**Carolina Kiwanian**

2013-2014 District Officers

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**SEND ARTICLES:**

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Dear Kiwanians,

The holiday season is now over and a new year has begun with renewed commitment to make our communities a better place using the power of Kiwanis. As I travel the District and talk with many club leaders, I have found one common ingredient in solving most of the problems presented to me by these club leaders, and that was membership growth. Outside forces cannot solve club problems. Club leaders must energize their members with one known fact: People do not join clubs; people join people doing meaningful things. Bring in a few new members. Energize and educate them about Kiwanis and turn them loose to bring in new members. Every Kiwanian should be ready to “Always Sell Kiwanis” (ASK).

The KI Board has approved a wording change to our defining statement, please update where appropriate.

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

I am looking forward to seeing you at our Midyear Conference held in Myrtle Beach on Friday February 7th through the 9th at the Embassy Suites on the Kingston Plantation grounds. The weather goddess owes me a favor. Therefore, I have ordered above normal temperatures with partly cloudy-to-mostly-sunny skies.

One of our District goals is to have all our clubs participate in contributing to BOTH KIF and CDKF at the $5.00 per member level. If a club already has the funds available, then the club can go ahead and contribute. That way a club can check this item off their list of Goals to accomplish this administrative year.

One new Kiwanis Club is being built in each of the nine Trustee Regions. If one is being built in your area and you would like to experience how Kiwanis is presented to a prospective member, then come join the team. Your Lt. Governor, in concert with his/her Trustee, would be happy to have you with them.

Safe travels; see you in Myrtle Beach.

Yours in Kiwanis Service,

Bill
Kiwanis Donates Dictionaries to HPS 3rd Graders!

Every student attending the third grade at Hickory Public Schools will receive the gift of a personal dictionary. This annual donation campaign, started locally in 2005, provides new dictionaries to children while encouraging them to learn new words so that they may enhance their use of the English language.

The Dictionary Project was created in 1955 in South Carolina and today, the Kiwanis Clubs of North Carolina and South Carolina raise funds to place dictionaries in the hands of all children. In some cases, the dictionaries are the only personal book owned by students.

Members from the Hickory Kiwanis including Bruce Blackburn, secretary, and Helen Devlin, past president, recently shared a personal distribution with the students at Viewmont Elementary School. HPS Superintendent, Dr. Walter Hart and Viewmont Principal, Jeff Hodakowski, celebrated with the students as they received their new dictionaries.

“We are so grateful that the Kiwanis Club sponsors this program,” said Hodakowski. “Students were very excited to receive their personal dictionary.”

Students representing the third grade during the special event at Viewmont included: Tymon Henderson, Ashley Trejo, Melvin Dula III, Na’Khia Sanders, Alex Annas, Benjamin Howard, Savannah Truong, Chloe Mumy, Chloe Rockett and Paige Devlin.
Kiwanis Club of Franklin Commit $12,000 to the Homelessness to Hope Community Project

The Kiwanis Club of Franklin has provided a commitment of $12,000 to Barium Springs’ Homelessness to Hope Community Project. This is the largest gift by a civic organization to date. The pledge will assist in expanding and improving services to teens in the seven western counties, and earns the Club the naming rights to the new shelter’s front porch.

“It is important for us to give back to our community, and the surrounding communities”, says Chris Brouwer, Secretary of the Club. The mission of the Kiwanis Club is to improve the quality of life for children and families worldwide. “Through Kiwanis International we have had global impact; we felt that it was time to significantly impact our own community by partnering with Barium Springs on this project, which will not only help children and families in Franklin, but also throughout the entire region.”

On September 27, 2012, Barium Springs, through a gift from the Nancye F. Markle Trust purchased a 6,300 square foot ranch home outside Bryson City, NC. Since then, the Homelessness to Hope Community Project has focused on gaining the financial support for the necessary renovations. After the renovations, the new facility will have nine bedrooms, a large kitchen for life skill lessons, counseling offices, and education space.

