Fellow Kiwanians:

I hope this message finds you well and in good health. Who would have suspected that the last time we convened as a district during our Midyear Conference that the world would have turned upside down? I’m sure, like me, you had plans for a fun and active Spring. Those plans have been dashed and we wait patiently (or not in my case) for the COVID-19 crisis to end. After all, Kiwanians thrive with hands-on service projects and fundraisers – but that’s not a possibility in today’s environment – so what are we supposed to do? Well, we can do lots of things, actually!

Meet virtually: In the past three weeks, the district has hosted several “Zoom” meetings where we met face to face virtually. We’ve seen many clubs in the Carolinas move to an online/telephonic setting and, while there are always bumps getting used to new technology, this is a great way to keep in touch with your fellow Kiwanians. See past CDNews emails and the Carolinas District Facebook page for more details on how your club can start meeting remotely.

Service: I recently saw a Facebook post from a CKI club and they used the tagline “Stop the Spread, Don’t Stop the Service.” How profound and simple a message that is. We’ve seen Kiwanis Clubs all over the world respond in their own way to the COVID-19 crisis – some are constructing PPEs, others are holding canned food drives while others are donating service funds in-need charities. The bottom line is that while we’re apart from each other, we can keep doing what we do best – serving our fellow citizens.

Plan for the future: With two school-age children in my house, I’ve heard “I’m bored” more times than I can count. And I get it – normally, we’d not have a free weekend due to commitments to Kiwanis, CKI, Key Club, Scouts, church, etc. Now, most of those commitments have been put on hold. I imagine that many of you are in the same boat. Since many of us now have a strange lull in our schedule, why not take that time to plan for the future? When was the last time your club conducted a membership assessment? Or has your club thought about creating or updating a strategic plan? It’s so easy to sit and ponder about when we’re going to get out of this crisis we’re in, so I challenge to think about the opportunities we now have to more deeply think about the future of your Kiwanis Club.

Once the immediate crisis passes, our communities are going to need strong Kiwanis Clubs more than ever. There will be people still hurting and kids in need, so let’s start planning for those times now and look at this time as an opportunity to do what Kiwanians around the world do best – and that’s serving others.

Yours in Kiwanis Service,

Jon
The Carolinas District is working on new and innovative ways to keep events happening during this time of the Coronavirus. As soon as updates are available, the district will post information on our website, on Facebook, and through CDNews.

Please know, that if there is a way for us to meet in person, in a safe way, while meeting all local, state and governmental guidance, our intention is to find a way to meet.

International Convention
June 18 - 21, 2020
Indianapolis, IN

District Convention
August 14 - 16, 2020
The Carolina Hotel
Pinehurst, NC

KIWANIS EVENTS

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Close to $14,000 and over 500 service hours reported during COVID-19

Clubs are starting to submit their March monthly reports and the figures are adding up! Over fifteen clubs, along with their sponsored youth, are making face masks, face shields, organizing food drives, donating blood, continuing their backpack programs and donating money to their local food banks to help feed bodies and souls and to keep our front line health care workers safe during COVID-19. We would like to keep a running total and post your stories on our Facebook page as well as in CDNews and the Carolina Kiwanian! Send us your stories of how you are helping others during this time of crisis.

Virtual Happy Hour with Governor Jon and District Secretary Leah

Missing your usual Kiwanis meeting and friends? Stop by this virtual happy hour with Governor Jon and Secretary Leah for some fun! We’ll have an open forum and play some KIWANIS BINGO. Don’t forget to BYOB!

Date: Thursday, April 16
Time: 5pm-6pm

You must register to get your BINGO card and call-in password. Click here to register!

District creates closed FACEBOOK GROUP

Looking for a place to share your ideas for membership drives and club meetings? Want to bounce an idea off of another fellow Kiwanian? Want to check in with your Kiwanis friends around the state, but want to do so in a more private fashion? Join our District Facebook Group! This is a closed group where members of clubs in the Carolinas District can come to hang out, get inspiration and learn a thing or two. Go to www.facebook.com/groups/carolinadistrictkiwanis and answer three questions.

1) Which Kiwanis Club do you belong to?
2) Do you promise not to talk about politics in this group?
3) Do you promise to only post pictures of children of whom you have received their parents’ written permission?

Once you promise to follow these two rules, you will be approved!

Need a program?

We are compiling a listing of people willing to provide your club a virtual program through Zoom (or similar platforms). Feel free to contact me if you have one to add to the list! And feel free to contact those listed below to schedule your club’s program!

