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On the cover: Hickory Kiwanis gave out 408 dictionaries this year to all the third graders in the Hickory Public School system. The distribution began in 2006 and to date they have given over 4486 dictionaries.
The MidYear Conference was full of entertainment, education, celebration and networking! The weekend started with the 82nd Airborne Division All-American Chorus leading us in the Star Spangled Banner and then performed while having everyone captivated by their melodies and patriotism. The weekend concluded with an inspirational celebration of the life of our Past International Trustee and Past Carolinas District Governor Tom Dimmock. The slideshow and music were fabulous and Past Governor Stan Perry eulogized Tom like no one else could. And sandwiched between those moving presentations were very pertinent forums, a very successful 100th anniversary service project to help the children at Boys and Girls Homes of NC, and a whole bunch of relationship building. If you missed this conference you will need to mark your calendars for August 14-16 in Pinehurst as it will be even better! Learn more on page 17.

Your Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to have a district-wide 100th Anniversary service project. For the entire month of May, everyone will participate in a “food drive” with our goal being to collect 10,000,000 pounds of food. We are working with the Food Banks in both states to make this happen. Turn to page 11 for more information.

We are almost halfway through our Kiwanis year, but we still have work to do to achieve our goals. Growth With Service Is Our Purpose. The goals are listed below and I know I can count on each of you to do your part to help us accomplish our goals.

Cultivate – Help us establish new Clubs in areas we currently do not serve. Give yourselves a 100th birthday present by finishing the year at least +1 in membership. Volunteer to be a part of the Formula Team—contact your Lt. Governor, Trustee or myself for more info. Love It. Share It. Live It.

Eliminate – If you have not pledged to rid the world of Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus please do so NOW because we want to complete our $3.5 million goal now in the memory Tom Dimmock. See more on page 14.

Celebrate – Plan a special 100th Anniversary fundraiser, service project or banquet or all three. Strive to be a Distinguished Club as a present to yourself for your great milestone. We sent almost 200 Press Releases/Letters To The Editor to newspapers in both states that did and did not have Kiwanis Clubs. We received proclamations from Governor Haley in SC and Governor McCrory in NC proclaiming January 21, 2015 as Kiwanis Day.

Liberate – When each Club contributes at least $500 to the Kiwanis Cottage 50th Anniversary Legacy Fund Campaign we will make sure that the Kiwanis Cottage is operational for perpetuity.

Please go to the Kiwanis International website to see all the “fun stuff” planned for the 100th anniversary celebration and convention in Indianapolis. You will not want to miss being a part of history and also we are going to elect Elizabeth Tezza as International Vice President. We are long overdue for an International President coming from the Carolinas; the last one was J. O. Tally, Jr. from the Fayetteville Club in 1960-61.

We have several new club building sites identified and in the early stages of developing a strategy to open in those communities. Where will our next new club be: Clayton, Morehead City, Goose Creek, Pleasant Garden, Brevard, Yadkinville or a surprise location? I love surprises! (And I really LOVE surprises that will be beneficial to children.)

TOGETHER we can make a difference in our communities, the world and in the lives of the children we serve. While we serve, always remember to have FUN.

As always, thanks for all y’all do for Kiwanis and the youth we serve.

Yours in Service,
Coop
The **Kiwanis Club of Asheboro** recently hosted the installation banquet at Pinewood Country Club for Key Club Officers from Uwharrie Charter Academy. Conducting the installation was Nash Cox, Division Lieutenant Governor from Randleman High School Key Club. Featured in the photo left to right are: Nash Cox District Key Club Lt. Governor, Elizabeth Grimberg - Treasurer, Katelyn Tuttle – Vice-President, Darby Vereyken – President, Robin Smith – Faculty Advisor, Savanna Hicks – Secretary, Emily Johnson – Editor, and Asheboro Kiwanis Club President Dr. Charles Lee.

Pictured above are members of the Clemmons Kiwanis Club cleaning up their section of Hwy. 158, in Clemmons, NC.

