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Governor's Message

DAVID LURIE, 2019-20 GOVERNOR



Hello Capital District Kiwanians!

I hope all of you and your family are doing well. It is hard to believe that it is already June and that so much has occurred since our last issue. COVID-19 is still with us, but we are adapting to the times and still serving our communities. We also have had the dramatic protests over the killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis that have occurred throughout our country and in other parts of the world as well. These are challenging times no doubt for all of us. However, Kiwanis is still here to serve our communities and we are being challenged now more than ever to respond.

First, we have seen many of our communities make a move toward relaxing some of the dramatic measures that were placed on us back in March. Many of our clubs are starting to increase the level of activity and even a few in person events have started again with scholarship presentations, bar-b-que sales, and other events. I am encouraging clubs and members to please to continue the instructions that you receive from local and state health officials. I know we want to start meetings and large gatherings for projects and fundraisers, but we must be smart and safe. If you are not comfortable with attending a function, that is very understandable. No one should feel that they must attend a Kiwanis function if they are concerned for their health. I do hope that all of our clubs will continue to serve and continue to recruit new members and hopefully still build some new Kiwanis clubs in the months ahead.

Second, the recent protests and discussions that have taken place over issues of systemic racism, the conduct of law enforcement personnel and what steps should be taken to address these concerns is very much on many peoples' minds these days. For me, it came down to the belief that



remaining silent on this issue was not in keeping with the spirit of our organization. One of the Objects of Kiwanis is the daily living of the Golden Rule in all our relationships. How can we as Kiwanis work to serve the children of the world—by providing them food, medicine and/or clothing, teaching them leadership and providing educational scholarships—when many of them will have to go back to lives where they either live in fear or are not given the opportunity to reach their potential?

I approached my fellow Capital District Key Club and CKI governors about addressing these issues as a Capital District Kiwanis family and to develop a joint statement. A task force made up of Kiwanis, CKI and Key Club district officers came together over a three-day period to prepare such a statement. It was adopted by all three District Boards in a joint three-way meeting that was held on June 7 and lasted nearly three hours. The text of the statement is included in this issue and has been posted on our social media accounts as well. Please be aware this is only a first step. There is additional work to be done as we try to make the world a better place for all the children in the world.

I hope many of you will enjoy the summer days ahead and can maybe get some time to relax and recharge. I look forward to being able to see many of you again soon as we are able to safely serve our communities in person.

Yours in Kiwanis Service and Fellowship,



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EVENT CALENDAR UPDATES

KEY LEADER

With the cancellation of this year’s Key Leader event, the planning is already started for next year. We will once again plan to hold the event at the Jamestown 4-H Camp in Williamsburg. Mark your calendar for April 23-25, 2021. More event and registration information will follow after the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

CAPITAL DISTRICT DISTRICT OFFICER TRAINING

(originally scheduled for April 24-26)

Rescheduled to be in person - September 19, 2020

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

The 2020 Kiwanis International Convention is canceled. The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees declared a condition of emergency exists because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The board concluded that conducting a convention for the 2019-20 administrative year would be inadvisable and impracticable because of the health threat to Kiwanis members, their families and all individuals traveling to and from the convention.

CURRENT EVENTS



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Watching the civil unrest in the United States in recent days, our organization's initial response was to encourage calm and patience — and to listen. In recent days, we have heard from some members who have told us that is not enough. We are listening. We are learning. And as we do, we also want to be clear on where we stand.

Kiwanis International does not tolerate racism. We know that black lives matter. We value inclusion from every community in every nation. We also know there's more work to be done.

We know that in the United States, citizens have a right to protest, to advocate and to petition their government for redress of grievances. We support both the responsible exercise of this right and the freedom to use it without the fear of physical violence.

We are saddened by the vandalism and violence but can understand how we've gotten here.

The Kiwanis family will continue to stand for bringing people together to make a difference in any and every community we can. Our solution is not to be the loudest voice on any specific issue, but to help everyone see that resolution can only come by listening and working together. That has been a successful strategy for Kiwanis for more than a century, and it can be the only path forward for our members in the United States and around the world.

Stan D. Soderstrom
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— STAN SODERSTROM
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL



WE STAND TOGETHER IN THE CAPITAL DISTRICT

Following the death of George Floyd and the civil unrest around the country, a task force was created, with member from Kiwanis, CKI, and Key Clubbers, to create a statement on behalf of the Capital District Kiwanis Family. The following statement was made official on June 07, 2020 at a joint meeting of the Kiwanis Family District Boards:

We are at a pivotal point in our country and in our organizations' history. Indeed, it is a moment of reckoning. Future generations will carefully examine this moment to see how we responded as a Kiwanis Family – to see which path our organizations took and what role each and every member played. As we look around, we cannot help but see a clear directive for real and immediate change. We will bring that call for action to each and every branch of our Kiwanis Family within the Capital District – Kiwanis, Key Club, CKI, Builder's Club, K-Kids, and Aktion Club – to drive change. We recommit to identifying and eliminating systemic racism within our organizations in all its forms because Black Lives Matter.

Many Americans are taking to the streets of their communities – protesting and showing their pain, their frustration, and their anger. Citizens are taking to social media to share resources, raise money, and spread awareness of the evils of racism and other forms of discrimination that make any person feel as if they are less than what they are: human.

While the catalyst for this moment was the unjust murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, this was not an isolated event. There is a straight line that runs from slavery, to Jim Crow, to legal segregation, to institutional racism, and to the killings of many in recent years: Breonna Taylor, Michael Brown, Tamir Rice, Eric Garner, Trayvon Martin, Ahmaud Arbery, and Freddie Gray – right here in Baltimore. Sadly, these are just a few of the names we know. These individuals and their families deserve justice. Our Kiwanis Family must do all it can to deliver that.

While many of our members cannot begin to understand the feelings of those who have lived in fear and are constantly faced with racial disparity, we are prepared as a Kiwanis Family to have the hard conversations, to listen, to hear, to understand, and to act upon the lessons we learn. The recent public health pandemic has inflicted disproportionate harm on communities of color. This is putting a spotlight on inequality in our economic, health care, and education systems that have existed for some

time. Many of us have benefitted from the privilege of ignoring the topic because it did not pertain to us. The time to acknowledge our bias is now, and the time to put our clubs to work addressing these inequalities has arrived. We will ignore it no longer.

