On the cover: Pawley’s Island Kiwanians Martha, Phil and Sue wear superhero capes made at the Kiwanis MidYear conference. Thirty-seven capes were made and donated to the Medical University of South Carolina Children’s Hospital. Special thanks goes to Kiwanians Debbie Cooper, Fayetteville and Janet Richardson, Boone, pictured on page 3. Without their hard work, these capes would never have been completed.

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Like comic book superheroes, Kiwanians do wonderful deeds, help their communities, and provide service without the expectation of reward. They follow a strong moral code and have a strong belief in justice and humanitarian service. Also like superheroes, they often keep their identity secret. In the case of Kiwanians, it’s out of modesty and a focus on the projects.

At our MidYear Conference the weekend of February 5-7, these Kiwanis superheroes convened in Myrtle Beach. We celebrated the successes of the past year in service and growth. We educated ourselves with forums. We gathered ideas from one another on how to improve our communities and our programs. We made superhero capes for children which were donated to the Medical University of South Carolina Children’s Hospital.

We were honored to hear from our Key Club Governor Nishi Gadireddy and our Circle K Governor Joshua Wiggins. Our keynote speaker was Matthew McClellan with the Aktion Club of Mayland. They are our heroes. It’s our support of our service learning programs, K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K and Aktion Club, that help young people grow into their full potential. For that we should be proud.

We should be proud of all our accomplishments as Kiwanians. Remember, as Commissioner James Gordon said, "You're going to make a difference. A lot of times it won't be huge, it won't be visible even. But it will matter just the same." As our students grow, we see the difference we have made.

We will gather two more times as a large group this year. The first will be in Toronto for the Kiwanis International Convention June 23-26. We will gather again in the Carolinas at our District Convention, August 19-21 in Charlotte. Mark your calendars to attend these wonderful events. There is so much we can learn from each other.

Unlike most superheroes, we should not keep our identity and our good deeds private. We need to shed our modesty and tell our communities what we are doing. "But we don't do it for the reward", you say. True. But we also cannot do it alone. When we talk about our projects and invite others to join us, we are increasing our super power as an organization. We are able to do more and for more children.

As the Flash said, "Life doesn't give us purpose. We give life purpose." Find your purpose as a club and as a Kiwanian. We are blessed as individuals and as an organization. Share that blessing with your community. Be a blessing in the life of a child. Be a superhero.

TEAM KIWANIS!
Dawn
MidYear Conference

MidYear Conference * February 5-7, 2016
Kingston Plantation Embassy Suites
Myrtle Beach, SC

Over 250 Kiwanians, Key Clubbers, Aktion Clubbers, Circle K'ers and guests came together this past weekend for some inspiration, fun and fellowship at our 2015 MidYear Conference and left with a sense of why it is important for our organization to grow.

For all those that were able to attend MidYear please complete this survey.

Click on the picture above to see all the pictures taken by Carolinas District Photographer Larry Hewett.

We had some great forums at MidYear...here are some of the responses about them:

**Club Satellite Membership for Young Professionals:**
"Great relevance!" "Thinking out of the box!" "Excellent solution"

**Engaging Members in Your Club’s Success:**
"Very helpful. Addressed the items my club needed the most!"
"Really liked the application of ideas!"
"Recommend it to anyone struggling with membership!"

**Strategies for Membership Growth and Club Strengthening:**
"It was fantastic!  Program made perfect sense and was really inspirational."

**Social Media 101: Your club in the Digital Age  and  Facebook 101:**
“Provided great insight to social media’s various types as well as good/bad uses.”
“Excellent and informative!”
“Learned a lot! Great job!”

Need to review what you learned or weren’t able to make it? Download handouts and presentations for our forums here.
Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of Hope Mills Area for their winning both the Anna Mae Smith Award (for most service hours per member) and the Interclub Award (for most interclub visits) at the MidYear Conference February 5-7, 2016 in Myrtle Beach, SC as well as for their becoming 20 Distinguished Clubs Announced

Kiwanis International has announced the clubs who have earned Distinguished status for the 2014-15 year as follows. Congratulations to all for your hard work!