“Once the renovations of the new shelter are complete we will be able to provide a higher quality of care and increase those being served by 15%,” Kara Haney, the Director of Hawthorn Heights shares. Barium Springs has raised a total of $469,949 for the project to date; this gift pushed the overall fundraising efforts to 70% of the $669,508 goal.

Hawthorn Heights is the only runaway and homeless youth shelter west of Asheville, NC. Operated by Barium Springs, the shelter provides a safe haven for boys and girls, ages 12 – 17, who runaway, suffer from abuse and neglect, or are homeless. In operation for 41 years, the current facility is no longer safe or adequate for the level of at-risk youth served.

“For the Kiwanis Club to stretch themselves by making a multi-year pledge for this project is a testament to their commitment to their community” says Autumn Weil, Regional Development Office of Barium Springs. “Statistics reveal that many young people in the seven western counties are at risk of homelessness and extreme poverty. With community partners like the Kiwanis Club of Franklin, we work to overcome these challenges and provide a brighter future for youth in WNC.”

The North Carolina Coalition to End Homelessness reports that in the seven counties served by the shelter, up to 10 percent of the population is homeless, but of the homeless population up to 80% are children. The state also ranks Western North Carolina as having the highest number of child abuse and neglect cases, with Swain County holding the record of the most investigated abuse cases in the entire state.

Thank you, High Point Kiwanis

Thank you so much for the generous donation to the ALS association. It will certainly be put to good use. You almost know how to make a grown man cry. The life membership was also quite a surprise. When I joined the club at age 25 I thought only old people got life memberships. Now I am one. :-). Haha. Please send my heartfelt gratitude to the rest of the club.

Dan
Never Be Daunted
Member of the Kiwanis Club of High Point
On Saturday, March 29, 2014 there is a K-family event in Charlotte, NC at Time Warner Arena – Charlotte Checkers Ice Hockey Game beginning at 7pm. This is an opportunity to invite your entire K-community – Terrific Kids, K-Kids, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs, Circle K, Aktion and their families and spouses. And of course your own club members and their family, friends and associates!

Why support the K-family event on March 29th?
• Opportunity for fellowship with your K-family
• Enjoy the excitement of fast-moving hockey with great block seats near the ice!
• Meet your Aktion Club family as they enjoy their Mid-Year Conference (they start at 2pm)
• Get FREE promotion of your Kiwanis Clubs on the Jumbotron and announcements. And we will have one lucky Kiwanian ride the Zamboni during one the intermissions.

If you want to come early and eat dinner, join the K-family at Wild Wing Café in the Epicenter at 5pm at a special discounted rate!

Over 400 tickets near the ice have been consigned to the Kiwanis District. All clubs are encouraged to purchase between 10 and 50 tickets to resell or giveaway to members and friends in the community.

Contact Peter Rieke at kiwanisrieke@bellsouth.net /704-575-1993 for more info and tickets.

The History of Aktion Club


Today, there are clubs in Canada, Barbados, Malaysia, Jamaica, Bahamas, Philippines, Australia and the United States.
Dr. Wil Blechman
KeyNote Speaker at MidYear

Coming to the MidYear Conference Feb 7-9?

You will be inspired by our Keynote Speaker at our Saturday luncheon, Past International President Dr. Wil Blechman. A graduate of Yale University and of the Medical College of Virginia, Dr. Wil Blechman trained at the John Hopkins Hospital prior to entering the private practice of rheumatology in 1961. Board Certified in internal medicine and rheumatology, Dr. Blechman is a proud Emeritus Fellow of the American College of Physicians and the American College of Rheumatology.

Interacting and participating in rheumatology researches, Dr. Blechman, has strived to assist people for over 34 years. Noticed as an exemplary model in the medical field, he was nominated Physician of the Year in 1985 by the Dade County Medical Association. Learn more about Dr. Blechman here.

