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SWD Governor
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A Memo from Michael



**SWD Governor Michael Iaftrato &
First Lady Melody Jordahl-Iaftrato**

Melody and myself hope this greeting finds you happy, wealthy and wise in the New Year, your Valentine's Day was filled with chocolates and roses and your St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage was tasty.

Many events have happened in the Southwest District over the last few months: The District's Mid-Year Education Conference was March 3-5th, CKI's District Convention was February 24-26th, and Key Club's District Convention was March 24-26th. If you ever need inspiration and to fill your buckets make it a point to attend one of our SLP conferences. We can always use the help and you will be amazed every moment by our SLP students.

Our visits throughout the SW District have been fun and encouraging. It has been great to connect with old friends, make new friends, and celebrate the youthful spirit and exuberance of the many SLP members who have attended the meetings. I invite all Kiwanis to join us when we visit your Division. Ask your Lt. Governor for details. When you attend the Governor's visit to your Division you will receive my SWD Governor's pin.

Many know that I began my Kiwanis life began when I joined CKI in college and I loved the SW CKI DCON. Their motto this year was 'Service has never tasted so sweet!' Man, what a great message. The sweet taste of delicious chocolate, the sweet smell of roses and sweet soul filling happiness with service to our communities.

My message this year has been the power of one. I encourage my fellow Kiwanians to give an extra hour of Sweet Service. One hour by every Kiwanians adds up to over 30,000 hours of additional service in a year. One is all it takes to make a difference.

Michael & Melody

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Message and Musing From kenneth garley

Hello Southwest District,

Convention season for the SWD has recently ended. It's been crazy busy and I'm still trying to catch up. Our conventions were CKI DCON in Flagstaff, AZ, our Mid-Year in Sierra Vista, AZ and then Key Club DCON in El Paso, TX.

What I saw gave me hope. Great hope.

Young adults respecting each other. Listening to ideas. Having wonderful discussions. Some were silly. Some were serious. Everyone's opinion was valid.

I was amazed by the Key Club students and just blown away by our young adults, the CKIers.

I saw young adults grow over a weekend. I saw amazing leadership from the Governor to the rank and file. I saw smiles on those elected to office and on those who were not as successful. Smiles because they grew and they knew it. Growing to become the leaders of tomorrow. The leaders who will change the world for the better. I fell in love with my CKI Rock Stars!

And that is the Kiwanis world I want to live in.

Kenn





EL PASO CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

KIWANIS CLUB OF EL PASO CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

The Charter for the Kiwanis Club of El Paso was issued March 10, 1917. The Club will celebrate the centennial anniversary with a 100th anniversary dinner at the El Paso Club on April 14, 2017. The Club is the oldest Club in the Southwest District and the 38th chartered Club in the nation. It's beginning occurred when a prominent citizen went to Detroit in 1917 hoping to come back with a Ford dealership. He did, after all El Paso was the largest city in the Southwest. Interestingly enough, Detroit was the founding city of Kiwanis two years earlier in 1915. Mr. Kirkpatrick of El Paso met with Henry Ford to seek the dealership for El Paso. Mr. Ford said yes to the dealership on one condition. You must start a Kiwanis Club in El Paso. That he did, with a charter membership of 125 members! And, as the saying goes, the rest is history.

In 1935, the Kiwanis Club of El Paso started a tradition. The idea that it could raise money for underprivileged youth by sponsoring a football game, selling tickets and concessions. The first game played was in the El Paso High stadium, Ranger, Texas played the El Paso All Stars. That game was the first of over 80 games, now known as the Sun Bowl. For many years, a Kiwanis Club member chaired the football selection committee, selecting the teams to meet in the nationally televised game on CBS. The Sun Bowl is the second oldest bowl in the nation. Only the Rose Bowl is older.

Over the years, many of the cities' most prominent business and political leaders have called Kiwanis their Club. Membership of the Kiwanis Club of El Paso has at times in the past exceeded 200 members, while it was forming new Clubs. Today, while membership has decreased significantly, the Club is proud of its heritage and its 50 year member, Stuart Van Slyke, who happens to be older than the Club, at age 102.