- Asheboro
- Black Mountain Swannanoa
- Chapel Hill-Carrboro
- Columbia
- Florence
- Golden K - Greenville, NC
- Greater Greenville
- Hampstead
- Henderson
- High Point
- Hope Mills Area
- North Brunswick
- Onslow County
- Pawleys Island
- Raleigh
- Raleigh Highwoods
- Salisbury
- The Sandhills, Moore County
- Sanford
- Southport-Oak Island
- Wake Forest Kiwanis
- Wilmington

The district office will mail the awards to each club upon receiving the materials from Kiwanis International. The following members received Distinguished Kiwanian status for the 2014-15 Kiwanis year by recruiting two new members AND participating in two services projects. Members who received this accolade were submitted by October 15, 2015 by their club:

- William Allen
- Michael Clune
- Veronica Fisher
- James Hooker
- Robert Joyner
- Jerry Lawson
- Martin Levy
- Southport-Oak Island
- Southport-Oak Island
- Hope Mills Area
- Golden K, Greenville
- Golden K, Greenville
- Salisbury
- Wilmington
- Darla Lindeman
- Blake Phillips
- Richard Rupp
- Ronald Sizeman
- Douglas Smith
- Jan Spell
- Robert Wallen
- Hendersonville
- Raleigh Highwoods
- Boone
- Wilmington
- Wilmington
- Hope Mills Area
- Wilmington

Interested in how to become a Distinguished Kiwanian, or how your club can obtain Distinguished Status for this Kiwanis Year? Follow the links below for more information.

**Distinguished Kiwanian**

**Distinguished Club**
(Now called the Club Excellence Award)

**Other Kiwanis Honors**
2016 AKTION OF THE CAROLINAS MID-YEAR CONFERENCE
SATURDAY APRIL 9
BOJANGLES’ COLISEUM

3:00 - ACTIVITIES UNDER THE TENT - DANCE, ART, GAMES, PRIZES AND MORE...
FREE CHECKERS HAT GIVEAWAY TO ALL
5:30 - CATERED DINNER

7:00 - CHECKERS GAME VS. ADMIRALS

TICKETS ONLY $32*
*TICKETS PURCHASED AFTER FEB 29 GO UP TO $34 & $37 - PRICE IS ALL-INCLUSIVE OF DINNER

TO REGISTER FOR EVENT PLEASE
CONTACT PETER AT KIWANISRIEKE@Bellsouth.NET OR 704.575.1993 OR STEVE AT 704.332.4535.
FOR MORE INFO: WWW.AKTIONMIDYEAR.HOMESTEAD.COM

704.342.4423 | GOCHECKERS.COM
This year, $5,500 is available for graduating Key Club International seniors and $4,250 for Circle K International students. Find out more about the available scholarships, eligibility requirements and submission instructions today. Completed applications must be mailed to the designated address and postmarked by April 15, 2016. Kiwanis clubs are encouraged to share these opportunities with local CKI and Key Club leaders.

The Carolinas District of Key Club also offers scholarships. Click here for these opportunities.

Clemmons Kiwanis welcomed members of the outstanding West Forsyth High School Key Club on February 10 at a huge membership induction ceremony and celebration. They also celebrated Key Club Advisor and Clemmons Kiwanian Theresa Byant being named Teacher of the Year! Clemmons Kiwanis can assure everyone that the future is in good hands and very bright with this great group!