The Hickory High School’s Key Club hosted a Faculty/Staff Appreciation Breakfast Friday February 13, 2015. This is an annual event where as the students go and solicit the merchants in the area for donations. They had more than enough food, juice and coffee for the entire staff of about 118.

**North Carolina Kiwanis Vanity Plate**

Display the pride of a North Carolina Kiwanis License Plate on your vehicle. Email name, phone # and email address to: nckiwanislicenseplate@gmail.com. Better yet, provide a sign-up sheet at your club and fax it to 888-203-8855. When we receive 300 requests (required by the NCDMV) an application will be sent to you. A fee of $10 will be added to your annual registration renewal— $40 for a personalized plate.
Pictured above are 2013-14 Distinguished Club Presidents at MidYear’s Saturday Night Banquet.

Seated L-R: Sam Crain - Waynesville, Bob Murray - Hendersonville, Lynn Deese - Black Mountain Swannanoa, Susan Jones - Boone, Claire Danner - Clemmons, Randy Davis - Gate City, Michael Cotten - Sandhills, Bobby Underwood - Hope Mills Area, Chris White - Raleigh, Vince Beasley - Sunrise Goldsboro

Standing L-R: Bill Clingenpeel - 2013-14 Governor, Charles Kay - Onslow County, Steve Smith - Topsail Island Area, Jim Bunch - Moncks Corner, Peg McDonald - Southport Oak Island, Doug Day - Chapel Hill-Carrboro

**2013-14 Distinguished Clubs**

Every Kiwanis Club in the Carolinas has the opportunity to become distinguished. The requirements are simple. In addition, every Kiwanis Club has the power to attain such a designation. The first step is for the club leadership to commit to becoming distinguished. The second step is the preparation of a documented plan. Club leadership must identify goals for each criteria specified below in their plan.

There are seven criteria’s and they are:

1) Club Membership growth \((\text{NET} + 1)\).
2) Sponsor or co-Sponsor a new Kiwanis club.
3) Club Officers attending Club Leadership Orientation.
4) Attendance in Conferences and Conventions.
5) Local Community Service \((\text{INCLUDING PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN})\).
6) Global Community Service \((\text{CONTRIBUTE TO KIF AND/OR THE ELIMINATE PROJECT})\).
7) Sponsor a Service Leadership Program \((\text{SLP})\) or contribute to the District Foundation.

Clubs must complete at least 6 of the 7 criteria defined above. These are not difficult criteria to fulfill. However, the club must have a plan and work that plan to accomplish Distinguished Club Status. Now is a good time to start working your plan. Record your clubs accomplishments of each criteria in KI’s Monthly Reporting tool. A vast number of clubs in the District accomplish a majority of the criteria defined above each year. Start now and check-off some of the criteria within the next two months. Some of them are simple to fulfill. Membership growth criteria is one item that will require leadership involvement and the entire club membership can help. Don’t wait until the last minute. It is easier to do than you think.

As your Governor last year, I am pleased to announce and list the 30 clubs that attained Distinguished Status for 2013-14 administrative year. They are in alphabetical order: Asheville, Black Mountain Swannanoa, Boone, Chapel Hill-Carrboro, Clemmons, Coats, Columbia SC, Fayetteville, Forest City, Gate City Greensboro, Goldsboro Sunrise Greater Greenville, Greenville NC, Hendersonville NC, Hilton Head-Palmetto, Hope Mills Area, Kernersville, Lillington, Matthews, Moncks Corner, North Brunswick, Onslow County, Pawley’s Island, Raleigh, Sandhills, Seven Lakes, Southport-Oak Island, Topsail Island Area, Waynesville, and Western Catawba County.

