GET ‘ER DONE!
Jim Spinelli, 2013-2014 Utah/Idaho Kiwanis District Governor

The most fundamental and primary goal/objective we have as Kiwanians, at all levels, is membership growth. Without it, we cannot survive as an organization and/or serve the children of the world. If we grow in membership, then everything else falls into place: Eliminate Project, Service Projects, and viability as an organization. We, as Kiwanians, are dedicated to “trying” to get new members and clubs. I participated in an international survey of the top 500 companies to find the key attributes of a successful company (leaders). One consistent positive trait was that they always accomplished their goals and objectives. They didn’t do this by saying “I will try”; they did it by saying “I will”.

Our UT/ID District membership statistics are in:

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This is an 8% decrease over last year with no new club growth. Minimum requirements from KI to continue as a District are 1,000 paid members and 25 clubs “in good standing”.

Numbers are numbers! I am more concerned about the fact that with fewer members, we put more pressure on our active members and we do less for the children in our District and the world. Instead of “trying” to get new members and clubs, let’s “do it”. In the words of the famous philosopher, Larry the Cable Guy: “Let’s get ‘er done”!

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The difference between a rut and a grave is only a few feet. A rut can be the beginning of a grave, if it is not recognized for what it is. We like routine. It’s comfortable. We know what to expect. It doesn’t surprise us. However, it’s possible to get into a rut that leads us into a deeper rut, and finally we get stuck by so many challenges, it leads us to failure.

Recognizing our challenge is imperative for Utah-Idaho Kiwanis clubs, so that we don’t get stuck and end up in a rut from which it’s almost impossible to emerge. Historian, Arnold Toynbee, in his work *The Study of History* (Oxford University Press, 1987), says that the great lesson of history is this: civilizations that changed when confronted with challenges thrived. Those that did not change died. The key to survival is primarily about "change."

How can we Kiwanians recognize the rut before it becomes a grave? How can we see the challenges before us as opportunities to change?

Steve Siemens, past Kiwanis International President, spoke to the recent Governors’ Elect training conference this past November with these thoughts about challenges, change and opportunities. He stated:

- As long as we are content with the status quo, we’ll never discover our true potential.
- The last seven words of a dying organization: “We’ve never done it that way before.”
- Vision is not just a destination; it’s a journey.
- Vision is a lot like a jigsaw puzzle. You work with one piece at a time, and it takes time to get all the pieces in place.
- Anything without a vision perishes.

Kiwanis is where it is today because of those preceding us had a tremendous vision for serving our communities and our world. Utah-Idaho Kiwanians have wonderful opportunities on this segment of our journey to not only reach a destination avoiding the infamous rut, but to engage in changes that will pour life into the vision of serving the children and communities of our district.

Dr. John Button, Kiwanis International President-Elect, in his year of presidency, describes it as, “The Way Ahead.” He describes it as a journey of “where we are today to get us to where we want to be.” I echo his goals for our Kiwanis clubs to be:

- A Growing in membership.
- A Engaging in meaningful service.
- A Enhancing the Kiwanis brand.
- A Developing financial viability and responsible stewardship.

With the vision and goals in hand, our challenge is to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Kiwanis International to emerge from the rut with renewed enthusiasm to engage in the potential for serving our communities.
All adults working with youth under the age of 18 at any Kiwanis event are expected to read/understand, agree to, and abide by these guidelines.

Education: Every Kiwanis Club is expected to inform and educate its members on these guidelines, best practices, and what individuals must do when aware of youth in potentially harmful situations. This education must occur annually, including providing a copy of these guidelines to each club member. Every Kiwanis district is expected to provide an educational forum or workshop at every district-produced convention and conference on Guidelines and Best Practices for Adults Working with Youth, using materials provided by Kiwanis International.

Chaperone: A chaperone is defined as a Kiwanis member, faculty member, parent, legal guardian, or person who is in loco parentis; who is twenty-one (21) years of age or older; and who has been approved by the school or agency and registered with the school or agency to accompany the youth members at the specific event.

Criminal History Background Checks: Kiwanis Clubs are required to have a clear background check of any member serving as advisor to any Service Leadership Program, club program or activity. Clubs are strongly encouraged to ensure confidential background checks for all adults who will be working directly with youth outside of the school or who may not have undergone a background check.

All adults working with youth at all Kiwanis International-sponsored events -- including Key Club International Convention, Key Club Governor and Administrator training conference, and Key Club International Leadership Conference, and any Key Leader weekend-- must have a background check that is approved or conducted by Kiwanis International.

Overnight Stays: While attending a Kiwanis event that requires overnight stay in a hotel or camp/conference setting, adequate adult chaperoning is expected and must include no fewer than one adult male of each ten or part of ten youth males, and one adult female for each ten or part of ten youth females. Except for a parent sharing a sleeping room or other sleeping quarter (e.g., tent) with his or her own child, no adult should share a hotel or dormitory sleeping room or other sleeping quarter with a youth. In the event that quarters consist of multiple beds, such as a bunkhouse or camp cabin, adults may share the sleeping quarters with youth members of the same gender, provided that two or more adults are present.

Transportation: Adults transporting youth in a vehicle should do so with a second adult in the vehicle; or in hardship cases, the “rule of threes” (at least three people in the vehicle at all times), is recommended. (Continued on Page 4)
I am a candidate for Kiwanis International Trustee. This is an opportunity for the Utah – Idaho District to elect a trustee from our district. The election takes place in Chiba, Japan July 17-20, 2014.

I do not anticipate that very many Kiwanis members of the Utah – Idaho District will travel to Japan. If you are planning on traveling to Japan, I ask for your help in my campaign. I need volunteers who are willing to distribute campaign literature at the convention. If you can spare a couple of hours while at the convention to help with the distribution of literature, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please send me an e-mail uikiwanisjb@aol.com or call me at 435-843-0711 if you are willing to assist me in my campaign.

Any help that you can give is appreciated. Thank you for electing me Governor in 2012-2013.

I will do my best to make you proud that I am a member of the Utah – Idaho District of Kiwanis International.

John M. Brown, Utah – Idaho District, Immediate Past Governor

Medications: The possession of prescription and non-prescription medications by youth at a Kiwanis event should be permitted only by the written permission of the parent or guardian.