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Elizabeth Tezza, MNT Coordinator, emtezza@gmail.com

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Mason Smith, Director of Civic Club Relations at the Boys and Girls Homes of Lake Waccamaw, is available for Zoom, Skype, and phone conferencing to provide distance presentations about Boys and Girls Homes for any club planning to meet in any of those ways.
Mason Fuller Smith, D.Min., M.Div., Director of Civic Club Relations 910.646.3083 ext. 241 (o) | mason.smith@bghnc.org

Youth Protection
Each year our Kiwanis Clubs are supposed to have Youth Protection training for all members. This is the perfect time to get your training in with our District Youth Protection Chair! Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges, kiwanisdawn@gmail.com

Clubs Meeting in Alternative Ways

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East Cooper, Mt. Pleasant The Sandhills, Moore County
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Lake Norman Waynesville
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Waynesville Kiwanis Club receives Governor’s Volunteer Award
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The Waynesville Kiwanis Club was named a recipient of the Governor’s Volunteer Award.

The Governor’s Volunteer Service Award honors the spirit of volunteerism by recognizing individuals, groups and businesses that make a significant contribution to their community through volunteer service.

The 69-year-old Kiwanis Club of Waynesville is one of 20 Governor’s Volunteer Award recipients across the state.

“Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers, dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time,” the club said in its award application. “Kiwanis volunteers conduct service projects throughout the year and annually allocate grants to schools, teachers and youth serving organizations in Haywood County.”

In 2019, the Waynesville Kiwanis donated over 2,000 service hours.

Their specific service projects include the 5th Grade Spelling Bee, Dictionary Distribution (600+) to all third graders, Tuscola and Pisgah High School Key Clubs, Western North Carolina University Circle K Club, July 4th Children’s Parade, the Waynesville Winter Holiday Parade and Spring Fling which is done in partnership with Waynesville Recreation Center where more than 1,000 children participate at no cost. In addition, they sponsor the Aktion Club for 26 developmentally disabled adults who have their own projects serving the community.

Local community partners regularly reach out to their club for support. This past year included Clothes to Kids, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Cops and Kids, Altrusa’s Soup and Cornbread event, Salvation Army Bell Ringing and the Folkmoor Festival where Kiwanis lines Main Street with International flags. Kiwanis also supports various faith-based service activities including Haywood Pathways Center and Haywood Christian Ministry.

In 2019, the Waynesville Kiwanis Club allocated $35,286 in grants along with conducting service projects to support education and youth-serving organizations in Haywood County.

The Kiwanis Club was a strong partner in the planning, fundraising and project execution in the recent establishment of the new All Abilities Playground at the Waynesville Parks and Recreation and Kiwanis Playground Park.
If I can stop one heart from breaking,
I shall not live in vain;
If I can ease one life the aching,
Or cool one pain,
Or help one fainting robin
Unto his next again,
I shall not live in vain.
--Emily Dickinson

Graduation won’t be the same this year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. So, let’s do something special to celebrate and thank Key Club graduating students for their hard work and dedication. We know advisors are looking for creative ways to honor the Class of 2020. Here are some ways to recognize them while practicing social distancing:

- Write a personal note. Thank them for their commitment to service during their time in Key Club. Be sure to use specific examples of how this member went above and beyond.
- Record a video and post it on social media. Use your cell phone to record yourself thanking the students, calling each of them out by name and telling them how proud you are of their achievements. Send it to the club’s social media manager to be posted on the official Key Club page.
- Host a virtual celebration. Invite all the members of your Key Club and other faculty advisors or Kiwanis members who have worked with the seniors. Ask adults and students alike to share why they appreciate these seniors. There are many ways to host video conferences. Zoom is a great tool to get everyone together virtually.
- Make a good old-fashioned phone call. Call them on their home phone and thank them for their leadership and service.
- Invite all Key Clubbers to thank them. Ask lowerclassmen members to write personal notes to the seniors or record thank you videos to post on social media.
- Plan for recognition at the graduation ceremony. Whether the school is having a virtual graduation or postponing the in-person event, stay up to date on the plan. Consider asking the organizers to include you as part of the conversation to ensure that your seniors have an opportunity to be honored as Key Clubbers.
- Show appreciation publicly. Create a banner to congratulate the Class of 2020 Key Club seniors and display it in a public space.

Bonus: Order graduation items or keepsakes from the Kiwanis Family Store to be used for the various ceremonies that are being planned.

These ideas will go a long way toward creating the special memories Key Club seniors deserve.