Our Kiwanis Family consists of members focused on improving the lives of our youth. However, there are currently future leaders who are scared to stand up due to the fear of discrimination and oppression. We will not be silent and allow the very youth we serve to be harmed. We will commit our resources and members to supporting and protecting them.

We will utilize this opportunity to talk about how all forms of discrimination explicitly and implicitly enter service clubs like ours. We will examine the support systems we have in place for members of our organizations who identify as part of the Black community or any other underrepresented race. We will educate our club members and officers on what it means to be inclusive. We will ensure that our clubs and their members understand and value diversity and actively practice inclusive excellence. We will create training and learning opportunities for members to identify their explicit and implicit racial bias as we all work to become actively anti-racist. This will take the form of educational workshops, discussion groups, book clubs, or intergroup dialogues. It will involve uncomfortable conversations, honest dialogue, and a willingness for change. Together, we can educate members of our clubs to end the systemic inequities that exist within our organizations. We will make the organizations within our Kiwanis Family visibly live the



WE STAND TOGETHER (CONTINUED)

principle of inclusivity and express a more clear vision of anti-racism (and anti-ageism, sexism, ableism, and a long list of other forms of discrimination) in the work we do and in how we treat others – our fellow members, the youth with whom we work, and those in our community whom we serve. There is no other option.

We condemn members of our Kiwanis Family who engage in acts of racism or other forms of discrimination, hate, and prejudice. These behaviors are intolerable and are unwelcome in our Kiwanis Family. To our members, if you witness anyone engaging in such discriminatory behaviors, please bring it to your district leadership's attention. There is no place for hate in our communities or organizations. We will not allow it in the Capital District.

We will work to better our communities and Kiwanis Family. We will act with urgency and determination to live

up to the promise of the Objects of our various Kiwanis Family branches. This is our pledge. We have avoided these conversations for too long. We will make our organizations more inclusive and more equitable – and we will maintain these traits for generations of our Kiwanis Family. We know and believe that Black Lives Matter, and we are prepared to do all that is necessary to make the Capital District a place of inclusion, understanding, and love. This statement outlines initial steps in our plan of action, however this is not the end. There are changes we are making today. There are changes that will take time. But leave no doubt, the time for change is now. And we will change.

Endorsed by:
Capital District CKI Board of Officers
Capital District Key Club Board of Officers
Capital District Kiwanis Board of Trustees

TEMPORARY NEW MEMBER FEE WAIVER FOR EXISTING KIWANIS CLUBS

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on communities worldwide. More than ever, kids and communities need Kiwanis. To encourage existing Kiwanis clubs to continue to invite new members, the Kiwanis International Board approved a new member fee waiver to bolster membership and help Kiwanis clubs perform the service needed in the wake of this pandemic and beyond. The Board encourages districts and clubs to comply with this waiver due to the emergency conditions presented by the pandemic.

APPROVED MOTION BY THE KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BOARD

That the Kiwanis International Board approves the waiver of the Kiwanis International new member fee for any new members who join existing Kiwanis clubs between April 22, 2020, and September 30, 2020. Further, due to the emergency conditions and resulting effects created by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board recommends districts and clubs to also waive their respective new member fees.

NEW CLUB NOTE FROM THE APPROVED AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

This recommendation is not applicable to charter members of new Kiwanis clubs joining during the same time

period. Such charter members will pay the appropriate charter member fee then receive a waiver of dues for the administrative year 2020-2021. This additional waiver is not applicable nor appropriate for such charter members.

NEW CLUB CLARIFICATION

Clubs organized on or before December 31, 2019, do not receive a dues waiver for the 2020-2021 administrative year. These clubs may submit additional members and be granted a new member fee waiver. Clubs organized on or after January 1, 2020, must submit new member fees. These members receive a dues waiver for the 2020-2021 administrative year.

DISTRICT AND CLUB NEW MEMBER FEES

The Kiwanis International Board strongly requests districts and clubs to waive any new member fees. District Boards and Club Boards should meet to approve such waivers. Kiwanis International will not collect new member fees for districts during this period. If a district wishes to continue to collect a new member fee for members added through September 30, the district must invoice the club. Questions regarding member rosters for billing should be addressed to René Booker at rbooker@kiwanis.org.

DUES VERSUS FEES AT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

In addition to a new member fee (the amount a member remits to initially join Kiwanis International), insurance and magazine subscription are fees assessed in subsequent years. Dues are not assessed to new members

LUNCH WITH A LEADER

Join us for these weekly conversations between Kiwanis leaders around the globe and Chief Communications Officer Ben Hendricks discussing topics related to the Kiwanis experience. Watch on Wednesdays at 1 p.m. ET on [facebook.com/kiwanis](https://www.facebook.com/kiwanis). All of the previously-recorded sessions can be viewed here: <https://www.kiwanis.org/news/covid-19-kiwanis-suggestions#LUNCH>



June 17: Announcement of 2020 Signature Project Contest winners

Watch this short video from Kiwanis International and learn how to set up an online meeting using Zoom.



June 3: Mental Health Q&A

Many of our communities are hurting, and overall, we're all just overwhelmed. We're frustrated. We're confused. We don't understand how, in 2020, racism and social injustice continue to exist. This is a societal issue rooted in diversity and inclusion, which are of paramount importance to all members of the Kiwanis family. We decided a discussion on mental health could benefit all our members, especially now.



May 27: Improving your signature project

What's your club's signature project? Learn how to make your signature projects even bigger and better! Our featured guest is Randy Stephenson of the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery, Alabama, the winner of the 2019 Signature Project Contest for its Alabama National Fair.



May 20: The importance of play

Join the discussion on inclusive play — what it means, how to determine what your community needs and where to find resources to start a playground project. This week's Lunch with a Leader features John McConkey, an inclusive play expert with our partner Landscape Structures Inc., and Andrew Sloan of the Kiwanis Club of Barron, Wisconsin, the 2019 winner of the Legacy of Play Contest.

COVID-19

IDEAS TO HELP YOUR CLUB THRIVE

Looking for ideas to help your club thrive while social distancing? Now is a perfect time to define your club's purpose, evaluate your service projects and create a list of people to invite to your next event.