Kiwanis International Foundation Scholarships available for Key Club, CKI members

The CKI District Convention of “Service Gone Viral” was conveyed from decoration in their general session’s decorations to the keynote speakers’ bringing up important points and tying the theme in. Throughout the weekend of February 19-21, activities such as workshops, banquets, caucusing, and a service project were held. On the last day of convention, the 2016-2017 District Officers were elected and installed as follows: Matt Walsh, District Governor, Katie Musselman, District Secretary, Sara Baggett, District Treasurer, and Damalis Caraballo, District Bulletin Editor. (Pictured above: Immediate Past Governor Josh Wiggins pinning Governor Matt Walsh)

The convention’s service project, Operation Gratitude, collected a total of 76 paracord bracelets, a box full of hygiene items, and 30 letters to support new recruits, veterans, wounded warriors, and various U.S. Military Service members. Every club had the opportunity to make bracelets and collect items to bring to the convention.

Circle K District Convention: Service Gone Viral

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Registration is OPEN!!!! We need to fill Camp Caraway. Carolinas Key Leader needs your help! District is offering $50 Scholarships to the first 26 students who register. (Code: Carolinas16). If your Club has budget but no student, remember every $100 is TWO more scholarships. LtGovs/Club Presidents think about pooling resources and transportation. Have you tried to get an activity bus for you Key Club? It works!! We will house the bus drivers and provide wonderful camp food—FREE!!!

Carolinans Key Club
Contact:
Jordan Reihl
Key Club Ambassador
ltg21@carolinaskeyclub.org
Are your Officers going?
How about New Members?
Need help with tuition? ASK!!!
Assistance may be available.

Want more information?
key-leader.org

See your club officers
Speak to your Adviser
Attend DCON

Carolinans Key Leader
Contact:
Tim Horner
Key leader chair
horneti@charter.net

Kiwanians
Need help finding students?
Take our tip sheet.

Club advisers have you asked for an ACTIVITY BUS?

How about pooling a rental van?
LTGs How about a Division effort?

First 10 Adult Chaperones
NO CHARGE!!!!!!

Caraway Conference Center & Camp
4756 Caraway Mountain Road, Sophia, NC 27350
The Formula: Live it, Love it, Share it.

Signature Service Projects

Does your club have a Signature Service Project—the one project for which your club is known and revisits time and again? If not, visit our new Signature Service Project webpage, complete with a toolkit, to help your club members identify, promote and work with partners to bring a project to life. Review the toolkit during your next club meeting—you might even find ideas for your Kiwanis One Day project.

Kiwanians help make 37 superhero capes at the MidYear Conference Service Project forum Saturday afternoon, February 6, 2016.

The formula for hosting a membership drive

Join us for a webcast on March 1, 2016 at 8 p.m. Register now!

NOTE: Webinar time is Eastern Standard Time. To change the time zone to reflect your time zone, click on "Show time in my time zone" when you register.

What entices potential members to join Kiwanis? Join us for a webcast on Tuesday, March 1 at 8 p.m. EST. Sarah Kew from the Downriver West, Michigan, Kiwanis Club will share how she and her division’s club counselor planned and hosted a membership drive that was fun, attractive and inspiring for potential and current members alike.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

View System Requirements

Kiwanis One Day

We’re preparing for the 2016 Kiwanis One Day on Saturday, April 2—a single day to show our collective power as the Kiwanis family and to make a difference in communities around the world. You’re invited to participate in Kiwanis International’s video contest. Record a short video of your club’s One Day project, upload it to the video contest tab on our Facebook page starting April 4, then encourage members, friends and family to vote for it. The video with the most votes will be declared the winner, and the club will receive a GoPro camera as the top prize.

Find all of the Kiwanis One Day assets and ideas—including a news release and tips to identify and plan a One Day project—on the Kiwanis One Day webpage.

Check the webpage frequently for updates like fun graphics to share on social media.
3 Great Reasons to Attend ICON

From the pictures above, you might think the article is about location, location, and well, Jewel, but NO! Yes, Toronto is a great city; yes, our district-assigned hotel, the Fairmont Royal York, is a five-star hotel (and worth the experience, especially since the American $ is strong); and yes, artist-extraordinaire, Jewel will sing for Kiwanis in a provide concert Saturday night, but these are not the main reasons to attend. Attend for the:

1) **SCOPE**  Until you attend a Kiwanis International Convention you have no idea how BIG the scope of Kiwanis truly is. And once you do attend, you’ll want to go back. Why? If for nothing else, the GREAT FELLOWSHIP.

