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AT DISTRICT ELC!**



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*COVER: Artwork created by Glenelg Key Club students is prepared to be hung in the Kiwanis Reading Room by Kiwanis Club of Elicott City and Capital - Next Generation e-Club members.*





Kiwanians saw success at the Gloucester Membership Drive in September.

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# Governor's Message

ELANA GARDNER, 2021-22 GOVERNOR



**“With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation’s wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan -- to do all which may achieve and cherish a just, and lasting peace, among ourselves, and with all nations.”**

Those words spoken by President Abraham Lincoln at his second inauguration serve as inspiration as we begin a Kiwanis New Year. Let us strive to continue the work of “Mending our World.” We must continue to care for our frontline workers and first responders who have tirelessly cared for our friends, loved ones and even strangers. Each of us have the power to comfort one another through the losses we sustained and don’t forget the almost 4 million children under the age of 18 who live in DC, DE, MD, WV and VA and rely on the impact that each Capital District Kiwanian makes. We are the needle and thread, the soldering irons, the hammer and nails, the glue and the precious metal that brings pieces together from broken to beautiful.

I heard it said that belief is intangible but in my 25 years as a member I’ve witnessed, heard and felt the difference Kiwanis hearts impart. For the next 12 months, 52 weeks, 365 days I need you to believe that “WE” can accomplish the goals I have for Capital.

Kiwanis International has set a goal of increasing our membership by 10%. If one Kiwanian in every division, sponsors one member every other week, we will surpass that goal. So, I challenge everyone to share Kiwanis with someone you know once a week.



The Kiwanis Children’s Fund President has challenged our district to increase our giving by 10% over the average club gifts we’ve contributed the past three years. If your club can donate it’s \$6/member or the Today Club \$10/member or the club \$365 (dollar a day) then we will get there. Because this is a big ask for some clubs, please know there are Kiwanians who are ready to assist you with fundraising ideas and help with grant applications from the Children’s Fund and District Foundation.



The 2021- 2022 team is comprised of Subject Matter Experts who will help you find and plan projects that utilize our Kiwanis Partners. Trunk or Treats, Pumpkin Derbys, Story Walks, Candy Chutes and Holiday Stocking Clothes Lines all can be done with items from our partnership with Home Depot. Did you know through our partnership with Scholastic, you can help support your local school’s book fair?

My calendar is filling up with opportunities to fellowship and serve alongside you. 365 days from now I will be the same person I was when I joined Kiwanis 25 years ago, a member dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time.

With a Kiwanis heart,

*Elana T. Gardner*

## SAVE THE DATES

- **Capital District Midyear Conference**  
Williamsburg, VA  
March 4-6, 2022
- **Kiwanis International Convention**  
Indianapolis, IN  
June 22-25, 2022
- **Capital District Convention**  
Baltimore, MD  
August 19-21, 2022

	Number of Children		Percent of Children Who Are:							
	Under 5	Under 18	Children of Color	White	Hispanic	Black	Asian	Two or More Races	American Indian/ Alaska Native	Native Hawaiian/ Other Pacific Islander
Capital District										
Delaware	54,811	203,616	51.2%	48.8%	16.1%	25.4%	4.0%	5.4%	0.3%	0.0%
District of Columbia	45,617	127,494	77.1%	22.9%	17.2%	53.4%	2.4%	4.0%	0.1%	0.1%
Maryland	364,504	1,340,148	58.3%	41.7%	16.0%	30.7%	6.2%	5.2%	0.2%	0.0%
Virginia	510,924	1,869,792	46.8%	53.2%	14.2%	19.9%	6.6%	5.7%	0.2%	0.1%
West Virginia	95,257	364,160	11.3%	88.7%	2.7%	3.7%	0.7%	4.1%	0.2%	0.0%

# Our Firm Foundation



## News from the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation



## Greetings Capital District Kiwanis Members,

It is hard to believe that our clubs are celebrating the start of another Kiwanis New Year! The Capital District Kiwanis Foundation continues to work hard to complete another successful year in assisting our communities, clubs, and local pediatric trauma centers. Given the work that has occurred over the last three months, we are pleased to provide you with another quarterly update.

THANK YOU to everyone who helped support our 2021 Ducky Derby raffle! The Foundation was able to raise \$12,881.00 for pediatric trauma! We did not only meet our goal but we SURPASSED our goal! Our top three winners were \$750.00 Cash Prize — Susan Nancanon / Seaford Kiwanis Club / Division 5, \$500.00 Cash Prize — Cory Fore / Next Generation e-Kiwanis Club / Division 4, and the \$250.00 Cash Prize — Rachel Jacobs / Severna Park Kiwanis Club / Division 4.

As we prepare to celebrate the past Kiwanis service year, many clubs will think about honoring their members and club leaders. We hope that you will consider bestowing upon them one of the many Foundation honors that are available including life memberships, the Patron Recognition, President's Circle, Tablet of Honor, or Founder's Society. Details can be found on our recognition and contribution form located at <https://k03.site.kiwanis.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/36/2021/01/Recognition-and-Contribution-Form-Updated-11.2020.pdf>

As your club's Board of Directors continues to plan for a successful year of service in your local community, the Foundation encourages you to apply for a grant. The application cycle is open two times per year and applications are due on September 15th (Fall cycle) or March 15th (Spring cycle). To read the guidelines and complete an online application form, please visit <https://k03.site.kiwanis.org/foundation-grants/>

Donate today to help our children! Become an inaugural supporter of the Foundation's sustained giving program which is new for 2021-2022! Sustained giving is a way for Kiwanians committed to serving children to have a district-wide impact. In exchange for the cost of a cup of coffee at Starbucks or a fast-food drive-through restaurant combo or a dinner out each month, sustainers provide a steady stream of income for the foundation. If you don't already personally contribute annually to the foundation's work serving children, now is the time to show your commitment. \$5, \$10, \$20, or whatever you can afford regularly adds up to more services for children—scholarships, pediatric trauma support, meals for the needy, books, club grants, and more. Committing is easy! Follow this link to make a one-time or reoccurring donation: [https://crm.bloomerang.co/HostedDonation?ApiKey=pub\\_c681dd58-b980-11eb-ab84-0253c981a9f9&WidgetId=164864](https://crm.bloomerang.co/HostedDonation?ApiKey=pub_c681dd58-b980-11eb-ab84-0253c981a9f9&WidgetId=164864)

Please let the Foundation Board of Directors know how we can best serve your clubs, as well as educate our fellow members. The entire board looks forward to a wonderful 2021-2022 continuing to serve our clubs, district, and world!

In Service Together,

The Capital District Kiwanis Foundation 2020-2021 Board

## Facebook Live

Have you liked the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation on Facebook yet? We encourage you to like our page and tune into our new Facebook Live series that will air for the first time on Wednesday, October 6th at 7:00 p.m. For our first episode, join incoming President, Ed Daley to hear about his 2021-2023 goals for the Foundation. The Facebook Live series will air every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. and will be centered on a different aspect of the Foundation, the board, and the District each week. Here is our schedule for October and November:



Date of Facebook Live	Presenter	Weekly Topic
Wednesday, October 6 <sup>th</sup>	President Ed Daley	<b>WATCH IT:</b> <a href="#">Ed Daley will be sharing his 2021-2023 goals for the Foundation.</a>
Wednesday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Secretary Nancy Simonelli	Nancy Simonelli will be sharing various ways to give and recognition efforts to support the Foundation.
Wednesday, October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Past President Mike Dasovich	Mike Dasovich will be overviewing our sponsorship and support of nine pediatric trauma centers.
Wednesday, October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Vice President Bob Wright	Bob Wright will be unveiling a new sustained giving program and why it is important to the success of the Foundation.
Wednesday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Division 20 Director Dave Laraba	Dave Laraba will be sharing an overview of the Kiwanis clubs in Division 20 and their service to the community.
Wednesday, November 10 <sup>th</sup>	Division 19 Director Rayman Richardson	Rayman Richardson will be sharing an overview of the Kiwanis clubs in Division 19 and their service to the community.
Wednesday, November 17 <sup>th</sup>	Division 18 Director Patty Miser	Patty Miser will be sharing an overview of the Kiwanis clubs in Division 18 and their service to the community.
Wednesday, November 24 <sup>th</sup>	Division 17 Director Jon Rife	Jon Rife will be sharing an overview of the Kiwanis clubs in Division 17 and their service to the community.

In addition to a new Facebook Live series, the Capital District Foundation will also be featuring a series titled, "52 Weeks of Blogs." Each Monday, a new blog will be posted to the Foundation's website at the link below: <https://k03.site.kiwanis.org/foundation/foundation-blog/>

We encourage you to follow both series to stay up-to-date on the Foundation, as well as the Capital District of Kiwanis!

# From the Kiwanis Children's Fund



BY PG DENNIS BAUGH, DISTRICT CHILDREN'S FUND CHAIRPERSON

Questions get asked, "What does the Kiwanis Children's Fund do for me, my club or the district?" Let me tell you about a few of their programs that you and your club can support through your giving.

## ANNUAL CLUB GIFT CAMPAIGN

Each year, the Kiwanis Children's Fund conducts its Annual Club Gift campaign from October 1 through September 30. Your club's support helps the Kiwanis family serve more children in communities around the world through grants, extending your impact on children's lives.

Your club's participation in this campaign enables the Children's Fund to provide grants that serve Service Leadership Programs, club and district service projects, and the sustained elimination of Iodine Deficiency Disorders and maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT).

Make your club's gift before January 31 and help Kiwanians reach more children. Your early gift will help the Children's Fund plan and budget for the year, contain fundraising costs and dedicate more time to helping clubs with fundraising, non-profit management and grant applications.

## TODAY CLUB

There is no other way to give to so many areas—to touch the lives of so many children and communities—and in so many different ways than by giving a Gift of Today. Gifts of Today come to the Kiwanis Children's Fund from individuals, clubs and other entities. These gifts are the backbone of our organization. Through consistent yearly gifts, one person, one club and one contribution at a time, Kiwanians extend their impact to the children of the world.