The Club in order to continue its financial support in perpetuity of children in need has established with the El Paso Community Foundation the Kiwanis Club of El Paso Endowment for Children. Annual distributions from the Endowment serve the community.

Kiwanis Club of El Paso moves on into the second century, and will welcome to the anniversary dinner, distinguished guests from the Southwest District, Michael Iafrato, Governor ; Ed Verburg, Governor-Elect, and Ken Garley, Executive Director. Joining in the celebration will be members of all Kiwanis Clubs in El Paso, the Division Lt. Governor, former Club members , and division Key Club officers. " Good on you, Kiwanis , keep on rolling, there is much to be done in community service.

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Phoenix 100th

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This 8' banner above carried in front of the Fiesta Bowl Parade entry

Phoenix Celebrates 100th Anniversary

The year was 1917 and Kiwanis, as an organization, was only two years old started the year with 51 clubs situated between the Atlantic and Texas, including four clubs in Canada. E.F. Wescott was sent out to start clubs in the West and met with prospective members at the Sheldon Hotel in El Paso on February, then moved on to Phoenix in mid-April, and finally to Albuquerque in September.

The official organizing meeting in Phoenix was May 15 and the Kiwanis Club of Phoenix will celebrate 100 years of uninterrupted service on May 15, 2017. The Club has worked hard to make all of 2017 a centennial celebration. It actually started on December 31, 2016 with an entry in the Fiesta Bowl Parade to announce the anniversary. A Centennial Moment from the Club's history is presented at each club meeting. New "Century of Service" golf shirts for fundraising and service projects also tell the community that the Club is proud to have been part of the Phoenix community for 100 years.

The official birthday party on May 15 looks to be a very special event. It will be a dinner held at the Phoenix Country Club, where the Club first received its charter and where it currently meets. KI President Jane Erickson, Arizona Governor Doug Ducey, and Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton have all been invited and have tentatively said "yes." Both the Governor and the Mayor will be providing proclamations recognizing the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis in Phoenix and Arizona. In connection with the dinner, the Club will display representative memorabilia items from the first 100 years and an "abridged" club history will be provided to all attendees.

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PHOENIX CELEBRATES 100 YEARS

As evidence of the Club's commitment to service in the future, the Club's Foundation has committed \$100,000 for a special centennial project to be announced at the dinner.

The celebration is too special to be limited to just the Phoenix area. By the end of March, the Club will be sending an electronic invitation to every Kiwanian in the Southwest District. The cost of the dinner will be \$50 per person and reservations will need to be made by May 1. Look for your invitation in the near future and come celebrate.

This was our Fiesta Bowl Parade entry. A 1935 Packard. In the rear seat are Club President Mark Davey and President-Elect Mary Celle.



In the front seat are Dennis Wise, owner of the car, and Doug Dunipace, Chair of the 100th Anniversary Steering Committee.

A new look for [Kiwanis.org](https://www.kiwanis.org)

[Kiwanis.org](https://www.kiwanis.org) has a new look and feel. The updated website will be easier for users to find the material they seek to help kids in their communities. But, most importantly, it's mobile optimized. Users will be able to use the website in a way that's friendly to the device they're using. Take a look. Explore.

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CKI President Laura Belmont

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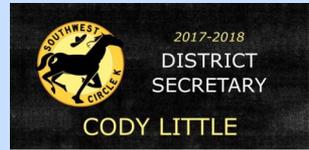
DCON Recap

A few weeks ago, CKI held our annual district convention in Flagstaff, Arizona. CKI members from all over the district, as well as some Kiwanians, KEY Clubbers, and two guests from CKI's international board were in attendance to enjoy a weekend of service, leadership, and fellowship. My favorite part about DCON, as

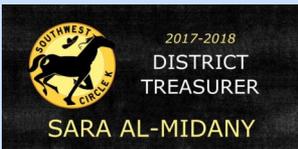
always, was getting to see everyone from around the district again. In CKI, you meet so many incredible people, but you don't always get to see them, as being a student limits your ability to travel during the year. I remember being excited when my friends would arrive at the hotel, or when we had a spare moment to talk to each other, or even get coffee or hot chocolate. We kicked our weekend off with our opening session, where we were able to welcome everyone in. On Saturday, our group split up to give back to our host city through three different service projects: Habitat for Humanity, the Humane Society, and Adopt-an-Avenue. We then hosted our Kiwanis Family banquet, where we were able to hear from Alisa Nguyen, KEY Club governor, Michael lafrato, Kiwanis governor, Steven Mccarty, CKI