I congratulate the club Presidents and their leadership team on attaining the designation of being “Distinguished”. Job well done! - **Bill Clingenpeel**

*Note: Awards will be mailed to each club by March 20, 2015.*
Kiwanis leaders were in Manteo at the Care County Arts Council Building on January 26 to celebrate the opening of our newest Kiwanis club. Division 16 Lt. Governor Dr. Barbara Day as well as Past Governors Bill Clingenpeel and Doug Day, all club builders for this new club, were there to help lead the celebration. They had great admiration for the charter officers and members (a total of 20) and praised them as outstanding members of the Roanoke Island community. Twelve of the new members own businesses here and others work in business, educational and social agencies and community leadership positions.

Others in attendance were Rox Corbin, President of the Outer Banks/Kill Devil Hills Kiwanis Club along with former President Tom Saporito and Foundation Chair, Ron Cade. They came to offer support for the new club and to pledge assistance as the Host/Mentoring Club. They also presented a monetary gift to the new club.

Region 6 Trustee Harold Jones offered congratulations for the excellent manner in which this new club was launched and expressed appreciation to a group of excellent officers, especially President Allen Cook, and their forward movement. Les King, Chair of Education for the Carolinas District, with wife Connie, pledged continuing educational support and help as needed. Other greetings presented were one from International Trustee, Dewey Smith of Georgia, who congratulated the club for being one of the first Kiwanis Clubs in the new century of Kiwanis. Having just returned from Detroit where Kiwanians from all over the world celebrated one hundred years, the first Kiwanis Club being opened in 1915. He congratulated the members for being Kiwanians and charter members.

Governor Gary Cooper’s message focused on “Making a Difference.” “The children in your community,” he said, “just became the luckiest, as they now have each of you to help make their lives better.” He assured them that he would be honored to work with them on a service project. Immediate Past Governor Clingenpeel presented historical information, including books and materials designed to educate the club about the history of Kiwanis.

President Allen focused on guidance: “We need guidance as we function as a productive group to make a difference in the lives of children; guidance from our fellow Kiwanians who have joined us here tonight; guidance from each other as we all bring our own knowledge and experience to the club; guidance from the citizens of our community, the principals and teachers in our schools, the leaders of the organizations that work so closely with our children, Social Services, Parks and Recreation, the Health Department, and our churches. We invite all of the leaders and citizens in our community to provide guidance.”

Lt. Governor Barbara Day told them to be wise, be bold, be willing to take some risks and try new things. “Lead in such a way,” she said, “that our motto, Serving the Children of the World becomes a reality.

We also welcome the Kiwanis Club of Lexington, SC which organized on September 5, 2014. Pictured L-R: Region 8 Trustee Jon Hethcox, Immediate Past Governor Bill Clingenpeel and Charter President Brad Cunningham.
Congratulations to the following, who became Kiwanians December 2014—February 2015:

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Welcome New Kiwanians

Congratulations to the following, who became Kiwanians December 2014—February 2015:

