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Avery County Key Clubbers help
Banner Elk Kiwanis in stamping
Reading Is Fundamental Books
to be donated to Avery County
Elementary Schools. Read more
about this project on page 10.

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Governor’s Column

Greetings Friend!

Well, your MidYear Conference is in the books. I say “your” because it really did match up with the activities and topics that you requested be made available. Our Idea Fair featured a dozen requested topics such as Seventy-five Great Program Ideas for Your Kiwanis Club Meetings, How to Easily and Effectively Read with Elementary Age Children, How to Select and Develop a Signature Project for Your Club, and 12 Tips for Successful Membership Campaigns. Additionally, a full slate of forums, including Engaging and Retaining Members, Publicizing Your Club, Strategies for Community Partnerships, and Techniques for Effective Fundraising, were all presented by knowledgeable successful Kiwanians.

The personal testimonies from all of our SLP representatives were outstanding. Morgan Yelverton, our Key Club Governor, and Matt Walsh, our Circle K Governor, both made it perfectly clear how you and your fellow Kiwanians make a positive difference in their lives every day. And, when Paige Ratterree, representing Aktion Club, and dealing with her own disabilities, explained how her Kiwanis Aktion Club filled a huge void in her own life by giving her a chance to help others less fortunate than she, it deeply touched the heart of everyone in the huge assembly hall.

Then, our Keynote Speaker, Gary Faircloth, President and CEO of the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina, shared his own personal story beginning with his being placed in our Kiwanis Cottage at the age of fifteen. "I hate to imagine what might have happened to me if it weren’t for being placed in that new home," he said. His life story is one of personal success and triumph over adversity. Importantly, his life was directly impacted by the caring and generosity of the Kiwanians who built that Kiwanis Cottage on the Boys and Girls Home Campus. It made us all proud to have had a part in his inspirational story. We will revisit his story in the near future.

And, while all that was going on indoors, Myrtle Beach was having ideal weather outdoors, and as always, offered a huge assortment of resort attractions and shopping to take advantage of during free time. Yep, it was a great weekend!

But, what if you didn’t attend the Conference and missed it all? Well, you have two more chances to get in on at least some of it. First, there are a series of Club Coaching Days, one of which is certain to be within and hour or so of where you live. The next one will be in Jamestown on April 8th. Additionally, you’ll want to attend our District’s Annual Convention which this year will be in North Charleston, SC, August 18 – 20. It will be an event on an even larger scale than the conference I’ve just recapped. I hope to see you there for still more fellowship, fun and sharing!

Thanks, my friend, for standing on the side of good, and being a Kiwanian.

Take care, God bless and be well.

Les King
Governor
Carolinas District of Kiwanis
Club Coaching Days

Several similar coaching days will be offered throughout the district this year, bringing essential club excellence training to clubs to help them become stronger and more effective in providing service to their communities and to establish links between the clubs and individuals who can advise and assist them in their efforts.

This event is specifically designed to be:

- **Accessible** (located close to the clubs within driving distance),
- **Affordable** (costing only a minimal amount for food and materials), and
- **Substantive** (offering high-quality information in an interactive format).

**We intend this event to be the most valuable** club strengthening activity of the year for **every club** in the Carolinas.

Save the Date!

**April 8, 2017**       **GTCC Jamestown, NC**       **Registration Open**       **Deadline: March 31**

**May 20, 2017**       **Columbia, SC**

**September 16, 2017**       **Greenville, NC**

Who Should Attend?

Any Kiwanian in the Carolinas District is welcome to attend. But, every club within a two-hour driving radius of each date should plan to have representatives attend this event. Club officers, Board members and committee chairs will find the material offered here particularly useful. However, any member will benefit from the information being presented.

Why Is This Important?

Every club, regardless of size or strength, can grow and become stronger, and more effective in serving the youth of their communities. This may be your only opportunity this year to get all this information in one place, on one day, close to home, and easily affordable.

**Kids Need Kiwanis!**

**And, Kiwanis Needs Stronger, More Effective Kiwanis Clubs.**

What Does It Cost?

