially enjoyed judging the Mountain Road Essay Contest and the Teenager of the Year Scholarships. Mike's Kiwanis contributions will be remembered.

Happy Anniversary

December

Marion	1922
Towson-Timonium	1928
Westminster.....	1931
Clintwood	1937
Chincoteague	1946
Loch Raven	1950
Hampden-Midtown	1952
Virginia Beach.....	1954
Northwest Washington.....	1955
Severna Park.....	1955
La Plata	2002

January

Portsmouth	1920
Lynchburg	1920
Norton	1921
Radford.....	1923
Dover.....	1935
Bridgeville	1939
Bethesda	1945
Eastern Branch	1948
Suburban Frederick	1972
Northern Neck-Kilmarnock.....	1989
Grafton	1991
Downtown Hampton	2009

When You Know People...

Past Governor and Past International Trustee Jerry Peuler sent Denise Parker (Kiwanis International Board Support Liaison) a festive photo that she felt we should share with the District, both Jerry and PG John Tyner II address her as "mom".



Service Showcase



Kiwanis Club of Tysons

Division 2

The Kiwanis Club of Tysons continue to maintain their stretch of Haycock Rd. for Adopt-a-Highway. Masks included! The club has also worked recently to help stock shelves at area shelters, such as the St. Lucy Project warehouse in Manassas.

Division 4

The Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City is proud to continue its long-standing partnership with the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) through the creation of the Backpacks for Breaks program. This service initiative aims to eliminate food insecurity in our community by providing children with nutritious meals during school breaks when free and reduced lunch programs are not in operation.

This month, the Kiwanis club will provide 150 local children with backpacks filled with 33 meals and healthy snacks for the 11-day Winter Break. That is a total of 4,950 meals. The club plans to replicate the project in April 2021 when it provides an additional 150 local children with backpacks filled with 15 meals and healthy snacks for the five-day Spring Break. That is a total of 2,250 additional meals.



Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City

Division 5

For Kiwanis ONE Day, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City took on the project of cleaning up trash in West Ocean City at the Park & Ride lot. In addition, every Wednesday in November, the Kiwanis Club of OP-OC Coat Drive Co-Chairpersons, Sue Wineke and Kitty Wrench, were in the parking lot of the Ocean Pines Community Center collecting coat donations from club members and the community. The response was truly incredible. About four hundred (400+) plus coats were collected.

Division 6

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Canton-Fells Point (featured on the cover) teamed up to put together bagged lunches for the Beans & Bread soup kitchen. Together, they assembled and donated 50 well-stocked bagged lunches! In addition, the club has continued with their monthly cleanups at Canton Waterfront Park.



Kiwanis Club of Charlottesville

Division 7

The Frederick club has partnered with “Sleep in Heavenly Peace” (SHIP) to help build & distribute beds to local children who don’t currently have a bed to sleep in. It’s also a service project that’s COVID-appropriate: physical work done out-of-doors while maintaining social distance. The club is also teaming up with Wreaths Across America during the holidays to help place wreaths on veterans’ graves in both Frederick & Thurmont.

The Mt. Airy club again celebrated an annual tradition of manning the Salvation Army kettle outside Walmart during the holidays, both during November & pre-Christmas. In addition, Club members donated clothing to residents at Springfield Hospital.

Several members of the Hagerstown club took care of trim painting, window replacing & glazing, repairing storm doors and doing yard work at a Hagerstown residence of need. The club also held their 4th Annual Children’s Sock. During the month of November, children in need from local elementary schools were gifted with shoes, a jacket, a present and of course, SOCKS!

Division 9

This year the Kiwanis Club of Charlottesville focused on helping the Ronald McDonald House. They collected 165 books for the youth and their parents who stay at the Ronald McDonald House while their loved ones are receiving treatment from UVA Children’s Hospital. All books have been discreetly labeled with a friendly Kiwanis sticker expressing the long-term and on-going support for the Ronald McDonald House. And at the same time, the Jefferson Area Aktion Club members at Innisfree Village met and baked a real treat: two dozen gluten-free muffins that were delivered to Ronald McDonald House.