Along with inspiration, there will be education, and a chance for you to participate in your division and region. Saturday morning we will hold forums concerning our world service project, concerning growth and service concerning our young children. Caucuses will also occur where you will have a chance to hear from your Regional Trustee and Division Lt. Governor. Friday afternoon a Club Leadership Education Forum will be held for all Presidents-Elect that register.

Saturday afternoon we will hold longer forums for Club Secretaries, for those who wish to learn more about our Youth Protection Policy and for those who want a hands-on forum to create their own website.

It’s not too late to register! We’ve extended the deadline through January 23rd for both our hotel rate and our regular registration rate.

Learn more here and register now!
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CLUB NAME: ____________________ DIVISION: _______

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Kiwanis members can register a non-member guest for the full conference at discount rates (see table below), or just for the Saturday night banquet. The guest rate for the full weekend is either $125.00 (early bird rate) or $135.00 (regular and late rate). The cost of the Saturday night banquet only is $49.50.

SECTION 3: CONTACT INFORMATION FOR CONFIRMATION AND UPDATES (PLEASE PRINT)

NAME: ___________________________
ADDRESS LINE 1: _______________________
ADDRESS LINE 2: _______________________
CITY, STATE, ZIP _______________________
CONTACT NUMBERS: HOME __________ WORK __________ CELL __________
EMAIL ADDRESS _______________________

SECTION 4: CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES
Registration fee includes all conference materials, convention program, conference presenters and/or entertainment, use of Embassy Suites facilities, Friday night opening session/social with heavy hors d’oeuvres, Saturday luncheon, and Saturday night banquet.

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** 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 after JANUARY 17th until we have reached the maximum # we can accommodate. Please do not mail registrations after JANUARY 24th.
SECTION 5: HOTEL INFORMATION FOR RESERVATIONS - $108.00 per night !!!

Hotel Reservations should be made directly with the hotel AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! The absolute deadline for a guaranteed special rate is JANUARY 10, 2014. Rooms are subject to early sell out.

Embassy Suites Kingston Plantation Myrtle Beach (1-800– 876-0010, select Embassy Suites option)

To insure our Kiwanis rate of $108.00 (plus taxes and a 1/2 price parking fee of $4.00 per night) identify yourself by group code KIW. A FULL BUFFET BREAKFAST FOR TWO AND EVENING COCKTAILS (5:30 PM - 7:30 PM) IS INCLUDED IN YOUR SPECIAL RATE. If you have any problems securing our rate or a room:
contact Reservations Manager Patrice Gore at 843-497-7467, or by email to Patrice.gore@hilton.com OR
Kingston Group Reservations via email: Kingston.reservations@hilton.com

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

REFUND POLICY:
Full refunds will be processed for any registration cancelled in writing to the address below postmarked by JANUARY 17, 2014. We will not be able to accommodate any refunds for cancellations, for any reason, after JANUARY 17, 2014. In the event of a last minute emergency, substitutions will be accommodated. You are responsible for canceling or modifying your own hotel reservations.

DO NOT CALL THE KIWANIS DISTRICT OFFICE WITH CANCELLATIONS.

Mail Conference Registration to:
(AND CHECK IF APPLICABLE)

Conference Registration
Carolinas District Kiwanis
2008 Pinecrest Drive
Greenville, NC 27858

OR

FAX YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO:
(404) 920 - 2200

Questions?
Call Scott at Registration Processing:
1-704-968-1051

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR CHECK, MONEY ORDER OR THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THE AUTHORIZATION FORM TO THE RIGHT. REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED WITHOUT PROPER PAYMENT.

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CAROLINAS DISTRICT KIWANIS

TOTAL FEES DUE BASED ON PAGE 1:

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Cardholder Address -Required (Street Address)

Cardholder Address -Required (City, State & Zip)

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Credit Card Number

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   3 digit number code on back of card

By signing below, I authorize Carolinas District Kiwanis to process funds from this credit or debit card; I acknowledge that I have read and understood all policies regarding fees and refunds as indicated and agree to these terms and conditions.