Clubs are meeting virtually, electing officers for the 2020-21 administrative year, conducting social distancing service projects and rethinking fundraising projects. Here are some ideas for your club's online meetings:

MEETINGS

- Expand your speaker base to include presenters relevant to current events. Here are four examples from clubs in the Kentucky-Tennessee District:
 - Paducah hosted Katie Englert of Compass Counseling. She offered insight on mental health during the pandemic.
 - Nashville hosted Dr. Ming Wang, who has been working with colleagues around the world to discuss COVID-19.
 - Newport hosted U.S. Representative Phil Roe, a physician, who spoke about government support during the pandemic.
 - Columbia hosted a local pastor who facilitated their annual Good Friday meeting virtually.
- Host a virtual happy hour. Online meetings do not need to be all business. Enjoy a little social time.
- Have fun. While meeting virtually, host spirit days such as crazy hat day,



Kiwanis wear, blue shirt day, etc.

- Invite Service Leadership Programs members, faculty advisors, school principals and superintendents. This is a great time to recognize the clubs for their service and to honor graduating members of Circle K International or Key Club.
- If you include the Pledge of Allegiance and/or a patriotic song as part of your virtual meeting, include an image of a flag on the presenter's screen or play a YouTube clip of kids singing a patriotic song. It can help "sync up" everyone's voices online.
- Ask your local Chamber if you can co-sponsor a virtual Chamber gathering and provide a member with the expertise to discuss a pertinent topic. Susan Hennum partnered with the Rowlett, Texas, Chamber to promote corporate memberships in the new Kiwanis Club of Northeast Dallas County and provided a trained therapist from the Counseling Institute of Texas to discuss stress and anxiety during the pandemic. Susan will do the same type of meeting for a club forming in Venus, Texas, to keep the 12 charter members engaged in club activities and recruiting.

- Plan a service project for the time when social-distance restrictions are lifted. Because kids will need us more than ever.

SERVICE

- Do you have money in your service account? Your club could contact a restaurant and have a meal or two delivered to a local hospital, medical clinic or police or fire department. Provide a simple sign with the meal so the recipients know who provided it. Take a photo of the sign and post your club's good deed on social media. (Example: "Your service doesn't go unnoticed. Enjoy the meal from the Kiwanis Club of [insert name]")
- Club members who are comfortable providing simple services to their neighbors can use Nextdoor, a social media app, to offer help. Make sure to mention Kiwanis in your post.

FUNDRAISING

- Look at your budget and reallocate funds. Clubs might not use all their SLP funds because the school year was cut short. Or maybe your club didn't use the money set aside for an Easter egg

- hunt. Clubs often look at individual line items and think money can only be used for that purpose. This year, think about other ways you can use that money to serve.
- Don't stop collecting "happy dollars." You can keep track of IOUs for when you meet in person again. The treasurer of the Northwest Indianapolis Kiwanis Club set up a Cash App account for the club. The app gives the club US\$5 for every person who signs up.
- Partner with a local farmer's market. Many are going virtual this year (example: <https://www.theindychannel.com/news/coronavirus/covid-19-resources/fishers-farmersmarket-returns-may-2>), and your club might be able to sponsor a "round-up" program (i.e., round up the amount owed to the nearest dollar, and the extra proceeds benefit Kiwanis), or a multitude of services for a donation program — such as providing Kiwanis stamped brown bags/boxes for delivery to the vehicles.
- Ask the local school district whether the Kiwanis club can sell yard signs to recognize graduating students (middle school, high school) and/or those who have been selected for a musical ensemble, sport or other team for the 2020-21 academic year. Offer those signs as a fundraiser for families to place in their yard. (Example: <https://www.orientaltrading.com/personalized-graduation-yard-sign-a2-13667986.fltr>)

CLUB OPERATIONS

- This is a good time for club secretaries to get caught up with their monthly reports.
- Check the email addresses for your club members and personally call anyone who has a business email. They might have been furloughed, laid off or aren't checking work emails from home.
- The club's membership committee could ask the club treasurer for a list of members who have yet to pay their dues; these are the members the club needs to re-engage.
- This is a good time for the club's membership committee to meet and plan the club's spring or summer membership drive.
- Review the club's social media presence and make sure it's attractive for a potential new member. Many people are spending hours on their devices scrolling through social media. Make sure your club is prepared by using the appropriate tags (<http://besthashtags.com/hashtag/communityservice/>) — those being searched the most. And of course, include #KidsNeedKiwanis.

No matter how your club meets in these unprecedented times — be creative! So many clubs simply say, "We've never done it that way before." But we're all doing everything a little differently these days. Embrace it. Have fun with it. Try new things.

KIWANIANS STEP UP WHEN TIMES ARE TOUGH

Thank you! Earlier this month, 140 Kiwanians hosted Facebook fundraisers that raised more than US\$70,000 to help children — especially those facing hardships due to the COVID-19 crisis. To aid even more kids, the Children's Fund will match \$50,000 of those donations! It's not too late to make a difference.

COVID-19



GRANTS HELP KIWANIANIS SERVE KIDS DURING PANDEMIC

BY JENNIFER MORLAN

Lost wages. Isolation. Illness. Hunger. Anxiety. Families are struggling with the wide-ranging effects of the coronavirus. But when times are hard, Kiwanians are there to help.

From Uganda to Louisiana, Taiwan to Ohio, Kiwanis clubs are feeding the hungry, providing students with resources for online schooling and helping families deal with hardships stemming from the pandemic.

As of Monday, May 4, the Kiwanis Children's Fund has awarded more than US\$48,000 to serve communities around the world.

You can help: Make a gift to the Kiwanis Children's Fund to help Kiwanians serve children around the world — especially during this time of crisis.

Without the grant, the Kiwanis Club of Cuyahoga Falls in Ohio wouldn't have been able to buy food for 300 students and family members each week, said member Tricia Knoles.

"We just had to cancel our casino fundraiser that brought in \$7,000 last year," she said. "We want to be able to keep helping without depleting our community service account."

The 2-year-old club, which had already contributed US\$1,000, is using grant money to buy food that is distributed to Cuyahoga Falls City Schools elementary students and families. Club members are working with the Akron/Canton regional food bank, a locally owned grocery and Panera Bread to fill boxes with fresh food and pantry items. Club members also help



community partners package and distribute the food.

Before the pandemic, two elementary schools had taken part in the program, which provided a backpack of food to carry students through the weekend. Now, children at all the city's elementary schools can receive seven days of breakfast, lunch and snacks plus two family-sized dinners.

Knoles has been moved by the response to the program. Several parents shared that they hadn't used a food program before the COVID-19 pandemic hit.

"What a beautiful and considerate way to show myself and my children that kindness and generosity exist in humanity," one parent wrote.