Use of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco: While attending any Kiwanis event that is produced primarily by or for the benefit of youth, adults are expected to refrain from consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or use of tobacco products during any portion of the event.

Personal Information: All documents bearing personal information of any youth attending a Kiwanis event, including registration forms, medical information forms, permission to treat forms, etc., should be treated as confidential. Processes that protect this information must be created, including minimizing the number of people who have access to any such documents. The documents shall be maintained a minimum of three years or longer as may be required by applicable state/provincial laws and regulations. After the maintenance period has expired, the documents shall be destroyed in a way that maintains confidentiality, such as shredding. The disposal and destruction of all confidential information shall conform to applicable state/provincial laws and regulations.

Youth and Social Media: For any social networking site that involves requesting a connection (such as inviting someone to be a friend on Facebook), adults should never initiate such connections with youth. If a youth requests such a connection from a Kiwanian, he/she should use their best judgment in responding. Adults should treat their interaction with youth on social networking sites as though the interaction were occurring in public, in front of other adults and young people. In other words, if it would not be appropriate to say something to a young person in public, it should not be said as a comment on a social networking site either. Kiwanians should refrain from interactions that can be seen as excessive (such as constantly “liking” or commenting on a person’s posts on Facebook). Prior to posting any media online, such as photographs, obtain permission from any and individuals (or parents for minors) that appear in that media; it could be illegal to do otherwise.

Behavioral or Health Issues: Kiwanians are often seen by a young person as an adult to trust with personal and/or sensitive information. Kiwanians should refrain from counseling youth and should instead find, or assist the young person in finding, appropriate expert assistance.

Conflicts with Other Rules: Whenever these guidelines conflict with local school policies or rules, or local state/provincial, or national laws or regulations, the highest applicable standards for conduct shall prevail.

These are the Youth Protection Guidelines as of October 1, 2013.

All of the above areas can and will be discussed at length at Youth Protection Guideline training at the district and/or club level.

Resources:
You can download the guidelines at www.kiwanis.org/youthprotection.
To learn more, members can also access the archived webinar, “Youth Protection Guidelines and You.”

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For the last two years it has been decided by the District Board to cancel Mid-Year Training Conference in order to do training separately in Idaho and Utah. It is necessary for the Foundation Board to make contact with each Kiwanis Club about a donation to the District Foundation.

All monies received are for scholarships and Key Leader, CKI & Key Club District expenses. Every year about $19,000 has been needed to cover these expenses.

A Reed Culp medal is a $1,000 donation to the U-I District Foundation. This is in honor of Reed Culp who was the only Kiwanis International President from the Utah-Idaho District. No Reed Culp medals were purchased last year. Medals can be purchased by making payments. These can be monthly, quarterly or yearly. My late husband “Skip” was proud to be a Reed Culp recipient as I am also.

If anyone has a “fun” idea for raising money for the Foundation, please contact Janet Flinders, 435-757-2950, uidistrict@hotmail.com

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HAVE GREAT KIWANIS ONE DAY PROJECT? ENTER THE CONTEST!

If you have a fantastic Kiwanis One Day project planned, tell us about it! Enter the Kiwanis One Day contest by March 15. The winning club will receive a professionally produced video about its project. The video will be featured at the Kiwanis International convention, on the Kiwanis International website and on our Vimeo channel.

Need help planning your project? Check out the resources at www.KiwanisOne.org/OneDay to make April 5 truly special.

If all Kiwanis and Kiwanis-family members contribute at least two hours of community service on Kiwanis One Day, Kiwanis would give the world more than 1 million hours of volunteer service in just one day!
SAVE THE DATE

Regional Trainings* are coming your way

IDAHO

Friday, March 28th
Begins at 1:30pm
Board of Trustees Meeting
Lt. Governor Training
(Both sessions to include Lt. Governor Elects)

Saturday, March 29th
8:00am-4:30pm
All classes will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Boise ID

- Secretary Workshop/Q&A
- Treasurer Workshop/Q&A
- Past Governor Panel
- Growth Program
- Risk Management
- Child Protection Program
  - Eliminate
- Overview of Kiwanis International upcoming agenda

UTAH

Saturday, April 19th
8:00am-4:30pm
All classes will be held at the Red Lion Hotel, Salt Lake City

- Secretary Workshop/Q&A
- Treasurer Workshop/Q&A
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*Regional Trainings are in lieu of the Mid-year conference. Sessions will be held back to back and all board, officers and members are encouraged to attend. All classes to be tailored for learning and implementing best practices.

ELIMINATE 2014

Happy New Year! It is time to celebrate success and recommit to goals. As of January 2, 2014, the Eliminate Project has raised $45 million in cash and pledges, which will save or protect more than 25 million lives. As of December 15, 2013, the Utah Idaho District has raised $209,821 in cash and pledges which will save 116,567 lives. Our District goal based on membership is $779,600. We have 12 months to make a difference this year. With less than 18 months left to reach our goal, each day counts. So does each Kiwanis club and member.

Make an impact in 2014 by setting a new club fundraising goal. The Eliminate website has NEW fundraising ideas that clubs can use. This is a new year for new ideas. Consider adding your club to our five high achieving clubs by committing to become a MODEL Club. Once you commit, you have five years to complete it. If you’d like a presentation to update and inspire your club, contact me and I will arrange it.

In March, Division Coordinators and Lt Governors will “huddle” to identify and put in place game changing ideas to reach our goal. This includes developing division goals around pledges, new model clubs, fundraising ideas and Zeller awards. Let’s ignite a fire and change the world for our children. We need your action, your passion, your belief and commitment to reach our goal. You are counted on to take us to the finish line.
HELP END MNT NOW

This is it. THIS is our chance to change the world. Let’s raise US$110 million by 2015—and help eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus from the face of the Earth.

Kiwanis needs you, each and every club and club member, to join in now. The sooner you donate, the sooner tetanus vaccines can be administered and the more women and babies saved.

With 2015 fast approaching, this video (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGoH7OEKUeI&feature=youtu.be) from The Eliminate Project provides the inspiration every Kiwanis-family member needs. And it offers a timely reminder: This is our moment (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGoH7OEKUeI&feature=youtu.be).

Check out the video on The Eliminate Project’s YouTube channel (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pGoH7OEKUeI&feature=youtu.be). And download it (https://docs.google.com/a/kiwanis.org/file/d/0B0PZBRAmHTgVEpUNHJ5M2tKKeI/edit) to show fellow members. After all, this is the moment when we make it all happen. Let’s reach our fundraising goal. Let’s save and protect the lives of women and their future babies. Let’s change the world.