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Amount of Charge

Cardholder Authorized Signature

COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORMS CAN BE FAXED WITH CREDIT CARD PAYMENT TO 404-920-2200 UNTIL JANUARY 27, 2014; PLEASE CHECK PAGE 1 FOR THE CORRECT RATES.
PLEASE DO NOT FAX YOUR FORMS TO THE KIWANIS DISTRICT OFFICE.
Incoming Club Presidents (who take office October 2014) or current officers who missed orientation last year, will have an opportunity to attend a workshop, which will prepare them for their upcoming responsibilities. Other participants might include club board members and board members thinking about running for President-Elect. **CLUB LEADERSHIP ORIENTATION, CLO,** will be held Friday at the MidYear Conference and this early-bird event is FREE. Does your club have a President-Elect ready for their orientation? The Carolinas District is hosting CLO Friday, February 7 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Kingston Plantation Embassy Suites. Registration begins at 12:30 with the workshop commencing at 1:00 pm. Topics to be discussed include: committees, meetings, membership, public relations and sponsored youth, among others. Mark your calendars now and come and meet your colleagues, exchange ideas and share successes.

**CLUB SECRETARIES WILL HAVE THEIR OWN FORUM SATURDAY FEB. 8 FROM 2:15 – 4:45 PM. THEY DO NOT NEED TO REGISTER HERE. STAY TUNED FOR A SEPARATE REG FORM FOR THEM.**

*Leadership Guides* will be distributed during the CLO. This is different than previous years, where Kiwanis International MAILED the guide to each club secretary in May.

**We must have 25 registrants in order to hold this event. Please register by **January 24, 2014** so that this event takes place!**

Feel free to add any concerns you’d like to be addressed at your Club Leadership Session.

To register complete the registration form below and mail to:
The Carolinas District Office, 7378 Junaluska Rd, Boone, NC 28607, FAX: 866-672-5992, EMAIL: districtoffice@carolinakiwani.org

**Direct questions to the District Office at 800-739-1827.**

Confirmation emails will be sent to all registered on January 27, 2014.

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**CLUB LEADERSHIP ORIENTATION REGISTRATION FORM** PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.

**Kiwani Club: ______________________________ Div. ________**

1) Participant : __________________________________ Title: __________________
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2) Participant : __________________________________ Title: __________________
   Daytime Phone # ___________________ E-Mail: ___________________________

3) Participant : __________________________________ Title: __________________
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4) Participant : __________________________________ Title: __________________
   Daytime Phone # ___________________ E-Mail: ___________________________
Bernie “Bernie” Grant
Candidate for Governor-Elect (2014-2015)
Carolinas District of Kiwanis International

Bernie Grant has been known as a printer and an H&R Block franchisee. But it seems he has always been a Kiwanian first, for 44 years, 35 of them with perfect attendance.

Bernie wears his Kiwanis pin with pride, always seemingly carefree and smiling. He’s never met a stranger in his Kiwanis travels. And he’s had plenty of experience traveling in Kiwanis circles, attending 17 Kiwanis International Conventions as well as more than 35 District Conventions and Mid-Winter Conferences and two international inter-clubs.

Mention the word Kiwanis, and Bernie is always ready to serve, whether at the local level with his beloved Kiwanis Club of Charleston or the Carolinas District level. His love affair with Kiwanis started back in 1969 at the old Francis Marion Hotel in downtown Charleston. That’s when Bernie attended his first Kiwanis meeting, a guest of long-time and now deceased Kiwanian Willard Silcox.

That initial exposure to Kiwanis and the organization’s work, both locally and globally, was enough to convince Bernie that he wanted to become a Kiwanian. Along with the fact that “The family thought I needed to diversify into other service organizations,” Bernie says. He could have followed in the footsteps of his father and uncle, both of whom had served as past presidents of Lions clubs.