**This event will cost $25 per person** plus the investment of your time and energy. It doesn’t get any more affordable than this!
Key Leader Event

Key Leader
April 28-30, 2017
Camp Caraway -- Asheboro, NC

Key Leader is a weekend experience for high school students like no other. It is a camp retreat where students learn the power of integrity, personal growth, respect, building community and the pursuit of excellence. Students come away from this leadership training weekend a changed person. Some call Key Leader “The best gift Kiwanis can give to our future leaders.”

This past weekend Laurie Nappier, Site Coordinator for Camp Caraway weekend, attended a training at Kiwanis International. Laurie was excited to join the Carolinas District Key Leader team based primarily on her wonderful experience in high school. “I attended Key Leader as an incoming senior, the year I served as Key Club International Trustee. The experience was inspiring, challenging and eye opening. It allowed each of us to see how we are uniquely qualified to be servant leaders. I want all the high schoolers in our District, Key Clubbers or not, to have this opportunity!” At the training it was obvious that other Districts look to the Carolinas to be the trendsetters for Key Leader. It is for this reason that we need your help!

If you sponsor a Key Club we ask that you consider a contribution below to send a few of your students, children or neighbors to camp. We can assist with transportation needs if necessary. Registration can be completed at www.key-leader.org.

We also realize that not all Kiwanis Clubs have Key Clubs to support yet they have the desire to participate. Listed below is a list of ways you or your club can help bring this life-changing opportunity to the Carolinas Kiwanis District. Sponsors will be recognized in a future issue of the Carolina Kiwanian.

- I can be a chaperone for the weekend. (Valid Background check approved)
- $10 for supplies for one group. (need is 10)
- $75 for non-Key Club student scholarships. (need is 20)
- $100 sponsors the snacks for the camp. (need is 1)
- $100 sponsors the cost for one chaperone. (need is 10)
- $175 sponsors the cost for one student facilitator. (need is 10)
- $225 sponsors the cost for one Key Club student participant. (need is 60)
- $500 sponsors a breakfast for the camp. (need is 2)
- $600 sponsors a lunch for the camp. (need is 1)
- $800 sponsors a dinner for the camp. (need is 2)
- I/We can donate $_________________ that can be used for any necessary expense.

Name/Organization Name ____________________________

e-mail address ____________________________ phone number ____________________________

Thank you for your support and for giving the best gift Kiwanis can give to your future leaders!

Checks should be made out and sent to:
Carolinas Key Leader Fund
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Surf City, NC 28445
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$19,000 in Scholarships, Grants Awarded

The Carolinas District Kiwanis Foundation meeting on February 10, 2017 took the following action:

The $5,000 Pam and Russ Wagner Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Summer Kenny a High School Senior from Greenville, NC (pictured left). Applications for next year will be received from August 1, 2017 to November 30, 2017.

Two $1,000 scholarships each were also approved for both Key Club and Circle K totaling $4,000.

Other gifts and grants included:

- Boy's and Girl's Home of NC: $2,500
- Thornwell Home (Clinton, SC): $1,250
- E Children’s Home (Duncan, SC): $1,250
- Greenville Eastside Club: $2,000 to assist with a new sensory playground
- Simpsonville Club: $2,000 to assist with a new sensory playground
- Pawleys Island Club: $1,000 to assist with their literacy program

The Foundation board will meet again in the Spring and grant requests will again be considered.

Clyde Alexander
President, CDKF

Boys and Girls Homes Legacy Fund

Gary Faircloth, President/CEO of the Boys and Girls Homes of NC at Lake Waccamaw was the key note speaker at the Carolinas District MidYear Conference February 10-12, 2017 in Myrtle Beach, SC where he shared his own personal story beginning with his being placed in the Kiwanis Cottage at the age of fifteen. “I hate to imagine what might have happened to me if it weren’t for being placed in that new home,” he said. His life story is one of personal success and triumph over adversity. Importantly, his life was directly impacted by the caring and generosity of the Kiwanians who built that Kiwanis Cottage on the Boys and Girls Home Campus.

The Carolinas District has pledged to raise $100,000 for a Legacy Fund for the cottage in honor of the cottage’s 50th anniversary in 2015. This has been an ongoing campaign that the district hopes to complete during this current Kiwanis year.

The Carolinas District will be having a WALK for the Boys and Girls Homes Legacy Fund at the upcoming District Convention in North Charleston, SC August 18-20, 2017. Join us, or organize your own walk.