International Vice President, and Jennifer Que, CKI

International Trustee. That night, Banna hosted her governor's banquet, where she was able to speak and thank those who had helped her during her term, as well as give out awards to recognize our members' and officers' hard work throughout the year. The next morning, we had homemade pancakes for breakfast before finishing off the weekend. During our convention,



Cody is a Forensic Science and Anthropology major at ASU, and fittingly wants to earn a doctorate in forensic anthropology. He loves bad puns, reading science-fiction, and cooking.



Sara is a Biology/Pre-Med major at UNM and hopes to become a surgeon one day. She plays rugby, loves bubble tea, and is obsessed with elephants.





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2017-2018 DISTRICT BULLETIN EDITOR

ANIKA FAGLIE

Anika is a Business Economics major at the University of Arizona, hoping to pursue nonprofit consulting upon graduation. She is obsessed with playing soccer, ice skating, and drinking teal



we also had the opportunity to amend our bylaws and elect an amazing new board to serve us throughout the upcoming term. As always, DCON was a blast. It's so rewarding to see everyone's work come together, and it's always incredible getting to reconnect with friends from around the district.

MidYear Recap

Recently, I, along with four other CKI members, had the opportunity to

attend your annual MidYear conference. It was a great opportunity for us to get to strengthen our

Kiwanis Family bonds and to start making some great connections! We

also were confused and amused as the hangings kept happening. I got to join the district board for their meeting on Friday, and to join the board foundation meeting on Sunday. On Saturday, we were able to attend the 5k benefitting KEY Club and meet a few of their members. We also had the chance to put on a few workshops and speak about CKI to Kiwanians, as well as the

opportunity to attend some workshops. We learned about what's happening in Kiwanis, how to fundraise, ways to support our service initiatives, and more.

At the Kiwanis Family Luncheon, I had the chance to join you in honoring all branches of the Kiwanis Family, and to speak on behalf of CKI and thank you for your continued support. Additionally, with your support, we were able to finish selling the rest of our water bottles, which benefits our district and March of Dimes! We loved being able to connect with so many of you amazing Kiwanians, and we felt so welcome at your conference. Thank you for allowing us to join in on the fun!

2017-2018 DISTRICT LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS-AT-LARGE

AUBREY RENAKER

Aubrey is a third-year student at the University of Arizona, majoring in Communication and minoring in Sociology. She wants to pursue Public Relations in the Beauty Industry. Outside of CKI, Aubrey enjoys traveling, taking long naps, volunteering, and perfecting her eyebrows.



MICHAEL ZIMMERMAN

Michael is a Biology major and Spanish minor at the University of Arizona. He hopes to one day become a pediatrician. During his free time, he is either obsessing over movies or Broadway musicals and he will keep talking about them until you can't handle it any longer.



2017-2018 PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL



UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA: CHANTEL LEON



ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY: NAM TRAN



GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY: ARRIEL PILAPIL



UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO: SARAH CRISCUOLO



NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY: GERILYN RUFIN

2017-2018 DISTRICT CHAIRPERSONS



Riley Jandrew K-Family



Selena Richardson Laws & Reg.



Evelyn Mejia Service



Andrea Madrigal Intl. Expansion



Anyssa Iwanoto Technology



Elizabeth Kwan D-Con



Elizabeth Quinlan Historian



Riley Jandrew Fall Rally





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THIS NOTE FROM TRACY SCOTT, KCOT'S ADVISER TO ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY ASU CKI -- THEY ARE "DISTINGUISHED DEVILS"

Wanted to let you know of an honor that ASU CKI has received from the group that manages the more than 1,000+ student clubs at ASU. Thanks to CKI Presidnet Tien Tran, the entire ASU CKI board and the committee chairs for all their work! The Passing the Pitchfork is a celebration event that marks the leadership transition of student groups from one year to the next. ASU CKI is truly an exemplary club here in the ASU community!