Like the Cuyahoga Falls Kiwanians, many clubs are using grant money to provide food to children and families

in their communities. Here are some other examples of the projects that have received grants from the Kiwanis Children's Fund:

Kiwanis Club of Wakiso, Uganda: Kiwanis members in Uganda are using two public holidays in June to distribute food to 500 homesteads, allowing all club members to participate. Each homestead will receive posho, a type of maize flour, and beans — East African staples for Ugandans and refugees.

Kiwanis Club of Brecksville, Ohio: The Kiwanis club is partnering with the Brecksville-Broadview Heights School District Parent School Organization to help 33 families. The club will use the grant money to buy grocery store gift cards that will be distributed in late May to alleviate some of the financial burden during the summer.

WORLD'S LARGEST SERVICE CLUBS TAKE ACTION TO BATTLE EFFECTS OF COVID-19

A Joint Statement from Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International

Kiwanis Club of New Iberia, Louisiana: Working with a social service center and area churches, the club is buying non-perishable food items to distribute through a drive-thru location. The club hopes to pack up to 1,000 bags of food.

Kiwanis Club of Chester, Virginia: Kiwanians will use the grant to supplement contributions to a local food bank that is currently providing 330,000 meals to community residents.

Heartprint Kiwanis Club of Hsinchu City, Taiwan: As many as 300 elementary students whose parents have been laid off due to the economic fallout will receive free, nutritious meals.

Kiwanis Club of North Shore Long Island, New York: Kiwanis members are donating canned goods and other non-perishable food items for two food pantries that recently opened at the local schools. Students can pick up "grab and go" meals five days a week, and boxes of food are distributed to families once a week.

Kiwanis Club of Hilliard, Ohio: Since April 1, the club has more than doubled the number of weekend food packs it prepares for children who face food insecurity in its community. The grant will allow the club to continue its program during the summer.

Woven through the fabric of virtually every community on earth, service clubs of Kiwanis International, Lions Clubs International, Optimist International, and Rotary International are working safely and diligently to maintain connections with each other and our neighbors so that we can cope with and overcome the effects of COVID-19. We are leveraging the strength of our combined networks of 3.2 million members to provide comfort and hope to those feeling the effects of isolation and fear. And we are focusing our collective skills, resources and ideas to support frontline health workers and first responders as they battle this disease and save lives.

In these times of uncertainty, your local service clubs remain committed to meeting the challenge of finding innovative ways to take action together to help communities around the globe heal and thrive – and become more united than ever.

"The global effort against COVID-19 depends on actions taken in every country. As people of action, this is our time to connect with each other to offer immediate help to people in need." – Mark Daniel Maloney, Rotary International President, 2019-2020.

"The scale and magnitude of this global pandemic requires our world's citizenry to heed the advice and cautions of the Experts. The work and plans of our collective members and volunteers must not cease! Our immediate response after the crisis will be necessary to support local governments responding to the many social and economic challenges that will ensue in the aftermath of this crisis." – Adrian Elcock, Optimist International President, 2019-2020.

"Great challenges test us, but they also bring us together. Lions are finding new ways to safely serve. Our Lions Clubs International Foundation has granted over one million dollars to help communities facing extreme rates of COVID-19, and additional grant requests are being received daily. Our communities depend on service clubs, and we will be there, supporting and strengthening them together." – Dr. Jung-Yul Choi, Lions Clubs International President, 2019-2020.

"During these difficult times, we're seeing everyday heroism across the globe. I encourage us all to recognize the health and safety professionals who are putting their own health at risk for the greater good. To the educators, grocery workers, delivery drivers and the countless professionals who can't stay home, the Kiwanis family thanks you. We all play an important role in keeping our friends and neighbors safe. Please follow the advice of the World Health Organization, your local health agencies and the instructions given by your Government. Please, stay safe." – Daniel Vigneron, Kiwanis International President, 2019-2020.

For further information, please contact pr@kiwanis.org.

Around Capital



MY KIWANIS MOMENT

BY DENNIS BAUGH,
DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT

When you run for office of an organization like Kiwanis, you can not always predict the future. In August of 2019, who would have predicted the COVID-19 pandemic or the violence or the peaceful protests we have seen in recent weeks. The cancellation of the premiere functions of Kiwanis, the International Convention and the Capital District Convention. Those are the times we come together as one to discuss issues, see friends, and make new ones. To learn about new ways of serving the community and validating what we are doing works!

We haven't done this lately, but several years ago, Kiwanis pushed the question, "What is your Kiwanis Moment?" Yes, I have many, but the

one that will always stand out for me will be Sunday, June 7, 2020. That was the night the Capital District Board of Trustees, Capital District Key Club Board and the Capital District CKI Board came together on Zoom to discuss taking a position on inclusion in the Kiwanis Family. Everybody was given a chance to speak, youth and adults. You could tell everybody did not agree on some points. **BUT, WE ALL LISTENED!**

What came away from that night is my Kiwanis Moment. The point of the document that was voted on and accepted was not to change peoples minds as much as getting people to understand people are different and see things differently. To accept that

and respect other opinions. To work on looking at yourself and deciding if you are part of the problem, and if so, what do you need to do to be a better person. Whether we say Black Lives Matters, All Lives Matter, or anything else, it is about respecting others and the communities that do not look like you.

Let us not get so hung-up on any movement that we forget the Kiwanis Movement – IMPROVING THE WORLD, ONE CHILD AND ONE COMMUNITY AT A TIME.

Let's make 2020-2021 a great Kiwanis year. Go forward and continue the good work we do for the children of our communities.

SHOP NOW

20% of your purchase of select products through July 4 will support kids' greatest needs through the Kiwanis Children's Fund.



YOUR KIWANIS IMPACT

BY CAREN SCHUMACHER,
DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

According to statistics from Kiwanis International, every Kiwanian impacts the lives of 206 children annually. That's huge! Even during a pandemic, Kiwanis is making a difference, both locally and globally. Now is a good time to have your club members reminded that their commitment to Kiwanis is important and impactful.

The Kiwanis Club of Charlottesville, Virginia has implemented a project that gives its members a visual reminder of their impact. Each member receives a bag that contains 206 beads and they are asked to make a bracelet or necklace. The following message on the bag serves to remind them of the importance of their commitment and that each bead represents a child they impact. This exercise is used as a recruitment tool as well.

