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The Carolina Kiwanian will be published eight times for the 2010-2011 Kiwanis year (this issue being the first).

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Dear Kiwanians,

I want to thank each of you that attended the conference in Charlotte. We had a great turnout for some early officer training and learned a little Kiwanis trivia. Saturday was full of training and speeches from young children advocates.

New service opportunities bring potential new members from every organization we impact. Grow your club by impacting children in your community.

The best way to grow your club right now is to have your President-elect and Secretary attend a CLO. We are also offering ACE, Achieving Club Excellence, a four hour club development program that helps to identify what adjustments may help your club’s growth and strength.

Our Key Club’s are hitting a full sprint towards the end of their year. Please communicate with your Key Club and assist with district convention attendance. If you are sponsoring a Service Leadership Program, please ensure their success by funding a line item into your charities budget.

By the end of March I hope every club has contacted a hospital to help out a child in need. If you are not planning on helping your local health center, we would like to know. The district will cover all gaps in coverage and we can easily add another site to the list if we know in time. Please don’t let the children in your community miss the fun. Contact Betty Moore to complete the map and fill in all blanks. Thanks for your support of this project, it is entering the fourth quarter and champions rise to the challenge. Let’s GO.

Thank you for your commitment to serving the children of the world.

Have a Happy and Fulfilling Year of Service. I am enjoying every minute of my travels. I want to thank each of you and your families that have extended such warm greetings and support.

Thank You,
Governor Todd
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$85,000 addition to Kiwanis Park will feature play equipment for children of all abilities

By Sarah Newell Williamson, Hickory Daily Record

The story of Zahra Baker touched the lives of many people in Catawba County. Hickory and the Kiwanis clubs of Catawba County are hoping the love people have for Zahra will help hundreds of other children in the addition of a park for children of all abilities. The two have partnered to add on to Kiwanis Park on Sixth Street, SE, with play equipment that Zahra would have been able to enjoy. The park currently has a slide, swings, teeter-totter, baseball fields and other equipment, but nothing for children with disabilities.

“We have some of the finest community leaders,” said Rudy Wright, mayor of Hickory. “There’s no one here that wasn’t touched in some way by Zahra. We want to honor her here for special needs children.”

The two will create an $85,000 addition to the Kiwanis Park, which will feature play equipment for children of all abilities. The colorful Playworld Preferred design includes three slides, a large tunnel, a climbing wall, a small gazebo and more. The new addition will be named the Zahra Baker All Children’s Playground, and will include a bronze plaque saying, “Zahra, you touched us. 1999-2010,” along with her photo. Kiwanis International’s mission is serving children of the world. Wright said he is glad Kiwanis stepped up — again — to help children in Catawba County.

“Since the passing of Zahra, I’ve had a number of people ask me if there was something to commemorate this young lady,” Wright said. “Kiwanis has scholarships and does recognitions of young kids. It’s about the kids.”

Steve Aaron, president of the Western Catawba County Kiwanis Club, said the Catawba Valley Golden K, Newton, Hickory and Western Catawba County Kiwanis clubs were interested in doing something in Zahra’s honor because of the impact she had on the community. Aaron said he knew many were asking how they could make the situation and the county better. Because Kiwanis is also noted for its playgrounds, Aaron said they were a natural fit to help create one in her honor. “Kiwanis has the expertise to provide leadership, when people make donations, to make sure they’re handled appropriately,” he said. Donations will be taken through June 30 for the park. If donations surpass the $85,000 needed for the playground, the money will be used for a scholarship in Zahra’s name, which will be handed out by the Kiwanians.

The park will be unique because, in addition to handicap-accessible park, wheelchairs will actually be able to get on the ramps and other equipment, Aaron said. There will be a sidewalk leading from the parking lot to the new equipment, and there will be special surface underneath the equipment that is cushiony, which is ADA-compliant, said Mack McLeod, Hickory parks and recreation director. Hickory and the Kiwanis clubs began working on the project last week. Playworld Preferred and the people installing the equipment agreed to give the city a discount on the playground equipment, McLeod said, once they learned what it was going toward. Once the order is placed, it will take four weeks for it to be manufactured, and about two weeks to install it, McLeod said. He hopes work on the park will be completed by the end of July.