2) **EDUCATION / FORUMS / INFORMATION available**  Each year Kiwanis tops their performance with great forums to HELP YOUR CLUB and to HELP YOUR CLUB HELP YOUR COMMUNITY. As your district secretary, and having been in Kiwanis in various leadership positions, I am here to tell you—EVEN I learn something new each year I attend.

3) **POWER OF YOUR VOTE**  This is our chance to elect one of OUR OWN into a role that leads to the highest leadership position in Kiwanis. Each club has two delegate slots, and anyone that has served as a Lt. Governor can represent ANOTHER club not going. We have the chance to bring over 360 votes to elect Elizabeth Tezza as our next Kiwanis International Vice President. WE HAVEN'T HAD A VICE PRESIDENT FROM THE CAROLINAS IN OVER 50 years. I’m up to the challenge. Are you?

**REGISTER TODAY**
Unlike the 1996 Spike Lee movie of the same name, we are not going to DC, we will spend our time touring the beautiful city of Toronto. The plan is to pack our private motor coach with our folks from the Carolinas along with plentiful snacks and beverages for this guided tour. We leave the Fairmont at 4:30pm on Thursday the 23rd of June and end the tour at the convention center at 6:30, just in time for opening session. Those unable to attend the session will be dropped back off at the Fairmont. The cost is $40 USD per person and to sign up you need to access the form by clicking here. We are limited to the first 66 people, so don’t delay.
Welcome New Kiwanians!

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Kiwanis District Board Actions

The Kiwanis District Board met Friday, February 5, 2016, at the MidYear Conference in Myrtle Beach and approved the following items:

- Supporting Victory Junction Gang Camp, a previous District Project, by promoting it through the district’s various channels.
- Creating a formal relationship with the Arc of North Carolina
- A District Bylaws amendment pertaining to NOT charging dues to new clubs for the first year.
- The following adjustments to the district bylaws as made by Kiwanis International:

  a) Article IV District Board, Section 3 Changing the wording to:
     The District board shall hold at least two (2) regular meeting during
     Each administrative year, one of which shall be held prior to October
     31, at such times and places designated by the Governor. If the
     First meeting is held prior to October 1, any action taken shall become
     Effective on October 1, unless otherwise a later date is specified.

  b) Article VI Conventions, Section 1 Changing the wording to:
     The annual convention of the district shall be held at such place and
     date, between March 15 and September 15, as shall be mutually
     agreed upon by the District Board and the Kiwanis International Board
     of Trustees, except that no district convention shall be held within the
     period of thirty (30) days prior to, during, or thirty (30) days following
     the convention of Kiwanis International unless approved by the Kiwanis
     International board.

  C) Article X Revenue, Section 1 Changing the wording to:
     Each club shall pay annual dues to the district for each active club member,
     with the exception of district life members, in the amount of $30.00 per
     annum. Dues shall be based on each club’s annual membership report
     to Kiwanis International as of September 30 of each year and shall be due
     annually on October 1 and payable by November 30.
Kim Winston, supervisor of the Social Services Foster Program, along with Catherine Fox, JCPenney store manager, and Richard Schrum, secretary for the Jacksonville Kiwanas Club, look for clothing for kids in foster care in the Onslow County area. The Jacksonville Kiwanis Club gave 30 families $100 JCPenney gift cards along with store discounts to shop for clothing at the department store located in the Jacksonville Mall. Photo by Elizabeth Horn / The Daily News

CARING FOR KIDS

Jacksonville Kiwanis and their 10th annual event help children in need of clothes

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Two-year-old Kayla danced around JCPenney Saturday singing, “I’m going shopping.” She was one of 25 children given a $100 gift card to shop at JCPenney, thanks to the Jacksonville Kiwanis and their 10th annual Caring for Kids event. Kimberly Winston, the social work program manager with DSS, gave Kiwanis the names of children who were most in need of new clothes. Winston said these were all children in kinship placement, which means they were placed in homes of friends and relatives.

