

# Kiwanis Southwest District

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## A Message From the Governor

### The One-Minute Speech – revisited

What's the best way to attract new people to your Kiwanis club? By grabbing their interest—and respecting their time. Put together a “one-minute speech” by thinking of answers to a few simple questions.

### Why my club?

Think about what you love most about your club—and your community. Consider how the two matter to each other.

### What's our community impact?

Pick the service project that makes you proudest of your club. And think of a young person—or group—your club has mentored.

### How do we make an impact?

By working together with people in our community who care. More hearts and more hands mean more opportunities for service and partnership.

### Other tips

Nothing attracts a new member like a happy member. Be sure to:

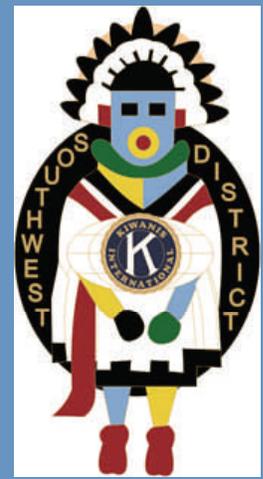
- Practice your speech.
- Listen to the other person.
- Maintain eye contact.
- Smile and speak firmly.
- Most important of all: Invite him or her to a meeting or service project.

Now it's your turn!

**See you at District Convention August 5 – 7, in Albuquerque!**

*Yours in Kiwanis Service*

*Governor Bob and Frst Lady Alma*



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## Talk About March Madness!

*by Twila Chambers & Billie Menefee Tonto Basin Kiwanis Club*

Busy! Busy! Busy! Saturday March 26, 2016, was anything but a typical day at the Tonto Basin Kiwanis Community Center. The Kiwanis family hosted their Annual Eye Clinic, Easter Egg Hunt and the March Raffle Drawing.

Our Saturday started with the monthly March raffle drawing won by Amy L., a local 8 year old. She had come for the Easter Egg Hunt and was so excited about her name being drawn she ran to the Thrift Store area to collect her prize. When asked why she wanted the truck, she said "my friend gave me the dollar for the raffle ticket, so I am giving the truck to my friend." She is keeping the necklace "cause it is pretty" and the glass mug "cause it will hold lots of kool-aid."

Next door at the Tonto Basin Kiwanis Community Center children were arriving for the Annual Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt. The club members had filled Easter Egg Baskets and the children were eyeing them deciding which one they would like to win. Older children helped the younger ones hunt for their eggs then searched for their own. Each participant chose a basket during the choice random drawing after the hunt. This annual activity was supported by the Tonto Basin Market Place/IGA as well as, the Payson Walmart SuperCenter.

Amid all the children's activities and laughter just on the other side of the room in the Community Center several Kiwanis members assisted our local seniors with over 20 eye exams. These exams were conducted

By Dr. Christian Risser, MD and the Arizona Medical Eye Unit from the Arizona Lions Vision Center, Inc. The mobile unit travels to Tonto Basin on an annual basis. The exams are coordinated and appointments are made by the Tonto Basin Kiwanis Club members.

Oh, and yes, the Kiwanis Thrift Store was also open as it is every Thursday through Saturday weekly from 9AM-3PM.

## Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.)

**Save the date!** Bikers Against Child Abuse will be speaking at the Kiwanis Club of Westgate-Glendale, AZ meeting on May 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. Come hear what BACA is all about. The Kiwanis Westgate-Glendale Club meeting will be at Dave and Buster's at Westgate Entertainment Center next to University of Phoenix Stadium.

B.A.C.A. exists with the intent to create a safer environment for abused children. They exist as a body of Bikers to empower children to not feel afraid of the world in which they live. They stand ready to lend support to their wounded friends by involving them with an established, united organization. They work in conjunction with local and state officials who are already in place to protect children. They desire to send a clear message to all involved with the abused child that this child is part of their organization, and that they are prepared to lend their physical and emotional support to them by affiliation, and their physical presence. They stand at the ready to shield these children from further abuse. They do not condone the use of violence or physical force in any manner; however, if circumstances arise such that they are the only obstacle preventing a child from further abuse, they stand ready to be that obstacle.

Let us know if you plan to attend so we can make sure we have enough seats... no limit. Phone number is 623-680-3414 for more information and reservation.

## District Reminders from the Desert Rose by Rose Ann Dodson, Executive Director



### Club Officer Elections

Bylaws state that clubs should hold their election of officers for the upcoming year by May 15th. Your club should be holding these elections now. Club Secretaries should file the report using the Secretary Dashboard on the Kiwanis One website by June 1st.