GIVE GIFT OF KIWANIS TO YOUR COMMUNITY

Kiwanis turned 99 in January. And the impact we have—whether through empowering young leaders or putting smiles on the faces of those in need — keeps us young.

As we inch closer to 100 years, let’s make sure our clubs are ready to generously give and actively serve our communities with a healthy and strong membership base. Because — whether it’s fundraising, service or leadership and presence in your community — members make it all possible for our clubs.

Give the gift of meaningful and impactful service to your community this year and always by strengthening your club (http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/strengthen-your-club).
UNICEF and its global partners continue the march to save women and their future babies from maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT), thanks in part to the efforts of Kiwanis members. In December, the World Health Organization declared Lao People’s Democratic Republic (Lao PDR) free of MNT, based on a validation survey. “Thank you, Kiwanis, for continuing your extraordinary commitment to the mothers, babies and families served by The Eliminate Project,” said Cary L M. Stern, president and CEO of the U.S. Fund for UNICEF. “Progress is made possible by the passion and purpose you bring every day to this incredible project.”

Since 1999, UNICEF and its partners have eliminated the disease in 34 countries, including Sierra Leone, Gabon, Cote d’Ivoire, Iraq, Cameroon and China. Every gift from you and your club to The Eliminate Project will protect the connection between mothers and babies. The faster contributions are received, the faster those urgently needed funds can be used in the 25 countries where MNT still threatens.

**2013 GIVING SUMMARY/THANK YOU**

The Kiwanis International Foundation had a spectacular year in 2013. Thanks to you, we awarded 34 grants to support Kiwanis projects and events—filling the resource gap that might have otherwise held back clubs and districts. Because of your generous gifts, we were able to immediately change children’s lives.

Also thanks to you, we made a positive impact this year with The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus. In 2013 alone, MNT was eliminated from six countries. And special thanks goes to those of you who chose to extend your Kiwanis impact in perpetuity by giving through a planned gift.

When you made a gift to the Kiwanis International Foundation in 2013, we made it work. We look forward to changing more lives and communities in 2014, with your help.

**CORPORATE MATCHING GIFTS DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT**

Many companies and organizations offer an easy way to double, or sometimes even triple, your donations to non-profit organizations. Increasing your gift is as easy as 1-2-3: give, search and match.

First, give to the Kiwanis International Foundation and keep your gift acknowledgment receipt. Second, search for your company on the foundation’s website, www.kiwanis.org/matchinggift. If you can’t find your company’s name there, check with your human resources department. Third, fill out your company’s matching gift verification form and follow your company’s instructions to submit it.

It’s that easy to extend your Kiwanis impact today. Search for your company now (http://www.kiwanis.org/matchinggift).

**PREPARE FOR NEXT FOUNDATION GRANT DEADLINE**

When you give to the Kiwanis International Foundation, you extend your Kiwanis impact by helping to fund the grants our foundation provides. The next grant application deadline is April 15. Requests received by then will be reviewed by our foundation’s board at its July meeting.

All Kiwanis-family clubs, districts and district foundations can submit a grant application. Increase your chances of receiving a grant by making sure your application:

- Fully answers all required questions and includes a balanced project budget and all other requested documentation—no more, no less
- Explains how your club is contributing both financial resources and volunteer time to your project
- Specifies how your project will affect the lives of children, especially the youngest kids

Learn more about Kiwanis-family grants (http://www.kiwanis.org/foundation/impact-and-programs/kiwanis-family-grants#.UkCmYtKsiSo) and carefully review the application instructions (http://www.kiwanis.org/docs/default-source/foundation/general-downloads/howto--kiwanis-family-club-and-district-grant-application-instructions.pdf?sfvrsn=6) before submitting your application form.

Contact Julie Taylor at 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 159, or via email at jtaylor@kiwanis.org for details.
RENEW YOUR SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS NOW

Youth and adults with disabilities in Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs rely on the support of Kiwanis clubs to learn and grow. Don’t let your club’s sponsored K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K International or Aktion Club go without the resources they need to succeed.

Clubs not registered by February 1, 2014, will be placed on suspended status. Renew your club’s sponsorship now for:

- K-Kids
- Builders Club
- Key Club
- Circle K International
- Aktion Club

Then rest assured that the club members for which you provide will have what they need to become responsible servant-leaders in the year to come. Don’t let anyone miss out! Renew today. Contact the Kiwanis member services team at 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 411, and at memberservices@kiwanis.org with questions.

SEND CKI STUDENTS TO NEW CKIX CONVENTION

The Circle K International convention is getting a makeover! And your Kiwanis club-sponsored CKI students need your support to attend.

Next summer, Circle K International will launch the inaugural “CKIx”—the ultimate six-day experience that combines the best aspects of the Circle K International convention and Large Scale Service Project. CKIx, which happens June 17–22, 2014, at the Loews Vanderbilt Hotel in Nashville, Tennessee, will give attendees more leadership and personal development opportunities than ever before.

Students are encouraged to follow a one-third fundraising plan: they’ll save a third of the cost on their own, raise another third and then ask their sponsoring Kiwanis club to help out with the rest. Contact your CKIx club now to offer your aid. And find complete information about the new CKIx at www.circlek.org/CKIx.

SEND KEY CLUB MEMBERS TO ANAHEIM CONVENTION

Key Club members are already looking forward to learning, making new friends and conducting official business at the 71st Annual Key Club International Convention in Anaheim, California. Make sure your Key Clubbers will be there, too.

More than 2,000 students and advisors will earn awards, attend workshops and elect international officers during the convention July 2-6, 2014. Students are encouraged to follow a one-third fundraising plan: save a third of the cost on their own, fundraise another third and ask their sponsoring Kiwanis club to help with the rest. Contact your Key Club now to offer your aid.

Every club sends at least two delegates and advisors, though many clubs send all of their officers and other key people, too. Make plans now so they can attend! Find complete information about the next Key Club convention at www.keyclub.org/events/convention.

GET GEAR NOW

Suit up for sweats season with new gear for the new year: Key Club and Circle K International retro-classic sweatshirts from the Kiwanis Store.

