YARD SIGNS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ONCE AGAIN!

You heard it here first! The double-sided yard signs are once again available to order for your club. These signs make a great addition to your pancake breakfast, golf outing, shrimp dinner, canned food drive, backpack stuffing, reading program at the library, bell ringing, or even for your Kiwanis meetings.

The stakes will come along with the signs and the graphic below is what the sign will look like. We will be selling these yard signs for $5.00 each. Clubs can order as many or as few as they would like. Signs will be distributed at our Midyear Conferences.

So act now, and let’s make sure we have the Kiwanis image present at all of our events and functions.

To place an order for these signs, please visit: https://goo.gl/forms/j1mkL9TNo0zWpgcA3

CLUB SUCCESS STORY:
52 Kiwanis Clubs become Distinguished in 2017-18

We are pleased to report that out of 157 existing Kiwanis Clubs in the Wisconsin Upper Michigan District in 2017-18, 52 of those clubs achieved Distinguished status, which is a remarkable accomplishment.

As a reminder, this was the Distinguished criteria set forth in the 2018-18 Kiwanis Year:

**Distinguished Criteria - Club Level**
A club can be recognized as Distinguished if either of the two following criteria is achieved:
1) Net increase in membership, OR;
2) a) Sponsor a new Kiwanis club, AND;
b) Contribute an average of US$10 per member to the Kiwanis International Foundation’s Children’s Fund, AND;
c) Club representation at the Kiwanis International Convention (ICON), AND;
d) Enter a project in the signature service project competition sponsored by Kiwanis International.

Huge congratulations to each and every Kiwanis Club that achieved Distinguished status. Immediate Past District Governor Justin Hahn has already personally reached out to each of those clubs and all of the Distinguished Clubs will be recognized at our Midyear Conferences.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Division 7 & 11 Midyear: February 16, Appleton, WI
Division 1 & 5 Midyear: March 23, Whitewater, WI
Division 8 & 9 Midyear: April 27, Eau Claire, WI
International Convention: June 27-30, Orlando, FL
District Convention: August 23-25, Brookfield, WI

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CLUB COACH SPOTLIGHT:
Travis Duchatschek – Oshkosh Mid-Morning, Division 11

- Do you hold any leadership positions besides Club Coach?
  - I serve on the Admin Board of my club.
- What do you love about being a Club Coach?
  - I am going to love making Kiwanis thrive.
- What is your Kiwanis moment?
  - Canned food drives and magic shows for the Oshkosh elementary schools are some of my favorite Kiwanis moments.
- What is your favorite service project?
  - The canned food drives!
- When did you join Kiwanis?
  - I joined in 2005.
- Why did you join Kiwanis?
  - My father had me choose a service club when I came into the family business after college.
- If you could meet any person, dead or alive, who would it be and why?
  - Tom Brady, he is the GOAT!
- If you could give one piece of advice to any Kiwanis Club, what would it be?
  - Be comfortable with coming out of the box of what was normal and worked before and embrace new ideas for your club.
- What is your favorite quote?
  - Ezekiel 25-17 (Pulp Fiction reference)
- If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?
  - I would love to travel back to Alaska

TOOLS FOR YOU:
Celebrating Success

When was the last time you stopped to celebrate your club members and the impact you, and they have had on your community? Ready to plan a party?

If you club doesn’t have an annual celebration, consider planning a formal or social event that is filled with fun, fellowship and recognition.

There’s no need to wait until the end of the year to recognize a job well done. Recognition is most effective when it is frequent and immediate. Make sure to consider the person being recognized when you show your appreciation. You may, for instance, choose to extend verbal praise (publicly and privately), give a note and small gift, smile and say thank you as often as possible or even plan a social get-together.

You may even recognize and celebrate the success of your community partners. Without this support, the impact and the scope of some of your projects may not be as great.

You can download this tool and many others located on our District website at the following link:

https://wiumkiwanis.org/membership-tools

DID YOU KNOW?

As a Kiwanian you are changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

Website: www.wiumkiwanis.org/membership-tools