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Greetings!

Happy holidays to everyone! Although most of the hectic days of getting everything and everyone ready to enjoy yet another holiday season with family and friends are almost over, it is also a very special time to reflect on a year that for many of us has been one of great joy as well as some of sadness and difficulties. For me, this year has to be a bitter-sweet time. My year as Governor-Elect and now as Governor of the great Carolinas District of Kiwanis has been and continues to be a time of great joy and a sense of great accomplishment. Without the many Kiwanis friends both new and old, I’m not sure if I could have lived through some of the most difficult personal times that I have experienced. Life is not always what we hope and pray for in making it a perfect world. I believe our Kiwanis world is one of unselfish caring and giving. There are so many Kiwanians throughout our District as well as throughout the world that are making a difference in the lives of young people and less fortunate adults. The total commitment to serving others has been overwhelming for me as I travel throughout the world of Kiwanis. I don’t even know where to begin to say thank you to all of you for the love and sincere devotion to countless others in these difficult times. From the Mecklenburg Kiwanians through their unselfish efforts in giving a young lady a new life that would not have been possible, to the Sandhills Kiwanis Clubs for their support of the Head Start program, to Aktion Clubbers, Key Clubbers, Circle-K’ers and all of our Service Leadership programs and all Kiwanians, I applaud the tremendous difference you are making in the lives of so many.

The Carolinas District is so fortunate to have the tremendous leadership qualities in District Secretary Wayne Adams, Administrative Secretary Leah Moretz, Governor-Elect Elizabeth Tezza, Treasurer Bill Clingepool, Trustee Stan Storey, Past Governor Howard Kline and all of the Past Governors and Committee Chairs that are committed to making our District the very best. The spouses of these individuals are wonderful, loving people who are so supportive of all of us. All of these individuals have become my family and I truly love and appreciate them for allowing me to be a part of their lives. May our loving Lord continue to bless and keep you as we begin our new year!

**Governor David**

**PS:** After writing this article, I have just received a message from the Mecklenburg Kiwanis Club telling us that our little girl, Rashale Arana, passed away today, December 22, 2008. All of us that had the opportunity to meet and know her are deeply hurt over this sad news. Rashale had returned from Savannah, Georgia in the last two weeks where she had been fitted with a prosthetic leg. She said she was looking forward to running a marathon one day. My sincere appreciation, love and prayers are with not only her family but the numerous medical staffs, the Mecklenburg Kiwanians and all of those that were a special part of her brief but beautiful life. Her infectious smile and sweet personality will continue to live in our hearts.
January 30-31, 2009 * Charlotte University Hilton

Calling ALL Kiwanians! Calling ALL Kiwanians!

You’re invited to the MidYear Conference in Charlotte, January 30-31, 2009. Escape the boring winter blues, and enjoy great Kiwanis fun and fellowship. The Charlotte University Hilton will host the 2009 Carolina Kiwanis MidYear Conference. We’ve set our sights on a minimum of 400 Kiwanians. So, what’s in it for you? Not only will you learn more about Kiwanis, you’ll fellowship with your Kiwanis friends across North & South Carolina as well as other visiting Kiwanians. You’ll learn more about why you want to be more involved in Kiwanis, as well as have some fun!

AGENDA (Tentative)

FRIDAY January 30, 2009
12:30 —7:00 pm Registration
11:00—12:30 pm District Board Meeting
1:00 - 5:00 pm Earlybird CLO (Registration Page 5)
2:00—4:00 pm District Foundation Board Mtg
DINNER ON YOUR OWN
7:30 pm Opening Session w/ Dessert Social

SATURDAY January 31, 2009
Breakfast On Your Own
8:00 - 10:00 am Registration
8:30 am General Session with Q&A
10:15 - 11:15 am Concurrent Forums I
11:25 - 12:25 pm Concurrent Forums II
12:30 pm Doors open for Governor's Luncheon
3:30 - 4:30 pm Regional/Divisional Council Time
7:30 pm Governor's Banquet*

FORUMS (Tentative)

TAG you’re it!
Are you a member of your district TAG (Together Achieving Growth) team or would you like to be? This interactive session will provide strategies for opening new clubs and strengthening existing clubs. You will learn the roles and responsibilities of the TAG team and a proven step-by-step process to make club building fun. You will leave the session armed with the resources and know-how to strengthen Kiwanis.