| Club name                        | First name  | Last name \nHope Mills Area | Patricia | Edwards \nHope Mills Area | Brenda | Leidholdt \nHope Mills Area | Gary | Womble \nLake Marion | Malqueen | Rivers \nLake Norman-Cornelius | Jim | Christol \nLake Norman-Cornelius | Kevin | Harding \nLake Norman-Cornelius | Jim | Mooney \nLillington | Blair | Cox \nLillington | Nancy | Duffy \nLincoln County | James | McIntyre \nMint Hill | Melissa | Fields \nMorganton | Diane | Tudor \nNorth Brunswick | Jane | Crowder \nNorth Brunswick | Marjorie | Wallace \nNorth Buncombe, Weaverville | Carol | Young \nNorth Wilkesboro | Joshua | Ferguson \nNorth Wilkesboro | Laura | Revis-Hubbard \nOnslow County | Whitney | Cantrell \nOnslow County | John | Starzynski \nOxford | Victoria | Bradsher \nOxford | Lauren | Currin \nOxford | Michael | Currin \nOxford | Bettye | Currin \nOxford | Alton | Purvis \nOxford | Judy | Sumner \nOxford | John | Thomas \nPawleys Island | Anita | Baker \nPawleys Island | Patrick | Hill \nPitt, Golden K, Greenville | L R | Hughes \nRaleigh | Laura | Bromhal \nRaleigh | Robert | Edwards \nRaleigh | Amy | Funderburk \nRaleigh | Eric | Hall \nRaleigh | Robert | Northrup \nRaleigh | Kelley | Rooney \nRaleigh | Alexander | Saunders \nRaleigh | Jason | Spain \nRaleigh Highwoods | Lynne | Daniel \nRaleigh Highwoods | Daniel | Shields \nRoanoke Island | Nicolas | Gullett \nRoanoke Island | Virginia | Tillett \nRobeson-Lumberton | Hubert | Waddell \nRock Hill | Nancy | Landerman | Chris | Turner \nRockham (The), Moore County | Robert | Darst \nRockham (The), Moore County | Veleda | McCormick \nSanford | Jesse | Ellerby \nSanford | James | Matichik \nSeven Lakes | William | Eisel \nSpartanburg | Frederick | Adams \nSpartanburg | Edward | Holcombe \nSpartanburg | Gerald | Palmer \nStatesville | Chris | Carroll \nSunrise, Goldsboro | Kay | Galloway \nSunrise, Goldsboro | Collin | Hobs \nTarboro Golden K | Donald | Hale \nTarboro Golden K | Nicholas | Lingg \nTobaccoland, Durham | James | Johnson \nTopsail Island Area, Surf City | Morgan | Hunter \nTryon | Gena McCal | Meredith \nTryon | Robert | Swann \nTryon | Parry | Ward \nWake Forest | Bill | Segreve \nWilmington | Rocco | Campagna \nWilmington | Beau | Cummings \nWilmington | Bob | Philpott \nWilmington | Frank | Tutza \nWinston-Salem | David | Bergstone \nWinston-Salem | William | Byrd \nWinterville | Wilbert | Watkins | Chris | Carroll | Edward | Holcombe | Gerald | Palmer | Chris | Carroll | Kay | Galloway | Collin | Hobs | Donald | Hale | Nicholas | Lingg | James | Johnson | Morgan | Hunter | Gena McCal | Meredith | Robert | Swann | Parry | Ward | Bill | Segreve | Rocco | Campagna | Beau | Cummings | Bob | Philpott | Frank | Tutza | David | Bergstone | William | Byrd | Wilbert | Watkins |
Governor’s Visits

Pictured right: Governor Cooper receives two checks from the Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills: $5000 for Eliminate and $1000 for the Boys and Girls Home of Lake Waccamaw. Governor Cooper shared highlights, touching and amusing anecdotes of his year as Governor and encouraged members to continue and be proud of the work Kiwanis members do on behalf of children. See more dates here.

March
- 6 Fayetteville Club—Reverse Raffle Fundraiser
- 13 - 15 Key Club District Convention, Durham, NC
- 17 Asheboro Club Pancake Day
- 27 - 29 Key Club Board Retreat, Lake Waccamaw, NC

April
- 11 Kiwanis One Day, Boys and Girls Homes of NC, Lake Waccamaw and Aktion Club MidYear Conference, Charlotte, NC
- 12 Kiwanis One Day with Hampstead

Coops Troops

Chris Billups, Division 5 Lt. Governor

Chris is married to Linda and they live in Lewisville west of Winston-Salem, NC. They have two sons Andy (22) and Michael (18). Chris was born in Portsmouth, OH in 1956 and the family moved outside of Marietta, OH (Veto, OH) where he went to middle school and high school. Chris graduated from Lourdes University in Sylvania, OH with a degree in Science and Business. Chris and Linda lived in Perrysburg, OH for 5 years, moved to Louisville, KY in 1996, before moving to Winston-Salem in 2009. He is a sales manager for Chemetall which manufactures specialty chemicals for industry.