The Today Club program honors clubs that achieve a minimum per-member giving level from active dues-paying members during the Kiwanis administrative year, which runs from October 1 through September 30. Gifts of Today from clubs, individuals and other entities to the Kiwanis Children's Fund will be counted in determining per-member giving. The per-member giving level for clubs is based on the September 30 membership certified by Kiwanis International.

Clubs can reach one of these per-member giving levels by making an unrestricted gift to the Children's Fund. Whether it's club gifts or individual gifts, any Gift of Today will be counted toward your club's per-member giving average.

These club recognitions are awarded annually at the end of the Kiwanis year. Eligible clubs will be determined by the Kiwanis Children's Fund. There are four recognition levels: Blue, Silver, Gold and Diamond. To achieve one of these four levels, clubs must reach the following per-member giving average:

- Blue, US\$10
- Silver, US\$25
- Gold, US\$50
- Diamond, US\$100

## TOP FIVE DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### What they support:

The top five districts are eligible to receive scholarships to assist with recipients' post-secondary education expenses as follows:

### Top District

- Five (5) US\$2,000 higher education scholarships

### Second Place

- Four (4) US\$1,500 higher education scholarships

### Third Place

- Three (3) US\$1,000 higher education scholarships

### Fourth Place

- Two (2) US\$1,000 higher education scholarships

### Fifth Place

- One (1) US\$1,000 higher education scholarship

### How they're awarded:

Placement in the top five district scholarship program is based on districts' per-member giving average of unrestricted gifts to the Kiwanis Children's Fund annual campaign between October 1 and September 30 by individuals, clubs and other entities within districts. Scholarship awards are available in the following administrative year.

### How districts request scholarships:

This scholarship program is by invitation only. Program information is sent to Kiwanis Children's Fund district chairpersons for the top five districts. Each district chair person coordinates the scholarship program on behalf of his/her district.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 1: Grant applications sent to district chairs by this date
- Jul. 1: Deadline for district chairs to submit Top Five District Scholarship Program application
- Aug. 31: Deadline for scholarships to be paid to students
- Oct. 1: Deadline for district chairs to submit scholarship recipient report



# LET'S FINISH OUR JOB FOR THE LAST TWELVE ELIMINATE PROJECT COUNTRIES



BY PG JOHN TYNER II, TRUSTEE, KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND

The symptoms are excruciating. Mothers and babies who contract maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) are ultimately robbed of their lives, and death follows days of pain and suffering. The good news is the disease is entirely vaccine preventable. UNICEF and its partners like Kiwanis International are committed to reducing the number of cases to virtually zero, which can be achieved through inexpensive immunization and by promoting hygienic delivery and cord care practices during childbirth.

Since 1999, UNICEF and partners have immunized more than 145 million women in 53 countries — efforts that have helped slash the number of endemic countries by more than two-thirds, from 59 to just 12 today. This is tremendous progress, but the fight is far from over. Making sure that MNT is eliminated once and for all across the globe is all part of a day's work for UNICEF health specialists based around the world and our donations are essential for finishing the job in those last 12 countries.

I am extremely proud of our Capital District Kiwanians for their dedication over ten years for raising \$2.7 million towards the solution for eliminating neonatal tetanus. I remind us all that during the campaign every Capital club gave something as best they could. We are now in the middle of raising the last \$281,998 to finish our pledge.

Our district convention attendance was smaller but a success for our remained MNT pledge amount, having received \$2,830 from attendees with several others planning on sending in their contributions. In addition, I was really thankful that the District Foundation voted to donate \$25,000 to MNT to cover some of those clubs who could not and cannot make further donations themselves. As you may know, our Capital District Key Clubs had pledged to raise \$250,000 during the MNT Campaign. I'm delighted to announce that Key Club Board has made the final payment and completed their pledge.



Every year, Kiwanis club members around the world gather on the fourth Saturday in October for Kiwanis One Day. It's a day set aside for clubs to work together to better their communities — and to invite friends and family to join them. For some clubs, this has had world-wide repercussions by supporting projects with clubs in other countries. This year, Kiwanis One Day will be October 23, 2021. As many clubs return to active service, many may not have that opportunity given local guidelines and restrictions for gathering in a service project. If your club can participate in a One Day activity, that's great! In any case, please consider making a donation to the Childrens' Fund as your Kiwanis One Day project – think of helping the children in those 12 countries.

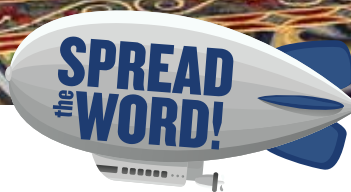
Our life-changing work in Capital will continue, as we raise money to pay for vaccinations, transportation, training, monitoring and supervision in those remaining 12 countries at risk— so that mothers give birth in clean, safe environments. I ask you to have an impact by making a donation now as we kick off our 2021-22 Kiwanis Year under Governor Elana's leadership as we raise the remaining \$247,437 to complete our pledge. Make your checks out to Kiwanis Childrens' Fund, with "Eliminate" most importantly noted on the memo line, and mail to KCF, PO Box 6457, Dept #286, Indianapolis, IN 46206. Or you can send it to me at 5911 Halpine Rd, Rockville, MD 20851 and I'll take care of it for you and your club.

Stay healthy and as active as you can be!



# KIWANIANS SPREAD THE WORD AT DISTRICT ELC

BY PG BRIAN BELL



Thanks to all of you who attended (in person or virtually) the Capital District Education and Leadership Conference in Roanoke over the weekend. Here is a “brief” summary for those who may have not attended or missed some portion of the event.

There were 112 registered in-person attendees. At the time there were 141 clubs in the Capital District and 4,012 members.

At the District Board Meeting Friday afternoon, two events scheduled for September (Key Leader and K-Family Weekend) were cancelled due to COVID. Another Key Leader event is still planned for the Spring. K-Family Boards will likely schedule separate Board meetings in September.

The passing of Past Governor and District Secretary-Treasurer Tom Varner was noted at the Board Meeting, as well as at the Governor’s Banquet and Business Session. Many members shared personal stories

about Tom and his contributions to the Capital District. Sympathies and condolences were expressed to Tom’s wife Lin and their family. The passing of District Historian John Fox was also in the hearts of attendees. Governor Dennis Baugh held a moment of silence for all Capital District Kiwanis members who have died during the current Kiwanis year.

Children’s Fund Board member and Past Governor John Tyner reported on efforts to get Districts (and members) to fulfill their pledges to The Eliminate Project (to vaccinate against maternal and neonatal Tetanus or MNT). Kiwanis International has “closed the books” on Eliminate, and written off over \$17 million in pledges, much to John’s consternation. Our Capital District pledged \$3 million to Eliminate during my year as Governor in 2014-2015. At the beginning of ELC, John indicated that \$2,719,000 had been raised, leaving \$283,000. Despite KI’s position, John encouraged us to continue working to complete our pledge and commitment to

Eliminate. I and others agreed. John noted that several thousand additional dollars were contributed by individuals on Friday. He also noted that only 49 clubs in the District have contributed any funds to Eliminate in the past two years. For reference, Capital District pledged and contributed \$1.5 million to the Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) campaign that preceded the Eliminate Project.

At the Past Governors Meeting, we learned that Capital District will have the opportunity to endorse a candidate for International Trustee at the House of Delegates during the Baltimore DCON in 2022. This person would officially announce during the summer of 2023. The PGs will determine whether anyone is interested, and (if more than one person is interested) who to choose over the next year.

At the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation Board Meeting, the Directors approved a \$25,000 contribution to Eliminate!

Workshops were aligned with treating Kiwanis as a Verb, Conjunction, Pronoun, Noun, Interjection, Adjective, Adverb, and Preposition. It was a novel approach, and all were presented in sequence; there were no parallel sessions. This was a good format, particular for this scaled down version of conference. As those who attended (in person or virtually) can attest, the presenters were excellent. One highlight was Past Kiwanis International President Jane Erickson who gave the Keynote motivational presentation. Jane is the owner of The Wellness and Training Works, and she is inspirational. All the workshops were recorded and are available for viewing on the District Website.

At the business session, elections and amendments were considered. The voting body consisted of the Delegates-At-Large, i.e. current Lt Governors, Trustees, Executive Officers, and Past Governors. There were 28 delegates present (out of a possible 45), although three of us held current positions as Lt Governors and Past Governors.

The session was uneventful in that the elections were uncontested and the amendments passed without significant discussion or controversy. Elana Gardner was elected Governor-Designate, and Jen Wolff was elected Governor-Elect-Designate for 2021-2022.

All six proposed bylaws amendments passed including: (1) Two-year waiver of District dues for former SLP members who join Kiwanis; (2) Prorated District dues for new members; (3) Revision of term limits for Trustees (housekeeping correction); (4) Expansion of geographic boundaries of Capital District to include West Virginia; (5) Temporary status of Immediate Past Governor granted to West Virginia Provisional District Chairperson; and (6) Change title of District Secretary-Treasurer to Executive Director and revoke voting rights.

The Ducky Derby drawings were held with over a dozen cash and gift card prizes given out. Charles Marks announced that over \$12,250 had been raised by contributions to the Ducky Derby.

At the Governor's Banquet, District Officers were recognized. The Teenager of the Year was presented. Remarks were given by the Key Club Governor and CKI Governor. And Governor Dennis Baugh provided his Governor's Remarks.

On Sunday morning, the Closing Session was held. Following an inspirational presentation, "On to 2022 Midyear Conference", "On to Indianapolis ICON 2022", and "On to Baltimore DCON 2022" presentations were made.

The current 2020-2021 District Officers and Chairpersons were "officially" but not really retired, and the 2021-2022 District Officers were installed. (Governor Dennis and Governor-Designate Elana were retired and installed, respectively, by Past International President Jane Erickson.)