### Bylaw Amendment Proposals

Article XIII of the Southwest District Bylaws states that any proposed amendments to be considered at the House of Delegates at the annual convention in Albuquerque must be postmarked to the District Office at least sixty (60) days prior to the starting date of the convention (August 5, 2016). The District Executive Director shall send a copy of all proposed amendments to the secretary of each chartered club not less than thirty (30) days prior to the starting date of the convention.



### District Convention Information

Clubs will be receiving the District Convention mailing soon. Convention registration information will be in the packet as well as delegate registration, information on contests and awards at the convention, a tentative schedule of activities, and an application for table displays. Registration will be online this year with payment by either check or credit card! Each club in good standing is allowed three delegates. General sessions focusing on the I-Plan begin Friday afternoon at 1 with the opening reception and general session/dinner that night. Saturday is packed with speakers, seminars, election of 2016-17 officers, and entertainment. Please watch due dates for these various items and make plans to attend this event.

### Lieutenant Governor Designate Training

Governor-elect Michael Iafrao and his staff will provide training at Kamp Kiwanis in Vanderwagen, New Mexico for the 2016-17 Lieutenant Governor Class May 20 – 22, 2016. Following the training, the lieutenant governors-designate will make club contact visits and set up a calendar to install your 2016-2017 club officers. Almost all divisions have representation on the board for the 2016-17 year.

### International Convention

The Kiwanis International Convention is June 23– 26 in Toronto, Canada. Registration, housing, and delegate forms are available on the KI web site. The cost for early bird registration has been extended until May 15th. Please complete the forms as soon as possible if you plan to attend. Clubs must have paid their annual dues and be in good standing in order to have delegate representation. Past Governor Jim Lee is a candidate for International Trustee. We need a strong showing to support him in this endeavor!

*Yours in Kiwanis Service*

*Rose Ann*

## SWD Kiwanis International Foundation News



**TODAY,  
TOMORROW,  
FOREVER**



This year is the year of “Nola Charles” – who had led our Annual Club Gift/Children’s Fund Program successfully for several years. Nola will be missed and let’s make this year very special as we remember her energy, passion and belief in our mission to “Serve the Children of the World.”



The Southwest District has finished Number 2 in the world due to her relentless efforts and your support. As a result each year we have been fortunate to have received funding for four (4) \$1500 Scholarships for our Service Leadership Programs, and an additional \$1500 as a result of the 5% that is returned to us.

Not only do we get funds back for achieving this recognition, but the funds we have contributed have changed the world. They have supported our Service Leadership Programs especially our Aktion Clubs, Key Club International and CKI. Here in the Southwest over the past 3 years we have received substantial funding for individual Club Grants from the Kiwanis International Foundation for Community Projects. And worldwide the contributions provide funds for Community Projects like ours and are immediately available for Disaster Relief addressing the needs of children who may be separated from their families or homeless as a result.

Our goal for the year is to have every Kiwanis Club in the Southwest District achieve Today Club Recognition at the Blue Level or an amount contributed equal to \$10 per member. And we will be encouraging clubs to consider reaching the Silver Level or an amount equal to \$25 per member. The remaining two levels to be recognized are Gold with an amount equal to \$50 a member and the Diamond Level which is an amount equal to \$100 a member. At our District Convention this year in Albuquerque we will be recognizing those clubs that last Kiwanis Year 2015-2016 achieved the Silver, Gold and Diamond Levels.

Let’s make this a very special year and make a run for Number One!

Ron Smith  
SWD Kiwanis International Foundation Co-Chair  
Kiwanis International Foundation Trustee



## We’re Havin’ A Car Wash!

Kellis High School Key Club is having a car wash this Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 8990 W Orangewood Peoria, near the bus barn, from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m. A donation is requested. Help out our Westgate-Glendale SLP club.



## Kiwanis Across Borders

Kiwanis Across Borders is a way that the Foundation assists Kiwanians who have identified a need in another country. If you know of a need or if your Kiwanis Club knows of a specific need in a foreign country, you should consider applying for these grants. Previous recipients have assisted in constructing schools in Thailand, helping mothers in Mexico and doing other worthwhile projects in many countries around the world.

Former board member, Joe DeBlasi handles our Kiwanis Across Borders applications. For an application contact Joe at Joe DeBlasi, 12932 Falcon Ridge Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375, (623) 214-7346.

## Student Recognition Program

The Student Recognition Program is designed to reward students in Southwest District Mid-Schools and High Schools for their self improvement. Each month, or quarter, a student at the school will be chosen by a faculty committee as the "Most Improved" student and will be recognized. An annual winner will also be selected. An additional award for the full-year winner will be an engraved plaque. The criteria for selection should be based on Attitude, Behavior, School Involvement, and Civic Involvement. Grades and Part-Time Employment should also be considered. The monthly Award includes a certificate, a "Kiwanis Student of the Month" bumper sticker, a meal and recognition at the sponsoring Kiwanis Club, and a Foundation pen.