The navy blue sweatshirts for Key Club and CKI feature retro details for a truly laid-back feel in 9-ounce, 100 percent french terry cotton with a relaxed fit. Quantities are limited to supplies on hand; there are fewer than 50 Key Club sweatshirts left. Check out these and other cool items to complete your look at the Kiwanis Store now.

DETROIT CLUB MARKS 99 YEARS

Happy anniversary, Detroit No. 1 Club! Detroit club members are starting Kiwanis’ 100th anniversary celebration in style by marking their founding on January 21, 1915, as the first Kiwanian club.

Check out the festivities—including a visit from Kiwanis International President Gunter Gasser and his wife, Christiana—and learn how it all began on the Detroit No. 1 club website (http://kiwanis1.org/public/pub_page.aspx?PageID=114947). Has 99 ever looked so good? Congrats, Detroit!
COME FLY WITH US ... AND SAVE

Get benefits and savings reserved for Kiwanians and their guests by booking through Gant Travel, the official Kiwanis International travel agency.

When you book through Gant, you’ll get a chance to win a US$500 United Airlines travel credit applicable to the 2015 Kiwanis International convention. All members registered prior to May 15, 2014, and who book their air transportation through Gant Travel, will be entered in the drawing.

The recipient of the US$500 United Airlines travel credit applicable to the 2014 convention is Mary Wilson, from the New Jersey District.

Benefits of booking with Gant Travel:

• A discount just for you: Up to 15 percent off available fares. And there’s more: Fare-checker technology can find lower fares even after your ticket has been booked. If there is a decrease in fare, Gant travel will review the itinerary and advise you if you are eligible for an airline credit for future travel.

• Don’t be surprised by a flight change or cancellation. With Gant alerts, you can register for free personal trip alerts. Be the first to know the gate has changed!

• Gant’s seat-checker technology checks for the available seats that best match your preference.

• Service 24/7. Agents are ready to help you in case of an emergency.

After registering online, you will receive a confirmation email with a link to Gant Travel’s booking system, exclusive for convention attendees. Discounted rates are reflected in this system.

Book smart: More tips for lower airfare:

• Book as early as possible. Tickets booked early are generally cheaper than those booked closer to the date of departure. You’ll also have more options, with a better chance at the itinerary you really want, at the times most convenient for you. And you can choose your preferred seat.

• Travel in the middle of the week. Fares are typically cheaper when you avoid the peak travel days of Friday through Monday.

• Know all the airports in your vicinity. You could save money if you’re willing to fly out of an airport beyond the one that’s closest to your home.

• Fly early (or late). If you are willing to leave very early in the morning or fly overnight, fares are often lower.
CONVENTION SCHEDULE
All events subject to change

Wednesday, July 16
9 a.m.–5 p.m.  Registration, delegate certification, Kiwanis store

Thursday, July 17
9 a.m.–5 p.m.  Registration, delegate certification, Kiwanis store, Asia-Pacific districts fair, information centers
9–11 a.m.  Opening session
11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.  The Eliminate Project and the Kiwanis International Foundation Honors luncheon, $55
1:30–4:30 p.m.  ASPAC delegate session

Friday, July 18
9 a.m.–5 p.m.  Registration, delegate certification, Kiwanis store, Asia-Pacific districts fair, Japan culture fair, information centers
7–8 a.m.  Walk to Eliminate MNT, $30
2–5 p.m.  Delegate session
7–10 p.m.  International Fellowship dinner, $75 (Karaoke and dancing with hundreds of Kiwanians and guests from around the world)

Saturday, July 19
9 a.m.–12 p.m.  Registration
9 a.m.–1 p.m.  Kiwanis store
9–11 a.m.  Closing session

REGISTER FOR THE KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
Register for the 99th annual Kiwanis International Convention. The convention will take place July 17–20, 2014. The exhibits, education and general sessions will be held at the Makuhari Messe International Convention Complex, located 2-1, Nakase, Mihama-ku, Chiba-city, 261-0023, Japan. Due to the convention center’s close proximity to all official hotels, no shuttle service will be available.

Register by April 1 and be entered to win prizes such as dinners for two or tea ceremony tickets at a Japanese garden.

Register online (https://schedule.kiwanisone.org/)

BOOK YOUR HOTEL WITH KIWANIS
One of the benefits of being a Kiwanian: You can book your hotel at preferred rates. Fellowship comes as an additional benefit.

There will be no hotels assigned to particular districts, you may book your room at any of the official Kiwanis hotels. Due to the hotels’ close proximity to the convention center, shuttles will not be available.

Be aware that shuttles from the Narita airport no longer stop at individual hotels after 11 p.m., they drop passengers off at the train station. Consult the area map inside the train station before heading to your hotel.

Note: Hotels will not accept reservations directly from Kiwanis convention attendees. Reservations can only be made through Conference Direct, either online starting in January, or via submission of a housing form.

Book your hotel online (https://resweb.passkey.com/go/KIWANISINTL2014)

VOLUNTEER
Become a sergeant-at-arms

Consider volunteering for the Sergeant-at-Arms Committee. Sergeants-at-arms play an important role by providing logistical assistance and support at all sessions, forums and events. They enjoy a behind-the-scenes role—with plenty of time left over to enjoy other convention activities. Make sure to indicate your wish to be a sergeant-at-arms on your registration form.

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- The Eliminate Project and the Kiwanis International Foundation Honors luncheon, $55
  11:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

**Friday, July 18**
- Walk to Eliminate MNT, $30
  7–8 a.m.

International Fellowship dinner, $75
Instructions
- To obtain special convention rates, hotel accommodations must be made by June 23, 2014, through the Kiwanis 2014 Convention Housing Bureau. After June 23, contact the Housing Bureau for availability and rates before submitting this form.
- All reservations require a valid credit card number and a guarantee deposit of one night’s room and tax. Your credit card will be charged by the hotel on or around June 24, 2014.
- Rates do not include tax (unless otherwise noted).
- If you need to change or cancel your reservation prior to June 23, 2014, you must do so through the Housing Bureau. After June 23, call the hotel directly.
- Questions? Contact the Kiwanis 2014 Convention Housing Bureau at Kiwanis@conferenceDirect.com; +1-877-776-7607 (toll-free in the U.S. and Canada) or +1-801-903-1766.