So You Want to be a District Leader
Interested in becoming a President, Lt. Governor, Trustee or Governor? This forum will answer your questions concerning the roles & responsibilities of each position.

Uptown Charlotte
Come learn how one of our newest clubs organized with close to 100 members and the unconventional techniques they used for membership recruitment.

High Impact Service
Would anyone in the community notice if your club disappeared? This workshop will identify service projects that will benefit your communities and have long-term impact on the children we serve. Bring your own ideas and join this discussion of what has worked and what has not in your club.

Leveraging Kiwanis Growth Using Service Leadership Programs
Service Leadership Programs can help grow your club. This workshop will introduce the new Kiwanian to Service Leadership Programs and instruct the seasoned Kiwanian on how to best utilize these programs for club growth.

Bridging the Generation Gap
Facebook, Text Speak, IM, ... How can we connect with today’s youth? What are the common threads? Does it sound like a foreign language when you hear today’s youth talking? Do you know what IDK, LOL or BRB means? If not, then you are not part of the Me Generation and most likely do not communicate via text messaging. This session will focus on communication between the generations. You will come away with the realization that we are not that different after all.

* There will be a drawing for a free registration to both the International and District Conventions—must be present to win.
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CLUB NAME: ____________________________ DIVISION: ____________

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CONTACT NUMBERS:
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EMAIL ADDRESS ____________________________

SECTION 4: CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fee includes all conference materials, convention program, use of Hilton conference facilities, Friday night opening session/social with dessert reception, Saturday luncheon, and Saturday night banquet with music and entertainment.

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*Please do not mail registrations after January 18th. All faxed or mailed registrations must be received by January 26th to be processed in advance. Otherwise, your registration will be processed on-site.

** There is no guarantee that food functions will be available for your attendance if you register on-site; seating and food service will be on a first registered basis until we have reached the maximum # we can accommodate.
SECTION 5: HOTEL INFORMATION FOR RESERVATIONS - $99.00 per night !!!

Hotel Reservations should be made directly with the hotel AS SOON AS POSSIBLE but the absolute deadline for a guaranteed special rate is JANUARY 7, 2009: CHARLOTTE UNIVERSITY PLACE HILTON (CALL 1-800-HILTONS or 1-704-547-7444)

To insure special discount of $99.00, plus taxes, per night, TELL THE AGENT OUR group rate code KIWAN and you are with the group KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL.

To register online, go to www.charlotteuniversity.hilton.com and click on reservations. Choose date to arrive (1/29 or 1/30) and depart on 2/1/2009. Click book reservation, and in the space called “Group/Convention Code” place the group code KIWAN to receive our special rate.

SECTION 6: PAYMENT INFORMATION * MAILING INSTRUCTIONS * REFUND POLICY
(Payment may be made by Credit card, Debit card, or Check/Money Order)

REFUND POLICY:
Refunds will be made for any registration cancelled in writing to the address below postmarked by JANUARY 10th, 2009. Any cancellations after JANUARY 10th will result in no refunds of the registration fee; in the event of an emergency, you may find someone to take your place, but the refund policy still applies. Substitutions will be accommodated. You are responsible for canceling your own hotel reservations.

DO NOT CALL THE KIWANIS DISTRICT OFFICE WITH CANCELLATIONS.