Want to donate? All donations are tax-deductible, and will be accepted through June 30. Make donations to Kiwanis Playground Fund for Zahra. Send them to: Kiwanis Playground Fund for Zahra, P.O. Box 9572, Hickory, N.C. 28603
Fundamentally Yours

Every Pre-K though 5th grade student in Avery County Schools, Grandfather Academy and Crossnore Academy will receive three free RIF books of their choice this school year from the Kiwanis Club of Banner Elk. RIF books will also be given out at Avery County’s annual Child Fest this spring.

The stats:
Books - 4,250
Cost - $6,097
Cost per book - $1.44
Stamping Time – 1 hour 15 minutes
Books stamped per person – 224
Stamping Rate – 56.67 books per min

Add pages to your Kiwanis family album

When you hear the term “Kiwanis family,” you probably think of the other types of Kiwanis groups besides yours: Builders Clubs, Key Clubs and Circle K. But some members really take that phrase to heart, sharing their Kiwanis experience by involving their spouses, children, parents, siblings, extended family and friends in all levels of Kiwanis family clubs.

It’s natural to share the things you love with the ones you love. Volunteering as a family, besides passing along an inheritance of kindness, compassion, leadership and community involvement, also can enhance family relationships. For more about how five members have share Kiwanis through the generations of their extended family, check out the February 2011 issue of Kiwanis magazine starting on page 27 (and the story of our own Past Governor Russ Wagner on page 28). Then consider how the people you love might benefit from Kiwanis too, and bring both your families closer together.

A fun annual report? Who knew!

Yes, annual reports can be fun, at least at Kiwanis! Find out what other clubs are doing that you may not have thought of. What creative service projects or fundraising events could you add to your club? This free webinar session, Fun facts about the Annual Club Report, will review the success stories of Kiwanis clubs around the world and give insight into how your club can extend service and improve its membership experience. Join us for this webinar March 15 at 8 p.m. Just register at www.KiwanisOne.org/webinars. This webinar will also be archived online to watch later.
Our big event.

Your ticket to history.

The 96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Geneva is a unique opportunity to explore a place where history lives. And to be there when history is made. During the event, we'll launch The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus. Working with UNICEF, we'll end a disease that afflicts babies and mothers in 39 countries. Join us in Geneva for this historic occasion.

The registration deadline is May 25.

Sign up today at www.KiwanisOne.org/convention/registration.
Geneva

Where we meet

Kiwanians the world over all have at least one thing in common, besides their membership and dedication to service: They meet. Regularly. In all kinds of places. You probably don’t think much about the local Pizza Hut or public library where your club gathers, but have you ever wondered what a Kiwanis meeting looks like on the other side of the world?

Besides all the mom-and-pop cafes, banks, fire departments, hotels, funeral homes, hospitals, pubs, Boys & Girls Clubs, airports and members’ homes, Kiwanians are proud to gather in art galleries, curling clubs and even virtually on the Internet.

Norwegians likely meet in Kiwanishuset and Icelandic clubs get together at Kiwanishúsid (both Kiwanis houses). And for some Swiss, one club’s Kiwanis home is a real mansion called the Hôtel du Parc des Eaux-Vives. Kiwanians can get a close up view of the “castle” while in Geneva for July’s 96th annual international convention.

Though the external structures are varied, Kiwanis meetings everywhere share the same agenda: serving the children of the world. See some of the unique places where they do it in the February 2011 issue of Kiwanis magazine on page 18.