Attendee information (Please use ballpoint pen)

District ____________________________ Club ____________________________
Last name ____________________________ First name ____________________________
Mailing address ____________________________
City ____________________________ State/province ____________________________ Zip/Postal code ____________________________ Country ____________________________
Daytime phone ____________________________ Ext. ____________________________ Email* ____________________________

* If you provide an email address, your reservation acknowledgement from the Kiwanis 2014 Convention Housing Bureau will be delivered via email. If none is stated, acknowledgement will be delivered via postal mail.

Hotel choice
To better serve our members, we have enlisted the services of ConferenceDirect as the Housing Bureau to manage the housing process for this year’s event. Please do not call hotels for reservations.

First hotel choice: ____________________________
Second hotel choice: ____________________________

List all room occupants including yourself (maximum of three):
1. ____________________________
2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________
Note: Only one roommate should submit a housing form. Reservation will include all names.

Arrival date: ___________ (month) ___________ (day), 2014
Departure date: ___________ (month) ___________ (day), 2014

Desired room type (check one):
- O Single occupancy
- O Double occupancy
- O Triple occupancy

Number of people staying in room:
- Adults _____ Youth _____

Cancellations
- All hotel cancellations are subject to a fee of $30 and must be made through the Housing Bureau or online.
- Cancellations made within three days prior to arrival may also be subjected to an additional cancellation fee assessed by the hotel.

Note
- This is not a convention registration form. You must register separately with Kiwanis International.
- If you do not have a registration form go to www.KiwanisOne.org/convention or contact Kiwanis International at memberservices@kiwanis.org; +1-800-549-2647, ext. 411 (toll free in the U.S. and Canada), or +1-317-875-8755, ext. 411.

Do you need more than one room? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, how many additional rooms? ______

Special requirements (check all that apply):
- O Smoking room
- O Wheelchair-accessible room
- O Other (be specific): ____________________________

Required credit card guarantee for hotel
☐ American Express ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover

Card Number ____________________________
Expiration (Mo/Yr) ____________________________

Name on card ____________________________
Billing address ____________________________
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Cardholder signature ____________________________
Date ____________________________

FUTURE KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS
June 25–28, 2015
Indianapolis, Indiana, USA

June 25–28, 2016
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
Remember to apply for a passport and/or visa early, depending on which country you're from, and check with your cell phone provider about phone rates and special calling plans when using your phone abroad.

It is recommended you use public transportation, as taxi fares can get costly in Japan.

The 99th Kiwanis International Convention will be held at the Makuhari Messe, conveniently located within 30 minutes of Tokyo and the Narita International Airport.

From the airport, take a bus to Makuhari. A one-way ticket can be purchased for 1,100 yen (see the conversion rate for your currency). The information booth inside the airport offers help in several languages. Buses stop at all major hotels. Be aware that buses from the Narita airport no longer stop at individual hotels after 11 p.m., they drop passengers off at the train station. Consult the area map inside the train station before heading to your hotel.
ELECTIONS

Be a delegate in Japan. Help shape the future of Kiwanis. Vote for officers who will lead the organization, and express your opinion on proposed amendments. Kiwanis clubs in good standing are allowed two representatives in the House of Delegates, along with two alternates. Download the certificate of election of club delegates and alternates to the Kiwanis International convention.

ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES FOR KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BOARD

To be elected during 2013–14, for terms beginning 2014–15
(as of December 2, 2013)

PRESIDENT—one to be elected: John R. Button, Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District
PRESIDENT-ELECT—one to be elected: Susan A. Petrisin, Michigan District
VICE PRESIDENT—one to be elected: Jane M. Erickson, Nebraska-Iowa District
Warren F. Mitchell, Rocky Mountain District
TRUSTEES: Five (5) trustee offices will be filled as follows:
• UNITED STATES AND PACIFIC CANADA — Three (3) three-year terms to be elected at the 2014 Kiwanis International convention in Japan, (July 17–20, 2014) by delegates from the United States and Pacific Canada Region only. Announced candidates are:
  John M. Brown, Utah-Idaho District
  M.A. “Fred” Dietze, Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District
  John E. DeVilbiss, Ohio District
  Arthur N. Riley, Capital District
  Dewey Smith, Georgia District
  Barbara Thompson, Missouri-Arkansas District
• AT-LARGE SEAT REGION — One (1) three-year term to be elected at the 2014 Kiwanis International convention in Japan, (July 17–20, 2014) by delegates from all regions. Candidates from all regions, except United States and Pacific Canada, are eligible.
  Frank Arenz, Germany District
  Daniel Vigneron, Belgium-Luxembourg District
• ASIA-PACIFIC REGION — One (1) three-year term to be elected at the 2014 Asia-Pacific convention in Japan, (July 17–20, 2014) by delegates from the Asia-Pacific region. Announced candidate is:
  Koshiro “Kit” Kitazato, Japan District
The Canada/Caribbean Region does not have a guaranteed trustee seat open for the 2014–15 administrative year.
The Europe Region does not have a guaranteed trustee seat open for the 2014–15 administrative year.

AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS

Don't just have an opinion—put it into action. As a convention delegate, you'll be a part of the discussion. Important amendments and resolutions are submitted for votes at the convention every year.

Why do delegates matter?
• In 1962, delegates voted to expand Kiwanis beyond the United States and Canada.
• In 1987, delegates voted to make Kiwanis-club membership available to women.
• In 2007, delegates passed the “flexibility amendment,” which allowed clubs to experiment with new forms of membership.

If you plan to represent your club as a delegate in 2014, download the certificate of election of club delegates and alternates. Complete and submit it to Kiwanis International (providing copies as indicated on the form).

Amendment and resolution proposals are announced no later than 90 days prior to the convention.

Be part of the future of Kiwanis!
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION OF CLUB DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO THE KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

- The Kiwanis International Bylaws entitle each chartered club in good standing to two voting delegates and two alternate delegates as representatives at the Kiwanis International convention. Use this form to indicate the names of your club's elected delegates and alternates.
- This is not a convention registration form. Delegates and alternates must also complete the convention registration form and submit it with payment to receive voting credentials.
- No delegate will receive voting credentials for any club that has any indebtedness to Kiwanis International. Please ensure your club's financial obligations are paid prior to the convention.
- If no member of your club is able to attend the convention, you may prearrange to have representation through a current or past lieutenant governor or a past district secretary, all residing in your club's division, or the current district secretary (regardless of location).
- Delegates at large need not complete this form unless planning to represent a specific club.

