Welcome to Kiwanis!

This is a picture of the sculpture outside the Kiwanis International headquarters in Indianapolis, IN.
Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

The defining statement of Kiwanis International offers a quick and thorough answer to the question “What is Kiwanis?”

The more the community understands Kiwanis, the more they will want to join us. The more members we have, the more hands to be of service, thus the greater our impact in our community.
Our motto says it all….we are here to serve the children of the world. Our clubs do this by working in communities to better the lives of children through service projects and fundraising. Each year, our clubs sponsor more than 152,000 service projects, devoting more than 19 million hours to service. Our members also are fundraising to support those projects. We raise more than 133 million US dollars every year to fund our projects. So as you can see, our members adopt our motto and live it in their daily lives.

All figures approximate as of December 2019, and subject to change.
So, we are here to improve lives around us. And in doing so, we enjoy the fellowship of others in our community who are like-minded. But our community is not alone in this mission. While our club directly impacts our community, there are more than 7,300 clubs in 85 nations and territories. Together, our efforts are changing the world we live in. Kiwanis International has been doing this for more than 100 years and is more impactful than ever. We say kids need Kiwanis because Kiwanis is in the community to help meet the needs of children. Our clubs step in when county, city or school budgets are reduced and programs are cut. We help with book projects, food projects, playgrounds – everything a kid needs to be able to thrive, prosper and grow.
CLUB LEVEL It all starts with members in a club. Every club has a few things in common. For example, clubs have a president, vice president(s), secretary and treasurer. Clubs may also have other leadership positions, such as committee chairs.

DIVISION LEVEL Each club is clustered together with clubs in the area to form a division. Divisions are overseen by a lieutenant governor, who is a representative of the district board (see “District” category below). The number of divisions and lieutenant governors varies by district.

REGIONS The Carolinas District has grouped 1 – 3 divisions into regions. (This is not shown on the graphic from KI b/c not all districts have regions.

DISTRICT LEVEL A district is made up of several divisions. There are currently 50 districts and provisional districts within Kiwanis International. Some include only one state (example: Kansas District) or country (example: Malaysia District), while others are made up of multiple states (example: Minnesota-Dakotas District) or countries (example: Switzerland-Liechtenstein District). The rest are made up of geographical regions (example: Pacific Northwest District). Each district is led by a governor who is elected with the rest of the executive board at the district’s annual convention. The district’s executive board includes a governor, secretary and treasurer (or combined secretary-treasurer). Other board positions include the lieutenant governors and district chairs.

INTERNATIONAL LEVEL All 50 districts and provisional districts, as well as Kiwanis
nations that don’t fit into any district, make up Kiwanis International. Currently, there are Kiwanis clubs in approximately 85 countries and geographic territories. Each year, delegates at the Kiwanis International convention elect members and officers of the Kiwanis International Board, which includes a president, president-elect, vice president, past president and 15 trustees. The international trustees work with the districts, similar to how lieutenant governors work with divisions.
The first Kiwanis Club in the Carolinas District was officially completed on August 11, 1919, at Asheville, NC, with a charter membership of 100. The charter was presented October 14. The Charlotte, NC club was next completed August 27, the charter presentation being October 16, 1919, and the third club at Greenville, SC, September 30 of the same year. Their charter was presented October 17, 1919. The Carolinas District was organized January 12, 1920 at Chattanooga, Tennessee. At that time there were only seven clubs in the district. With the establishment of several clubs in the Tennessee District in 1919, the board of trustees added the existing Carolina Clubs to the Tennessee District October 25, 1919, thereby forming the TennesseeCarolinas District. Since the Governor-Elect of that District did not act, the District never really functioned in this combined form. At a meeting of the Tennessee and Carolina Clubs existing at that time, the Carolina Kiwanis Clubs organized the Carolinas District on January 12, 1920 at Chattanooga, TN. Paul F. Haddock of Charlotte, NC was elected District Governor. The membership of the seven clubs in the Carolinas District January 12, 1920 was about 450. On July 1, 1939, there were 75 clubs with a membership of 3,472.
Quick glance at our District