How Big Is Your Impact? #Project206

Because of your decision to serve the children of the world, you are helping to change the lives of 206 children. Think about your club's signature project and the children who benefit from your generosity. Each bead in the bag in front of you represents one child you impact. First,

string all 206 beads to cement in your memory what 206 children looks like. Second, make two necklaces, bracelets, whatever you choose and keep one somewhere as a reminder that one person can make a difference and by working together our impact is POWERFUL! Give the second item to a potential Kiwanian and explain the meaning behind it. #kidsneedkiwanis

Maybe that exercise doesn't work for your club, so think creatively, and adapt the label to what you do! How about giving every member a bag of 206 M&Ms to keep as a reminder of the lives they impact? Look for the red, white, and blue patriotic ones! Walmart sells them in a 62-ounce container! Or have your members create their own reminder by putting 206 pennies or marbles in a clear container. Better yet, have them make two; one to keep and one to give to a perspective member!

The ideas are endless! Select the person in your club who loves to do projects like this and let them run with it. I want to keep track of what clubs are doing, so please share your project with me at carenkiwanis@aol.com

Over time, somewhere in the future, the Coronavirus will go away. Kiwanis is here to stay! Let's work together to ensure that post-pandemic we are stronger and healthier than ever.



EDUCATION CORNER

BY KRISTA LATCHAW, CLUB LEADERSHIP COORDINATOR

Hello everyone – The KI and Capital District Education team is working hard to prepare incoming Presidents, Secretaries, Treasurers, and Membership Committee Leads for the 2020 – 2021 Kiwanis year. Here is some information for you:

KI Education Program

- KI offered live Education sessions during the week of 6/8
- If you missed the live sessions – not to worry!! They will be posted online.
- A link will be placed on the KI website in the coming weeks. Our Capital District team will also email out the link to individuals signed up for next year's Leadership positions.
- Don't forget to update your Leaders in the Secretary Dashboard – this is how we are pushing information out to you

Additional Education Resources

- The Capital District Education Team will be meeting in the coming weeks to discuss additional education sessions. Please stay tuned

- We all want you to be successful in your positions next year, so we are compiling some additional documentation and information to help you on your way
- Stay tuned – more information to come soon

Need a Leadership Guide?

- To download a copy of the 2020 Leadership Guide navigate here: <https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/training/leadershipguide>
- Hard copies were given out to current Lt. Governors and/or CLE Educators during the Midyear Conference
- Due to lingering state restrictions, we ask that you download a copy for the time being and we will get hard copy books out to you when it is safe to do so

Please bear with us as more information unfolds. Thank you very much for your support. Please contact Krista Latchaw klatchaw@HuronConsultingGroup.com with questions.

2020 PROPOSED BYLAWS AMENDMENT

On May 16, 2020, the Capital District Board of Trustees unanimously endorsed the recommendation of the Bylaws and Policies Committee to amend Article III, Section 2. Item c. of our District Bylaws to strike the phrase "served as a Trustee" and in its place add the phrase "completed a term as lieutenant governor." The new text would read:

c. The Governor and Governor-elect shall have and maintain a clear criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International; shall have been a member of a Kiwanis club in this district for at least six (6)

years; and shall have completed a term as lieutenant governor in this district.

This change would increase the pool of available candidates for the position of Governor-Elect to all those who have completed a term as LTG instead of the current requirement to have served as a District Trustee.

If approved by the 2020 House of Delegates and Kiwanis International this change would go into effect on October 1, 2020 and be used for candidates for the position of Governor-Elect at the 2021 District Convention in Roanoke, VA.



2020-21 Governor-Elect Candidate

The Kiwanis Club of Eastern Branch, supported by a majority of the clubs in Division 1, has nominated Trustee **Elana T. Gardner** for the position of 2020-21 Capital District Governor-Elect. Trustee Elana has passed the Kiwanis International Background Check and has provided all documentation required by our bylaws and policies in support of her candidacy.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT'S "BEYOND THE SHOT?"

BY JOHN TYNER II

JOIN THE FIGHT - DONATE TODAY

For so many women, vaccination is a wonderful experience. It's the moment they gain a previously unknown level of assurance about their babies' health. But long-term health security is more than a moment. It's a matter of sustainability. And sustainability is both a cause and effect of larger cultural changes.

UNICEF helps prevent MNT recurrence by working closely with governments and medical partners to improve health policies. There's also the education and training that spreads knowledge – and helps create a society in which women take greater control of their children's well-being and their own. Over the years, the elimination of MNT has saved babies and empowered families. In much of the world, life has changed.

And it has stayed that way. Of the 47 nations in which MNT was eliminated, NONE have returned to the list of countries in which the disease remains a public health

threat. Even better, four of them – Algeria, Djibouti, Cameroon and Timor Leste – have taken the initiative to request revalidation surveys from the World Health Organization. All four have been revalidated for elimination of MNT.

That's the effect of educated leadership. And it's what cultural transformation looks like. Beyond the mere hope for improvement or the acceptance of help, it's the active commitment to bringing and sustaining great change.

Kiwanians, that's why we in the Capital District pledged to raise \$3 million



dollars for MNT as our commitment towards this health transformation. And it is why we are on the brink of finishing our pledge. As of June 1st we are arranging, with your help, to raise the remaining \$375,000. Tell me what you personally plan to do finish up. FYI, we have only 14 more Zeller matches available to you courtesy of our District Board action. You understand that I enjoy presenting these articles and our "Top Ten Leaderboard Results" to you, but I really take heart when you tell me of your efforts!!

Keep calm and stay healthy!!

CAPITAL DISTRICT HOUSE OF DELEGATES

At its May 16, 2020 meeting the Board adopted a resolution declaring a condition of emergency exists because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The board concluded that conducting a district convention for the 2019-20 Kiwanis administrative year would be inadvisable and impracticable because of the health threat to Kiwanis members, their families and all individuals traveling to and from the convention.

The District Bylaws include provisions for how to conduct the business of the District which normally happens at the House of Delegates. In accordance with the District Bylaws, the District will be conducting the business of our

typical House of Delegates session with the District Delegates-at-Large, which includes all District Officers and Past District Governors.

This meeting will be held on Friday, August 21 at 7 PM and will include the District Governor and Governor-Elect elections, the approval of amendments to the District Bylaws, and the State of the District address. This meeting will be conducted online via GoToMeeting and details will be sent to Delegates-at-Large in early August.