Learn more about the Boys and Girls Homes Legacy Fund and how you can give here.
An awesome time was had by all at the CKI District Convention this past weekend in Winston-Salem! Our student leaders celebrated their year of service, raised money for the Boys and Girls Homes of North Carolina at Lake Waccamaw and spent time with fellow CKI’ers from the Carolinas. Julia Terry was elected Governor for the 2017-18 year (pictured above with 2016-17 Governor Matt Walsh and CKI Trustee Henry Wang). A special shout-out goes to the Kiwanis and Faculty Advisors who won awards this weekend:

**Vic Vickery Outstanding Kiwanis Sponsorship:** Charlotte Kiwanis for their support of UNC Charlotte (Pictures top right from Charlotte: Villalobos and Macaulay)

**James Griffin Distinguished Kiwanis Advisor (Tie):** Linda Baker, Kiwanis Club of Hickory and Michael Villalobos, Kiwanis Club of Charlotte (Pictures bottom right: Michael Villalobos, Matt Walsh and Anis Shields)

**Dr. Wayne Adams Distinguished Faculty Advisor:** Anis Shields, Catawba Valley Community College

**Honorary Circle K Member:** Anis Shields, Catawba Valley Community College

## CKI Training Event Announced

**Club Officer Leadership Training (FREE EVENT!) at UNC Charlotte April 22, 2017**

We’re planning a new and improved comprehensive one-day club officer training session in April in Charlotte - this will really help your club kick off the new CKI year right. [Register online here.](#)

Are you a newly elected Club Officer, appointed Club Committee Chair, Faculty or Kiwanis Advisor?

Start the 2017-2018 year off on the right foot by attending the Club Officer Training Conference. You will join club officers from around the Carolinas District for an exciting day of motivational leadership training and fun. Not sure what you are expected to do for your club or office? No problem, we will have individual officer and committee training as well as a session led by District Administrator Jon Hethcox for your Kiwanis and Faculty Advisors.

Ready to start your year with enthusiasm and well thought out plans? Do you want to develop the passion of service, leadership and fellowship in your club? GREAT! We will also offer a goal setting and planning session to get all your club officers, committee chairs and advisors working in tandem toward the goals your club wants to accomplish!

**Who can attend?** Any 2017-2018 elected Club officers, appointed committee chairs, & advisors (Faculty and Kiwanis)

**How much does it cost?** $0.00—There is no cost to register and lunch is provided!

**When and where is it?** Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the University of North Carolina Charlotte Campus starting at 9 am.
Opportunities

Plans set for youth exchange program to Japan

K Corps is Kiwanis International’s youth exchange program for Kiwanis-family teens, including Key Club members. It’s a great opportunity for Key Clubbers to experience a unique culture, provide service, meet lifelong friends and see spectacular sights half a world away! Learn more.

March Builders Club Speech Contest

Members should craft a two minute speech about how a service project made an impact on their school or community—and on themselves. Advisors can help members reflect on what could go in their speech by asking them questions such as: What did you learn from this experience? How did you feel after the project was completed? What do you believe you accomplished? Advisors can even go a step further and invite someone who benefited from the service project to come to a club meeting who can help members understand the impact they had.

The March contest is open for entries from February 27th - March 10th. Find the contest information at buildersclub.org/contests.

Scholarship applications due March 15

Scholarships are available for Circle K and graduating Key Club members. The deadline to apply is March 15, 2017. Get more information from the Kiwanis Children's Fund and learn about the generous donors who made these scholarships possible.

New Signature Project Award program

This year Kiwanis International is offering a new Signature Project Recognition Program and Contest. The program and contest will help draw attention to the many incredible signature projects Kiwanis clubs are doing around the world to make a difference in communities.

Signature projects are service projects, fundraisers or events that:

- Are recurring
- Enhance the Kiwanis brand
- Demonstrate significant impact on the community in terms of monies raised or children served
- Strengthen membership and partnership opportunities

The goal of this contest is to recognize clubs that participate in signature projects to impact their communities and to inspire all clubs to create exciting signature projects. Here is a great online resource to assist with understanding or planning a signature project.

District Deadline: March 15

Click here to learn more about this contest.
102nd International Convention July 13-16, 2017

Explore France while attending Paris convention
Discover epic U.S. WWII history in Normandy & Provence's Roman ruins, lavender fields & more while you are in France. #KiwanisCon17

Learn more.