Photos by Jen Wolff and Keith White





# 2021 FINAL BYLAWS AMENDMENTS

The Delegates-at-Large of the Business Session unanimously approved the following six bylaws amendments on August 21, 2021 in Roanoke:

**Bylaws Amendment #1** - Two-year Waiver of District Dues for Former SLP Members who join Kiwanis Clubs

Add new Section 2 to Article X of District Bylaws and renumber accordingly:

A club shall be relieved of any obligation to pay district dues for any club member for a period of two (2) years from the date of joining that club, provided such member was a former member of a Kiwanis International Service Leadership Program.

**Bylaws Amendment #2** - Prorated District Dues for New Members

Add new Section 3, to Article X of District Bylaws and renumber accordingly:

Prorated district dues shall be charged for each new member of a club on the same prorated schedule used by Kiwanis International. Prorated dues are waived for any new member who was a former member of a Kiwanis International service leadership program.

**Bylaws Amendment #3** - Revision of Term Limits

Amend Article III, Section 3 as follows:

No person shall serve more than two consecutive terms as a Trustee or Lieutenant Governor.

**Bylaws Amendment #4** - Expansion of Geographic Boundaries of the Capital District to Include West Virginia

Amend Article II, Section 2 as follows:

The territorial limits of this district shall be confined to Delaware; Maryland; the District of Columbia, West Virginia; and Virginia except the entire County of Lee, Virginia, and that portion of Wise County, Virginia, that composes the area of the Big Stone Gap, Virginia Kiwanis Club. Neither the district name nor territorial limits shall be changed unless permission shall first have been obtained from the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees.



**Bylaws Amendment #5** - Temporary Status of Immediate Past Governor Granted to West Virginia Provisional District Chairperson

Amend Article IV, Section 1 as follows:

PROVISO: Effective only from October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

The District Board shall consist of the Governor, Governor-elect, Immediate Past Governor, Immediate Past WV Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Trustee for each region.

**Bylaws Amendment #6** - Change title of District Secretary-Treasurer to Executive Director and revoke voting rights.

Amend Article III - Officers, Section 1 as follows:

a. The officers of the district shall be the Governor, Governor-elect, Immediate Past Governor, Secretary-Treasurer, and a Lieutenant Governor for each division and/or a Trustee for each region of the district.

b. No offices other than those of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined in one person. The Secretary-Treasurer has the title of Executive Director.

Replace all other bylaws references to "District Secretary-Treasurer" with "Executive Director"

Amend Article IV - District Board as follows:

Section 1. The District Board shall consist of the Governor, Governor-elect, Immediate Past Governor, Executive Director, and a Trustee for each region. The Executive Director shall be without vote.



# AFGHANISTAN YOUTH RELIEF FOUNDATION

UNITY IS STRENGTH—TOGETHER ANYTHING IS POSSIBLE

Thanks to our sponsors as well as the entire Afghan community and charities

As thousands of Afghan refugees sought refuge in the United States, they were flown into Washington Dulles International Airport in the Capital District, and then bused to surrounding areas. Kiwanis Clubs sprang into action to support these refugees as they resettled into their new homes. Some families needed items like clothing, flashlights, backpacks, and other items to furnish their apartments. Organizations like the Afghanistan Youth Relief Foundation have collected donations that are being sorted and given to refugees after they are processed. Read on to learn more about how Kiwanis is serving these children and their families.



## Tysons, VA

BY JEFFREY WOLFF

The crisis in Afghanistan is worsening day by day. Thousands upon thousands of Afghans are desperately trying to leave the country. The Afghanistan Youth Relief Foundation is trying to do its part to gather essential supplies in Northern Virginia and distribute them to displaced Afghans arriving in America. They have received an enormous number of donations filling a warehouse of a local business in Chantilly, VA. On Wednesday, September 24th, a group of members of the Kiwanis Club of Tysons spent a few hours sorting donations of clothing, toys, and toiletries to help the refugees. The organization fed the volunteers a traditional Afghan meal as gratitude. They continue to receive donations and are in constant need of manpower to help sort, label and box up the generous donations. For more information, visit <https://ayrf.org>.





## Washington, DC

BY KEIKO GOMEZ-GURLEY

The Kiwanis Club of Washington, D.C. is partnering with LSSNCA to help a family who will be resettling in Fairfax County. In the past month, [LSSNCA](#) has welcomed 72 families into the DMV area totaling nearly 300 people. On average, they are welcoming approximately 80 people per week and expect that number to steadily increase over the next month as evacuation efforts in Kabul continue.

The club is currently collecting donations to furnish the family's apartment, from furniture to toiletries and all the basic necessities in between. Once assigned a family, they will be assembling furniture and setting up their apartment, stocking it with basic supplies, and welcoming them into their new home with a first meal.

Want to help? Check out their [Amazon Wishlist](#) to see what they still need to furnish and prepare the family's apartment. Each item has a priority ranking (lowest, low, medium, high, highest) based on whether it is required or "nice to have." Feel free to share this wish list with your friends, family, social networks, and local communities!



## Roanoke, VA

BY JOHN MONTGOMERY

When Roanoke Kiwanis saw the opportunity to assist refugees, President Mike McEvoy assigned our Kiwanis Kares committee to investigate as to how we might help.

The plan for the Kiwanis Club of Roanoke is to get involved with the resettlement of Afghan refugees on multiple levels. We are working with Commonwealth Catholic Charities, the main resettlement agency in the state of Virginia with resettlement offices in Newport News, Richmond and Roanoke. Pending board approval in October, we are going to collect individual contributions to purchase 60 small first aid kits and 25 soccer balls requested by CCC. As housing becomes available, we will put together teams to go in and set up the apartments with beds, furniture and bedroom, bathroom and kitchen kits (all provided by CCC) so the refugees will have the basics needed for move-in.

We have asked our club program chairperson about a possible Wednesday program on bridging cultural norms and have asked our newsletter editor about setting up a small part of the weekly communication to keep members updated on the opportunities to support our new neighbors.

Our SLP coordinator is also checking with our Key Clubs to see how they might be involved.

# AROUND CAPITAL



## CREATING BRIGHTER FUTURES

BY JEN WOLFF, GOVERNOR-ELECT

Happy October, Capital Kiwanians! It is my pleasure to be serving you as the 2021-22 Governor-Elect. I am looking forward to working with Governor Elana and her team to **Mend Our World** so that we can **Create Brighter Futures!** This month, I will be traveling to Indianapolis to receive training alongside my class of Governor-Elects from all over Kiwanis International. I hope to come back with some great ideas that we can use here in Capital! If you have any ideas or observations that you would like to bring to my attention, you can email me at [jen.woff@capitaldistrictkiwanis.org](mailto:jen.woff@capitaldistrictkiwanis.org); I would be happy to hear them! Please take a moment to review the below messages.

### We are looking for the next Key Club District Administrator

Long-time Key Club District Administrator Joe Stankus is stepping down, and we are looking for his successor. This person will take office April 1, 2022. Please download [the application](#) and [return it to Jen Wolff](#) by October 15.

### MEMBERS: Please Complete Our Education & Experience Survey

The Capital District is seeking information from our members about their professional and educational backgrounds. We will use this information to have a better understanding of the knowledge and expertise available to better our District and services to our clubs. We appreciate you taking a few minutes to help us out! [Please complete the brief survey here.](#)

### Wanted: District Magazine Editor for The Capital Kiwanian

Do you have an interest in publications and writing? Then the District Editor position may be for you! The Editor will gather and edit articles in coordination with the Governor for the 6 issues of the Capital Kiwanian each year. Content will be provided to the graphic designer for layout. The position will be effective October 1, 2022. A stipend is provided. Contact [Jen Wolff with questions](#), or to apply.

### Wanted: 2021-2022 Lt. Governor-Elects

Are you interested in serving on the *Creating Brighter Futures* Team as a Lt. Governor? We have vacancies in the Lt. Governor-Elect position for a few divisions.

The Lt. Governor's responsibilities include helping clubs maintain or increase their membership, helping to open new clubs, ensuring participation in club leadership education, and increasing club members' engagement and morale. The energy that you give this position will go a long way toward maintaining the health and vitality of the clubs in your division and, by extension, Kiwanis.

To get started, you will need to complete the [District Pre-Election Pledge](#). If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

THANK YOU to the wonderful Kiwanians that have stepped up so far to serve on the 2022-23 leadership team! I look forward to serving with all of you.

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Kaitlyn Blume  
Ronesha Prioleau  
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Robert Kaufman  
Seth Thatcher  
Sam Bosserman  
Jennifer Carpenter  
Alisa Dick  
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## Right Here, Right Now: Community Service

BY DAVE ROTHBERG, SERVICE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

**It's a great time to continue preparations for a new Kiwanis year of EXCELLENCE! Not all members in your club joined because of the same reason. Remember, everyone's Kiwanis experience is different. Some want to provide service to kids, some want fellowship, some want to be involved in the community, some like fundraising and even some want Kiwanis on their resume and continue to pay dues.**

This article focuses on COMMUNITY and what your club should be doing as you plan the new Kiwanis year.

**Assess Community Needs** – things have changed over the past year. There now is a new normal. Make plans to reach out to community leaders, schools, elected officials, club partners, other service organizations and agencies that help children. Find out what their needs are and how your club can help. Use the "Achieving Club Excellence" tools [CommunityAssessment](#)

**Assess Your Club** – this can be done in several different ways. Do individual interviews, offer an anonymous survey, conduct an open forum, or conduct a visual assessment. More details and a sample survey can be found here: [MemberSatisfaction](#)

**Kiwanis One Day** – if you are reading this article after October 23, then you missed "Kiwanis One Day". The fourth Saturday in October is celebrated Internationally by Kiwanis for clubs to work together to better their communities and invite friends and family to join them. There's a toolkit and suggested media resources here: [KiwanisOneDay](#)

These ideas can be used for any community project at any time of the year.