Complete and return this form no later than April 30 to: Kiwanis International, Member Services, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, IN 46268, USA, or fax it to +1-317-879-0204 or email scanned copies to: memberservices@kiwanis.org.

Questions? Contact Member Services toll-free in the USA and Canada at 1-800-549-2647, ext. 411 or worldwide at +1-317-875-8755, ext. 411, or by email at memberservices@kiwanis.org.

CLUB INFORMATION

Club Key number

Club name

District ID number

District name

CLUB DELEGATE INFORMATION (members of your club only)

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OTHER REPRESENTATIVES (not members of your club)
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WE CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT:

Signature of club president

Date

Signature of club secretary

Date

Distribution: Original to Kiwanis International; One copy to district secretary; One copy to club files; One copy to each designated delegate.
Jane Erickson
Kiwanis International vice president candidate
Club: Bellevue-Offutt
District: Nebraska-Iowa
The candidate in her own words...

Why did you decide to run for office?
For Kiwanis to thrive in an ever-changing environment we need to adapt with creative vision and bold actions. I believe I can energize and inspire our organization and potential partners; together we can build a stronger and more vibrant system which will improve membership, service, image and fiscal responsibility.

What qualifies you to become an officer of Kiwanis International?
My education in personal/organizational health and leadership, profession as a leadership and organizational development consultant and my extensive Kiwanis background will assist in cultivating effective solutions. I have a proven ability to unite teams toward a common goal and am passionate about being part of a positive organizational transformation.

How will you leave your mark on Kiwanis?
I want my passion for helping children and communities to help transform Kiwanis into a stronger, more viable organization which serves more children and enjoys a higher level of awareness worldwide with members and partners who are not afraid to tackle large projects to grow happy, healthy, safe and loved children.

Biographical information
As a 23-year Kiwanian, I have served in almost every leadership position from club committee chairman to president of the Kiwanis International Foundation. I have consulted, facilitated training sessions and volunteered worldwide. My husband, Past Governor Gus Erickson, and I have five grown children and seven grandchildren.

John Brown
Kiwanis International trustee candidate
Club: Tooele (Utah)
District: Utah-Idaho
The candidate in his own words...

Why did you decide to run for office?
To give a voice to the smaller districts of the Kiwanis Family; to encourage and foster better communication between Kiwanis districts and the Kiwanis International Board; to encourage Kiwanians to run for district and Kiwanis International offices by showing that it is what is in your heart and actions that count.

What qualifies you to become an officer of Kiwanis International?
My life has been spent working with people with differing needs and opinions. I have been able to help them work together to solve their problems. I will bring my problem-solving ability to the Kiwanis International Board. I understand that it is Kiwanis members who make our organization strong.

How will you leave your mark on Kiwanis?
My term in office will lead to a better working relationship among the Kiwanis International Board and districts through improved communication. I will work to increase diversity within our Kiwanis membership, in all areas. Membership will be increased because of improved club member retention and new member recruitment.

Biographical information
Married to Louise for 35 years; four children. Life devoted to service: United States Army, Law Enforcement, Firefighter, EMT; Advocate of Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault; Board member of the Tooele County Children's Justice Center; Volunteer tax preparation for low income families; Kiwanis leadership at club and district levels.
John DeVilbiss
Kiwanis International trustee candidate

Club: West Alexandria
District: Ohio

The candidate in his own words...

Why did you decide to run for office?
Kiwanis has a great legacy of service to meet the needs of our fellowman. We must make sure that Kiwanis is positioned to meet these needs, both now, and in the future. I feel my experience in Kiwanis and my management experience will help Kiwanis to attain this goal.

What qualifies you to become an officer of Kiwanis International?
I have been a Kiwanis member for over 46 years. I have 41 years of management experience in the financial industry, both in banking, and as a school treasurer. Since retirement, I now help satisfy my need for service by serving others as an Emergency Medical Technician in my community.

How will you leave your mark on Kiwanis?
Being a part of the Kiwanis International Board will allow me the opportunity to guide Kiwanis to meet the needs of the Kiwanis member, club, district, and Kiwanis around the world. Kiwanis must always strive to position itself to expand the service provided by clubs to their community.

Biographical information
John and his wife Wanda, a Kiwanis member, have been married 42 years and reside in West Alexandria, Ohio. They have two children and four grandchildren. John is the recipient of the Hixson award, Zeller award and the Tablet of Honor. He has received numerous awards for his community service.

M.A. “Fred” Dietze
Kiwanis International trustee candidate

Club: Greater Hudson
District: Wisconsin-Upper Michigan

The candidate in his own words...

Why did you decide to run for office?
I am hooked on Kiwanis. However, I see an ever-increasing divide between the clubs and Kiwanis International. For Kiwanis to grow as a strong organization, the bond between the two must be strengthened. I will bring my experience and dedication to the position of trustee to make that happen.

What qualifies you to become an officer of Kiwanis International?
My military and civilian careers have enabled me to identify problems and develop solutions. As governor of the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District, I established a restructure plan to create clear and direct lines of communication between clubs and the district. I build personal relationships easily and am adept at rallying support for concepts, ideas and projects.

How will you leave your mark on Kiwanis?
My mark on Kiwanis will be measured by three things: A turnaround in membership losses; increased attendance at district and Kiwanis International conventions; and an increase in the number of clubs that support our Service Leadership Programs.

Biographical information
My 20-year U.S. Army career was spent in a wide range of leadership and senior staff positions. After retiring from the Army, I worked in several human resources positions and subsequently successfully ran my own human resources and management consulting business. Now retired, I focus my time on Kiwanis.
Arthur N. “Art” Riley
Kiwanis International trustee candidate
Club: Westminster
District: Capital
The candidate in his own words...

Why did you decide to run for office?
Kiwanis has great potential to address the needs of children and communities in the next hundred years. As a trustee, I want to contribute my administrative and business experience to create a more effective organization that will focus on club growth, youth support, name recognition and empowerment of members.

What qualifies you to become an officer of Kiwanis International?
My experience in Kiwanis, business and community organizations has prepared me to be trustee. I have acquired and demonstrated the ability to explore new ideas, build effective teams, manage challenges and establish a consensus with large teams. I enjoy working with people in planning, evaluating, organizing and implementing new ideas.