Division 16

Recently, the Kiwanis Club of Christiansburg participated in their annual early morning shopping trip at Walmart to sponsor 50 children in need. The club was able to make these children’s Christmas lists become a reality, spending about \$100 per child on toys and treasures. Members of the club also elect to sponsor the clothing needs of these children, giving them ample festively wrapped presents to open Christmas morning. Back in the Fall, the club continued their sponsorship of 45-50 weekly backpacks at the Headstart Program, as well as providing local schools with clothing/supply gift cards when needed.

Secretary’s Scribbles *(continued from page 9)*

meal) payments, allowing them to pay online automatically.

QuickBooks Desktop can be purchased from [Amazon](#) (or your favorite retailer) for \$199 and that includes one-year of software updates, but it will continue to operate fine without additional cost after that first year.

QuickBooks Online can be purchased for \$12.50/month (\$150/year) directly from [Intuit](#). Again, while this is more expensive over time, your software is always up-to-date with new features added all the time and you (or other members you designate) can access it from anywhere.

DISCOUNTED TECH PURCHASES

Since I’m talking to you about purchasing technology for your club, I’d be remiss if I didn’t mention [Techsoup.org](#). This is a clearinghouse for technology companies to make donations to non-profit organizations. If your club is a 501(c)3 or you have a Club Foundation that is willing to set up an account for you at Techsoup, you can purchase software at either free or significantly discounted rates.

For example, if you visit <https://www.techsoup.org/intuit> you will see that a 1 year license for QuickBooks Online Plus (for up to 5 users) is only \$75 per year at Techsoup instead of the \$420 annual price directly from Intuit for a

5-user license. Quickbooks Desktop Premier is only \$60 one time (but again does not have updates included after the first year).

If you have any questions about technology or tools for your club, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at jeffrey.wolff@capitaldistrictkiwanis.org

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!



Kiwanis Club of Roanoke Completes a New All-Inclusive Playground

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The final day for the construction of a 10,000 square foot, all-inclusive playground consisted of 60 Kiwanians, police trainees, donors and the local community pitching in to spread 339 cubic yards of engineered wood fiber (EWF) throughout the play area.

The playground project was four years in the making. Roanoke wanted to create a signature project to celebrate the club's 100th anniversary. Wanting to initiate a project that would impact the community, Kiwanians learned that an underserved section of the city had a high population of overweight children and very few areas for them to exercise. In fact, the area had only two swings serving almost 1000 children. This location was an ideal place to build a playground.

Co-chairpersons, Cheri Hartman and Jackie Bledsoe organized a

committee consisting of not only Kiwanians but a local housing representative and city personnel from the library, school system and parks/recreation. The intent was to engage as many stakeholders as possible. This had to be a community playground, not just a Kiwanis playground.

Kiwanis felt that engagement of the community, especially the children, was critical for the long-term success of the facility. The community needed to be part of the process, including actually building the playground. With that in mind, the committee requested qualification proposals from playground equipment providers. Six vendors were interviewed. High on the committee's list of needs was the experience the vendor had with community builds, a process whereby the community helps to install the playground equipment. Cunningham/GameTime of Charlotte,



North Carolina was selected. The plan was to build the playground and give it to the City of Roanoke. When Kiwanis presented the plan to city council, one of the councilman commented "nobody gives the city anything, people are always asking for something. This is refreshing." They obviously accepted the proposal. With the city on board, Kiwanis met with the city manager, city engineering, and parks and recreation to coordinate the effort and satisfy any of their specific needs.

The playground was to be located on land belonging to Roanoke City Public Schools, adjacent to a new city branch library and Goodwill Industries complex. Kiwanis worked closely with all three entities, obtaining land use permission and rights-of-way. Although obtaining these documents could have taken an inordinate amount of time for approvals, the city expedited the work to keep the build on-schedule.

The committee established a budget of \$400,000, half of which was for equipment; the other half was the cost of site work and installation. So how was this to be financed?