Mail Conference Registration to:
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Conference Registration
Carolinas District Kiwanis
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Greenville, NC 27858

OR
FAX YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO:
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Questions?
Call Scott at Registration Processing:
1-704-968-1051

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COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE FAXED TO 404-920-2200 UNTIL JANUARY 10TH, BUT IF PAYMENT IS BY CHECK THE REGISTRATION WILL NOT BE PROCESSED UNTIL THE CHECK ARRIVES;
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PLEASE DO NOT FAX YOUR FORMS TO THE KIWANIS DISTRICT OFFICE.
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Club Leadership Orientation

Who: Next Year’s Presidents & Secretaries
What: CLO or Club Leadership Orientation
When: Friday, January 30, 2009
1:00—5:00 pm
Where: Charlotte University Hilton
Why: To give incoming club presidents and secretaries an opportunity to prepare for their upcoming responsibilities.

Normally, this session is from 9:00 am—2:00 pm, but we’re holding a condensed version (with no lunch), and it’s FREE! —Sign up now!

CLASS LEADERSHIP ORIENTATION REGISTRATION FORM -- PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

First Come First Served —Limited to the first 75 Registered

Kiwanis Club___________________________________________ Div. ___________

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Please write on the back of this form any concerns you’d like addressed at your Club Leadership Session.
Send/Email registrations to: District Office, 7378 Junaluska Rd., Boone, NC 28607
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Growth

Growth Powers Service

By Sylvester Neal
Kiwanis International Vice President

My wife recently bought me a global positioning system (GPS) for my vehicle. I never knew how much I depended on her for directions and reading maps. I think she understood I needed help without her navigation and direction. Clubs trying to grow may be well served by using the GPS concept.

This concept was not mine. I was giving a program at the Kiwanis Club of Steilacoom, Washington recently on Diversity and Growth. On the weekly program was this term, GPS—Growth Powers Service.” I could not think of a better term to use for our reason to grow. Growth does power our service. Like any good Kiwanian, I am a thief. I give credit where I get an idea from, but sharing is a Kiwanis way of life. I am now using the GPS term on my email signature page.

I would like to share one of my most recent experiences. On a flight from Indianapolis to Seattle at 35,000 feet, I had a conversation with a young gentleman next to me about Kiwanis. I advocated the “three foot rule.” If you are within three feet of me, you are very likely to hear something about my passion—Kiwanis. This really works well on airplanes when you have a captive audience.

I found the young man knew a lot about Kiwanis. His father was a former Kiwanian and he seemed very proud of that. I simply gave him my Kiwanis story. I shared what Kiwanis meant to me and why I am so passionate about serving others, especially children. I gave him my card and invited him to check out our KI webpage. I asked him to give me a call if he was interested, and I would help find him a club near his home.

About a week later, he sent me an email and invited me to meet him for lunch so he could learn about clubs in his area. He works in Bellevue, Washington, about 30 miles from me. I took along a former Lt. Governor from that division who knew the clubs well in this area. Two days later, we attended a club in Issaquah Washington where his wife teaches school. I just read the club’s weekly newsletter and found he returned and picked up an application on his second visit. I told the club president that I would come and induct him when he joins.

Many of you have memorized the defining statement, know Kiwanis in and out, and have seen the power point presentation on the elevator speech, but still find it difficult to address strangers. Let me give you two of my favorite openings...

1. What service organization do you belong to?
   (This presumes that everyone is service-minded.)
2. Have you ever heard about Kiwanis?

This young man wanted to get involved and make a difference in his community. He would never have done this unless someone had asked.

On your next flight, try this out. Most people will respond, even if it is to shut you up and let them go to sleep! You will never know unless you ask.
Boys and Girls Homes at Lake Waccamaw was treated to an impromptu visit by Kiwanis International President Don Canaday on Monday, December 8, 2008. President Canaday was vacationing and visiting family in the Myrtle Beach area recently when he met Helen Locklear who now resides in the beach area. Ms. Locklear, a former Boys and Girls Homes trustee also has a home in the Lumberton, NC area where Don’s wife, who passed away earlier this year, grew up. As Ms. Locklear and President Canaday talked, they both shared their mutual concerns for children and Helen began to talk about her trustee role with the Homes and invited Don for a visit!