Bernie has been a George W. Hixson Fellow since 1999 and is a Walter Zeller Fellow. He currently serves as the Lieutenant Governor of Division 21. He is a Distinguished Past Lieutenant Governor for the division (1992-93), and was a Carolinas District Trustee for Region 7 (2009-12). He has broad experiences heading up district committees for public relations, new club building, and membership retention. He has served as a Past Lt. Governor’s Council director twice and is currently serving as its treasurer. He was honored as the Division 21 new club builder for five years. He served as President of the Kiwanis Club of Charleston in 1984-85. He is a 40-year Legion of Honor member and has built or assisted building ten new Kiwanis clubs. He was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club of Bluffton/Okatie and serves as the club mentor for the Hilton Head/Palmetto Kiwanis Club.

Bernie opened his first H&R Block franchise in 1970, and was president of the Furlong Printing Company from 1973-1993. He served as chairman of the board of the Printing Industry of the Carolinas for 1985-86 and is a Lifetime Trustee of the PICA Foundation. He has served as a member of the Board of Visitors for Charleston Southern University since 2002.

Bernie and his wife Liz reside on John’s Island South Carolina. He has a son, Frank (31) also a Kiwanian, a daughter Jennifer (29) and a stepson Matt (34).
Kiwanis One Day

WHAT ARE YOU DOING APRIL 5?

Kiwanis One Day of Community Service is scheduled for April 5. This is the annual Kiwanis International initiative to involve all Kiwanians across the world in individual community service projects.

Just think about the impact such can make in but one day while drawing attention to our great organization throughout the world!

Kiwanis One Day is a part of our Community Service endeavors that Clubs are asked to focus on this One Day and gear up for something special. Regional Trustees are encouraged to have region-wide projects that bring together the members of each of the clubs in the respective divisions and to meld in with each or our Service Leadership Programs, or SLPs.

By way of but one example of effective application of this idea is Region 5's Clean Up/Fix Up Day at the Boys & Girls Home of North Carolina at Lake Waccamaw. With the leadership of Trustee Mack McLeod such has been a rousing success, culminating with a cookout and fellowship among members, SLPs and residents of the Home.

What to do? What to do? Firstly, the focus is on Community Service and such is not to involve fundraising although some do combine the two in different segments. Secondly, some clubs have set aside the first Saturday of April for an annual fundraiser. Not to worry. KI will recognize your club's event even if just before or just after the official date.

Speaking of KI, your Club is invited to send in your Action Plan to KI by March 15 for review and potential INTERNATIONAL recognition for your club's good works!

What type of project might be considered? The answer lies in the standard approach: assess your community, pick out a doable need to be addressed, plan and go to it. Many clubs seek out clean up/fix up projects. (After all, it will be Springtime!) In this regard, if a cemetery or roadside area is to be the focus, the municipality will probably furnish bags and arrange for a pick up of what is collected.

Hey - Don't forget the bonus to your good works: getting together with your fellow Kiwanians and tSLP members!

AND, please send me a summary of who did what and where with pictures for a future article featuring YOUR CLUB at lucharbo@atmc.net.

HAVE FUN - Charlie Bowie, Community Service Committee District Chair

Carolina Kiwanian 12
**Regional Meetings**

**GOVERNORS VISIT REGIONAL MEETINGS**
Governor Bill Clingenpeel will be visiting each region this fall!

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**Grow Baby Grow**

As we all know, membership in North America has been on a downward trend. We are about to change that direction. Kiwanis has allocated $4.1 million over the next five years to support membership growth. The approach is to strengthen our new club building structure and improve our ability to help existing clubs grow. This is being done with an organization similar to the Eliminate project. Our goal is to have a new club builder and two club counselors trained for each division. The weekend of April 26 all club counselors, new club builders, current LTG’s, LTG’s elect, and a few other folks will be invited to attend an all expenses paid training session in Atlanta. **I am looking for enthusiastic Kiwanians who also want to have fun. If you are one of those people, I would love to hear from you. Please send me an email at tcurrier@theupsstore.com.**

I’ll be at MidYear in Myrtle Beach and will have more information to share. Please consider helping our district grow so we can help more children.