Chris was very involved in Boy Scouts and obtained Eagle in 1973. Chris’ dad and sons are also Eagle Scouts. Highlight of his Boy Scout journey was attending the 1971 World Boy Scout Jamboree in Japan. Camping on the western side of Mount Fuji, the Jamboree was interrupted by Typhoon Olive in which 16,000 scouts were evacuated by the Japanese Army.

Chris was a member of Jaycees from 1986 until 1991. Chris joined Kiwanis in Perrysburg, OH and was a member there from 1993 to 1996. Chris rejoined Kiwanis (Clemmons) in 2009 when he moved to North Carolina. He recently was Club President of the Clemmons Club for 2 years (2012 – 2014). His Dad has been a member of Kiwanis for 52 years and according to his Dad, “perfect attendance.”
Kiwanis One Day: Think you won’t make a difference? Think again. Whatcha doin’ on April 11, 2015?

Region 5 Trustee Becky Horton is fully prepared to answer that question on her behalf and many of the Kiwanians of Region 5 (Divisions 10, 11 and 26). AND on behalf of many members of their sponsored Service Leadership Programs!

Becky is in the process of putting final touches on the Region 5 recognition of Kiwanis One Day of Community Service at the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw with an added nod to Kiwanis’ 100th Anniversary!

I would like to know what your club has planned in connection with the preparation of a future article to appear in a District publication. Please email me at charliebowie@atmc.net.

- Charlie Bowie, District Chair, Community Service

Each year, Kiwanis clubs around the world join in a day of service.

**In 2015, Kiwanis One Day is April 11.**

It’s a global effort, but it’s made of personal commitments.

After all, Kiwanis One Day consists of the involvement of Kiwanis club members around the world. It begins with your club’s participation. It extends to the impact you have on your community. And it results in an international spirit of service that inspires people worldwide.

How is your club celebrating Kiwanis One Day? Whatever you do, please create a short video showcasing your project. Show your project, your club members and the impact your club is making on your community. Not sure how to shoot a video? Check out our new [instructional video](#) for tips.

**Start planning today for Kiwanis One Day.**

Want to know how your club can participate? We’ve got links for:

- **Tools.** Got a game plan? Click to get one.
- **Media resources.** Reach out to the media with a [customizable media advisory, news release](#) and our [Kiwanis One Day fact sheet](#). Visit the [public awareness page](#) for tips and more resources on how to work with the media and create awareness for your club.
- **Success stories.** Check out previous year’s contest winners.
- **Video contest.** Show us your Kiwanis One Day project for a chance to win a GoPro camera.

**Future dates of Kiwanis One Day:** April 2, 2016 and April 2, 2017

Attention: Clubs that participate in Kiwanis One Day should report the events on the [online monthly report form](#). This helps Kiwanis track and measure service projects, participation, and help improve our programs.

Due to a large reduction in banner patch requests, Kiwanis International is no longer producing banner patches as recognition for this signature project. Thank you for your service to Kiwanis.
Governor Cooper's 100th Anniversary Service Project

Friday, February 6, 2015, the Carolinas District Board of Trustees adopted a food drive as the district's 100th Anniversary Service Project.

Past Governor/Region 2 Trustee Bill Wiggs challenged clubs to give 100,000 lbs (or 2.5 truckloads) for our 100th birthday.

On average, a truckload costs $560.

Who:
All Carolinas District Kiwanis Clubs are invited to participate. This is a great project for our Service Leadership Programs to help on as well. Why not work together and accept Bill's challenge?

What:
A food drive to acquire at least 10 million pounds of food (250 truckloads) throughout North and South Carolina by clubs giving to their local foodbanks. Work with your local food bank/food pantry to provide funding or food to acquire truckloads of food. Promote the event!!!!

When: May 1 through May 31, 2015

Where: A Food Drive/Fundraiser at your local club for your local food bank

Why:
15.8 million American children lived in homes with food insecurities in 2012. (One in four children in NC)

62% of teachers regularly see their students come to school hungry. Hunger has been linked to lack of focus and poor test performance in K-12 students.