Upon arriving at Boys and Girls Homes, President Canady was met by the Homes President Gary Faircloth, Civic Club Coordinator Tom Lamont, and Vice President of Advancement Larry Hewett. President Canaday was able to spend a few moments with and have lunch with the Homes’ children who were on their school lunch break. Following lunch, a visit was made to Kiwanis Cottage on the Homes campus where President Canaday was provided information about the role Kiwanis and the Kiwanis family has plays in the lives of the children who come to Boys and Girls Homes. Kiwanis Cottage has been undergoing repairs in recent months and President Canaday was able to view the renovations, primarily to the cottage restrooms, that are underway at this time. The international president learned more about the Homes efforts for children, the establishment of Kiwanis Cottage and the efforts of Kiwanians to support the children who have resided in the cottage that bears the name Kiwanis. He also learned about the recent work of Circle K to provide finances and support the Homes through their District Large Scale Service Projects.

President Canaday then visited Boys and Girls Homes Leamon Rogers Memorial Chapel where he saw the pews and windows provided by Key Clubs, learned of Key Club programs “Keys to the Vans,” “Christmas for Children,” school supply and toiletry drives, and formal wear collection efforts for the Homes children. President Canaday was taken on tour of other areas of the campus too, viewing the Homes vocational building, school and farm/exhibition center where he was treated to some of the Homes pecans that are gathered from the numerous pecan trees that grow on the campus.

Afterward, President Canaday praised the efforts of the Homes and its staff, saying “This is God’s work. I am very pleased to learn about Boys and Girls Homes efforts to help abused and neglected children. I am especially delighted to learn of the efforts by members of the Carolinas Kiwanis family to be a part of this work. This is a true demonstration of how our caring for children is put into action.” Boys and Homes President Gary Faircloth thanked President Canaday for taking time from his vacation and family to visit the Homes. “To have an international president of Kiwanis International visit our campus and take the time to learn about our program is truly a remarkable event. President Canaday’s interest in children is evident by his questions about our efforts for abused, neglected, and otherwise on-the-street children and in his sharing stories about the work of Kiwanians that he has shared with us. We are deeply appreciative of his visit and encouragement.”

**District Project**

**Kiwanis International President Don Canaday makes unexpected surprise visit to Boys and Girls Homes**

KI President Don Canaday reviews renovations being made to the restrooms of Kiwanis Cottage on the campus of Boys and Girls Homes of NC. Kiwanis clubs across the Carolinas provided funding for the renovations occurring in the bathrooms.
Effort shares Christmas spirit

By Kathryn Kennedy
The Daily Reflector
Sunday, December 14, 2008

It takes a concentrated and coordinated effort to bring Christmas to 200 children. They arrive in shifts, loading up on pizza and sweets before caroling at high volume. Next there's a visit to Santa Claus, who asks about school, their behavior and their Christmas wishes.

Then comes the best part. Kiwanis Club “elves” lead them out to an open area and hand them a plastic sack full of individually wrapped presents — presents they requested through wish lists earlier in the year. “It's like a dream come true,” 6-year-old Keyuana cries, grinning and ripping wrapping paper off a High School Musical 3 sticker book. Remote-controlled cars whiz underfoot and razor scooters cruise by.

That was the scene Sunday afternoon at the Minges Unit of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Pitt County on Fire Tower Road. It's been about a decade since they began their Project Santa program, dedicated to making Christmas wishes reality for some of the area's most needy and deserving children. Local Kiwanis Clubs quickly got involved. “It's not just random gifts. We found out exactly what that child wanted and what they needed,” explained University City Kiwanis Club President Will Sneed. “For some of them, this may be the only Christmas they get.”