Do you have any other ideas to recognize your Key Club seniors? Share them with us by emailing PR@KeyClub.org.

LEGACY OF PLAY CONTEST POSTPONED

Due to the ongoing global COVID-19 crisis, together with our partner Landscape Structures, we have made the decision to delay the kickoff of the 2020 Legacy of Play contest. Once the world resumes a more regular routine and Kiwanis clubs begin meeting in person again, we will announce a new contest timeline.

In the meantime, take virtual field trips to playgrounds throughout the world to stay inspired. Be ready to bring play to your community when the time is right. Please know that the value of play continues and our partnership remains strong.
Project Dignity, the brainchild of North Brunswick Kiwanis club member Barbara Dullaghan, provides duffle bags with gender and age-appropriate clothing, books, and personal items for children who are uprooted from their families and placed in foster care. The project is highlighted in the April 2020 edition of Brunswick Forest Living. Project Dignity is dependent upon the generosity of their community as well as grants to support its ongoing viability.

Prior to the closings, the Kiwanis Club of Fuquay-Varina held its annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, March 14 from 7 AM - 10 AM at Anna’s Pizzeria Fuquay-Varina located at 138 S Main Street. All preventive measures including social distancing and disinfecting all surfaces were observed. The tickets sales and placemat sponsorships donations goes toward the Fuquay-Varina Kiwanis Club’s Fuquay-Varina High School Key Club Scholarship fund.

Wilmington Kiwanis presented over 100 stuffed animals to both the New Hanover County Sheriff’s Office and Wilmington, NC Police Department in February.

Fayetteville Kiwanian Worth Smith read to a Head Start class at the end of February. This year, Fayetteville Kiwanians will read to over 100 children and give away over 300 books!

The Palmetto Kiwanis Club and the Hilton Head Kiwanis Club worked together to help raise $550,000 for this new playground located at the Island Recreation Center on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.
The Carolinas District of Kiwanis Foundation invited two of the recent Russ and Pam Wagner Memorial Scholarship recipients to pen an article about their experiences and how your support is assisting them in pursuing their education.

Receiving the Wagner Scholarship
by Bridget and Summer Kenny

Obtaining an undergraduate degree is challenging, time-consuming, and expensive. It’s a time for personal and academic growth. One frequently sets their professional goals during their undergraduate years. It remains imperative to not lose one’s sense of self and core values. In our family one of our core values is service. Our grandfather serves the community through the local Kiwanis. Our parents serve through their employment. We serve through various charitable organizations. The Pam and Russ Wagner Memorial Scholarship, permits both of us the opportunity to continue to dedicate time to charitable resources during our undergraduate years.

(Bridget) My older sister, Summer, was the recipient of the Pam and Russ Wagner Memorial Scholarship in 2017. Summer has always shown her kind heart through service, and this scholarship has given her the opportunity to further serve her community. This award has reduced the financial strain of college, allowing Summer to focus on academics, extracurricular activities, and service. My sister spent the summer of 2018 in Florida as part of a campus ministry program. Summer spent a semester studying abroad in Italy during her sophomore year at East Carolina University. Both of these experiences were possible for Summer because of the financial support she received from the Kiwanis Foundation. My sister has continued to devote time to her community. Summer served as the Vice Chair on the EC Scholars Roundtable. As a member of the EC Scholars Roundtable, she volunteered at the local Boys and Girls Club and helped plan events for ECU students. My sister also works with the staff at the East Carolina Physical Therapy School to conduct research. As my sister is pursuing a career in physical therapy, the experience that she is getting with research projects is invaluable. The Kiwanis Foundation has made it possible for Summer to spend her time focusing on academics and serving her community.

(Summer) My younger sister, Bridget, was the recipient of the Pam and Russ Wagner Scholarship in 2020. She will be starting her undergraduate education at East Carolina University in the fall of 2020. During her time in high school, one of her main focuses was serving others. Bridget was able to serve others through Read Across America, Special Olympics, Math Across Greenville, and volunteering for youth soccer camps. She enjoyed serving the community of Greenville, specifically the youth, and will be able to continue doing so as a recipient of this scholarship. Going into freshman year with this scholarship, she will be able to focus on her academics and serving others. The Pam and Russ Wagner Scholarship not only encourages service but takes a financial stress off of Bridget. She will be able to work less during her undergraduate studies and give more of her time to other people. She is a representation of what it means to be a servant leader. She humbly leads other people by putting the needs of others before her own and gives time to care for people. The Kiwanis mission is to serve the children of the world. Pam and Russ Wagner served the children of the world by encouraging service and giving financial support to servant leaders. Bridget will be able to continue on with this mission statement as a result of this scholarship by volunteering for the community instead of devoting her time to pay for school.