Food banks are by far the single most important source of food for emergency food providers, accounting for 84% of the food distributed by pantries, 59% of the food distributed by kitchens, and 40% of the food distributed by shelters.

Find your local food bank here:
NC: http://ncfoodbanks.org/
SC: http://scfoodbankassociation.org/

Questions?
Michael Cotten: 910-494-0155 or mcotten@foodbankcenc.org
Steve Milburn: 910-261-4098 or sdmilburn@aol.com

Report your project here: 100th Anniversary Carolinas District Service Project
Celebrate in INDY

Join us in Indianapolis this June 25-28 as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis. If that isn’t reason enough to attend, we have the rare opportunity to elect one of our own, International Trustee and Past District Governor Elizabeth Tezza, to lead Kiwanis International. The time to act is now and you need to do several things.

• Register online before the rates go up. Right now basic registration is $275. Access registration by clicking here. While you are there sign up for our host hotel, the Embassy Suites Downtown. Take a quick hotel tour by clicking here. This is a prime location with a connecting walkway to the convention center.

• Sign up for my INDY News Bytes to receive updates on activities involving Kiwanis, great restaurants to visit, shopping, goings on in INDY and other interesting tidbits. Click here to sign up for Stan’s INDY News Bytes.

• We are going all out for our District Dinner, albeit earlier than usual due to opening session being at 7:30. Sign up information will be out later but we will be at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. Take a look at a few pictures of our venue.

We owe to ourselves, our clubs, divisions, district and organization to be there, take part in the education, camaraderie, celebration and VOTE! We should be able to turn out 500. Each club can have two delegates, and that doesn’t count all of the at-large delegates we can have. Make this a priority. Make the trip. Make your vote count. Celebrate! - Stan Perry, Past District Governor & On To International Convention Chairman

Amendments

Don't just have an opinion. Put it into action. Important amendments and resolutions are submitted for votes at the convention every year. As a convention delegate, you’ll be a part of the discussion.

Here are the current proposed amendments to be discussed and voted on during the 2015 Kiwanis International convention:

1. Allow greater flexibility in club meeting frequency and clarify provisions regarding club satellites.
2. Provide that, if a governor cannot attend a council meeting, the district may select any district officer to attend in the governor’s place.
3. Provide that the final date for district conventions will be September 25, rather than September 15.
4. Allow district vice governors to be delegates-at-large at Int’l convention
5. Permanently adopt corporate membership.
6. Provide that voting for Kiwanis International business (elections, amendments, resolutions) will be conducted online rather than at the Kiwanis International convention.
8. Provide that Kiwanis International dues may be adjusted annually by no more than five percent (5%) of the previous year’s amount (effective Oct. 1, 2016).
9. Provide that Kiwanis International will approve and oversee foundations, charitable funds, and other entities affiliated with Kiwanis International.

Delegates will consider reports on two administrative resolutions of new forms of membership and online voting.

NOTE: All proposals are tentative until official notice is sent to clubs 90 days before the convention begins.

If you plan to represent your club as a delegate in 2015, download the certificate of election of club delegates and alternates. Complete and submit it to Kiwanis International.
Dear Carolina Kiwanians,

As you are aware, Past Carolinas District Governor and current International Trustee Elizabeth Tezza has been endorsed by our district to run for International Vice President at our 100th International Convention this summer in Indianapolis. Many Kiwanians throughout the District have asked what they can do for Elizabeth’s campaign, and there are two very important ways to help.

First, we encourage every club to send at least two members to the convention, not only because it is an historic convention; the more delegates we have at convention, the more votes we have for Elizabeth. In addition, a large turnout for our District will be a great show of support for our candidate.

Second, as with her campaign for International Trustee, we will be running a fiscally conservative campaign, but there will be costs for materials and brochures, including campaign t-shirts for all of our District’s delegates. We will be very cautious with our expenditures and monies remaining will be donated to The Eliminate Project.