All proposed Bylaws amendments have been posted on the District website and a public online meeting for all Capital District Kiwanis members

to discuss the Bylaws amendments will happen in early-August.

A Kiwanis Education Day will take place online on Saturday, August 22nd allowing for the presentation of many of the workshops that would have taken place at our District Convention. The agenda for this education and connection details will be publicized as we get closer to the event. All online presentations will be recorded and published to the District website so that they can be viewed by members at any point.

Our Firm Foundation



**Capital District
Kiwanis Foundation**

News from the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation

Help us make a splash of cash for pediatric trauma! It is time again for the Ducky Derby!

Despite the cancellation of the District Convention, the Kiwanis Foundation is committed to fundraising for the nine pediatric trauma centers that we support. Therefore, the Kiwanis Foundation is still holding the Ducky Derby and will be mirroring the typical format to the best of our ability, except for the drawing portion. The drawing for all prizes will now be conducted virtually through Facebook Live on Saturday, August 29th at 7:00 p.m.

Thanks to everyone who has purchased tickets to date! We have raised \$415.00 for the Ducky Derby! We encourage all Kiwanis members, their families, and friends to purchase tickets to help us in our efforts! The raffle is open to anyone as the prizes (checks or gift cards) will be mailed. Tickets can be downloaded at <https://tinyurl.com/2020DuckyDerby>

Through the assistance of raffle proceeds from the Ducky Derby, the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation is able to donate \$3,000 to each of our nine pediatric trauma centers annually. More significantly, the Foundation has contributed \$739,530 to these centers as of October 1, 2019. They are:

Children's Hospital National Medical Center, Washington, DC (1986-Present)

Children's Center John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, MD (1987-Present)

Children's Medical Center, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, VA (1987-Present)

Children's Medical Center, University of Virginia Hospital, Charlottesville, VA (1987-Present)

Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters, Norfolk, VA (1991-Present)

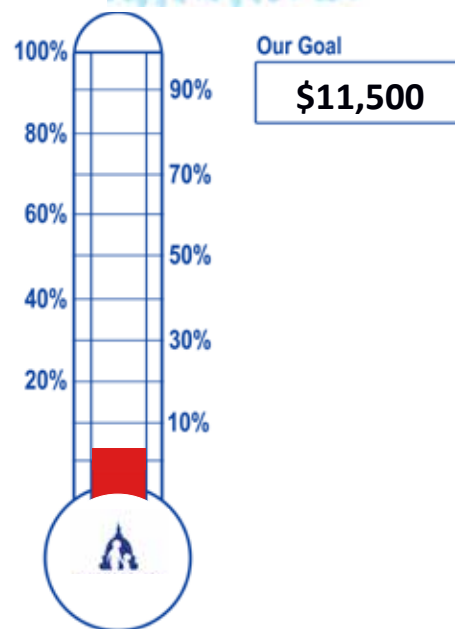
Children's Hospital at Community Hospital of Roanoke Valley, Roanoke, VA (1991-Present)

The Medical center of Delaware, Wilmington, DE (1992-Present)

Nicewonger Children's Hospital, Johnson City, TN (2013-Present)

Children's Inn at the National Institute of Health, Bethesda, MD (2019-Present)

Your generosity through purchasing Ducky Derby tickets is what allows the Foundation to continue making a positive difference!





Ducky Derby 2020 - Tickets are available now!

To download and purchase your tickets, please go to
<https://tinyurl.com/2020DuckyDerby>

All proceeds raised through the Ducky Derby sales supports the nine pediatric trauma centers supported by the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation.

DRAWING DATE: Saturday, August 29, 2020
(Livestreamed at 7:00pm)

Cash Prizes: \$500, \$400, \$300, \$200 & \$100. Many additional prizes will also be awarded.

Donation: \$5.00 per ticket or 3 for \$10.00

Checks can be made payable to: CDKF (Capital District Kiwanis Foundation)

Return money and tickets to: **CDKF Ducky Derby, 502 Barley Drive, Wyoming, DE 19934** by August 24, 2020.

Ducky Derby Chairman: Charles Marks

Email: charles.marks4@verizon.net Cell phone: 302-236-4878



YOUTH PROTECTION

BY JOSH HISCOCK

Did you know that Kiwanis clubs are required to educate their members on the Youth Protection Policies every year? Were you aware that a few new policies went into effect on May 1, 2020? Kiwanis clubs are encouraged to spend time at a meeting reviewing the current Kiwanis Youth Protection Policies document with members. It is a great idea for a virtual program that is both informative and important! Kiwanis International has deemed it an annual club requirement for all members to review these important guidelines that govern our organization's work with youth in the community. Club secretaries are reminded to visit Kiwanis Connect to report completion of this task prior to September 30th for the 2019-2020 Kiwanis year.

This year, we have a goal of 100% club compliance with this annual education requirement prior to August 2020. As of May 2020, we are far from achieving this goal with only 47% of clubs (67 of 143 clubs) reporting the completion of this important task. Plan to cover the Youth Protection Policies at your next meeting. This will help us to easily meet our compliance goal for this Kiwanis year. Do not forget - this requirement applies to all Kiwanis clubs, even those that do not sponsor an SLP club.

The Kiwanis Youth Protection Policies set clear expectations of Kiwanians while providing important best practices that all clubs should have in place regarding the transportation of youth, how members communicate with children in-person and via social media, and how members should conduct themselves at events where youth are present. The policies also provide clear instructions and expectations regarding required biennial background checks for Kiwanians serving as Kiwanis Advisors to service leadership program clubs, including K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, CKI, and Aktion Club. Lastly, the guidelines outline the expectation that Kiwanians report misconduct or troubling behavior in an effort to keep the children we interact with safe.

For more information about the Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines, background checks for Kiwanis Advisors, the annual club education requirement, or to seek counsel regarding a potential youth protection compliance issue you are facing in your club, please contact Josh Hiscock, Capital District Youth Protection Manager, at hiscockj@gmail.com. For more information on this topic, please visit: www.kiwanis.org/youthprotection.

The Capital District Kiwanis Foundation is pleased to have awarded grants to the following clubs during the 2020 spring cycle:

Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City	\$4,500
Kiwanis Club of Haysi	\$2,500
Kiwanis Club of Lynchburg	\$5,000
Kiwanis Club of Waldorf	\$900
Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg	\$1,000

Total awarded is
\$13,900 back to
local
communities!

Over the coming weeks, we will highlight each of these clubs and the impact they will make in their local communities as they serve the children of our world!