Cheri Hartman wrote a mountain of grant proposal requests. She landed a large grant from the Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) which helped pay for the site work and another large grant from Kiwanis Children's Fund. Capital District Kiwanis Foundation also contributed a considerable gift, which Roanoke was most grateful for. Kiwanis sold bricks and pavers at \$500 and \$1000 respectively. One was sold to Capital District Governor, Dennis Baugh. In-kind donations were received from Hughes Associates Architects & Engineers who designed the site and obtained needed land use approvals. Kiwanian, Sam Lionberger III, obtained in-kind donations of stone and concrete from local construction suppliers. Donation jars were spread throughout the local businesses. But the biggest surprise was the support from local churches. Kiwanians made presentations to numerous local congregations and their support was overwhelming. When some costs exceeded the budget, a group of Kiwanians offered a 50% match for other Kiwanians to donate a little more. The match was achieved. It was a multi-faceted campaign that

made the financial goal a success. Then COVID-19 appeared. The committee felt that a community build could not happen. Fortunately the site work contractor was also a playground builder so he was contracted to install the playground equipment. So how was the community to be engaged in the build? Four truckloads of engineered wood fiber (339 cubic yards) was dumped and needed to be spread. So Kiwanians and the community were invited to "Spread the Mulch" with rakes, wheelbarrows and pitch forks. At the completion of the spreading, the playground was ready for a ribbon cutting and PLAYGROUND PLAY!



CKI MADELEINE EICHORN, GOVERNOR

I think I can speak on behalf of all of us in saying that 2020 has been quite a hectic year for the world, and therefore, our organization. However, I couldn't be more proud of how the Capital K-Family has adapted and pushed forward to make sure that we are still continuing to connect as members and serve our communities. In Capital CKI, we have taken the events of 2020 as an opportunity to rebuild. Coming in January, we have a lot of exciting things to release which we feel will help bring the district on a more stable and straightforward path to growing our membership, increasing communication between the clubs and the District, increasing our service impact, and more. Such newly released items will include a 5-year Capital CKI District Strategic Plan, updated Capital CKI Policy Code, completed updates to the Capital CKI website, and a Guidebook to Capital CKI for new members.



In addition to materials and resources, we are also excited to announce that we have a lot of great events coming up in 2021. In the works, we are planning to have a DEI-related January event in honor of MLK Day, divisional service events to work towards our District Project - family homelessness, and our first ever entirely virtual DCON in March! We would love to have support from our Kiwanians. If you are interested in hearing more or attending any of these CKI events, please reach out to me at governor@cdcki.org for more details.

I would like to thank you all for everything you have done to support our CKI clubs during these hard times in 2020. In the case of some of our CKI clubs, I know it was only because of the help from you all that our clubs were able to stay afloat and have a service year. I can't thank you enough or put into words how much your support, both in guidance and finances, has meant to us in keeping CKI alive in the Capital District. Can't wait for the great things we will accomplish together as a K-Family in 2021!

Have a safe and happy holiday season!

Yours in Caring and Service,



Madeleine Eichorn

Key Club EMMA LLEWELLYN, GOVERNOR

Hello Capital District Kiwanians,

I hope you all are having an enjoyable holiday season! During this season of thankfulness, I wanted to take a moment and thank you all for your continued dedication to serving the youth of Capital District.



The month of November was exceptionally busy, and we are only getting busier as we move in to December. In early November, the District Board had a board meeting where the main educational portion of our meeting was about conducting LTG elections and finding successors. We also had many important updates about our District Convention which will be virtual this year, and our Capital District Key eClub for members whose clubs are unable to meet/pay dues this year due to COVID-19.

Moving in to December, the biggest focus is on our Winter Rally on 12/06. This event is a mix of education-hearing from several guest speakers and a chance for District updates and also games to promote District fellowship. We have an astounding 280 RSVPs, and I look forward to giving you all a recap soon!

Our District is continuing to work towards our projects-The Eliminate Project and Keep it Clean, Capital. With your continued support, I know that Capital District Key Club will finish the last quarter of our service year strong! Please feel free to reach out at any time with any questions, comments, or concerns!

Yours in service,



Emma Llewellyn

Eye on KI

News from Kiwanis International



SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2021 KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

As a member of the fundraising committee, you might find it harder than ever to raise the funds that make a difference in your community — especially since COVID-19 changed everything, including the way we hold the Kiwanis International convention.