If you would like to make a donation, please send it to:

Campaign for Elizabeth Tezza
108 Bouchillion Dr
Greenville, SC 29615

See you Indianapolis as we celebrate 100 years of service at the Kiwanis International Convention!

Yours in Service,
Tom Currier
Past Governor
Campaign Manager

Registration options

Attend the 100th Annual Kiwanis International Convention. The convention takes place June 25–28, 2015. The exhibits, education and general sessions will be held at the Indianapolis Convention Center.

Register now.

Download the registration form.

Register by April 1 and be entered to win restaurant certificates to downtown restaurants ranging from US$10 to US$100!

Click here for a schedule-at-a-glance.

Education

Elections

Indianapolis area tourism
Raleigh Highwoods Renews Model Club Pledge: Ten for Tom

At the district’s MidYear Conference this past February, the **Kiwanis Club of Raleigh Highwoods** renewed their model club pledge to the Eliminate Project. They had already fulfilled their first model club pledge, but thought it appropriate to pledge again. Deceased Past Governor/Eliminate Coordinator Tom Dimmock’s wife Boyd’s home club, Highwoods felt it was their time to lead the district in raising the last 10% of the district’s $3.5 million pledge and asked each and every Kiwanis club to participate in fulfilling Tom’s wish—to reach our goal and have every club participate. Pictured: Boyd Dimmock pinning President Blake Phillips with Boyd’s daughter Laurie Napier looking on.

**Canadian Government Announces Significant Gift**

During the last week of February, during a meeting led by Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and philanthropist Bill Gates, the Canadian government announced it will match up to CAD$2.5 million in funds raised by UNICEF Canada and Kiwanis Canada over the next two years, resulting in a CAD$5 million contribution to The Eliminate Project.

Kiwanis International President Dr. John Button and UNICEF Canada President and CEO David Morley attended the meeting, which focused on global efforts to improve the health of mothers and children in developing nations.

“Canada’s announcement is an unprecedented government commitment to join with Kiwanis and UNICEF to rid the world of maternal and neonatal tetanus,” says Button.

[Read more here.](#)
The Kiwanis Club of Southport-Oak Island participates in several programs listed below related to Young Children: Priority One, part of the Kiwanis Branded Service Programs. Priority One programs are geared toward preschool children to help ensure every child is ready to enter school and succeed.

**Pre-school Reading:** In this program they try to instill a love of reading in the children while providing positive adult role models. They contacted their local SmartStart organization and got their list of licensed childcare centers in the Southport - Oak Island area, met with the centers and offered to set up a schedule for club members to go and read to the children. Most of the children they read to are pre-school age, but some include school-age students. The club currently reads in six childcare centers. In addition, they have purchased and provided books to all the childcare centers in our county, numbering 26.

**Objective:** To teach reading enjoyment by example. To encourage reading at home by providing books and other resources to preschool children.

**Kiwanis Activity:** Kiwanis members give their time to read to preschool children and provide funds to purchase books and other materials. They also do additional activities with the children, such as one member teaching sign-language.

**Time Commitment:** Morning or afternoon sessions generally 2 hours in length.

**Ramps & Pathways:** Through play and exploration, this activity engages young children in the creation of constructs using wooden ramps and marbles. They utilize engineering and physics concepts and learn how to work together as a team as they build a structure for the marble to go down. One of their club members, who is skilled in woodworking, has made multiple sets, 5 of which stay permanently at one of our local elementary schools where the club helps with PE testing and works with the kindergardeners and first graders in lieu of the PE testing (which is for second – fifth grade only). The club is working towards providing sets of the ramps and pathways to some of the local childcare centers where they can work with pre-school children. A source for more information about the Ramps & Pathways program would be to visit the University of Northern Iowa at [www.uni.edu/rampsandpathways](http://www.uni.edu/rampsandpathways). They have a number of wonderful videos that highlight children working with the ramps and pathways and how to set up a program in your area.