Service Showcase



Division 2

The Kiwanis Club of Fairfax, armed with masks, held a late spring cleanup at Daniels Run Park. They found bikes and a shopping cart, amongst other garbage.

Division 5

These are hard times due to the Coronavirus and require prioritization based on immediate needs of the community. That's why the Board of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City decided to reallocate some of their yearly donations. Many programs supported by the local Kiwanis Club are in limbo or cancelled. Therefore, the club's board unanimously voted to equally divide funds and immediately send \$925 each to Worcester GOLD, which serves Worcester County; Priority One, supporting local children pre-natal to age 4; and Diakonia, the local shelter serving families in transition. These three organizations are being even more challenged to meet the needs of the community due to COVID-19.



Division 12

The Kiwanis Club of Poquoson Foundation is launching a community service project to help feed vulnerable families while supporting local restaurants during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Foundation will purchase \$50 gift cards at a discount from local restaurants and distribute the cards to identified families. Each gift card will provide a meal for a family and brighten their day at the same time. Restaurants that have offered discounts when the cards are used include Anna's Pizza & Italian Restaurant, The Barking Dog, Beans Ice Cream, Bull Island BBQ, Chef Lu Chinese Cuisine, Little Philly, Mama Mia's Restaurant & Pizzeria, McFatter's, Poquoson Diner, Restaurant 185, Surf's Up Restaurant, and Wendy's.

Capital Record



Izzett Receives Kiwanis Scholarship

The senior class of 2020 is graduating, but the COVID-19 pandemic has stopped most all of the cherished pomp and circumstance, but not the awarding of Kiwanis Club scholarships. Many graduates will attend college at some time in the hopefully near future. Many have earned scholarships to assist them. Gabrielle Izzett, President of the Stephen Decatur Key Club who will attend Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA and play on the women's soccer team received a scholarship at her home. Where there's a will, there's a way! More Kiwanis Scholarships are being delivered to 12 more recipients. Congratulations to Gabrielle and all the Class of 2020.



Club Foundation Gives Scholarships

June 3rd, the Kiwanis Club of Tysons gathered with Service Leadership Program students for the club's monthly virtual meeting. Scholarships were awarded by the Kiwanis Foundation of McLean, VA. Thank you to everyone that attended this special meeting! Below: Members of the Kiwanis Club and Foundation Boards virtually "posed" with scholarship recipients.



DISTRICT SECRETARY- TREASURER

Past Governor Jeffrey Wolff of the Kiwanis Club of Tysons has been appointed by the Board of Trustees to succeed Tom Varner on October 1, 2020 as the new Capital District Secretary-Treasurer.

Happy Anniversary

June

Staunton	1922
Winchester.....	1922
Arlington.....	1931
Comodore Mayo	1955
Ocean View Beach	1974
Colonial Capital.....	1976
Middlesex.....	1978
Great Bridge.....	1985
Tysons.....	1998
Toano.....	2006

July

Norfolk.....	1919
Waynesboro.....	1925
Coastal Delaware	1928
Bluefield	1946
Delmar	1950
Fort Hill.....	1958
Colonial Heights.....	1963
Accomack.....	1973
Far East Washington.....	1983
Southwest Waterfront.....	2001
Tabb.....	2003
Hopewell	2006
Dinwiddie	2015

Key Club EMMA LLEWELLYN, GOVERNOR

Hello Capital District Kiwanians!

My name is Emma Llewellyn, and I am serving as the 2020-2021 Capital District Key Club Governor. Capital District has been extremely busy kicking off our service year! Members of the District Board have been leading members through virtual Divisional Council Meetings, and members have shown resilience through socially distanced service.



This year our District Project is again The Eliminate Project. In April of 2015, the Capital District Key Club Board pledged to raise \$250,000 to combat maternal and neonatal tetanus. We still have \$70,801.09 left to go to fulfill our pledge. We hope that you will all join us in the fight to end MNT because this is a joint effort!

In addition to the District Project, Key Clubbers are participating in my Governor's Project, "Keep it Clean, Capital!" This project is focused on eco-friendly service with emphasis on the three R's: reduce, reuse, and recycle. Key Clubbers have been encouraged to participate by holding a used book drive, planting a garden, and finding creative ways to limit their waste/carbon footprint, all in an effort to protect our environment.

One of the most unique characteristics of our organization is the opportunity that we have to serve together as a Kiwanis Family. Capital District Key Club is looking forward to serving with you all, in whatever capacity that may be, during these unprecedented times.

Thank you for reading, and feel free to reach out anytime!

Yours in service,



Emma Llewellyn

CKI MADELEINE EICHORN, GOVERNOR

Capital District Kiwanians,

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Madeleine Eichorn. I am a rising sophomore at The George Washington University, where I study International Affairs in addition to being the District Governor for the Capital District of Circle K International. These past couple months have been a very challenging time for us all. However, Capital District CKI has not given up hope and continues to stay connected through service, leadership, and fellowship.



On the district level, we recently appointed two new officers to our district board, Jason Won as K-Family Relations Chairperson from William & Mary and TaNiya Bellamy as South Lieutenant Governor from Virginia State University. We also set a new date for our summer board meeting, Friday, July 10th – Sunday, July 12th, which (fingers crossed) will be an in-person meeting. In the coming months, we will be working one-on-one with our CKI clubs' board of officers to establish their club goals for the service year. CKI members are also being kept busy in planning our District-wide Key to College event on Saturday, June 27th. During this event, we welcome Key Club members into the excited world of college and introduce them to the next step in the Kiwanis Family. Later this summer, CKI members will be taking part in the first ever CKI NEXT hosted by Circle K International, replacing our in-person international convention. CKI NEXT is a FREE virtual event, happening Saturday, July 18th - Sunday, July 19th, which allows CKI members to interact with other CKI members from around the world, listen to keynote speakers, participate in workshops, and so much more!

Although this service year didn't start out quite as expected, we have not let that stop us in serving and engaging with our community, it just makes us come back that much stronger. We are so excited to say that we are continuing our mission as CKI members and we are doing it with our K-Family by our side.

Yours in Caring and Service,



Madeleine Eichorn

Eye on KI

News from Kiwanis International

2014-15 KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT JOHN BUTTON MOURNED

Dr. John R. Button, 2014-15 Kiwanis International president, died Monday, June 15. He was 68.