**Tom Currier**
District Growth Chair
EXPERIENCE ANOTHER OUTSTANDING KIWANIS EVENT - A VACATION OF A LIFETIME

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You can experience a vacation in Asia while attending the convention at an amazingly affordable price!
A year of change—The Kiwanis International Foundational (KIF) board made a change to the way it will recognize individuals, clubs and districts for their contributions to KIF. In the past districts were mostly recognized for gifts from individuals, clubs and the district. More emphasis will be directed to the individuals who contribute to KIF. This change was effective with the beginning of the 2013-2014 Kiwanis year.

**WHY THE CHANGES?**

...Track record of “like” organizations shows most effective club giving based on individual giving.

...Combined recognition program results in increased, sustained annual giving.

...Individual giving is likely to grow more than club giving.

...Recognizing combined club and individual giving puts emphasis on individual gifts as key part of club’s total.

...Minimum of $25 per Kiwanian per year is a modest target for a club to achieve if individual and club giving both count toward the club’s per-Kiwanian average.

...Before, clubs did not receive much recognition for their annual giving achievements – most recognition went to the district.

...This plan rewards and recognizes the individual, the club and the district.

**Club Recognition**

To learn more about each of these levels of recognition, click on each link.

- **100% George F. Hixson Fellow Club**
- **100% Kiwanis International Foundation Sustaining Club**
- **Each Kiwanian, Each Year Club**
- **Top 3 Per Capita in Kiwanis Children’s Fund Giving**

**Club Banner Recognition**

These club recognitions are awarded annually at the end of the Kiwanis year, based on September 30 certified membership as determined by KIF. Recognition will be sent to the current district governor for presentation.
Devote at least one of your evenings to learning to make an impact on your club meetings, club website, community projects and Kiwanis members worldwide by attending these free webinars:

**January 23 - Plant the seeds: Succession planning**
Learn how to find your qualified and effective replacement. You can also coach club presidents toward developing their succession plans and creating a “leadership pipeline” for future leaders.

**Time to file club, foundation’s IRS Form 990**
The IRS Form 990 is an informational tax form that most tax-exempt organizations in the United States must file annually with the Internal Revenue Service. The form gives the IRS an overview of a Kiwanis club or foundation’s activities, governance and financial information.

Club and foundation treasurers are required to file one of three Form 990 reports based on gross receipts on the 15th of the month, five months after the end of the fiscal year. For example, if your group’s fiscal year ends September 30, file your report by February 15, 2014. You’ll find steps to follow and details about determining which form fits your group on the [Kiwanis website](http://www.kiwanis.org).

The [IRS website](http://www.irs.gov) also includes tools and resources. Kiwanis International does not have records of your group’s IRS history, but you can contact the Kiwanis International Office’s Finance Department by email at finance@kiwanis.org or call 1-800-549-2647, ext. 153 or 146, for guidance.

**Renew Service Leadership Programs Now**
Youth and adults with disabilities in Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs rely on the support of Kiwanis clubs to learn and grow. Don’t let your club’s sponsored K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K or Aktion Club go without the resources they need to succeed. Clubs not registered by February 1, 2014, will be placed on suspended status. Renew your club’s sponsorship now for:

- K-Kids
- Builders Club
- Key Club
- Circle K
- Aktion Club

Then rest assured that all your Kiwanis-family members will have what they need to become responsible servant leaders in the year to come. Don’t let anyone miss out! Renew today. Contact the Kiwanis Member Services team at 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 411, and at memberservices@kiwanis.org with questions.