The District covers both North and South Carolina and has 155 clubs in 22 divisions and 10 regions with 5,270 members as of May 1.
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Currently, the Carolinas District has a cottage at the Boys and Girls Homes of NC at Lake Waccamaw. In the past, the Carolinas District raised $ to have a “cottage” at Victory Junction Camp, near Asheboro, NC. Victory Junction is a medically safe, yet exhilarating camp, that challenges children who have a serious medical condition to try things they never imagined possible.
Our District’s Service Leadership Programs

# of clubs
K-Kids: 36
Builders Club: 40
Key Club: 223
Circle K: 15
Aktion Club: 29
The Carolinas District newsletters CDNews and the Carolina Kiwanian get the emails for membership through new member adds. Every Kiwanian in the Carolinas has been added to this list serve. However, individual members can opt out of these publications. These publications come out every 3-4 weeks. Are you receiving yours?
The Governor and Governor-Elect are elected at the District Convention in August each year.
The District Secretary and District Treasurer are appointed by the Governor and approved by the district board.
The Carolinas District annual convention is scheduled for August 14 – 16. The board will be making a decision as to whether to cancel or not on June 8.
We currently have one person running for Governor-Elect for the 2020-21 year: Joe Crostic of the Southport-Oak Island Kiwanis Club.

About our District

**District leaders**

2019-20 Governor: Jon Hethcox, Columbia

2019-20 Governor-Elect: Chris White, Raleigh

2019-20 Imm. Past Governor: Greg McDonald, Southport - Oak Island

2019-20 District Secretary: Leah Moretz, Boone

2019-20 District Treasurer: Elizabeth Tezza, East Cooper, Mt. Pleasant
At each district convention (held in August each year) each club can send up to 3 delegates to elect our incoming officers and vote on important amendments. This will be the first convention where Trustees will be elected by the House of Delegates.

- **Clubs have 3 delegates to:**
  - Elect district officers and trustees
  - Amend district bylaws

- **Board of Trustees:**
  - Determines district policies
  - Approves district projects
  - Approves and controls district’s budget
The Carolinas District has a board of trustees, which, this coming year, will consist of 9 trustees, as well as the Executive Board which consists of the Governor, Governor-Elect, Immediate Past Governor, Secretary and Treasurer.

The district has a conference call with both the Lt. Governors and the Board monthly. The district board has four physical board meetings: 1) August 2) October 3) February and 4) August of the next year.
Finance & budget

Just as a club has an Administrative Budget and a Service budget, the Carolinas District has an administrative budget, controlled by the District Board of Trustees, and a “Service Budget” which would be our Foundation, made up of an executive committee which meets 4 times each year with the District Board of Trustees approving the members of the Foundation’s Executive Committee.

In the United States, Kiwanis clubs are classified as 501(c)4 organizations therefore, dues and donations are not tax deductible. The Carolinas District of Kiwanis is a 501c4 organization. Some clubs have 501(c)3 foundations that can accept tax deductible contributions. The Carolinas District Kiwanis Foundation is a 501c3.
Through September 30, all District and International New Member Fees are waived. After September 30, 2020, there will be a pro-rated fee at the district level.

International New Member Fee: $50
District Dues: $30
International Dues: $52
International Insurance: $17
Magazine: $8

**Presenter notes:** Include club, division or district benefits (i.e. district and club newsletters, education conferences, leadership education, social and networking experiences). Delete any content that is not relevant to your club and add additional slides if necessary.

Also note Kiwanis International member benefits found at kiwanis.org/marketplace
Kiwanis International celebrated its centennial in 2015 with a series of visits to districts around the world. Each of the districts built a playground, our way of giving back to the communities and giving children the gift of play. We’ve had more than 100 years of serving the children of the world and through clubs like ours, Kiwanis has maintained a reputation as an outstanding service organization.