ASU CKI has been recognized as one of the most active organizations at ASU during the 2016-2017 academic year. The club has had a significant impact on the ASU community through its participation in Passport to ASU and Spring Involvement Fair, two events where CKI recruits new members; an ASU service project known as Changemaker Days of Service; other ASU events; and leadership workshops. A club must be actively involved in all those events to be eligible for this distinction.

ASU CKI will be honored as a Distinguished Devils at the Passing the Pitchfork ceremony on April 25 at the Memorial Union. As part of this recognition, ASU CKI will receive some additional marketing support.

NEW PAGES ADDED TO THE SWDKIWANIS WEBSITE

New pages have been added to the SWDKIWANIS.ORG website.

Club Growth & Best Practices — Ideas to gain membership.

[Successful Club Membership Campaigns](#)

[Best Practices Used by Clubs for Expanding Membership](#)

Southwest District Leadership Resources

[Southwest District Bylaws](#)

[Southwest District Policies & Procedures](#)

[Standard Club Bylaws](#)

District Calendar

Is now a live updating calendar

Suggestions, ideas, comments on our website are always appreciated and may be emailed to: [**web@swdkiwanis.org**](mailto:web@swdkiwanis.org)

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KEY CLUB

Congratulations to the 2017-2018 Key Club Leaders

- District Governor ***Olivia Kurchat***
- District Secretary / Treasurer ***Emily Woo Kee***
- District Bulletin Editor ***Jennifer Harned***
- Black Canyon Lt. Gov. ***Alaya Alshemari***
- Catalina Lt. Gov. ***Sarah Montano***
- Caverns Lt. Gov. ***Claudia Gomez***
- Copper Lt. Gov. ***Reagen Barragan***
- Estrella Lt. Gov. ***Mackenzie Latham***
- Lookout Mountain Lt. Gov. ***Mikenna Gannon***
- Mohave Lt. Gov ***Michael Reinartz***
- Rio Grande Lt. Gov. ***Russell Steans***
- San Pedro Lt. Gov ***Gracie Kelliner***
- Sandia Mountain Lt. Gov. ***Faith Lopez***
- Sangre De Cristo Lt. Gov. ***Sydne Ashford***
- South Mountain Lt. Gov. ***Reyna Cruz***
- The following seats are currently vacant:
- McDowell Mountain Lt. Gov.
- Mogollan Rim Lt. Gov.
- North Mountain Lt. Gov
- Petroglyph Lt. Gov.
- Superstition Lt. Gov.
- DCON Chair

Admin Team

- Michael Braun*** Administrator
- Deb DesChene*** Assistant Administrator
- Valari Rose-Johnson*** ICON Admin
- Vanessa Richards*** Board Trainer Mentor
- Katie Merrill*** DCON Admin
- Vickie Biehn*** AZ Admin Team
- Manny Gonzales*** AZ Admin Team
- Stephanie Wittecar,*** AZ Admin Team
- Michael Iafrato*** AZ Admin Team
- Jerry Waling*** AZ Admin Team
- Don Townsend*** AZ Admin Team
- Robbie Tantamoniao*** AZ Admin Team
- Jeff Rowe*** NM Admin Team
- Kelsae Pederson*** NM Admin Team
- Ceci Ann Medina*** TX Admin Team

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Bob Carson — Branding 411

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Branding 411

Bob Carson, PR and Image Director

I wanted to make everyone aware of some exciting developments and make sure everyone is ready to take advantage of some great new materials available for everyone to use at www.kiwanis.org/brand. Here is some valuable information from Amy Wiser, chief communications officer, Kiwanis International

All the materials you need for a local ad campaign are available for ANY Kiwanian to use, free of charge and downloadable at our "one stop shop" www.Kiwanis.org/brand

What will you find at www.Kiwanis.org/brand?

Social media

- links to the videos and TV spots

- Post print ads as images

- Use the right-sized ready-to-go Twitter and Facebook social media squares

Websites

- Clubs can link or place the videos/TV spots on their club landing page.