Your special Swiss tour guide

When you want to truly experience a new destination, skip the guidebooks. The locals are your best source for authentic foods, the hottest nightlife and the hidden-yet-spectacular scenery. And there’s no better local expert for Kiwanians headed to July’s 96th annual international convention than Geneva’s Lucie Wiesner. Geneva’s her hometown and favorite city, after all, and as the convention’s host committee vice chairwoman, it’s her job to make sure you enjoy yourself.

Wiesner says part of Geneva’s charm, besides the friendly people and spectacular lakeside vistas, is easy accessibility to shops, markets and dining. Hotel guests get free access to trams, buses and yellow boats called Mouettes; so, hop aboard to visit the CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research; a vineyard or the Cathedral of St. Peter, which offers the best view of Lake Geneva. Intrigued? Take a tour online at www.KiwanisOne.org/convention.

You can now buy the Geneva Souvenir Shirt unveiled at the Midyear Conference. The long sleeve dark gray t-shirt has a specially designed crest with the Swiss flag and the state emblems for NC and SC along with Geneva 2011 on the left sleeve. Besides being a great travel shirt it makes a wonderful souvenir for our conventioneers, their friends and families who always ask, “what did you bring me”. The cost is $16.00 and the proceeds go to cover the cost of the shirt and the set up, this is not a fund raiser. You have to order online, pay with a credit card and order by May 31. The sizes are unisex and they will ship by mid June. Get complete details and order through the link below. Contact On To Chair, Stan Perry with any questions regarding this promotion.

http://www.shop.scshops.com/category.sc?categoryId=19
Meetings monotonous? Make them more fun.

Have you noticed that your Kiwanis club meetings have lost a little energy? Has attendance slipped? Maybe it’s time to liven things up.

Sticking to an agenda and Robert’s Rules of Order are fine but if your meetings are more predictable than inspirational, you’re missing a chance to connect and engage members as individuals and build friendships. The Brooksville, Florida, Kiwanis club inducts new members at pajama parties. They play trivia games in Normal, Illinois, and Marietta, Georgia, but if your meetings are more predictable than inspirational, you’re missing a chance to connect and engage members as individuals and build friendships.

Kiwanians start meetings with “sunshines”: quick stories or jokes to get folks laughing and provide a release from workday stress.

Each club has a personality, so you’ll know what’s fun and crazy and what may make things too uncomfortable. Stick to the fun and crazy.

For ideas on how to shake things up a bit, consult your local K-Kids, Builders, Key Club or CKI club. Their creativity and sense of adventure might be just what you need. Also check out “Find Your Inner Child” in the February 2011 issue of Kiwanis magazine, page 36. You’ll also find meeting activity cards at www.KiwanisOne.org/fun. If you have some great meeting activity ideas, e-mail them to magazine@kiwanis.org. Your ideas may end up on activity cards.

**District Board Meeting Summary**

- The District Secretary’s Report and District Treasurer’s Report were approved as presented.
- After much discussion the board passed the amended proposal to increase district dues by $10 per member beginning October 1, 2011.
- The board approved the fee and application for the District Life Member Award.
- The board approved the following policy:
  - Current and Past District Projects (as well as district committees and service leadership programs) may place articles in district publications up to once a month, including links to their own websites, instead of being given access to club officer contact information.
- The board approved the name change of Division 7 Kiwanis Club of Pineville South Mecklenburg to the Kiwanis Club of Ballantyne.
- The board approved Elizabeth Tezza and Tom Dimmock as the co-chairs for the World Service Project: MNT.
APPLICATION FOR DISTRICT LIFE MEMBER STATUS

Life Member Status provides a unique opportunity for acknowledging Kiwanians who qualify for special recognition. Individuals who achieve Life Member Status are those who perpetuate the Objects and objectives of Kiwanis International. Recipients must hold active, privileged, or senior membership and must have been a member of Kiwanis for at least three years. A club may apply for District Life Member Status to honor its president or any other club member. A family or friends may apply through a club. A division may apply to honor its lieutenant governor or past lieutenant governor. A district may apply to honor a district officer, past or present. An application for District Life Member Status by a club or an individual is subject to the approval of the club’s board of directors and must be signed by the president or secretary of the club. District and division recognition must be approved, and application signed by the governor or district secretary. Applications must be made in the name of the individual who is to achieve Life Member Status, not in the name of the office.