**Identify Your Signature Project** – these provide valuable and needed service to your community. They also elevate awareness of Kiwanis in your community, engage current members and remind them why they joined Kiwanis, and can involve potential members. Your club doesn't have a signature project? Find ideas, a toolkit and more here: [SignatureProject](#)

**Identify Partners** – both local and International. Kiwanis has a lot of partners that can be found here: [KiwanisPartners](#)

Local community partnerships can be established with like-minded organizations, schools, and agencies. You'll find a tool to help develop local partners here: [CommunityPartners](#)

**Plan for EXCELLENCE** – Your club's goal this year should be to have your best year ever! If you have concerns in ANY area of your club's current status, there are a lot of potential solutions here: [PLANforEXCELLENCE](#)

Here's one more idea for a fundraising project that has a potentially huge increased community visibility and brand recognition [OneMoreIdea](#).

Most of all .... HAVE FUN! Work on a plan, execute and evaluate it, and ENJOY YOUR YEAR! Any comments or suggestions are welcome by emailing me at [madventuresinc@yahoo.com](mailto:madventuresinc@yahoo.com)



# Notes from the Executive Director

BY PG JEFFREY WOLFF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Happy New Kiwanis Administrative Year! And since it's now past October 1st, I want to start with a warm welcome to all West Virginia Kiwanis club members to the Capital District!**

In your clubs, a new Board of Directors has started their year under the guidance of a new club president. By now, your club board should have conducted its training and done its goal setting for the year. At this point, you have also polled your membership and know which members of your club will remain and pay dues and which you need to drop from the roster. Finally, your membership coordinator has a plan and action steps ready to recruit new members into your club.

**CLUB TREASURERS** Now is the time where we close the books on the previous fiscal year (October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021) and ensure that a complete review is performed by the two or more members of your club's Financial Review Committee (as dictated in the club's mandatory policies - section F). An annual examination of financial records should include, but not be limited to, bank reconciliations, income, disbursements, budgets, balance sheets and income and expense statements for both the administrative and service accounts, and any other financial records or reports of the club.

**CLUB SECRETARIES** Please make sure that all of your 2020-21 Monthly Reports were submitted and that you have submitted the 2021-22 Club Election Report. This information is critical to the operation of the District, but more importantly to make sure that the right information is getting to the officers of your club.

**YOUTH PROTECTION** October is also Youth Protection Month, so please make sure that you have a program within your club on how to safely work with the youth that need our help the most and that all of your Service Leadership Program Advisors have a clear criminal background check as required. At the District level, we have also had a change in leadership. Governor Elana Gardner led the first meeting of the 2021-22 Board of Trustees on September 19th online.

**NEW MEMBER PRORATED DUES** As of October 1st, both Kiwanis International and Capital District Kiwanis are now operating under a prorated dues schedule for new members who join your club. This chart will show how much your club will be billed for a new member depending on what month they join your club. It is strongly encouraged that your club consider modifying it's club dues to follow the same proration schedule.

Month	KI Dues/Mag/Ins	Capital Dues	Total
October	\$77.00	\$32.00	\$109.00
November	\$70.58	\$29.33	\$99.91
December	\$64.17	\$26.67	\$90.84
January	\$57.75	\$24.00	\$81.75
February	\$51.33	\$21.33	\$72.66
March	\$44.92	\$18.67	\$63.59
April	\$38.50	\$16.00	\$54.50
May	\$32.08	\$13.33	\$45.41
June	\$25.67	\$10.67	\$36.34
July	\$19.25	\$8.00	\$27.25
August	\$12.83	\$5.33	\$18.16
September	\$6.42	\$2.67	\$9.09

**EXISTING MEMBER DUES** Since I get asked this question a few times a year, here's what your club will be billed for each of your existing members: \$52 Kiwanis International Dues, \$17 Kiwanis Liability Insurance, \$8 Kiwanis Magazine, \$32 Capital District Dues. The only exceptions would be Life Members of Kiwanis International (who are exempt only from the \$52 KI Dues) and Former Service Leadership Program Members in their first two years of Kiwanis membership who are exempt from both the \$52 KI Dues and the \$32 Capital Dues.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [jeffrey.woff@capitaldistrictkiwanis.org](mailto:jeffrey.woff@capitaldistrictkiwanis.org)

# EDUCATION NEWS

BY KRISTA LATCHAW,  
LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION DISTRICT CHAIRPERSON

## *It's 5 O'clock Somewhere Series*

The Capital District Education team is kicking off our 2021 - 2022 Kiwanis year with an all new 5 O'clock Somewhere Series of speakers. This year, you'll hear from our leaders in the District and in the community on topics that matter to you and your clubs. So, bring a drink to your cozy chair and listen up.....because on the last Thursday of the month, it's 5 O'clock Somewhere.

### **OCTOBER'S 5 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE - LET'S PLAY!**

Speakers: Victoria Babb and Mitch Reno

Topic: Building on their very successful and heartwarming presentation at the Capital District Education Conference this year about inclusiveness on the playground, Victoria and Mitch would like to take play elements and key principles for inclusive recreational spaces to the next level. They will answer some of your outstanding questions (for example, what's an ADA compliant play space design vs. going above the ADA marker to ensure equity & inclusion). They'll give you some new ideas for spaces that you may help upkeep and be your resource for clubs interested in tackling a playground project in the future.

Date/Time: Thursday, October 28th at 7pm

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83192876667?pwd=djE3NzJzSTE2eGZRYzR2ajFUdWsxQT09>

Meeting ID: 831 9287 6667

Passcode: 981551

**\*\*Special Surprise - There will be a Halloween costume contest!! Prizes will go to 1st & 2nd Place\*\***



## **Capital District Leadership Training**

Hey 2021 - 2022 Leaders and Club Members! Have you heard? The Education Committee and some special guests put on an hour session so you could get to know some key initiatives & information about the Capital District. It was very informative!!

Where can you find this recording, you ask?

1. Well, please go to the website here: <https://k03.site.kiwanis.org/kiwanis-education/>
2. Scroll all the way down to the end of the pink '5 O'clock Somewhere' box
3. Register in the form below that box to receive a link (List: Attendee name, etc.)

While you're there, you can watch some of our other 5 O'clock Somewhere series recordings. It's that easy. Happy watching!!

## **Thank You**

We wanted to give a great big shout out to the Education Committee this year!! They have done an amazing job and we thank them for all their hard work and efforts to bring you the best educational programs on the planet! (Yes, the planet). If you happen to see these folks below, pat them on the back and tell them GREAT JOB!! (or you can just email them)

Please help us recognize:

- Chesapeake Bay Region: John Hassman, Josh Hiscock, Robin Marks, and John McMillan
- Heart of Virginia: Dennis Baugh, Eric Lamb, Avanti Yamamoto
- Mason Dixon: Don Dudey
- National Capital: Brian Bell, David Lurie, Carolyn Richar, and Jeffrey Wolff
- Southeast VA: Brenda Garrett, Ron McCallum, Dave Rothberg, Judy Pantelides, Nancy Simonelli, Stephanie Welke
- Southwest VA: Catherine Cummins, Jeff Dotson, Jerry Jones, John Montgomery, Jon Rife

THANK YOU TEAM!!



# IT TAKES A VILLAGE — OF VALUES — TO BE IN COMMUNITY!

BY PG REV. CAROLYN RICHAIR,  
HUMAN & SPIRITUAL VALUES CHAIRPERSON

**Have you noticed the increasing number of issues and challenges that appear to be driving us further apart rather than closer together in our communities? The first Object of Kiwanis is - To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life. Perhaps by celebrating together our human and spiritual values, we can help our communities unite in the face of issues and challenges. This year, Governor Elena has identified 12 human and spiritual values to help our clubs and our members join together. These values Communion, Grace, Neighbor, Service, Fellowship, Joy, Friend, Family, Acceptance, Favor, Gentleness, and Peace are each a part of a monthly tool kit to give your club ideas!**

## The Monthly Tool Kit includes:

1. Club Icebreaker using Value of the Month
2. Choice of Quotes/Invocations to use during club events or in club media
3. Service Project Idea(s)
4. Club Speaker Ideas

I invite your club to start in October – devote a part of each meeting — or just one meeting — to the value of Communion, the sharing or exchanging of intimate thoughts and feelings. Use of the quotes/invocations to start your meeting, along with a club icebreaker to get to know your members better. If you are looking for a hands-on project, try one of the ideas. And if you need a club speaker, there are ideas for that also.

We hope your club will continue to use these resources in November with the value of Grace — courteous good will — and to do honor or credit to someone by your presence.

I would love to get any feedback you want to share how these ideas worked for your club. Please feel free to share feedback with me, offer suggestions or ask questions. Call me at 703-505-0265 or email [carolynsrichar@hotmail.com](mailto:carolynsrichar@hotmail.com).

## 2021-22 VALUE FOCUS

**Communion:** the sharing or exchanging of intimate thoughts and feelings, especially when the exchange is on a mental or spiritual level. *OCTOBER 2021*

**Grace:** courteous goodwill; and (verb) do honor or credit to (someone or something) by one's presence. *NOVEMBER 2021*

**Neighbor:** Good neighbors are friendly. They introduce themselves, maintain relationships, and are approachable. They also enjoy being social in their community and encourage others to do so as well. *DECEMBER 2021*

**Service:** the action of helping or doing work for someone. *JANUARY 2022*

**Fellowship:** a company of equals or friends *FEBRUARY 2022*

**Joy:** a source or cause of delight *MARCH 2022*

**Friend:** one attached to another by affection or esteem *APRIL 2022*

**Family:** a group of people united by certain convictions or a common affiliation *MAY 2022*

**Acceptance:** the act of accepting something or someone: the fact of being accepted *JUNE 2022*

**Favor:** approving consideration or attention *JULY 2022*

**Gentleness:** the quality or state of being gentle especially : mildness of manners or disposition *AUGUST 22*

**Peace:** harmony in personal relations *SEPTEMBER 2022*

## COMMUNION TOOL KIT – OCTOBER 2021

**Communion:** the sharing or exchanging of intimate thoughts and feelings, especially when the exchange is on a mental or spiritual level.

