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**Kiwanis is a global organization of  
volunteers dedicated to improving the  
world one child and one community  
at a time.**



# Kiwanis Club Of Lansdale

## *Upcoming Events*

“You can’t do it un-  
less you can imagine  
it.”

–George Lucas

May 7th– Annual Meeting & VOTING followed by  
Board Meeting. Gov.-Elect Jen Vare and Lt. Gov. Bonnie  
Houpt will join us to talk about membership.

May 14th– TO BE ANNOUNCED

May 21st- TO BE ANNOUNCED

May 28th-TO BE ANNOUNCED

2015-16 Slate of Officers  
President–Karen Sears

President-Elect–Nick Merlo

Treasurer–Phil Christ

2015-17 Board

Chuck Arkens, Dick Ludwig, Len Levitz

New Board appoints a Secretary as first order of business.



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***More to announce***



Division 19 Council meeting on 5/2/15 resulted in the election of Bonnie Houpt and Karen Sears as Co-Lt. Governors for 2015-16

Fruit Sale & Onions—Orders need to be placed no later than 5/7 for Florida Valencia Oranges and Vidalia (GA) Onions. Also have Cashews, Natural Nut Berry Mix and Honey Roasted Mixed Nuts. See you emails for link to order. P/U Saturday May 16

May 19 Cradles to Crayons Kiwanis 100 Year Celebration at 30 Clipper Road, W. Conshohocken. 6—8 PM  
RSVP Div. 22 Lt. Gov. Sarah Zulueta at [zuluets@gmail.com](mailto:zuluets@gmail.com) or 215-279-0199

June 5 Pottstown sponsors a Kiwanis 100 Year Celebration on the Colebrookdale Railroad on the Secret Valley Line and the Manatawny Creek Reserve NOW to insure seating through Gene Huston. Leaves 6 PM from 118 E. Philadelphia Ave, Boyertown \$25 for adults \$10 student thru high school.

June 25-28 Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis to celebrate 100 years of service, learning, great friends and PARTY! Not too late to register!

July 11 King of Prussia sponsoring their 4th Annual Golf Outing followed by an Art Auction at the Club at Shannondell. Contact Jim Zinkand for tix and info at 484-688-3050 or [jmc1000@earthlink.net](mailto:jmc1000@earthlink.net).

August 13-16 PA Annual Convention at the Bayfront Convention Center and Sheraton Hotel, Erie, PA Not too early to register. Links at [PAKiwanis.org](http://PAKiwanis.org) and [erie2015.org](http://erie2015.org)

Our Club needs to address the Commonwealth-wide new regulations and Kiwanis International clearance requirements for ALL persons dealing with youth. We need to discuss some proposed Club guidelines, which clearances must be obtained, who's gonna pay for them, who's gonna maintain records, etc, etc. etc. Its not as mind-boggling as one might expect, and we have a real chance herewith to advertise how Kiwanis approaches service to the community! So twist your own arm and volunteer to do some legwork!

And did we mention PA Kiwanis auto tags can now be ordered? Nominal fee for sequential plates, not much more to choose your own! See Paul Kasoff for details.

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*In the news.....*



### White House, Kiwanis members discuss ways to improve communities

**INDIANAPOLIS** – The White House welcomed Kiwanis International members from across the United States on Wednesday, April 29 to participate in a Community Leader Briefing to discuss issues impacting communities. The Community Leader Briefing is a unique opportunity for grassroots leaders to come to Washington and further the conversation between White House officials and those in the community.

Participants are members of their local Kiwanis or Kiwanis-family clubs who have proven effective at improving communities through a signature service project. Each of the more than 16,000 Kiwanis-family clubs assesses the needs of its community and finds the best way to make a difference. Some of the projects include reading to children, organizing the local sports league, raising gardens to provide food for soup kitchens and making pediatric patients' hospital stays better.

“For 100 years, the members of Kiwanis International have devoted themselves to creating a better world for children,” said Kiwanis International President Dr. John R. Button. “Kiwanis clubs remain vibrant and viable today, providing service that helps children grow into strong, healthy adults. Our communities’ needs demonstrate that Kiwanis is as important today as it was when the first Kiwanis club started its service.”

Founded in Detroit, Mich., in January of 1915, Kiwanis began as a businessman’s networking club. The organization quickly adopted community service as a goal, with children as the beneficiary. That first Kiwanis club, still active today, evolved into a global service organization with nearly 630,000 adult and youth members in 16,000-plus clubs in more than 80 nations. Kiwanis club members donate more than 18 million hours of service every year to strengthen their communities.

**Pennsylvania: Lititz Area Kiwanis Club:** The club hosts its Chocolate Walk, a major community event. Proceeds benefit a pediatric rehabilitation clinic, two public libraries and a cleft palate surgery center.



9<sup>th</sup>— Paul Delp

20<sup>th</sup>— Hal Kodikian, looking younger every year

26<sup>th</sup>— Nichole Clarkson

29<sup>th</sup>— Linda Law