Each member granted Life Member Status receives a plaque to display.

The cost of District Life Member Status is a one-time fee of $300 (15 times annual dues) payable upon application. Life Member Status is achieved and the plaque is forwarded when payment is received. (Please note: this amount is subject to change in the event District membership fees increase.)

Once District Life Member Status has been achieved, the member’s club will never again be required to pay District dues for that member. District Life Member Status has no effect, however, on payment of liability insurance, the subscription to Kiwanis Magazine, or club and international dues.

Presentation Date ___________________________ (Please allow four weeks for processing and delivery.)

Division _____  Club ________________________________ Key # _______  State _______

Name of applicant:_____________________________________________________________________
Kiwanis history of the applicant (offices held in club, division, district and other Kiwanis clubs in which the applicant has held membership, if any): __________________________________________________________________________

Certification of approval (one signature required):  __________________________________________
District Governor, District Secretary, Club President or Club Secretary

Upon approval, please forward mementos to the following address (NO PO Boxes):

Name:_______________________________________________________________________________
Shipping Address (NO PO Boxes)__________________________________________________________
City: _____________________________________________  State: ___________  Zip: _____________
Payment by Visa, MC or Check (made payable to Carolinas District Kiwanis) TOTAL DUE: ______________
Payment type (please choose one):   VISA    MASTERCARD    CHECK
If paying by VISA or MASTERCARD:  Cardholder Name: ________________________________________
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Cardholder Billing Address: _______________________________________________________________

By signing below, I authorize the Carolinas District of Kiwanis to process funds from this credit card.

Cardholder Signature:__________________________________________________________

QUESTIONS:  Call 800-739-1827    or email: districtoffice@carolinakiwanis.org
## Webinars

More details at [www.kiwanisone.org/webinars](http://www.kiwanisone.org/webinars).

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<td><strong>FLIP Your Club</strong></td>
<td><em>F</em> is for Fun, <em>L</em> is for Learning, <em>I</em> is for Interesting and <em>P</em> is for Planning. Add them up and you get FLIP—FLIP your club, that is. Learn ways to renew your club—or go for an extreme makeover. Invite your entire club to participate or bring the ideas back to the club for implementation.</td>
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<td><strong>Adding Sizzle to Your Events – ENCORE PRESENTATION!</strong></td>
<td>Still doing the same old fundraiser, service project or meeting? Are members able to play their parts in their sleep? Then it's time to add some spice to your events. Come hear about great ways to add some sizzle and keep members coming back for more.</td>
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<td><strong>Retention: Till Death Do We Part</strong></td>
<td>Many members drop out of their clubs for perfectly understandable reasons. But most leave for reasons that could have been prevented. A strong membership development and retention program—and a club determined to retain members—can keep those relationships going for the long haul. An effective membership retention effort doesn't just happen. Learn the best practices used by successful Kiwanis clubs to retain active members.</td>
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<td><strong>Inclusiveness – SingleOut</strong></td>
<td>Inclusiveness is a practice that creates an environment where everyone feels comfortable, respected and valued. Closing the inclusiveness gap in your club: Where is your club with regard to your leadership commitment, turning practices around (+ including - excluding), and monitoring your progress. Inclusiveness leads to new members!</td>
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**NOTE:** All webinar times are listed in Eastern Standard Time.
Don’t miss Kiwanis One Day

Because Kiwanis One Day would definitely miss you.

On April 2, Kiwanis clubs around the world will make a positive impact. Think your efforts won’t make a difference? Think again.

In fact, think of the impact your club can have on your community. And the way your influence could be echoed in communities all over the globe. Join us for Kiwanis One Day. Because that echo will be a little stronger with everyone’s dedication.

Get project ideas, contest details and more at www.KiwanisOne.org/oneday.