To establish a program for your club, contact:

Paul Gonnerman  
Student Recognition Chairman  
1308 N Matterhorn  
Payson, AZ 85541  
928.474.5284

## Independence Key Club at Phoenix Rescue Mission

The Sun City/Agua Fria Kiwanis Club supports the Independence High School Key Club. I am the adviser to this Key Club and it has been a pure pleasure to know them and to see their volunteer efforts. Today, I went to the Phoenix Rescue Mission to help out and be an adult supervisor.

Joe Beloit, President of the Key Club, had come up with the idea of a vegetable for the Mission. The residents would be able to have fresh vegetables in their diet. When I got there, 10 vegetable boxes (each 8' by 4') were built and seeded. The Club was able to get the wood and seeds donated and spent about \$25 per box for soil, manure and mulch. In the future, they will expand the number of boxes and add fruit trees to the area. The residents will take over the watering, weeding, and picking.

Apollo Key Club and Greenway Key Club helped with the Garden. At one time 20 Key Clubbers were working on the project at one time during the building time from Monday till today (Thursday). Today there were 6 members and myself! The key Clubbers gave up time from their spring vacation to help the Mission project.

Matt Pamper, the school adviser, had given Joe \$40 for lunch. We ate at Jacks and I had two pages of coupons. I kidded with the Clubbers about them waiting in line clutching coupons like citizens of Sun City. Joe ordered first and passed the remaining money to the person behind him and so forth. There was a little change left.

I am very proud of the Key Clubbers and value their friendship! Ron Yankowski, President

# Glowball Golf Tournament

## Kiwanis Club of Westgate-Glendale

### Glowball Golf Tournament

Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – Desert Mirage Golf Course

\$45 per person includes BBQ dinner and 9 holes of golf

\$50 at the door, dinner/registration begins at 7pm

8pm shotgun start, register with any of our members

**Prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams**

**\*Walking course only**

**There will be a 50/50 Drawing and Raffles**

**Proceeds to benefit Kiwanis Club of Westgate-Glendale Charities**

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#### INDIVIDUAL or TEAM Registration Form

Team

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact person (for team): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Individual: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ MEAL only, (\$15): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

FOURSOME: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Names: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Register by May 6<sup>th</sup> for discounted rate Cash or Check  
Please make check payable to Kiwanis Club of Westgate-Glendale

Please contact Harry at (602) 999-4696 to register or for additional information



<http://www.facebook.com/kiwanisofwestgate>

## Kiwanis Southwest District 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Covention

Mark your calendar for August 5 - 7, 2016 for the 98th Annual Southwest District Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Under the leadership of Past Lieutenant Governor Don Levine an interesting event with entertainment is being planned for the 98th Annual Southwest District Convention which will be held at the Embassy Suites located at 1000 Woodward Place NE in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Room rate is \$114 + 13% tax (subject to change). This includes your suite, cooked breakfast, and Happy Hour.

Registration will be done online this year using the link that will be provided in the next couple of days. The cost will be \$115 if you register by June 24th and pay by check. You have the option to pay by credit card for a small fee. The Registration Fee includes the Friday night banquet, the Saturday luncheon, the Saturday banquet, a program, admittance to workshops, and a convention T-shirt. Extra T-shirts may be purchased for \$15 each.

For additional information and documents for the convention, please go to [swdkiwanis.org](http://swdkiwanis.org), go to the menu, and click on the tab for District Convention.

## Call for Convention from the Co-Chairs

The theme for the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual District Convention to be held at the Embassy Suites in Albuquerque on August 5-7 is "A New Century of Service." So, you are going to hop into the Kiwanis time machine and travel on Saturday morning where no one has gone before.

Before that happens, we will get started on Friday by expanding on the I-Plan. You'll see a Partnership that is developing and one that will be easy to duplicate. Find out why our image is so important and what is being done to enhance it!

The educational forums on Saturday will reflect what you have been asking for....Something new and different.

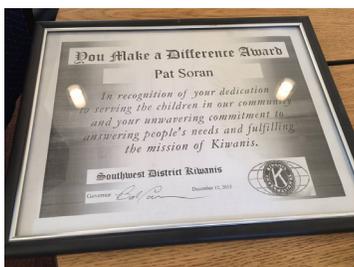
STOP THE PRESSES! All registrations will be online and you will be able to use your credit card or check. When you register for the full conference, you will receive a free t-shirt. We want you to wear it on Saturday to show your Kiwanis pride.