Sneed's organization oversees the fundraising and the gift-presentation portions of the event. They raised around $20,000 this year to ensure each child's satchel held $100 worth of goodies. The goodies themselves are purchased and wrapped by a team of women from the Greater Greenville Kiwanis Club. And there's nothing lacking. There are batteries for every gadget, helmets for every bike. “We try to fulfill every wish,” Dawn Broome said of her fellow shoppers. “We put a lot of thought into it.”

By the time everything arrives at the site, Broome said she’s just hoping every box has been ticked and everyone is in place. But she and the volunteers get plenty out of the experience, too. “Once I get here and see the smiling faces and the paper flying and the jubilee,” Broome said, “everything it took to put it together just melts away.”

They have remarkable memories — Kiwanis moments, Broome calls them — of years past: Weeping grateful mothers, a 9-year-old who had never had her own doll to play with before. Sneed recalled a young girl who stopped opening her presents halfway through. He thought she was saving some for Christmas morning, which many children do. But she quickly corrected him. The remaining gifts were for her little sister, she said.

“It’s a phenomenal community thing,” Sneed said. “We're just blessed to give it out.” Like many other non-profit and charity groups hurting under current economic conditions, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Pitt County are hoping to trim budgets without cutting back on services during the next fiscal year. But this Project Santa was as much a success as those held during more prosperous years.

“I was a little nervous, to be honest, when we first sent out the letters (requesting donations),” said Executive Director Jay Faron. “But for the most part, the names are the same. There are still generous people out there, even in these times.”
Holiday Cheer Around the Carolinas

The **Hickory Golden K Kiwanis Club** served a pre-Thanksgiving meal to residents of the Salvation Army Shelter and others on Sunday, November 24. Over 75 people enjoyed a full Thanksgiving turkey dinner served by 15 volunteers. The Golden K Club members bought and prepared the turkeys at members homes. The club received in kind donations of rolls, mashed potatoes, beans, slaw, cranberry sauce, cake and drinks. Much of this food was donated by club members and families, Shell’s Barbeque, Food Lion, Harris Teeter, Loews and Galaxy Stores.

On Wednesday, December 17, members of the **Kiwanis Club of Asheville, NC** and the **North Buncombe NC Kiwanis Clubs** combined to deliver over 1,500 flowers to 16 retirement homes and health care facilities in the local area. Asheville locations included Chunn’s Cove Assisted Living, Beverly Health Care, Emerald Ridge Rehab and Care Center, the Laurels at Greentree, and Flesher’s Fairview Health Care Center. Flowers also were delivered to locations in Mars Hill, Candler, Canton, Marshall and Weaverville. Making all of this possible, Van Wingerden International of Fletcher, NC, sponsored the project and delivered flowers to Havertys Furniture warehouse on Tunnel Rd for distribution by Kiwanis Club members. Christmas flower delivery is a Kiwanis Club of Asheville tradition. We try and bring a little cheer to those in need. We are grateful to Van Wingerden and Havertys for their enthusiastic participation in this project.

The **Bui es Creek Kiwanis Club** sponsored a family for Christmas this year. The family is composed of a single mother with a girl in the second grade and a toddler. The mother is out of work due to surgery.

The **Lake Norman Kiwanis Club** delivered 60 dinners (with their partner, Food Lion) to area families in need. This was double the number delivered last year. The meals consisted of turkey, potatoes, vegetables, yams, cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing, rolls and pie! (Pictured right)

The **Greenville Main Street Kiwanis Club (SC)** raised money for the Greenville Hospital System Virtual Toy Project and donated three boxes full of food toys and blankets to Child’s Haven as well as decorated the Ronald

The **Winston-Salem** club Christmas Party for approximately 300 special needs kids on December 12th. A magician and a clown entertained the kids while Santa Claus presented a gift and a “goody bag” to each of the kids.