### Club Project ideas:

1. Host a community discussion on community needs
2. Host a clergy gathering for all the faith communities in your community
3. Have a Fall picnic for senior citizens – perhaps at local subsidized housing complex. Invite them to share about their lives, loves, challenges and dreams.

### Club Icebreakers:

1. What world issue are you most passionate about making better?
2. Where do you feel most peaceful/secure?
3. Who was your best friend as a teenager - what is a favorite memory?
4. Why have kept your Kiwanis membership active?

### Quotes/Invocations/Prayers

- **There is a Light – Hindu**  
“There is a light that shines beyond all things on earth, beyond all of us, beyond the heavens, beyond the highest, the very highest heavens. This is the light that shines in our hearts.”
- “To him who in the love of Nature holds Communion with her visible forms, she speaks A various language.” *William Cullen Bryant*
- “One hearty laugh together will bring enemies into a closer communion of heart than hours spent on both sides in inward wrestling with the mental demon of uncharitable feeling.” *William James*
- “Marriage is not just spiritual communion, it is also remembering to take out the trash.” *Joyce Brothers*
- **Invocation – Rev. Carolyn Richar**  
“In thanks for this day and these friends with whom we share this time, may the spirit of love and communion fill our hearts. May we exchange our thoughts and feelings with honesty and hope that together we can work to make this world a better place for all the children of the world. We pray this in the name of You who are Love. Amen.”

### Speaker Ideas.

1. Invite member(s) of town council/county board to share ideas they have to create a better community.
2. Member sharing session – give every member present 1-2 minutes to share ideas on how to create better “communion” in your club and in your community.

## GRACE TOOL KIT - NOVEMBER 2021

**Grace:** courteous goodwill; and (verb) do honor or credit to (someone or something) by one’s presence.

### Club Project ideas

1. Honor Local Firefighters/Police/Civil Servants for jobs well done.
2. Bring Up Grades (BUG) - plan for this month or next to honor students.
3. Host a birthday party or Thanksgiving event at preschool in low-income area – or at Boys and Girls Club in your community.

### Club Icebreakers

1. Invite club members to share a “grace” they may have grown up with at mealtime.
2. Share remembrances of your “favorite” Kiwanian - a fellow member who inspires you.
3. Who, alive or from the past, would you love to have a few hours to spend with in conversation?

### Quotes/Invocations/Prayers

- “Happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace, and gratitude.” *Denis Waitley*
- “I do not at all understand the mystery of grace - only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us.” *Anne Lamott*
- “Whatever we are waiting for - peace of mind, contentment, grace, the inner awareness of simple abundance - it will surely come to us, but only when we are ready to receive it with an open and grateful heart.” *Sarah Ban Breathnach*
- “God, give us grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed, courage to change the things which should be changed and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.” *Reinhold Niebuhr*
- **Prayer** “We gather today aware that we often value each other more for what we can do than who we are. We ask this day for the vision to see each other deeply and wholly for who each person is rather than the title of their job or the size of their bank account. May we realize the true value of those gathered around us by being present for each other. Amen.” *Rev. Carolyn Richar*

### Speaker Ideas.

#### TED TALKS

- [How Dad's Dementia Changed My Idea of Death and Life](#)
- [Say Your Truths and Seek Them in Others](#)

Speaker on Dementia or Down’s Syndrome or Autism in reference to the experience of Grace in accepting someone for who that person is and the lessons they have to teach those of us without those specific challenges.

# Long Range or Strategic Planning

BY JERRY JONES, DISTRICT LONG RANGE PLANNING CHAIRPERSON

What is a strategic plan? Think of a strategic plan as an organization's road map: You can choose the roads you want to take, and the strategic plan ensures you reach your destination — your goals.

Kiwanis International's strategic plan is designed for each district and club to use as a guide for creating their own plans and choosing their own paths toward accomplishing common goals. The plan focuses on five goal areas — or priorities — that will help clubs or districts and the overall organization thrive for years to come as a positive force for good in the world. Clubs are encouraged to review the KI discussion at <https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/strategic-plan>

The Capital District Long Range Planning Committee has suggested possible actions for clubs, divisions and the District to consider and adapt to their own use. This article will concentrate on Membership since the District's October 5 o'clock somewhere Zoom will deal with this topic. But before doing that, let's consider the impact of the COVID pandemic, although the committee hoped that it would be history by now.

What have we learned during the pandemic? What are we doing different now than pre-pandemic? What should we continue doing differently? Would we be more attractive to new members with virtual meetings and in person service projects or fundraisers? Could we use Zoom (or other alternatives) for planning and board meetings? Could we engage new members quickly with projects that can be done safely at home? Could we

open service projects to community members by inviting club partners, SLP club members and families, business owners, and parent-teacher groups to join online or in person? Are there ideas for individuals to work independently such as making

contributions of personal care items or care packages for Social Services and involving CKI or Key Club members? Can you spread volunteers out over space or time so they can maintain safe distance?

## Priority #1: Membership and Engagement

District Goal: To build, retain and support a growing Kiwanis membership directory

Strategies	Suggested Possible Actions
Prioritize Membership Growth and Retention for Existing Clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore alternative ways to hold meetings</li> <li>Utilize members strengths to keep them engaged</li> <li>Explore club mergers to better serve community</li> <li>Utilize corporate membership, where available</li> <li>Recruit spouses and family members</li> <li>Assign mentor to new members</li> </ul>
Institutionalize New Club Growth in Every Division of Every District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create an incentive program at district level</li> <li>Identify underserved areas in each division</li> <li>Utilize the ACE tools</li> <li>Continue the Region Membership Chair concept</li> </ul>
Improve the Club Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conduct survey of membership to determine THEIR needs</li> <li>Change formats, if necessary, based on survey</li> <li>Provide a process for members to voice ideas and concerns</li> <li>Have a variety of service projects and social events</li> <li>Develop a comfort level for future leaders</li> <li>Put members first, not club first</li> </ul>
Maximize the Use of Technology for New and Existing Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Utilize virtual meetings and train members on the HOW</li> <li>Conduct hybrid meetings, even after COVID</li> </ul>
Keep Former Members Engaged as Supporters and Donors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Determine why members left</li> <li>If changes are made, recruit them back</li> <li>If appropriate, start a new club</li> </ul>
Expand Successful SLP Clubs for Growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Educate clubs on what is an SLP</li> <li>Start a new SLP</li> <li>Recruit former SLP members as club members</li> </ul>

# Clubs Can Purchase More Peace of Mind with Optional Club Insurance

BY APRIL GASSLER, DISTRICT RISK MANAGER



As you may know, part of your annual dues to Kiwanis International provides insurance to every Kiwanis Club and every Kiwanis Family Member. The insurance coverage funded by a portion of your dues includes general liability insurance, as well as directors' & officers' insurance for the boards of Kiwanis Clubs and Kiwanis Foundations.

While those insurance programs are important and do cover most of the risks Kiwanis clubs and their members face, there are some other risks we may face as Kiwanians that are not covered by those two insurance programs. Rest assured, Kiwanis International has negotiated optional club insurance programs to help mitigate certain additional risks that Kiwanis clubs may face.

The first optional insurance program is **Club Accident Insurance**. If you have been to one of my Risk Management presentations, you have probably heard me explain that the Kiwanis "general liability" insurance applies when someone outside of Kiwanis sues Kiwanis (including an individual Kiwanis Club or Kiwanian) claiming that Kiwanis is liable for an injury they suffered. I also explained that if a Kiwanian or SLP member is injured during a Kiwanis event, the Kiwanis liability insurance does not apply in that situation. That being said, the optional Club Accident Insurance would apply where a Kiwanian or SLP member is injured at an official club event. Coverage is available for as low as \$3 per member and can be purchased to protect SLP members as well as Kiwanians.

The second optional insurance program is **Club Crime Insurance**. Club crime insurance helps mitigate many financial risks a Kiwanis club may face, including embezzlement of funds, check forgery, funds lost in transit, robbery/burglary, and, most importantly, "social engineering fraud." Social engineering fraud is a broad term that refers to scams used by criminals to deceive and/or manipulate victims into sharing confidential information and/or sending funds in error. Criminals may pose as IRS agents, credit card companies, banks, vendors, or other charitable organizations when contacting victims by telephone, email, and/or text message. They exploit a person's trust to learn banking details, passwords, or other sensitive data, or trick the victim into sending funds to the criminal. Kiwanis clubs are particularly attractive to these criminals because few clubs operate their own email systems and thus cannot control spam filters that might block their members' receipt of such malicious emails. In addition, few clubs offer cybersecurity training that would help their members identify potentially fraudulent emails.

Finally, as Kiwanians, we have a tendency to assume that others share our altruistic intentions and are not always as suspicious as we maybe should be. Sadly, these criminals do not care who they steal from or what the originally intended use was for their ill-gotten gains. But your club can protect itself from the consequences of social engineering fraud and other financial risks by purchasing the optional Club Crime Insurance for as little as \$145 per year.

**Applications and payments for the optional Club Accident Insurance and/or Club Crime Insurance are due by October 31, 2021.** For application forms and more information about these optional coverages, please review the Optional Club Insurance Guide available at: <https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/training/risk-management>.

For questions, please call Kiwanis International's insurance broker, Nathan Peterman, of Hylant, at 1-800-678-0361, or contact your District Risk Manager.

# Capital Record



## A Special Meeting

**Elena McComas** recently became a full member of the Kiwanis. When her husband **Skip McComas** was alive, he was the member and she was an Associate member, as is often the case for husband and wife members of the **Kiwanis Club of Greater**



**Ocean Pines - Ocean City.** Governor Elena was the guest speaker at the August 4th, 2021 meeting. After she spoke, Past President Roy Foreman asked her to remain at the front of the group where he presented her with the Appreciation Award Skip had earned during Roy's Presidency. Skip could not receive his award due to his passing before the end of Roy's year. He had served on the Board of Directors, was a pastor who often did the prayer and led the singing to begin the meetings, and was a proud advisor to the Stephen Decatur Middle School Builders Club.