- Use the brand guide to swap old logos for new; add fun new elements like the pin image

- Use the print ads or billboards as fun graphics on the site

Overall social and web presence (and general club image)

- Find all the correct logos and images

- Download a brand guide

Local placement

- Clubs are encouraged to work with their own local billboard, cable stations, radio stations etc., to get placement--use any of the materials at www.kiwanis.org/brand

- While it's tough to get PSA placement these days, it's always worth an ask. Our TV and radio spots have been designed so they can be used as traditional placements OR as PSA's. There is a 20-second radio option where a club can have its own contact information inserted.

- If a club needs something special (special billboard size; HD file for TV placement), have them contact us. We can help.

Again, it's a one-stop-shop for ALL these materials at www.kiwanis.org/brand. Everything is there, everything is free and everything is ready to use.

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SOUTHWEST DISTRICT FOUNDATION

Southwest District Kiwanis Foundation

By President- Marge Carrithers

Thanks to everyone who came to the Mid-Year Convention and supported our Foundation Raffle. We made about \$1000 on the raffle, T-shirt, and hat sales. We appreciate you!

It was wonderful to see so many friends in my home town of Sierra Vista. We even arranged some snow on the Huachuca Mountains for you.

The Foundation Board approved putting a new roof on the multi-purpose room at Kamp Kiwanis at our meeting on Sunday morning. We also want to encourage everyone to become a Sustaining Member of the SWDK Foundation. The minimum donation is \$50 per year, but you can choose to donate more each year. We currently have 252 Sustaining members of the Foundation and we hope to double that number by 2018. Burt Snipes is our new coordinator for the Sustaining Member program. Your Division Reps have copies of the Sustaining member form and year one pins. The forms are also on-line at our website at kswdfoundation.org .

The SWDK Foundation is also committed to sponsoring a Key Leader training at Kamp Kiwanis in February 2018. More details will be following, however, if you would like to help, contact the coordinator, Jim Sowers.

The nominating Committee is working on filling some officer slots and vacancies in our Board. If you are interested in running for an elected office or becoming a member of the Foundation Board, please contact President, Marge Carrithers at mjccarrithers@cox.net. We would love to have you join us! Current officers up for election in August are: President-Marge Carrithers, President-Elect – Bob Morrell, Vice President- vacant, Secretary-Burt Snipes, Treasurer- Jim Sowers. We also have two vacancies for Directors-at-large.

Our final bit of news is that we will be hosting a Comedy Benefit Show for the Foundation at the Annual Conference in Tempe on August 3 in the ballroom. Jodi White and Dale Jones are nationally known comedians and have volunteered their time and talent to help our Foundation. Tickets are \$25 each and you can purchase your ticket when you register for the convention. Foundation Board members will also have some tickets to sell after our May meeting.

Please join us for the next work weekend at Kamp Kiwanis on May 5-7th. We always have wonderful Kiwanians and family members there and have a lot of fun sprucing up the Kamp. Remember it is free room and board!



President Marge Carrithers presents, Kiwanis International Trustee, Terry White a Kachina Bolo tie for his support of the SW District Kiwanis and Foundation.

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SWDK FOUNDATION — KAMP KIWANIS

KAMP KIWANIS ACTIVITY WEEKEND May 5, 6, and 7, 2017

Please join us for our gathering at Kamp Kiwanis to accomplish minor repairs and housekeeping needs as well as targeted “projects” in order to maintain the property and accomplish continuous improvements.

The following is a brief description of how to drive to Kamp Kiwanis. Take I-40 to the west side of Gallup, NM (exit 20) and turn south onto Hwy 602. Kamp Kiwanis is about 18 miles south of Gallup, just off of Hwy 602 on Cousin’s Road, which is about 2 miles south of the Vanderwagen, NM Post Office. Cousin’s Road is well marked and has a Kiwanis sign at the intersection with Hwy 602. A 280 foot tall cell phone tower and fire station are just to the west of Hwy 602 on the north side of Cousin’s Road. Turn west onto Cousin’s Road and travel about ¼ mile, then turn north at the entrance to Kamp Kiwanis.

An alternative route for some Kiwanians is to travel on Hwy 53 and connect with Hwy 602 about 11 miles east of Zuni, NM. Kamp Kiwanis is about 10 miles north from the intersection of Hwy 53 and Hwy 602. As described above, turn west from Hwy 602 onto Cousin’s Road. Travel about ¼ mile west on Cousin’s Road and you will be at the entrance to Kamp Kiwanis.