**Simpsonville** held their annual Christmas dinner for the underprivileged kids feeding around 160 people, including a special appearance by Santa with toys; **Fountain Inn** collected clothes and food for the James Monroe House which meets the needs of 130-150 families each day; the **Upstate AKtion club** made cards for our soldiers and for an orphanage; the **Greater Clemson club** which, with just 8 active members, adopted 40 kids to buy for this Christmas, and the **Anderson Golden K** (who just celebrated their 30th anniversary) assisted Salvation Army and ringing bells and also providing funds for the needy in the Anderson area.

The **Pembroke Kiwanis club** and Mrs. Santa Claus made a surprise visit to Pembroke Elementary School’s Mrs. Portia Penny’s third grade class on Thursday, December 18, 2008, during the classes Christmas party.

Santa visits the **Kiwanis Club of Georgetown SC** as the club entertains nine special needs kids from a local elementary school. (Pictured left.)
The Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville held its Annual Salute to Agriculture on Friday, November 21st at the Crown Expo Center. Special guests included 2nd District Congressman Bob Etheridge who serves on the Agriculture, Budget and Homeland Security Committees and Larry Wooten, President of the NC Farm Bureau.

For more than thirty (30) years the Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville has held this Annual Salute to the Agriculture community. Agriculture community leadership joined Kiwanis Club of Fayetteville members as we honored the 2008 Hall of Fame inductee into the Cumberland County Agriculture Hall of Fame and the Young Farmer of the Year.

There were approximately 200 people in attendance.

The Aiken Kiwanis Club presented 150 children’s books in December 2008 to Mental Health America’s Welcome Baby program to provide new books for babies born in Aiken County. A major initiative of Kiwanis is the Read Around the World program which focuses on sharing the joy of books with children. Pictured at the book presentation (left to right) are Kathryn Fowler and Robert Schwartz with the Aiken Kiwanis Club with Constance Shepherd and Randi Parker with Mental Health America.

Pawleys Island Kiwanis collected over 100 stuffed animals to be used by the county sheriff’s department when dealing with kids in traumatic situations such as accidents and domestic violence. This is the third year for the program.

The Hillsborough Kiwanis Club was presented with the Helping Hand Award for 2008 from the Hillsborough Chamber of Commerce. The Helping Hand Award is given to an organization, an individual, a business, a school or a non-profit that has volunteered their time and efforts to “give back” to the community. Nominees are judged mainly on their contribution to the greatest number of Orange County citizens.

Elliott Realty is committed to their community and was more than eager to partner with the Kiwanis Club of North Myrtle Beach for a year round food drive that benefits North Strand Helping Hand. A drop-box has been placed in each of the three (3) Elliott Realty offices and a memo is given to each guest in their check-in package that tells them they can bring any unopened non-perishable food items to the drop box as they check out. This food is then picked up by a North Strand Helping Hand volunteer and is distributed throughout our community to those in need. “We are so grateful to Elliott Realty for partnering with us” says Kim B. Dayvault, President of the North Myrtle Beach Kiwanis Club. “This is a reminder that it doesn’t have to be a big project in order to make a big impact on our community.”

Every day the Kiwanis Groups of Horry County make a difference performing countless projects to help our community. They have proven that one person’s actions of kindness are enough to make a significant impact on entire communities.
Area Key Clubbers and Kiwanians gathered on Friday, December 12th to host a Stocking Stuffing project for the Salvation Army. Together they collected enough toys, toiletries, and other items to fill 225 stockings. These stockings will be given to the children serviced by the Salvation Army through their Toys for Tots program. The clubs involved includes Apex Key Club, Athens Drive Key Club, Cary Key Club, Capital Kiwanis Club, Cary Kiwanis Club, and Panther Creek Key Club. We are looking forward to passing them out next weekend to the children and hosting this project again next year!