Registration now open.
The earlybird registration rate is $330 and includes exhibits, education and general sessions at the Paris convention center, located at 2 Place de la Porte Maillot, 75017 Paris, France. Members must be registered to gain admittance into convention venues.

Amendment proposals are up
This year's proposals for amendments to Kiwanis International's bylaws have been posted. Read up and get ready to take part in the debates during the House of Delegates.

Travel checklist: Make sure you’re prepared for your trip to Paris

- Book your hotel room.
- Check your passport’s expiration date and see if you need a tourist visa.
- Plan to take enough of your prescription medication for the duration of your stay.
- Check with the airports you’re flying out of for rules regarding taking liquids, food and personal items onto flights. Here are the regulations for the Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport.
- Decide on a plan for your phone usage while abroad.
- Consider getting travel insurance or emergency assistance.
- Make two photocopies of all your travel documents and store them separately from the originals.
- Notify your bank and/or credit card company that you are traveling abroad.
- Consult the weather forecast at destination for packing purposes.
- Check the currency conversion rates if you reside in a country where the euro is not the national currency.
- Ask your fellow club members whether they need anything from the Kiwanis Store.
- Book a tour. Or two.
- Got it? Good! You’re ready to be swept away by the City of Light!
**Club News**

**RIF: A Kiwanis Family Project**

Bringing energy, enthusiasm, good humor and a can-do attitude to the task, Avery County High School Key Clubbers joined members of their parent club—the Banner Elk Kiwanis—in the beginning of February to sort, stamp and box *Reading is Fundamental (RIF)* books for the Avery County Elementary Schools. The Kiwanis’ RIF program which has distributed thousands of books to Avery County schools over the past 20+ years is an annual program to encourage and support reading among the County’s youth. As a result of the RIF program, every student receives three grade-appropriate books to keep each year. Key Clubbers know first hand the value of the program and willingly share their time and efforts each year to keep it vibrant.—**Brian Raymond, Banner Elk President**

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**Terrific Kids in Elizabethtown**

*Taken from BladenOnline.com:*

Before school was dismissed on Friday the Elizabethtown Kiwanis Club held a ceremony for their Terrific Kids program. Terrific Kids are thoughtful, enthusiastic, respectful, responsible, inclusive, friendly, inquisitive, capable according to the Kiwanis Club of Elizabethtown.

The club gave out 15 certificates to well deserving students according to Kiwanis Club President, Jeff Futrell. The club’s Secretary, Dr. Lisa Bryan, announced there a drawing would award two parents with a gift card for having Terrific Kids.

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**Kiwans Magazine Submissions**

Seen first hand or heard about a story that would be of interest to your fellow Kiwanians for the Kiwanis magazine? Send KI the info to ShareYourStory@kiwanis.org. [Find out more details on what & how to provide a submission here.](#)
Welcome New Kiwanians!

Congratulations to the following, who joined a club in January 2017

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Kiwanis Children’s Fund

In our first article we promised to hold fast to a set of core values. These core values are:

**Stewardship**- We are committed to meeting and sustaining donors’ confidence that the Children’s Fund will invest their contributions wisely and distribute funds consistent with the values inherent in Kiwanis International mission.

**Transparency**- We adhere to the donor Bill of Rights to treat all constituents fairly and ethically and to be above board in all of our dealings.

**Responsiveness**- We are relevant and proactive in meeting donors’ and grantees’ needs.

**Legacy**- We give donors the opportunity to leave a lasting mark on the world.

**Integrity**- We deal honestly in our interactions with the stakeholders.

**Trust**- Through the integrity of our actions, we seek to earn and maintain the trust of our Kiwanis family and constituents.

Along with all these values comes accountability. Your gifts reflect your hope for children’s lives—and your trust in us. So we strive to earn that trust. We share records and reports that documents gifts, grants and the people we serve.”  - Doug Day, District Chair, Kiwanis Children’s Fund, Kiwanis International
A final look at MidYear 2017....see all the pictures on our Facebook Page.

If you were able to join us, we’d love to hear what you thought of our conference.  Take the conference survey here.

Looking Ahead....
We are always interested in your ideas for upcoming forums and idea fair topics.
Send your thoughts to:  leahcdo@gmail.com.