## Donations

The **Kiwanis Club of Rockville** provided support to six non-profit organizations with a total commitment of \$10,000 this Kiwanis year:

- Interfaith Works received funding to purchase gift cards for residents displaced by the Rock Creek Woods Apartments Flood after the remnants of Hurricane Ida soaked the Rockville region.
- Rainbow Community Development Center
- Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic
- Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless
- Montgomery College Foundation
- InterPLAY Orchestra

## In Memorial

**PG Tom Varner, Ashland, VA**

**John Fox, Radford, VA**

**Ralph Chinn, Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City, MD**

**Floyd Brown, Old Point Comfort, Hampton, VA**

**Richard Barr, Arlington, VA**

## Welcome to Kiwanis

**Venu Thirumala, Caren Roushkolb, Tara Wells, Jerod Frenzl, Dianna Cardenas, Jamee Telford, and Jose Leoncio** – Washington, DC

# Happy Anniversary

### October

Crewe, VA.....	1924
Manassas, VA.....	1924
Chesapeake, VA.....	1927
East Baltimore, MD.....	1947
Midlothian-Chesterfield, VA.....	1950
Northwest Washington, DC.....	1955
Mercury 64, VA.....	1962
Capitol Hill, DC.....	1963
Gloucester, VA.....	2008

### November

Wilmington, DE.....	1918
Roanoke, VA.....	1919
Pocomoke City, MD.....	1953
Waldorf, MD.....	1979
Annapolis, MD.....	1980
Central Chesterfield, VA.....	1983
St Paul-Castlewood, VA.....	2017



## Dr. Wil Blechman

Kiwanis International mourns the passing of **Dr. Wil Blechman**, a tireless advocate for children who was the inspiration behind Young Children: Priority One and connected Kiwanis to UNICEF for two worldwide service projects. Dr. Blechman passed away on Wednesday, September 15 at his home in Miami, Florida. He served as Kiwanis International President from 1990-91.



# Membership Minute

BY JOHN MORRIS, CAPITAL DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR

I want to thank and congratulate Caren Schumacher and her team of Regional Coordinators for what they have done over the last 3 years, particularly given the difficulty of recruiting new members and opening new clubs during the pandemic. Despite COVID-19, the Capital District opened 3 new clubs last year, a remarkable accomplishment. In addition, as of September 29, the clubs in the district have recruited a total of 271 new members during the 2020-2021 Kiwanis year.

I am excited about what the Capital District will be doing this year in growing our membership and strengthening our clubs. I have been busy building a new District membership team. We have Regional Membership Coordinators in all seven regions – including the new West Virginia Region which we welcome into our District family. I have decided this year to add a new position to the membership team—Divisional Membership Coordinators for each of our 20 divisions. The Divisional Membership Coordinators will be tasked with getting the

membership message to all clubs and being a resource to the clubs at the local level. They will communicate directly with each club's membership chair. For those clubs without membership chairs, please appoint someone in the club to lead the club's focus on recruiting new members and retaining existing members. All club membership chairs or other members interested in growing and strengthening their clubs are encouraged to work with their Divisional Coordinator. The Divisional Coordinator is not replacing or changing the role of Lieutenant Governors, but can serve as a resource to the division's Lieutenant Governor.

This year, we will be focusing on strengthening our existing clubs. While we will strive to meet Governor Elana's goal of opening 5 to 8 new clubs this year, we want to emphasize helping our existing clubs, that starts with new members. Governor Elana has a goal of adding 500 new members this year. That goal can be met if each division adds 25 members next year. In other words,

if each division averages adding just 2 members each month, we will reach that goal. Please note that this is not a net member increase, just the number of new persons who become Kiwanians.

Kiwanis has many resources and ideas on how to grow and strengthen our clubs and we want all clubs to take advantage of those resources and ideas. We want to help your club succeed in that endeavor. Please let me or your Regional or Divisional Membership Coordinator know if you want our help. Together we will meet Governor Elana's goals and have a net growth in membership providing our communities and children with more hands to help.

## Achievement Committee Update

BY PG DENNIS BAUGH, CHAIRPERSON

All club secretaries are reminded that they have until October 31, 2021 to complete the forms on the Capital District website to honor their club and individual member for the work they have done in 2020-2021, even with COVID. The link is <https://k03.site.kiwanis.org/recognition/> We are aware that COVID may impact some of the categories and that will be taken into consideration. If you have any questions, contact the committee chairperson, Dennis Baugh at [dennis.cdypm@gmail.com](mailto:dennis.cdypm@gmail.com)



# Service Showcase

## Kiwanis Creates Reading Room

In September 2021, members of the Kiwanis Club of Ellicott City designed and installed a reading room at one of the safe house facilities operated by HopeWorks of Howard County, a non-profit organization supporting women and families experiencing domestic violence. Eight club members participated in one of the two workdays and were joined by members of the Capital - Next Generation e-Club, as well as members of the Key Club at Glenelg HS. The Key Club students created beautiful handpainted canvases that are hung on the walls of the space to brighten the room. The room is filled with three buddy book benches, four bookcases, four bean bag chairs, a kid's table and chair set, two adult lounge chairs, a beautiful rug, and almost 1,000 books from Scholastic, Inc. The Kiwanis Reading Room will play an important role in comforting children during a time of tremendous stress and transition.



## Kiwanis Serves Foster Children

In place of their annual Dogwood Pancake Breakfast, the Kiwanis Club of Charlottesville was proud to support Piedmont CASA (Court-Appointed Special Advocates) and The Foster Care and Adoption Awareness Coalition—FCAAC—



in their annual project to raise awareness and to benefit the foster children of our community: The Bluebird Parade. For the second year, due to the pandemic, the parade (art show) of unique art work creations was held on-line. **The Kiwanis Club of Charlottesville** sponsored the creation of a [special website](#) for this project so that the community could submit and view their art, vote for their favorites, and participate in a fundraising auction. Folks from all across the community created a flock of amazing bluebirds who are like our foster kids, each one unique. The club is so very proud of the selfless efforts of the members of its **Aktion Club at Innisfree Village** in support of the children and families in most desperate need in our community and around the world. Pictured at the top of the photo collage attached is the Aktion Club's multi-media creation entitled "It Takes a Bluebird Village." The Aktion Club's submission was selected for an Honorable Mention Award by the community voting in the Bluebird Parade. Kiwanis support for Piedmont CASA also extends to special efforts for their unique "Bridges to Success" program for teens aging out of foster care, a most-vulnerable youth population in our community.

## Kiwanis Honors Law Enforcement Personnel

The Kiwanis Club of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, Virginia, honored the area's law enforcement personnel with 51st-52nd Annual Law Person of the Year awards and luncheon on Sept. 7 at Traditions Restaurant. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic last year's ceremony was not held. Representatives of the area's law enforcement agencies and departments were present to receive the awards for 2020 and 2021. Senior Trooper Harvey L. Stover of the Virginia State Police was presented the Law Person of the Year Award for 2020 by former Rockingham County Sheriff Glenn Weatherholtz. Sheriff's Deputy and Field Training Officer Joseph P. Baroch, former recipient of the

Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award 4 years in a row, received the Law Person of the Year Award for 2021.

Both Trooper Stover and Deputy Baroch are highly motivated law enforcement officers who take pride in their profession. They each received a \$500 check from Kiwanis and a plaque honoring their achievements. Trooper Stover is donating his cash award to the Virginia State Police Association, Emergency Relief Fund in Trooper Stover's name.

Representatives of the Harrisonburg Police Department, James Madison University Police Department, Rockingham County Sheriff's Department and Virginia State Police were in attendance, as well as Kiwanis club members who thanked our law officers for their service to the citizens of the commonwealth, Harrisonburg and Rockingham County.



## Kiwanis Hosts State Champion Soccer Team

On the soccer field at First Colonial High School in Virginia Beach it was an amazing season for the girls team who won the Class 5 Virginia State Soccer Championship. The **Kiwanis Club of Virginia Beach** has a successful Key Club at the school and invited the team and coaches to their weekly breakfast at the nearby IHOP on September 2nd. Past Lt. Governor Joe Fanagan was at the game against visiting Briar Woods from Northern Virginia and could not believe his eyes. The FC Patriots were down 3-1 in the second period and found a way to send the game into overtime. With the score tied at 3-3 it came down to penalty kicks. "FC has these twins sisters Sydney and Skylar Miller who are only freshman. On the final penalty kick Sydney Miller waited and waited. Later she told a sports reporter her U-10 coach taught her to psych out the goalie by waiting for a count to ten," said Flanagan. In the balance was the state title and Sydney, just like a walk-off home run in baseball, then delivered with a perfect kick into the right corner of the net. High drama. FC Coach Joe Tucei thanked the Kiwanis Club for recognizing his players. And the club made sure that all these players and the coach know they will be recruited to help build the Key Club at First Colonial High School.



## Kiwanis Makes "Companion Dolls"

Several years ago a member of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City started a community service project called "Companion Dolls". The club has continued the program during COVID and stuffed dolls at their weekly Wednesday 8 AM meeting in the Ocean Pines Community Center on July 21, 2021. Pictured is Chairperson Diane Spartzak instructing members as they stuff the dolls. (L-R) Roy Foreman, Jim Spicknall, Diane, and Dick Clagett showing off their work. Diane and Co-Chair Kitty Wrench sewed the dolls and members stuffed them. Historically, dolls were distributed to the Berlin Nursing Home and a couple other locations. Since the main focus of Kiwanis is the children of our community, the club is looking into other possible venues to donate the "Companion dolls".