We hope to gather in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 2021. If meeting in person isn't possible, we'll use online platforms to bring you all the education, inspiration and leadership development you expect.

Meanwhile, let's take a cue from the kids we serve. They have to play differently right now — but their spirit is still part of Kiwanis service. And it will be part of the 2021 Kiwanis International Convention. We'll discover new ways to serve our community. Develop leadership skills. Make connections that will last a lifetime.

Save the date for leadership, service project and fundraising training. Join in person or online. June 23-26, 2021. Salt Lake City, Utah. Details about educational topics, speakers, registration and the virtual option coming soon.



HOLIDAY CHEER AND GEAR

The Kiwanis Family Store has some ways for you and your fellow members to spread some cheer:

Kiwanis stockings and holiday hats are perfect for stuffing with treats — and for collecting donations. Outfit your volunteers in branded gear so everyone recognizes the good work you do.

Kiwanis-branded peace cards will keep you and your club connected. Send an end-of-year wish with some holiday warmth to people you would normally meet in person. Include a photo of your favorite club activity or a memorable moment together.

Stuff a Kiwanis mug with sweet treats as a thank-you to friends and community members who have helped your club serve. Help them feel warmed by the good work they do with Kiwanis.

Holiday sweater sweatshirts from the Kiwanis Family Store make a great gift for someone else in your club or district — or as a little treat for yourself.

Check out Kiwanis jewelry and watches. Great gifts at a variety of prices make it easy to wish people a happy holiday season with sparkle and shine.

Celebrations will look different this year, but the holiday spirit is alive and well for Kiwanis members. Have some fun and make someone smile!

Eye on KI (CONTINUED)



Amplify your leadership skills

It takes a lot of skill to be a leader at work, in your community or in your Kiwanis club. That's why Kiwanis International is introducing Kiwanis Amplify — a leadership program for those who want to amplify their ability to build and lead a team.

Participants will take a deep dive into eight leadership topics, including communication, strategic planning, hosting events, promoting diversity and other important matters. Members can work through the material at their own pace and will have the chance to interact in online discussions with cohorts moving through the curriculum.

Learn more about the topics and see if this eight-week course is for you at kiwanis.org/amplify.

Lunch with a Leader

Kiwanis International's area directors shared ideas for member recruitment, working with youth groups, keeping members engaged and more — tips you can use now and into the new year. [Watch it here.](#)

Bright Ideas

Take a look at the attached captioned photo submitted by the Kiwanis Club of Frederick to their local newspaper. They continue to invite program presenters to most of their regular member meetings, which of course are currently virtual, via Zoom. The photo & caption is a unique way to promote their club and their programs.



DISTRICT MAGAZINE CONTEST

Send in a minimum of 4 article submissions about what your Kiwanis club is up to
Editor Jen Wolff
(editor@capitaldistrictkiwanis.org)
between now and June 30, 2021
to be entered in a raffle drawing for a
FREE 2021 District Convention Registration!

LEARNING & LIVING LEADERSHIP OUT LOUD

Build your leadership skills. Improve your career, your community and your Kiwanis club.

Kiwanis Amplify is a program for emerging leaders who want to amplify their ability to lead a team. Participation is encouraged for, but not limited to, young leaders, new members and graduating members of Circle K International.

Participants will:

- Explore the value of servant leadership.
- Discover their personal strengths so they can lead confidently and successfully.
- Strengthen the ability to lead others in a strategic manner.
- Build and manage a strategic plan that works.
- Learn from experts as well as from peers from across the globe.
- Earn a certification of completion.

Participants will take a deep dive into eight leadership topics:

1. The qualities of a good leader.
2. Methods of communication.
3. Planning engaging events.
4. Promoting diversity, equality and inclusion throughout a team.
5. Working with others.
6. Sharing a message.
7. Planning for the future.
8. Staying focused.

The participation fee is US\$200. Individuals may nominate themselves for Kiwanis Amplify — or a club, division or district may sponsor participants. The participation fee is considered an educational expense, so clubs have the option of paying it from their service accounts.

To enroll, learn more or recommend someone for the program, visit kiwanis.org/amplify.

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