Dr. John, as he was known, loved Kiwanis from an early age, often tagging along as his father attended Kiwanis club meetings. John loved to tell the story of peering through the church windows, watching club members make plans to serve the community. In 1978, John joined that club and later served as its president, just as his dad had decades earlier. Later, John wore the ring the club presented his father to honor his term as club president. He remained a member of the Kiwanis Club of Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada, until his death.

"Dr. John was a good man. He cared very deeply about Kiwanis and making sure clubs never lost the fun, fellowship and service they were created for," said 2019-20 Kiwanis International President Daniel Vigneron. "I will miss him and his dedication to making sure Kiwanis would grow stronger so more kids could be helped."

Dr. John, from Ridgeway, Ontario, Canada, was a family physician until he retired in 2011. He rose through the ranks of Kiwanis, becoming lieutenant governor, governor of the Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District in 2004-05, before being elected to the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees in 2009. He was elected vice president of the board in 2012 and became president of Kiwanis International during the 2014-15 administrative year. He served during the Kiwanis International Centennial Celebration — traveling the globe with his wife, Debbie, to help clubs celebrate 100 years of serving the children of the world. He often joked about the many chicken dinners, the "Centennial 15" weight he gained and blue cake frosting dying his tongue.

Dr. John was a member of Key Club and Circle K. "My memories of Key Club are amongst the happiest of my

high school days," he recounted in an interview.

"It was about fun and fellowship, but it was also about community engagement and service," Dr. John told his local newspaper. "This is where I began to experience how life fulfilling service to others can be. And that belief has remained unshaken."

After college, John joined his father's medical practice. The two worked together, treating and healing thousands of people in the community. He retired from his family medical practice in 2011 and remained an active coroner for the province of Ontario.

"Dr. John was a contributor to our organization in so many leadership roles. And in every role, he seemed to be the right leader at the right moment," said Stan Soderstrom, Kiwanis International executive director. "He helped frame the vision for The Eliminate Project. He inspired thousands of donors to give generously to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. He led us as we celebrated our 100th anniversary and built Kiwanis playgrounds around the globe. We will truly miss Dr. John."

Dr. John recounted his favorite Kiwanis memory in the many speeches he made as Kiwanis International president. He was visiting Guinea, Africa, to review Kiwanis' investment in eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus. The delegation was in a remote village where a UNICEF team was going to administer vaccinations. The team had been there for hours to prepare. No women or children were waiting for their immunizations and Dr. John and Debbie were growing discouraged. All the work and planning for the vaccination clinic appeared to be for naught. Suddenly, Debbie saw a large group of women coming over a hill, singing and dancing. The UNICEF group shouted with joy — knowing many women and babies would be saved that day from the ravages of MNT. (Dr. John speaking about the positive, unintended consequences of The Eliminate Project)

Dr. John was a champion of The Eliminate Project and went out of his way to support it. He once took a cream pie to the face to raise US\$217 during a visit to Anaheim, California, as part of Kiwanis International's Centennial Celebration.

He was a charter member of the Walter Zeller Fellowship, a Major Gift donor to The Eliminate Project, a Diamond-level George F. Hixson Fellow and a member of the Founders Circle and Heritage Society.

Before The Eliminate Project, Dr. John chaired the

Iodine Deficiency Disorders Worldwide Service Project committee for his club and division.

While addressing convention delegates in 2013, he said, "Through my many opportunities to travel across the country, I have met many inspiring Kiwanis family members like you: members that show the defining variables of our organization. The Kiwanis family is a way for each person to be themselves, discover their potential, and become leaders in community service."

"John loved making the world a better place," said 2013-14 Kiwanis International President Gunter Gasser. "His legacy will live on in the lives he made better through his Kiwanis work."

In his community, he received Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee Medal and her Diamond Jubilee Medal, was inducted into the Ridgeway District High School Hall of Excellence, was awarded the Rotary International Service Award for Professional Excellence, the Chatham-Kent Health Alliance Tri-board award for medical excellence and was named Chatham-Kent Citizen of the Year for 2010.

"Not only was John a great Kiwanian, he cared deeply about his family," said 2015-16 Kiwanis International President Sue Petrisin. "He always smiled and laughed when he told stories about his grandchildren. That's what I'll always remember about him."

John is survived by his wife, Debbie, a son, daughter and several grandchildren. A memorial service is being planned. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to The Eliminate Project through either the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada or the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

TOP AWARDS GIVEN IN 2020

SIGNATURE PROJECT CONTEST

Thousands of Kiwanis clubs help millions of kids every year. Signature projects are the hallmarks of that Kiwanis service. They can be playgrounds, parks, festivals, literacy mentoring, health and wellness events, fundraisers and anything in between. Every year, Kiwanis International recognizes the best signature projects throughout the world.

This year, the Kiwanis International Board split the entries into two tiers to recognize the differences between small and large clubs. Tier I is for clubs with 27 or fewer members and Tier II for clubs with more than 28 members. The board made the changes based on feedback from members.

More than 350 clubs submitted their entries to the districts and the districts selected the entries for the Kiwanis International contest. This year, 155 Tier I projects and 212 Tier II projects were submitted.

The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees Committee on Service and Partnerships selected the top 10 in each tier. Additionally, the judges selected the gold, silver and bronze winners for each tier. These projects best meet the Signature Project criteria of being a recurring event; enhancing the Kiwanis image; making a significant impact on the community and strengthening membership and partnership opportunities.

GOLD – TIER I : Florida District, Kiwanis Club of Ormond Beach, Kiwanis READS! Summer Reading Challenge

SILVER – TIER I: Illinois-Eastern Iowa District, Kiwanis Club of Oak Lawn Area, Feed 6 Mega Event

BRONZE – TIER I: Australia District, Kiwanis Club of the Adelaide Hills, Kiwanis Book Shop

GOLD – TIER II: Southwest District, Kiwanis Club of Prescott, Live Annual Auction

SILVER – TIER II: Nebraska-Iowa District, Kiwanis Club of Ames-Town and Country, Teen Maze

BRONZE – TIER II: Ohio District, Kiwanis Club of Mansfield, Friendly House

To read more about the winning projects, please visit the [Kiwanis International website](#).

THE WORLD IS CHANGING FASTER THAN HIS VOICE.

Our 600,000 members are present for the future. Giving kids around the world the time and support they need to ensure the world's best years are ahead of us. Get involved at [Kiwanis.org](https://www.kiwanis.org).



KIDS NEED KIWANIS