How will you leave your mark on Kiwanis?
My primary goal is to strengthen all segments of Kiwanis. The mark I would love to leave on Kiwanis would be that I promoted and advocated for Kiwanis and Kiwanis youth to the point that Kiwanis is recognized as the leader in growing youth into outstanding world citizens.

Biographical information
A resident of Westminster, Maryland, Art is a Capital District Kiwanian. Professionally, Art is a pharmacist and successfully owned and managed several professional venues. He is active in his community and church and has been married to Vickie for 41 years and they have three adult children and three grandchildren.

Dewey Smith
Kiwanis International trustee candidate
Club: Albany
District: Georgia
The candidate in his own words...

Why did you decide to run for office?
With a great deal of experience in creating budgets and cutting cost, I think I can help guide Kiwanis financially. As a Kiwanis International-appointed five year growth campaign district chair, I want to be part of the decision-making process that will affect Kiwanis in a positive and prudent way.

What qualifies you to become an officer of Kiwanis International?
• Kiwanis 27 years, 20 Kiwanis International conventions
• District secretary/treasurer
• Distinguished: governor, lieutenant governor, club president
• District foundation president. Lead role in combining two foundations into one, included writing new bylaws and policies and procedures.
• Chairman of budget committee
• Several Kiwanis International committees
• Kiwanis-appointed district chair for the global campaign for growth

How will you leave your mark on Kiwanis?
When it is all said and done, I want to leave the Kiwanis International Board knowing that Kiwanis gained significantly in membership and remained financially sound while under my watch.

Biographical information
Born: Charlotte, NC, Present: Albany, GA; Eagle Scout; Scoutmaster, Married: 46 years, Cookie Young, Tallulah, LA, Two sons, four precious grandchildren
Education: Furman University, Greenville, SC, BA Business Administration, Church Affiliation: Baptist; deacon, trustee, finance committee, Sunday school teacher, Owner, Mini Warehouse complex, Private pilot, Kiwanis: 27 years, 20 Kiwanis International conventions
5 WAYS TO MAKE A HUGE IMPACT IN 2014
WITHOUT BEING A MILLIONAIRE

When you think of people who outshine others at giving, chances are well-known philanthropists like Bill and Melinda Gates or Warren Buffet immediately come to mind. With their net worth well into the billions, it’s easy to consider them among the people who are making the greatest impact.

Sure, the Gates and Buffet did top Forbes magazine’s 2013 list of The 50 Biggest Givers. However, charities couldn’t survive if they only relied on donations from the super-rich. For example, much smaller donations by ordinary Americans totaled $229 billion in 2008—82 times the amount given by the Bill Gates Foundation that same year. Wendy Smith points out that statistic in her book Give a Little: How Your Small Donations Can Transform Our World, stressing that donations as small as US$5 can change and save lives.

As 2014 gets underway, commit to making a huge impact in the lives of people around the world … by starting off small. Here are five ideas to get you started.

1. Make it automatic. As we all know, good intentions can fade within a few weeks of us singing “Auld Lang Syne” after our New Year celebrations and resolutions. Many organizations, including Kiwanis, offer the option of donations in credit card installments.

2. Employer matching donations. Most of us are familiar with the concept of matching donations—when an employer makes a charitable gift equal to the amount donated by an employee. If your company does not have this option, ask your supervisor or human resources department to consider it as a benefit. It effectively doubles your charitable giving.

3. Friend matching donations. Why not implement the same concept with your friends and relatives? For example, if you donate US$10, US$25 or US$50 monthly to The Eliminate Project, imagine the additional impact you can have by asking 10 of your friends to match that amount. Your US$10 monthly donation amounts to US$120, while a US$50 monthly donation can generate US$6,000—enough to save or protect the lives of nearly 3,500 women and children susceptible to tetanus.

4. Pair charitable giving with another New Year’s goal. If you’re planning to shed a few pounds or give up in smoking in 2014, devote the funds you normally would spend on sweets, fast food or cigarettes to your favorite charity.

5. Make a plan. Just like anything else, you may not accomplish your charitable giving goals without a strategy. At the beginning of the year, commit an hour to studying the causes you are committed to supporting. Once you understand the “why” behind your donation, you’ll likely be more committed to making a difference—and encouraging others to do the same.
HAILEY HALLOWEEN HOOPLA

Over 2,000 children were on Main Street, Hailey, Idaho for the annual Hailey Halloween Hoopla event where the children did “Trick or Treat” with all the businesses on Main Street. The Hailey and Wood River Club sponsored and judged the Costume Contest at the Company of Fools Theatre on Main Street.

WINTER WONDERLAND IN HAILEY, IDAHO

On December 7, The Hailey and Wood River Valley, ID Club held their 9th annual Winter Wonderland event at the Hailey National Guard Armory. Over 150 children enjoyed making ornaments, letters to Santa, crafts and gingerbread houses. The Hailey Club is proud to have the real Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus as members of their club!

KIWANIS: THE BEGINNING TO THE PRESENT

There always has been a need for good fellowship and service. Since the beginning of time, there was a need for camaraderie and the desire to support communities. The history of Kiwanis and how it began is, in large part, the story of how fellowship and service developed within an organization. It is the special kind of service Kiwanis offers and which today crosses many national, cultural, and personal lines. Today, as in the early 1900s, Kiwanians demonstrate in many ways how they join together, understand, and help to solve the pressing problems their communities face.
THE BEGINNING

Two natives of Detroit, Michigan, Allen S. Browne, a professional organizer, and Joseph C. Prance, a tailor, had an idea one day in August of 1914. It was a concept, rather, to develop an organization that provides not only fellowship, but insurance features as well. They wanted to develop a group that was like no other organization. They first constructed this group as a strictly fraternal club that only young professional businessmen could join. They also wanted to provide an opportunity for other men to experience new ideals in human relationships. Together, these two men began recruiting new members. Browne, as a professional, would receive the $5 membership fee from each man. Prance was the first member to sign up. But he was not yet the first Kiwanian, for the name that Browne had chosen for the group was truly in the spirit of the times: The Supreme Lodge Benevolent Order Brothers. Kiwanis it was not. The growing membership soon fixed that. They quickly grew tired of belonging to an organization known as “BOB”. With a helping hand from Detroit’s official historian, an Indian phrase—“NunKeewan-is”—was adapted as a name. During a club meeting in the first week of January 1915, Kiwanis was approved as the new name for this club, which translated as, “We trade.” A more thorough check later revealed that a truer meaning is, “We have a good time - we make noise.” The club attracted nearly 200 members in only six months. The corporate charter was returned by the state of Michigan, dated January 21, 1915. This date has been the birthday of Kiwanis ever since.