The K-Kids of North Myrtle Beach Elementary School show their commitment to our community by picking up trash around their school grounds once a month. K-Kids is an after-school community service club sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of North Myrtle Beach and Chick-fil-A.
Carolina Kiwanian

Governor-Elect Candidate

Todd Hildebran runs for Governor-Elect

As a new Kiwanis year begins, so begins my year as a running candidate for Governor Elect. I wanted to introduce myself to you. I first joined the Kiwanis family back in 1981 as a key club member at Sanford Seminole High School. It was there that I received my first leadership opportunity, Past Key Club President. I attended the Univ. of Florida in 1984-1988. I worked in corporate America for 15 years and then became a full time Realtor, Contractor, and Developer. My wife, Tracy, is a Nurse Practitioner and works in Salisbury, she joined Kiwanis over five years ago. We are both current members of the Salisbury Kiwanis club. I am a Past President and Past Lt. Governor. She has spent many years on the board and has been a major supporter of all my efforts. I am a Carolinas District Past Lt. Gov Council board member. I am also serving on a few board positions in the current Carolinas District board.

The history of the Salisbury club has inspired me to become the best Kiwanian I can be. The Salisbury club has had Past Governors and Lt. Governors. Salisbury and Fayetteville are the only two clubs in the Carolinas District with a Past International President banner. Belonging to a club that has such a proud history means that is up to this generation to ensure a legacy of success for the next generation. I have spent the last 12 years on the local board handling the Sponsored Youth and pushing our club to be known as a leadership developer of young men and women in Rowan County. We can make a difference even if it is only one child at a time.

I see a bright future for the Carolinas District and am looking forward to my “year” of service. I understand the importance of increasing membership, I hope everyone understands, I also have seen culture changes at two different corporations and culture change is what we must do. What is culture change? It is the change of attitude that removes the stale lunch crowd and invigorates the scene by adding challenges in service and excitement in the everyday actions. This will change our weaker club’s current growth mentality while we push forward with the new face of Kiwanis. The increase in numbers allows us to provide more service to our kids. The additional minds help us to expand our reach and delve into areas we haven’t yet thought.

The areas of sponsored youth, member education and the marketing of Kiwanis are areas that I would like to expand and ensure our success by gaining your support. We must try new things to get the next generation of Kiwanians interested in joining. We must focus on our Key clubs and stress our support and stop training the best Rotarians, but instead ensure of future by developing the best Kiwanians. How many members in your club know what your club’s key number is? Or, when your club was founded? Do your members know the difference between the Kiwanis foundations and why they are important?

Sincerely

Todd Hildebran
Salisbury Kiwanis Club
Candidate for Governor Elect 2009-2010
Capturing Your Bright Ideas

- **Greenville, NC** publishes pictures of their club’s award winners in their newsletter, highlighting their great service.
- **Southport Oak Island** and **Clinton, NC** provide a calendar of events in their bulletins.
- **Mecklenburg Charlotte, Clinton, NC and High Point** all publish pictures of their new members in their bulletins. **High Point** includes a biography with a list of favorites completed by the new members so that the club can know them better.

Sample sentences the new member completes:
- People would be surprised to know that I: ____________________.
- and I am known in the kitchen for my: ____________________.

To Whom It May Concern

My name is Sharmeen Sharpe, and my son was on of the many kids chosen for your Christmas Program.

I’m so thankful to the Kiwanis Club of Greenville, NC, you really came through for my son and I. Christmas was looking BLEAK for us, but my Prayers came through once again. I cried when I saw the great gift he received and the excitement in his voice.

I wanted to say to you THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR MAKING HIS DREAMS OF A GREAT CHRISTMAS IN 2008 come TRUE. There really are Angels and Nice people on Earth. I’m glad I had a chance to be one that knows.

Thank you,

Sharmeen Sharpe

Governor David Vaughan and Past Division 20 Lt. Governor Lee Furr, ringing the bell for Salvation Army donations at Wal-Mart in Florence, SC on December 4

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

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