The Southwest District Kiwanis Foundation will provide meals Friday evening, Saturday morning, noon, and evening, and Sunday morning. To ensure we have the required amounts of food and drinks available, we ask that you RSVP to our Kamp Manager Krista McDonald at the following:

Kampkiwanis@gmail.com

Kristamac7310@yahoo.com

Phone 505-870-3023

Please indicate your arrival and departure dates & times.

Work Weekend Notice May 2017

Proposed Activity Week-End Tasks on: May 5, 6, and 7, 2017 **TO ALL VOLUNTEERS**

It’s only 1 month away and hopefully enough time for you to plan on coming to Kamp Kiwanis and to know what you are going to do when you get there. We hope to match your abilities, skills, wants and time that you have available during your stay. While we might not be able to accomplish everything listed we hope to make the visit as efficient and productive as we can.

Tasks that we wish to accomplish on Kamp buildings and Kamp grounds are listed below. Please look at the task list for each building and for the grounds and decide what you would like to participate in based on your abilities. When you have done so, please contact me via return e-mail, letter, or phone along with your expected arrival so we can pre-arrange the equipment, materials, etc. We will still have “sign-up sheets” available if you aren’t sure of your arrival date and time. If you want to bring a friend, relative, or neighbor, please do so.

The Operations Committee again expects this to be a most productive Activity Weekend. We are looking forward to this event and will help get these proposed tasks completed.

Bob Morrell, Chairman

SWDK FOUNDATION — KAMP KIWANIS

Kamp Operations Committee

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Tijeras, NM 87059

Email: Bobm2540@aol.com

Phone: Home [505-281-0993](tel:505-281-0993); Cell [505-401-3042](tel:505-401-3042) (leave message and number if unanswered)

PROPOSED ACTIVITY WEEKEND TASKS

Ponderosa Lodge

- Wash windows (outside and inside)

- Remove dust from window blinds

- Clean out roof rain gutters

- Help organize basement store room

- Replace fireplace screen

- Paint stairwell going to second floor

Chapel

- Wash windows inside and outside

- Paint siding

- Identify and mark electrical circuits

Picnic Pavilion

- Complete renovation of sink countertop

Sage Dormitory

- Replace window blinds

- Clear dirt away from bottom of outside siding

- Install new window screens in shower areas

- Clean windows

- Remove yellow paint from bunk bed legs and floor near exists; install tape lines instead

Juniper Dormitory

- Install new venetian blinds in sleeping areas

- Clear dirt away from bottom of outside siding

- Install new window screens in shower areas

- Remove yellow paint from bunk bed legs and floor near exists; install tape lines instead

Multi-Purpose Building

- Reconnect sink plumbing in south foyer area

- Clean out roof rain gutters

- Install “metal edging” for borders on both sides of path leading to Sage Dormitory to prevent erosion and accumulation of sand on path

Grounds

- Split firewood (we will have a gasoline-powered wood splitter available)

- Pick up trash outside of Kamp Kiwanis property fence along Cousins road

- Mark basketball court with appropriate lines

- Line hiking trails with dead branches

- Cut off and cap frost free water spigot at test-well location

- Make automatic Kamp entrance gate operational

- Paint barrier fence on east side of Lodge

- Touch up lettering with paint on blue & yellow Kamp signage

- Prep flower gardens

- Perform housekeeping on horseshoe pits

- Relocate picnic tables to designated areas

- Remove marked Amphitheater benches for repair

- Remove weeds and trash from Amphitheater area

Proposed Work Weekend Tasks May 2017 (Updated 4-6-17)



Call for Candidates for Governor Elect

Election for Governor Elect will be held at the District Convention August 46, 2017 in Tempe, AZ.

All interested parties are encouraged to submit a written notice of candidacy in accordance with SWD By-laws and policies to the Southwest District Executive Director.

[CLICK FOR
SWD By-Laws
SWD Policies & Procedures
Elections](#)

If the link above does not work please call, email or text and I will send you a complete set of Southwest District By-Laws, Policies & Procedures.