THE MOTTO

In 1920, something important crystallized for Kiwanis; something that inspired Roe Fulkerson, the gifted editor of the Kiwanis magazine, to propose two simple words—“We Build”—as the Kiwanis motto. It was the coining of the Motto, after five years of painful and exhilarating growth, that put Kiwanis into its stride. Then in 2005, during the 90th anniversary year of Kiwanis, delegates to the International Convention voted to adopt a new motto, “Serving the Children of the World,” to emphasize the primary focus of Kiwanis service over those nine decades and make a commitment for the years to come.

THE FIRST CLUB AND BEYOND

With the founding of the Kiwanis Club of Detroit Number One, Michigan, in 1915, Kiwanians discovered they were having a good time and they could make a noise in the world, but not by scratching one another’s backs in business. They could do it by rendering important community service without thought of personal gain. Yet trouble loomed. The founding club of an organization faltered, and nearly failed, only six months after it had so proudly adopted its new name. The cause? Allen S. Browne. Or, more specifically, club members who did not like Browne and the financial arrangement Kiwanis had with him. The membership fee, collected and kept by Browne, was up to $10 by mid-July 1915. And Browne legally “owned” Kiwanis. During a club meeting, accusations were made against Browne. Though untrue, a disturbance developed that left the first Kiwanian watching helplessly as the first Kiwanis club disintegrated before his eyes. After the situation, Joe Prance wrote: “Everyone started talking at once, all 175 of them. When the smoke cleared, we had about 50 members left. Secretary Ottie Robertson and Allen Browne, disgusted, left for Cleveland to organize a Kiwanis club there.” It was a wise move.

Browne and Robertson started a club in Cleveland that attracted a membership of 135 in 10 weeks. The Cleveland Kiwanians enthusiastically began building other clubs. And it was in Cleveland that Kiwanis service and its special concern for children took firm root. The new club started a nursery school for underprivileged children. Meanwhile, Detroit president Don Johnston diplomatically pulled his club together. More important, he eagerly supported a membership drive to bring the club to full strength. Kiwanis had stumbled during the summer of 1915. But it did not fail. And, now, with major clubs in Detroit and Cleveland and with others on the way, it was back on its feet—stronger than ever with continued growth. Those first Kiwanians sensed the destiny of their small but spirited organization.

THE LOCATION

Until the first joint meeting of the early Kiwanis clubs in Cleveland in 1916, the “headquarters” of the organization truly was to be found in the clubs. They alone kept records, and each club administered its own affairs without considering the activities of the other clubs that were being organized slowly by Kiwanis’ founder, Allen S. Browne. With the naming in Cleveland of George Hixson as the first President and Albert Dodge as Secretary, the few general records were maintained either in Dodge’s office in Buffalo, New York, or in Hixson’s office in Rochester. There was no paid staff. Dodge was a volunteer just as if he were a club secretary.
By 1924, Kiwanis Club International (as the organization was called until the adoption of the Constitution and Bylaws at the Denver convention that year) had well over 1,200 clubs and almost 90,000 members. The Mallers Building was no longer adequate, and during that year the headquarters moved to the Federal Reserve Bank Building at 146 West Jackson Boulevard, still in the Chicago Loop.

Even though the crash of 1929 and the Depression that followed had serious effects on Kiwanis, the headquarters was moved once again, this time out of the Loop and a number of blocks north to the “Magnificent Mile.” The McGraw-Hill Building at 520 North Michigan Avenue was selected as the site of the new headquarters of Kiwanis International. On March 1, 1931, work started in the new location, which required an annual rent of $5,700. For 24 years, the “K’s” on the windows of the building were seen by millions of passers-by.

But as Kiwanis grew, the need also grew for more space, and the search began a new. Then came a piece of good news from the president of the Lake Shore National Bank, which was located just one block from Kiwanis’ headquarters. In a telephone conversation, the bank president told Secretary Peterson that lawyers for the estate of the late Mrs. Anita McCormick Blaine were prepared to offer her former home at 101 East Erie Street—just 70 feet west the North Michigan Avenue—for sale. The one remaining heir, a niece of Mrs. Blaine, was living in Boston, Massachusetts. She was consulted on each step of the negotiations for the purchase of the land. The site was a corner lot next to another former McCormick residence, which had been converted into a famous restaurant, and directly across the street from another McCormick property. The permanent headquarters of the Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago occupied that location. The Kiwanis Board made its final offer of $335,000. Mrs. Blaine’s niece gladly accepted the offer.

Groundbreaking ceremonies took place in the late fall of 1957. Construction began. The cornerstone was laid on June 29, 1958, coinciding with the International Convention in Chicago that year. Construction and the move from 520 North Michigan to 101 East Erie was completed on March 21, 1959. The dedication of the Kiwanis International Building took place on Sunday, October 25, 1959, just before the official opening of that year’s International Council. More than 400 guests were present, including the last living founder of Kiwanis, Harry A. Young, of the Detroit Number One Kiwanis Club.

Once again, 20 years later, to accommodate a growing organization, plans for revamping office space moved along quickly. The urgency of a full review of future space needs and the location of that space was evident at the May 1979 Board meeting. After continual Board meetings and consultations with builders and realtors, the Board opted to buy property and begin the construction in Indianapolis, Indiana, at 3636 Woodview Trace. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new building were staged on September 26, 1981. The Kiwanis International staff began the process of moving once again, completing the move by August of 1982.

THE PRESENT

Today, Kiwanis is a worldwide service organization of men and women who share the challenge of community and world improvement. Since its founding in Detroit, Michigan, in 1915, Kiwanis has grown to more than 8,400 clubs in 96 nations. There are about 606,608 active members in the Kiwanis family, representing nearly every culture on every continent, all seeking to improve people’s lives. Kiwanians give their time to make their communities and world better places in which to live and work. As members of a club, they have opportunities to make business and professional contacts; learn firsthand about local, national, and international issues; improve and use leadership skills; participate in the life of their community and world; and develop life-long friendships.
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