## Kiwanis Welcomes New Teachers

In an annual tradition, the Kiwanis Club of Poquoson welcomed new teachers in the Poquoson School System at its regular morning breakfast and introduced them to the many services the local club provides for children of Poquoson. After the pledge of allegiance, patriotic song, blessing, and breakfast, Mr. Arty Tillett, Poquoson School Superintendent, introduced visiting school staff and the new teachers. Club president Dr. Michael Condrey presented each new teacher with a \$50 gift certificate to help defray the teachers' costs in equipping their classrooms.



# Family Ties

## CKI TANIYA BELLAMY, GOVERNOR

Hello Capital Kiwanians,

I am excited to share with all of you the newest members of our CKI District Board - Cole Cestaro, 2021 teenager of year recipient, will serve as North Lieutenant Governor. Deja Huggins and Carson Marquat will serve as Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair and Club Building and Revitalization Chair respectively.



I am determined that we will have a full district board and a spur in membership this year! You can assist us with this!

I am asking that all of you reach out to your neighboring CKI clubs and ask them if they have any recruitment and retention plans in place; check to see where you can help. See if they need help with funding any materials needed for membership drives. For clubs who have already seen a membership increase, encourage them to take care of their members through fellowship events and wellness events. I am a firm believer that in taking care of our existing members, we open up the door for growth. With an increase of our support, we will increase our impact.

This October, we will have a virtual Fall Membership Rally on October 23rd. This will be a FALL-tastic event! We anticipate a jam packed day and can't wait to share highlights from event. If you would like to attend, please don't hesitate to reach out. In November, in honor of Kiwanis Family month we'll be kicking things off right with a Key to College event featuring members from Key Club and CKI.

Lastly, I want to thank you all for your continued support. It's been a long time coming, filling board seats but it feels like we are finally hitting the mark. We are so excited to see what the next couple months have in store for us, we can't wait until we can say that CKI is 3000 members strong. I ask that you continue to reach out to your CKI clubs and continue trying to make an impact. All of our clubs appreciate the support, we can't wait for you all to see us succeed!

Yours in Service & Friendship,

*Taniya Bellamy*

## WV Key Club ANNA WALTER, GOVERNOR

Hello Capital District Kiwanians,

My name is Anna Walter and I am serving as the West Virginia District Key Club Governor. I am from Charles Town WV. In relation to your district, I am in the eastern panhandle of West Virginia so not too far from Virginia and Maryland. I am a senior at Washington High School and this will be my sixth year in the K-family.



My 2021-22 Governors' Project is called Project Essential. Throughout the pandemic, essential employees have been there to help keep a strong structure for a wavering society. Being a frontline worker goes far beyond nurses and doctors. This project was designed to have a monthly target group to give thank you bags to. Starting in August, we covered teachers, grocery store employees, and now October will be first responders. I left what the actual "thank you" is up to individual clubs to ensure a larger scale of participation and to allow presidents to put their own personal spin on the project to aid in the implementation process. The only true requirement is a handwritten note.

In this past month, the WV District Board has been working on several big projects. The District Project committee has decided to focus on foster care kids for the year. This will be a hands-on project where Key Clubbers will create packs for children in foster care. Our Convention committee has been working on making a guide for LTGs to be able to host their divisional conventions whether it be in person or online. The chair, Emily Akers, has been working with Capital to help prepare for the upcoming joint DCON. While these may just be the basic updates, there is much more to come as the year progresses.

The West Virginia District Board is so excited to be merging with Capital, and on behalf of the board, I would like to thank Governor Macy for extending an invitation to their latest meeting. She did a wonderful job hosting and ensuring that we were welcomed. I am looking forward to working with all of you to ensure a seamless merge. Thank you!

Yours in service,

*Anna Walter*

## Capital Key Club MACY LINDBLOM, GOVERNOR

Hello Capital District Kiwanians,

Fall has officially arrived, and with that, Key Club is back in full swing! It's been great to see clubs around the District start holding more frequent meetings and service projects. The support our Lieutenant Governors have been providing and the initiatives many of them have established are truly inspiring.



The past few months have been extremely busy, and the coming months are no exception. In late August, the Events Committee executed a District-wide Summer Shebang event which featured virtual trivia, escape rooms, service projects, and social activities. The event was beyond successful and it was a wonderful way to gather Key Clubbers before the start of school. We also had our second Board Meeting of the year on September 18th. At this meeting, the Board heard from K-family counterparts and learned about relevant topics such as those including membership, dues, mental health, and our major projects. We were also fortunate to have a large portion of the West Virginia Board join us for this meeting. The Capital Board has thoroughly enjoyed forming relationships with their Board, and we are becoming more excited for the merger in April by the day.

Looking into the future, there are plans for multiple upcoming events that have started to come to fruition. The Executives have been working diligently to plan a virtual District-wide Officer Training Conference that occurred on October 3rd. The event included four specialized sessions to provide a standardized and interactive training for all club officers and ensure that they feel prepared to lead their clubs through a successful year of service.

Fall Rally, one of our favorite events of the year, is also in the planning stages. This virtual experience will take place on October 24th and will bring Key Clubbers from around the District together. With three different keynote speakers and a creative layout that will allow members to build stronger connections and make the event more personable, we are hopeful to have a large turnout. Lastly, although it appears far off at the moment, the initial plans for District Convention in March are underway. Leading us through this process, the District has selected two Co-Chairs - one from the Capital District and one from the West Virginia District. We are excited to share more with you all as the details become finalized!

Overall, our Key Club District has been thriving the past few months and we are eager to see where else we'll continue to go. We also realize that October 1st marks the start of the new Kiwanis year, so we are beyond thrilled to welcome new officers and can't wait to immerse them into our Key Club family. Just as you all are always here for us, please know that Key Club would like to support Kiwanis in any way possible during this transitional period. Thank you all so much, and please don't hesitate to contact me at any point!

Yours in Service,

*Macy Lindblom*



## BACK TO SCHOOL, BACK TO SERVICE

Kiwanis members often say our Service Leadership Programs are the best product we offer. Because some of our youth clubs were paused during the COVID-19 pandemic, our Kiwanis Youth Programs team has put together the Homecoming campaign with resources, tips, tools and programming to help reactivate and reengage these clubs. [Check out the programming for Homecoming Week for ways you and your club can get students back to service.](#)



## AKTION CLUB

BY JENNIFER HISCOCK,  
AKTION CLUB ADMINISTRATOR

Aktion Clubs within the Capital District are ready for another exciting service year! Having just started their 2021-2022 year on October 1st in partnership with the new Kiwanis year, there are many months ahead for our Aktion Club members to provide service to their communities. I would like to thank the following Kiwanis clubs who currently sponsor an Aktion Club(s):

Kiwanis Club of Ashland  
Kiwanis Club of Blue Ridge, Winchester  
Kiwanis Club of Charlottesville  
Kiwanis Club of Dover  
Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines-Ocean City  
Kiwanis Club of Harrisonburg  
Kiwanis Club of Lynchburg  
Kiwanis Club of Montgomery Village  
Kiwanis Club of Roanoke  
Kiwanis Club of Strasburg  
Kiwanis Club of Waldorf  
Kiwanis Club of Westminster  
Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg

As the 2021-2022 Aktion Club year has arrived, it's time for Kiwanis and Agency Advisors to update your membership information, as well as pay members' dues. In order to update member information, add new members, and generate your invoice, please log into [kiwanis.org/reporting](http://kiwanis.org/reporting).

If your Kiwanis club currently does not sponsor an Aktion Club, I encourage you to think about this wonderful opportunity for strengthening your outreach and impact for service. Aktion Club members are eager to serve alongside their sponsoring Kiwanis club members. No matter the age demographic of your Kiwanis club, an Aktion club chapter may be the perfect solution for your club to continue making an impact on the local community. For more information on starting an Aktion Club, I encourage members to contact me at [hiscockjenn@gmail.com](mailto:hiscockjenn@gmail.com) or to read the information located on the Aktion Club website at <http://www.aktionclub.org/join/clubbuilding.aspx>.



## BUILDERS CLUB

BY JAMIE MOORE,  
BUILDERS CLUB ADMINISTRATOR

Is your club looking to building a bridge to the future of your club? What better reason to strengthening your club by supporting a Builders club or maintain the ones you already have one established. Some clubs have an active Key Club and others have a great K-Kids Clubs. However most do not have all three. And the middle school years is one of the most important time in shaping the culture of our children. If we want to build a future of children giving back to their community. The Builders Clubs are the way to go.

Builders Club have the homecoming campaign going on right now. With COVID many clubs could not meet. So why not have a time celebrating getting back into the swing of things. October is anti-bully month as well. There are so many resources for anti-bully activities that you can use like on our own website [www.buildersclub.org/bully-prevention-resources](http://www.buildersclub.org/bully-prevention-resources), and other websites like [www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm](http://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm), [www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm](http://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm), [www.erikasighthouse.org](http://www.erikasighthouse.org), or even the amazing Cavanaugh website [www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm](http://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm). Ever one has dealt with bullying sometime in their life and if we can be there for the children of our district, division, or club we can truly build one child at a time.

Back to the wonderful website that the Builders Club have already established with so many resources (<https://www.buildersclub.org/>). If you need help starting a club or have virtual meetings. All these and so many more resources are there for you or your SLP club. And I would be glad to meet up with any one or club that have thoughts of starting a Builders Club. Please email me at [jlmoore7877@gmail.com](mailto:jlmoore7877@gmail.com) if you would like to set up a meeting or if you just have any questions. I am truly excited that Governor Elana is allowing me to serve as the Capital District Builders Club Administrator and hope to help as many clubs as I can.

Thanks for your time and looking forward to a great year of serving our children and the future of Kiwanis.