Save the Date District Convention

Tempe, AZ

August 4-6

Tempe Mission Palms

Registration Forms will go out soon

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MID YEAR SURVEY

A REQUEST FROM GOVERNOR ELECT ED VERBURG

We are genuinely interested in the views of our members, and want to move the District forward in a way that better addresses their views. The attached survey was sent to you a few weeks ago. The Board would greatly appreciate participation by one or more members of your club. Please send the completed survey either to:

Email: eaverburg@yahoo.com (Ed Verburg, Governor-Elect)

Mail: SW District Survey, 5555 W. Lazy C Drive, Tucson, AZ 85745-9055

The survey results will be highlighted at the upcoming Lt. Governor's training session in June, and at the August District convention in Tempe. For us to be able to compile and report the results, we ask that completed surveys be sent in by April 17th or before. We greatly appreciate your help with this request.

[CLICK FOR MID YEAR SURVEY](#)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY — KIWANIS CHILDRENS FUND

The Kiwanis Children's Fund continues to pave the way for significant global and local health efforts, as it has since 1939. UNICEF heralded our Iodine Deficiency Disorder efforts to reduce the number of children with preventable mental disorders as one of the greatest public health accomplishments of the 20th century. And now we are on the verge of creating a world where mothers and babies no longer worry about death from an easily preventable disease. The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus already reduced the number of MNT deaths to fewer than 100 a day. We will not stop—we cannot stop—until that number is zero.

The Kiwanis Children's Fund continues to be an effective force for Kiwanis' growth and advancement by connecting the goodwill and vision of donors to continued progress. For more information about the Kiwanis Children's Fund, visit kiwanis.org/childrensfund.

To support children—from your hometown to communities a world away—[make an anniversary gift today.](#)

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RETURN OF KIWANIS CLUBS TO SOUTHWEST DISTRICT

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee Membership

Committee members Ed Verburg, Governor-Elect, and Kenn Garley, Executive Director, were appointed by Governor Michael Iafra to determine if clubs in Northern New Mexico might be interested in returning to the Southwest District.

Background

Three Kiwanis clubs in Northern New Mexico—Aztec, Bloomfield, and Raton—were moved from the Southwest District to the Rocky Mountain District several years ago. The goal was to allow those clubs to become a part of Divisions in the Rocky Mountain District that had a closer geographic connection to the clubs. The clubs were warmly welcomed at DCON the first year, but there was no Lt. Governor to facilitate interaction. There has been outreach by the current Lt. Governor, Megan Curry, (newsletters, invitations to rallies, and better overall communication), but not all of the transferred clubs have transitioned to Rocky Mountain District activities as expected. There recently has been interest voiced by more than one club to return to the Southwest District.

Contacts with Clubs

Officers of the three clubs were contacted about their possible interest in rejoining the SW District. The following summarizes their responses:

Aztec Kiwanis Club: President Dwain DePew's recent correspondence expresses the club's desire to return to the SW District due to being near to the Farmington Kiwanis club, involvement with Kamp Kiwanis, and events that would be closer to them. They also provided a letter from the Advisor of the Aztec High School Key Club expressing their desire to move back to the SW District, because it is a better fit, and there is more of an opportunity to interact with the Key Club in Farmington (12 miles versus 40 to the Durango Key club in Rocky Mountain District).

Bloomfield Kiwanis Club: President James Conyers sent a letter requesting that the Bloomfield club be transferred back to the District of origin. They believe this will offer the opportunity for greater interaction with clubs in the local area, and allow them to be more involved in District activities.

Raton Kiwanis Club: The Raton club voted to remain in the Rocky Mountain District at a recent club meeting. Correspondence was received confirming this decision.

Rocky Mountain District

The Governor of the Rocky Mountain District has placed a topic on their Mid-Year conference agenda for the Board to consider returning the clubs to the Southwest District. It is anticipated they will act favorably on this initiative. This report was shared with their Governor-Elect, Hayley Suppes, for their deliberations.

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Secretaries Section

International Convention



Attend the 102nd Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Paris, France. The convention will take place July 13–16, 2017, and includes exhibits, education and general sessions at the Paris convention center (Palais des congrés de Paris, in French). Convention registration fees go up US\$55 on April 15. Register soon—and pay less.