We look forward to seeing you in Albuquerque!

The Convention Committee  
Don and Maple Levine Co-Chairs

## Kiwanian Patrick Soran Honored with the Governor's Award

Kiwanian Patrick Soran was honored with the Governor's Award for outstanding service. Patrick (Pat) has been involved in major Kiwanis projects for many years. He designs the Fourth of July Fireworks show in Los Alamos County, has cretaed or improved several county playlots, and is Santa at the Annual Breakfast with Santa event in Los Alamos.



## Southwest District Kiwanis Foundation Says Thanks

Thanks to all the Kiwanis Clubs that support SWDK Foundation and Kamp Kiwanis. We still need donations to pay for the bathroom remodel project. If you would, please consider donating your time and money. Thanks.



Another view of the Horseshoe Courts with benches.



Southwest District Foundation President Bob Kay and friend.



One of the volunteers that helped with the clean-up.

## Governor's Call to Convention



# CALL TO CONVENTION

## Celebrate our 101st Year of Kiwanis

Fellow Southwest Kiwanians:

First Lady Alma and I invite all Southwest District K-Family members and guests to the 98th Annual Southwest District Convention August 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> in Albuquerque, NM. It is time again to visit with old friends and make new ones, elect new officers and celebrate our 101<sup>st</sup> year of Kiwanis service.

Kiwanis in the Southwest have made a great impact on our communities, particularly the kids. We know that now, more than ever, Kids Need Kiwanis and Kiwanis Need Kids. This is part of the theme for next year, which we will learn much more about at our convention.



The fun begins on Friday morning with the Southwest District Board meeting & the Southwest District Foundation Board meeting. Come and see how your boards work for your Kiwanis clubs and Kamp Kiwanis. Friday afternoon, we start classes on how you can grow your clubs through Inspiration, Impact, Image and Investment. The opening reception and dinner top off the day followed by fellowship and conversation.

Saturday morning will feature a special guest speaker, then we start on Kiwanis Education! The Student Recognition Luncheon will present leaders and speakers representing our SERVICE LEADERSHIP PARTNERS. Afternoon classes will be followed by our House of Delegates.

We will close on Saturday evening with the retiring of the current board members and the installation of the newly elected 2016-2017 Southwest District Governor, Governor Elect and Lieutenant Governors. So come and help us celebrate another great year of serving the children of our communities.

Don't forget to bring exciting and fun items for the Roadrunner's Silent Auction.

Yours in Servant Leadership,

*Bob Carson and First Lady Alma Carson*  
*Governor of the Southwest of Kiwanis International*  
 2015 - 2016

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## Dates To Remember

May 14, 2016	Governor's Visit Division 17
May 20–22, 2016	Lieutenant Governor Education Conference — Kamp Kiwanis
May 31, 2016	Lieutenant Governor Report #3 Official Club Board Meeting Visits due
Jun. 1, 2016	Club Election Reports— Kiwanis One
Jun. 23–26, 2016	Kiwanis International Convention — Toronto, Ontario, Canada
July 6–10, 2016	Key Club International Convention - Atlanta, GA
August 5–7, 2016	Southwest District Convention — Embassy Suites, Albuquerque, NM, Classes begin — 1: 00 p.m.
August 5, 2016	District Board Meeting — 8:00 a.m.
August 5, 2016	Foundation Board Meeting — 9:30 a.m.
Sept. 1–30, 2016	Finish up reports for clubs, divisions
Sept. 30, 2016	2015-16 Administrative Year Ends

The Kiwanis Southwest is the official publication of the Southwest District of Kiwanis International. The Kiwanis Southwest is published six times a year.

Share your story! Articles of 200—250 words may be submitted on your club's service projects and membership successes. Pictures are appreciated. Email documents to [swdkiwanis@qwest.net](mailto:swdkiwanis@qwest.net).

### Submission Deadlines:

March 2015 Issue: February 15<sup>th</sup>  
May 2015 Issue: April 15<sup>th</sup>  
July 2015 Issue: June 15<sup>th</sup>  
September 2015 Issue: August 15<sup>th</sup>  
November 2015 Issue: October 15<sup>th</sup>

Kiwanis International started in 1915 and the Southwest District was established in 1918 after the clubs in El Paso, Texas, Phoenix, Arizona, and Albuquerque, New Mexico were formed. Ninety-two years later, the Southwest District remains active with 15 divisions and 105 clubs in Arizona, New Mexico, and El Paso, County, Texas.

Kiwanis is an outstanding service organization dedicated to making the world a better place for the children. By working together we truly can make a difference in the lives of children within the Southwest District and world-wide.

**Local People**

**Making a Local  
Difference**

**Kiwanis**