## JOIN A YOUTH PROTECTION WEBINAR

BY JOSH HISCOCK, YOUTH PROTECTION MANAGER

**Kiwanis International is hosting youth protection webinars for members, officers, volunteers and youth.**

### **Monday, October 11**

8 p.m. ET: Get educated! Youth protection policies in practice for clubs, led by Melissa McMann. [REGISTER HERE](#)

### **Tuesday, October 12**

9 a.m. ET: What you need to know about background checks with April Murray-Clayton, Safe Hiring Solutions. [REGISTER HERE](#)

8 p.m. ET: Get educated! How to train your club on youth protection policies, led by Jackie Wickham, Michigan District Youth Protection Manager. [REGISTER HERE](#)

### **Wednesday, October 13**

1 p.m. ET: What you need to know about the youth protection course through Praesidium Academy, Audrey Oliver, Praesidium Inc. [REGISTER HERE](#)

8 p.m. ET: Get educated! Youth protection policies in practice for clubs, led by Melissa McMann. [REGISTER HERE](#)

### **Thursday, October 14**

1 p.m. ET: Get educated! Youth protection policies in practice for clubs, led by Melissa McMann. [REGISTER HERE](#)

8 p.m. ET: Kiwanis Youth Protection: CKI & Key Club Students Creating a Culture of Care with Burton Patterson, ICESAHT. [REGISTER HERE](#)

### **Friday, October 15**

1 p.m. ET: Get educated! Youth protection policies in practice for clubs, led by Melissa McMann. [REGISTER HERE](#)



# HURLEY FLOOD DISASTER

BY CATHERINE CUMMINGS, ANDREA MCCLANAHAN, & LADONNA BLANKENSHIP

On August 30, the town of Hurley, a community located in Buchanan County Virginia was devastated by major flooding when a rare tropical front produced heavy rains directly over this mountainous region. The flooding began around 9:00 a.m. with Guesses Fork being hit the hardest. Around thirty homes were destroyed and seventeen suffered major damage. There was one fatality. As expressed by Andrea McClanahan, President of the Hurley Kiwanis Club: "The devastation was unlike anything I have ever seen. So many of our family, friends, and neighbors lost everything--many homes gone forever with no trace."

Many of the homes that were not completely washed away were left unlivable until cleaning and demolition of the damaged portions and repairs have been completed, with residents forced to relocate to hotels, or accommodations with family or in emergency shelters set up by local churches. Many are unable to return to undamaged homes due to the lack of electricity and running water. It is predicted that it will be a year before the public water system is fully restored.

Due to repairs on the roads, electric lines, water, and phone lines road closures have been a steady struggle. There is only one main road through the town, and it is open as little as 2 hours during the day for travel, so getting food and supplies to the effected families has been difficult. For anyone who has visited this region you can appreciate the difficulty

and debris have been hard to find. Most homeowners did not have flood insurance and those that did had their homes damaged by massive landslides.

volunteers have had in walking up mountainous terrain to make these deliveries. Local teenagers came out in large numbers to help deliver food and water, cleaning supplies, and load and unload trucks delivering donations from toothbrushes to furniture that have been sent from near and far to help the community.

Hurley has been blessed to receive donations from throughout the region but larger items such as shovels, wheelbarrows, gas grills, furniture, and the assistance of large equipment like loaders, dozers, and backhoes to clear driveways, yards

and debris have been hard to find. Most homeowners did not have flood insurance and those that did had their homes damaged by massive landslides.

Adds Ladonna Blankenship, Hurley Club Secretary: "I have never seen so many landslides at one time. Some leaving rock and debris as high as 15 feet. Rebuilding even if they are blessed to have help from FEMA will be difficult."

School returned to regular session on September 13 only two weeks from the date of the flood, but it has







Home of Hurley Kiwanis Club Director  
Terry Hall and his wife Cathy.

been challenging. Bridges that cross local creeks have been washed away and bus travel on severely damaged roads is difficult. It is hard for children to keep their minds on school while going through so much.

The damage is much worse than the pictures show. Adds Ladonna: "They honestly do not show the extent of the damage. It is heartbreaking!! Hurley is a small town, with an average of 40 students per grade in our local schools. We are all a family. Everyone in Hurley was affected by this event, either directly, or by a family member/members or close friends. The postings on Facebook of the damage and family heirlooms being recovered many miles from the area will make you tear up with joy and sadness all at once. Happy they are getting something back and heartbroken at the devastation those items suffered, being torn and broken, and in many cases unrecognizable."

The Hurley Club is deeply appreciative of the support they have received, and targeted to receive, from the various Division 17 clubs and from the Capital District Hurley Disaster Fund, administered through the Capital District Foundation. Their club will take responsibility for allocating these donations within the community, especially in assisting local youth as they seek recovery from this disaster.

Andrea shares the following: "In March 2020, we unexpectedly lost Bobby Hall, our Past President. Our



club was devastated as Bobby was a great leader and friend to all of us. Immediately after Bobby's death, the COVID-19 pandemic attempted to cripple our community outreach efforts. Our group worked together to find ways to adapt to this new environment while safely continuing our community service. In the last few months, with vaccination becoming more common and restrictions being lifted, we were gaining ground to return to the "new normal." Our members were ready to hit the ground running. The morning of August 30th would change our plans. Our Kiwanis Club of Hurley is a close-knit group. We are more like family and when one member is hurting, we all are. We are blessed and thankful for the many volunteers and donations for our

community. The outpour of support has been inspiring. There is one thing about living in a small town—we are family and will stand together. We are "Hurley Strong."

"We were effected by water gushing from the mountain behind our home bringing down massive amounts of mud, rock, trees and debris. We were able to remove all of the debris and begin our recovery by the tireless help of friends and neighbors.... We consider ourselves to be blessed and pray for those less fortunate than us that lost everything."

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If anyone would like to help support the residents of Hurley, please contact [Catherine Cummings](#) for more information.

# 2021-2022 Capital District Kiwanis Teenager of the Year Award

BY JUDY PANTELIDES, TEENAGER OF THE YEAR CHAIRPERSON

We had such a successful Teenager of the Year program last year! We had many great candidates and an outstanding winner with Cole Cestaro in Division 8. Information regarding the 2021-2022 application process will be available on the district website beginning November 1st. Applications will once again be handled electronically with applications being forwarded to Lt. Governors for their clubs. Lt. Governors are asked to be sure clubs are aware of the link and they send it out to potential applicants as soon as possible. It is recommended you get the word out, not only to schools where we have SLP clubs, but to all of the schools in your area to include private, parochial and charter schools and even homeschooled students.

There are a few changes this year. The emphasis will be on service to the community and less on academics. We will continue with the rubric as used last year and have added a rubric to evaluate the statement of the nominee also. Letters of recommendation must be included in the student's online application unless the school or organization prohibits this. We hope these changes will make the process more streamlined for all involved.

The application process will be open until February 1, 2022. Clubs will review their applications during February, divisions during March and the district committee will review certified division winners during April with the district winner being selected by May 1, 2022.

This award is an opportunity to recognize outstanding teens in the district who are between the ages of 13-18. Applicants do not have to be a current or past SLP member or have attended district leadership events. This is a great opportunity for clubs to spread the word about Kiwanis, possibly helping to recruit new members and to share one of the many ways we support the youth in our communities. We look forward to having even more teens participating in the recognition process this year.

## Gloucester Kiwanis Recruitment Drive is a Success

BY JAMES SHACKELFORD

On Sunday, September 5th, the Gloucester Main Street Association held a "Last Call Before Fall" event on the lawn at the Tabb House, at Gloucester Court House. Live music, beer trucks, food vendors, and several local businesses were present.

The Kiwanis Club of Gloucester had a get to know Kiwanis and membership information table at the event. Members of the Kiwanis Club of Middlesex was asked to assist and responded with an inter-club visit.

During the event five prospects were invited to an upcoming club meeting. In addition, two potential guest speakers were identified.

It was a successful Kiwanis event, excellent weather, and a fun time by all. Clubs working together!



## CUSTOM KIWANIS GEAR MADE EASY

Did you know you can create custom Kiwanis gear branded with your club or event name? Visit [ShopKiwanis.com/gallery](http://ShopKiwanis.com/gallery) and follow these steps to communicate with authorized licensees who will customize the product of your choice. Making your own merchandise is easy, leaving you and your club more time to serve your community. Questions about how to make the most of custom merchandise? E-mail our Kiwanis licensing team directly at [licensing@kiwanis.org](mailto:licensing@kiwanis.org).

# Eye on KI

## News from Kiwanis International

### HAPPY KIWANIS NEW YEAR!

The first day of October holds special meaning for Kiwanis club members around the world. It's the first day of our new Kiwanis year — and it's a great opportunity to set goals, focus on improvements and celebrate the many ways Kiwanis can improve the lives of children around the world.

I'm honored to begin my term as the 2021-22 Kiwanis International president. I've been a member of this organization for 34 years. My club, much like your club, works in the community with service projects that help children and families in need.

As we celebrate the start of our 107th year of serving the children of the world, I want to say thank you to all the members who are finding new ways to keep serving during these recent challenging times.

Throughout my years in Kiwanis, I've learned that if you care deeply enough about something, nothing is impossible.

Now we come to a new Kiwanis year — and another opportunity to change lives. Thank you for being there for the children who need us. I look forward to all the wonderful things that clubs around the world will do for them.

Happy Kiwanis New Year!



Peter Mancuso  
2021-22 President, Kiwanis International



### KIWANIS ONE DAY: CELEBRATE WITH SERVICE

Every year, Kiwanis club members around the world gather on the fourth Saturday in October for Kiwanis One Day. It's a day set aside for clubs to work together to better their communities — and to invite friends and family to join them.

This year, Kiwanis One Day will be October 23, 2021. As many clubs return to active service, be sure your club follows local guidelines and restrictions for gathering. You can find additional information about gatherings, social distancing and other important health updates at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) websites.

For clubs that want to team up with other members of the Kiwanis family, One Day remains a perfect opportunity. Reach out to other Kiwanis family clubs: Aktion Club, Circle K International, Key Club, K-Kids and/or Builders Club. Popular projects for One Day include park cleanup, playground maintenance and painting local shelters.

[You can find Kiwanis One Day resources here.](#)

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