Unlike foster families, “they receive no extra help,” Winston said. DSS currently has 182 children in legal custody and 64 of those are in kinship placement. Winston focused on finding families with two or three young children in need. Kayla is the soon-to-be-adopted daughter of Lisa Murphy, and she can’t get enough of Elsa and Anna from the Disney movie “Frozen.” When Kayla found the “Frozen” section of JCPenney, she stood in awe, her blonde curls still for the moment, before finding a stuffed reindeer to cuddle.

Though the shopping spree was about clothing, Murphy couldn’t help but give in to Kayla’s wish for a “Frozen” action figure set — especially after Kayla started opening the box. Murphy found quite a few full outfits for Kayla, including some she can grow into. She also wanted to grab socks and black stretch pants for Kayla since she’s being “potty trained” and needed more easy-to-pull-down bottoms. For Murphy, being in social situations with her daughter is important. Kayla was wary of strangers when she first came into Murphy’s home. “It means a lot to come out and be with other kids,” Murphy said.

Jacksonville Kiwanis Vice President Steve Stevens also stressed the importance of this event each year. He recalled a past Christmas when a child came in, holes in his shoes, whose face lit up when he found out he was getting a new pair. “The kids are so happy to pick out a new T-shirt,” Stevens said.

Jacksonville Kiwanis President Jim Roddy agreed. “The look on their face, some of them can’t control their emotions,” he said. Every year, the local group raises over $15,000 for Onslow County children, and admission to their annual Christmas party was a toy that Kiwanis delivered to the women’s shelter. “Every dollar that comes from fundraising goes to the kids,” said Jim Bender, a member of the Kiwanis Board of Directors. “There’s hope and relief for the parents, too.”

JCPenney’s general manager, Catherine Fox, has helped with Caring for Kids the past six years. She and other store associates help families find the best deals and offer extra coupons. This year, the families had $25 off $100 and $10 off $25 coupons. Fox and other JCPenney associates handed out small candy canes to the children while they shopped. “They do such a wonderful job with the families,” Fox said of Kiwanis. “We mostly bring the smiles.”
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Kids World Academy Director Anita Taylor receives $1000 and two original watercolors by North Brunswick Co Kiwanian Lisa Myers

$1,000 to Kids World Academy from North Brunswick

Kids World Academy, funded by state and county grants, is a pre/kindergarten school for children who are living below poverty level. All of the students attend there tuition free. After hearing about the needs of Kids World Academy to start a computer lab, Kiwanian Lisa Myers organized an open house at her home to sell her original watercolors, notecards and calendars. There was a great turnout of neighborhood friends and Kiwanis members, and she single-handedly raised $1000.

Ms. Taylor, director of the academy, was very grateful for the support that the North Brunswick Kiwanis Club gave to the school. Lisa was also credited with securing a grant from Archer Daniel Midland. ADM Cares is a social investment program that directs funds to initiatives and organizations that drive meaningful social, economic and environmental progress worldwide. The program comprises three distinct focus areas: supporting the responsible development of agriculture, improving the quality of life in ADM communities and fostering employee giving and volunteer activities. ADM Cares program supports the club’s program because it targets programming in their focus area of education, especially for youth.

Pictured Right: Club President Brandon Calhoun and Past District Governor Tom Currier of the Kiwanis Club of Greenville Eastside met with children from the Small Impressions Child Development Center on January 29 about forming a K-Kids at their afterschool program. The children voted unanimously to start forming the charter and the Greenville Eastside club is excited to work with these enthusiastic kids!

Pictured above: Fourteen Avery High Key Club members spent all of December 12 at Samaritan’s Purse in Boone filling "Operation Christmas Child" shoeboxes with small Christmas gifts for needy children throughout the world. (Pictured left to right are Veronica Clark, Alexis Hayes and Allison Gregory.)