International Delegate

Online voting delegate submission for the Kiwanis International Convention in Paris has been now been enabled on each club's secretary dashboard; club secretaries, assistant secretaries and presidents can now login to www.kiwanis.org/login, access their dashboards, and report their voting delegates directly to Kiwanis International .

Ruby Bridges to speak during Opening Session

In 1960, when Ruby Bridges was only six years old, she became one of the first black children to integrate New Orleans' all-white public school system. Greeted by an angry mob and escorted by federal marshals, Ruby bravely crossed the threshold of this school and into history, initiating the desegregation of New Orleans' public schools. She held her head high every day, never missing a school day that whole year.

Her walk to the front door of William Frantz Elementary School was immortalized in Norman Rockwell's famous painting, "The Problem We All Live With," Robert Coles' The Story of Ruby Bridges and in the Disney movie Ruby Bridges. In addition, she published Through My Eyes, her own award-winning version of her story.



SWD Calendar

2017

- April 14 El Paso Celebrates 100 Year Anniversary
- April 15 Governor's visit to Division 17
- April 19 SWD Online Conference Call
- April 21 Yarnell Charting Banquet — Welcome The Newest SWD Club
- April 22 Governor's visit to Division 18
- April 23 Governor's visit to Division 12 — tentative
- April 29 Governor's visit to Division 9
- May 5-7 Kamp Kiwanis Work Weekend
- May 13 Governor's visit to Division 7
- May 15 Phoenix Club 100th Dinner Celebration
- May 20 Governor's visit to Division 2
- May 27 Governor's visit to Division 3
- June 2-4 It's a K Family Event, Lt. Gov, CKI & Key Club training Kamp K
- June 2-4 Incoming Lt. Gov. Training, Kamp Kiwanis
- June 10 Governor's visit to Division 4
- July 5—9 Key Club International Convention, San Antonio
- July 5—9 CKI International Convention, San Antonio, TX
- July 13—16 Kiwanis International Convention - Paris, France
- July 17 75 Days to End of KI Year (Remind Clubs Order Awards)
- August 4 6 Southwest District Convention - Tempe, AZ
- September 30 Year End
- September 31 Please Secretaries No 9/31 purge this year Stay on top of membership rolls. PLEASE No Surprises This Year!!! (Before you call or email —I Know — 9/31 is only a Kiwanis Secretary Date.)
- October 1 Happy Kiwanis New Year

2018

- June 2018 CKI International Convention, Las Vegas, NV
- June 28-July 1 International Convention, Las Vegas, NV

2019

- June 27-30 International Convention, Orlando, FL

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From Lew Bradley

Wife: "So, what did you do today?"

Husband: "I changed a light bulb"

Wife: "That's all?"

Husband: Yea, but I filmed it.

[Click Here To See Him Change A Light Bulb](#)

MARCH OF DIMES FOR BABIES

The March of Dimes' March For Babies during April and May. He was able to locate ones for Albuquerque, Tucson, Phoenix, Las Cruces and El Paso. The website that has the dates and locations of the walks is www.MarchForBabies.org. Additional information contact Don Levin.



Ray Litherland August 23rd 1931 – December 15th 2016

On December 15th, 2016, the Las Vegas Kiwanis Club lost a dear friend. Ray Litherland had been an active member of our club for 46 years and will be missed by us all. His accomplishments in Kiwanis were many. He served as President and Treasurer, was our Division Lieutenant Governor for two terms, was a member of the 45 year class of the Legion of Honor and had 41 years of perfect attendance.

The Las Vegas Kiwanis Club proclaimed September 30th 2009, as Ray Day. Ray's greatest achievement however, was his dedication to the mission and objects of Kiwanis International. He gave primacy to spiritual and human values, encouraged the daily living of the Golden Rule and promoted the application of higher social, business and professional standards. He was an exemplary citizen, forming enduring friendships, did altruistic service and with his generosity made our town a better place. No one has done more to maintain the sound public opinion and high idealism of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill than our dear friend Ray Litherland.

Ray and his wife Joyce attended the Kamp Kiwanis clean up for many many years and we honored Ray with a donation to the Kamp Kiwanis in his name.

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