**Objective:** To provide an opportunity for children to learn scientific principles and teamwork through play.

**Kiwanis Activity:** Members “oversee” the activities, provide ideas, input and oversight without “building” the constructs for the children.

**Time Commitment:** Usually no more than 1-2 hours depending on travel to the location of the activity.

**First 2000 Days:** In the first 2000 days of a child’s life, the brain architecture is forming, creating either a strong or weak foundation for all future learning. Child development is a dynamic, interactive process that is not predetermined. It occurs in the context of relationships, experiences and environments. The local SmartStart organization presented the program to the club during a membership meeting. They encouraged members to become involved with the program by getting training through them in order to present the program to other local groups. Two of the members have done the presentation. For more info and to reserve a program for your club, contact Lisa Finaldi, Community Engagement Leader with the NC Early Childhood Foundation through [www.ncearlychildhoodfoundation.org](http://www.ncearlychildhoodfoundation.org).

**Objective:** Work with the NC Early Childhood Foundation to present this program to other organizations in order to provide awareness of this critical time period in a child’s development.

**Kiwanis Activity:** Members would present this program, after training, to groups in the community as identified.

**Time Commitment:** 2-3 hours depending on where the group is located.
Club Presidents,

As we near the halfway point of our Kiwanis year, this is a reminder that every Kiwanis club is expected to inform and educate its members on Kiwanis Youth Protection guidelines, best practices, and inform members what to do when they become aware of youth in potentially harmful situations. **Every member must be provided a copy of these guidelines and receive educational training annually.**

There are more than 300,000 members of all ages involved in Kiwanis youth programs. Almost all Kiwanis clubs sponsor an SLP club and do projects with youth. When we work with and mentor youth during projects and activities, their care and welfare are being entrusted to us.

It might be hard to believe that a troubling incident involving a youth and/or club member(s) could happen in any club or community. But there are countless examples in all places, with all types of youth service organizations. Every member has to know how to protect the youth with whom we interact and ourselves.

Kiwanians in particular have good reason to act with the highest standards. If we want to be the premier provider of youth service clubs and programs, we need to hold ourselves and our fellow members to the highest standards of conduct and awareness.

The Kiwanis International Website, under “Member Resources”, has the following information available for download:

- Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines (rev October 2014)
- Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines training PowerPoint
- Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines training guide
- Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines training worksheet
- Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines online training (for Kiwanis members)

Additionally Todd and I recommend all Kiwanians educate themselves in Darkness to Light’s “Stewards of Children” program – the leading adult education program on child sex abuse in the nation. The course can be taught in two hours and is also available on line at [www.D2L.org](http://www.D2L.org). It will also be taught at the District Convention this upcoming August.

Rusty Pickett; Todd Hildebran
Youth Protection Co-Chairmen
August 14 - 16, 2015
The Carolina Hotel
Pinehurst, NC

Some say you can feel the spirit of Pinehurst as you turn onto Carolina Vista. This majestic century-old hotel with its signature copper cupola and sweeping verandas make you feel as though you've stepped back in time to an era when elegance defined grand hotels and resorts. Dubbed the "Queen of the South," the Carolina has 230 Four-Diamond guest rooms, including suites.

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$69 for Courses 1, 3, and 5
$189 for Courses 4, 6, 7, and 8
$379 for Course 2

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Call now!

Special Kiwanis Room Rates:
The Carolina Hotel: $169 + taxes & fees
Holly Inn: $129 + taxes & fees

Ben Hogan’s Story at Pinehurst

IT WAS MARCH OF 1940, and Ben Hogan was winless in seven years of professional golf. At times, he was on the brink of quitting and returning to a club pro job at home in Fort Worth, Texas.

One report said he had $30 in his pockets and bald tires on his second-hand automobile after the tour left its wintertime swing through Florida. And then he came to Pinehurst.

Click here to experience the rest of the story.