The Carolinas District turned 100 in January. You are leading in the next century of Kiwanis.
The Kiwanis International Objects are our guiding principles. They were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 convention in Denver, Colorado. They’ve inspired generations of Kiwanians—and they still hold true today.

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
The Kiwanis Objects

- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.

- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.

- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill.

These objects are the driving force behind everything Kiwanis does. But it takes strong leadership to keep any group of people focused on the mission at hand. Kiwanis International supports a structure of leadership which helps clubs fulfill their primary purpose.
The Kiwanis Children’s Fund solicits donations directly from our members (via postal mail and sometimes via email). Share with the new member any other ways that the club also supports the Kiwanis Children’s Fund.

With the Kiwanis Children’s Fund, every gift matters. In fact, your generosity helps children in many places, in many ways. The Children’s Fund has five areas of support: disaster relief, SLPs, club and district service projects, The Eliminate Project and the sustained elimination of iodine deficiency disorders.

You can serve children today with a gift to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund – with the five areas of support, you can determine the area that you want to support.

You can even serve children forever—by including our fund in your estate plans. There’s no shortage of giving opportunities. To learn more, visit http://www2.kiwanis.org/childrensfund/about-the-childrens-fund#.WnDMZainHIU

The Kiwanis Children’s Fund:
• Supports the Kiwanis community on a global scale.
• Provides the recognition and publicity for club contributions.
• Provides money for matching scholarships to Key Clubs and Circle K clubs in your district.
• Provides grants to clubs and districts to provide service to children.
• Provides funds to support Kiwanis family programs at the International level.
This is Kiwanis International’s global campaign for children. Our goal is to raise $110 million to fight maternal/neonatal tetanus. Our clubs secure pledges and raise funds that are used by UNICEF to deliver the MNT vaccine in remote locations where tetanus remains a health risk. The disease has been eliminated in 44 of the original list of 59 countries. We’ve collected US$70 million in cash and continue to work to meet our pledge goals.

The Carolinas District has pledged to raise $3.5 million with $3,427,931.56 (98%) raised as of December 31, 2019.

More information is available at TheEliminateProject.org
We define Service Leadership as the next step beyond service learning. Once a young person fully understands the concept of learning by helping others, he or she begins to grow personally as a leader. Our Service Leadership Programs are a great way to inspire the next generation of leaders. The visibility of our Service Leadership Programs can also be a positive incentive for parents, teachers, school administrators, youth ministers, and others interested in the welfare of students.
Kiwanis partners bring value to your club by providing services and products that enhance our service and work in the community.

Kiwanis partners and resources: kiwanis.org/partners

**Presenter notes: (Read the slide)**
Kiwanis International believes in working collaboratively with businesses and organizations that share in our dedication to serving children. Here are some of our national partnerships: Landscape Structures Inc., for playground equipment; the Army; Scholastic Books; Nickelodeon, Boy Scouts, Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals – more information and a complete list is on the website at kiwanis.org/partners

Our partner’s products, services and reputation must:
- Be compatible with and complementary to Kiwanis’ mission and values
- Reflect a high degree of integrity
- Demonstrate a track record of high-quality products or services

There is nothing that prevents your club from partnering with a local vendor or organization that has common values and is working with your clubs to meet the needs of children in your city or town.
Conventions

- Due to COVID-19, the Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis was cancelled.
- The District Board of Trustees will make a decision June 8 as to whether the August District Convention will be cancelled.

Kiwanis International conducts an annual convention, which is held to:
- Elect International Board members
- Amend the International Bylaws
- Provide Kiwanis fellowship
- Provide Kiwanis education

Each club is allowed to have two delegates and two alternates. These delegates compose the House of Delegates and vote on the election of officers and new members to the Board of Trustees, resolutions, and proposed amendments to the Kiwanis International Bylaws. District conventions and conferences achieve the same objectives but at the district level. Some districts have regional meetings.
Wrapping it up

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We hope you will enjoy being a part of our district team enabling our clubs to serve the children of the world with the best impact.