As recipients of this scholarship, we are incredibly grateful to the Kiwanis Foundation for supporting our service efforts. The Kiwanis Foundation continues to serve the children of the world and has served us over the past years. We are able to continue to serve the community and youth of Greenville without the financial burden of paying for college. Our hope is to always give back to our community, just as the Kiwanis Foundation has given to us.
The following 46 clubs celebrate a birthday in the third quarter of this Kiwanis year (April/May/June):

- 1920 Burlington
  Greenwood
  High Point
  Rocky Mount

- 1921 Charleston
  Darlington
  Hickory
  Mount Airy
  Tarboro

- 1922 Elizabeth City
  Shelby
  Sumter

- 1923 Florence
  Henderson
  Lenoir
  North Wilkesboro

- 1938 Kershaw County

- 1942 Lincoln County

- 1945 Angier
  Bennettsville
  Benson
  Orangeburg

- 1948 Eden
  Twin City,
  Winston-Salem

- 1957 Spruce Pine
  Winterville

- 1961 Topsail Island Area, Surf City
  Edeonton-Chowan
  Greenville-University City
  Greenville

- 1972 The Friendly City, Durham
  Simpsonville

- 1974 East Burke, Icard
  Edward R. Murrow
  Golden K

- 1975 Greenville

- 1979 Summerville

- 1980 Kershaw County

- 1983 West Lumberton
  Hilton Head Island
  Onslow County

- 1984 Topsail Island Area, Surf City

- 1986 Edeonton-Chowan
  Greenville-University City

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  Edward R. Murrow
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- 1989 Apex

- 1990 Kershaw County

- 1991 Raleigh Midtown

- 1992 Hampstead

- 1993 Greenville-University City

- 1994 Topsail Island Area, Surf City

- 1995 Edeonton-Chowan

- 1996 Greenville-University City

- 1997 Greenville

- 1998 Edward R. Murrow

- 1999 Apex

- 2000 Kershaw County

- 2001 Greenville-University City

- 2002 Holly Springs

- 2003 Lake Marion

- 2004 Edeonton-Chowan

- 2005 Greenville-University City

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- 2011 Kershaw County

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- 2017 Apex

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- 2019 Greenville-University City

- 2020 Greenville

- 2021 East Burke, Icard

- 2022 Edward R. Murrow

- 2023 Golden K

- 2024 Apex

- 2025 Kershaw County

- 2026 Greenville-University City

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- 2044 Golden K

- 2045 Apex

- 2046 Kershaw County

We’re opening clubs around the district....

Do you know anyone that would make a great Kiwanian that lives in the following areas? We’ve either just opened, or are working on opening, clubs in the following areas. If you know of any prospects we need to reach out to, please contact the district office (leahcdo@gmail.com).

- Burgaw, NC
- Campbell University
- Cary- Mooresville, NC
- Craven County, NC
- Clemson, SC
- Fort Mill, SC
- Garner, NC
- Georgetown, SC
- Goose Creek/North Charleston, SC
- McDowell County, NC
- Mocksville, NC
- Shallotte-South Brunswick Islands, NC
- South Point (Durham, NC)
The following became members January - March 2020

Asheboro
Charles Draeger
Sonia Edwards
Debra Garner
Emily Tyndall

Burlington
Charles Altizer
David Bender
Coral Erikson

Cape Fear, Fayetteville
Arnold Williams

Chapel Hill-Carrboro
Travis Blake
Jimmy Lambert
Madison Parker

Charlotte
Bryan Dorsey
Jennifer Dorsey
Warren Linde
Anthony Monaco

Columbia
James Causey
Paul Hoefer

Conway
Donna Bodie
David Somers

East Cooper, Mt. Pleasant
Robert Brady
Cameron Freeman
Nicole Gribben
Cheryl Keller
Carrie Murray

Greensboro
-Nat Greene
William Lee
Buchanan

Greenwood
Jonathan Emery

Hendersonville
Sarah Beattie
Terry Love

High Point
Sophia Porter

Holly Springs
Ryan Wagner

Lake Norman
Pauline Edwards
Brian Hooper

Lincoln County
Jefrey Clanton

Mecklenburg, Charlotte
Rodney Boyes

Moncks Corner
Kristen Lanier

Monroe
William Johnson
Candace Pierce

Pawleys Island
Richard Bidinger
Lee Franks
Phillip Gailland
Daniel Hurd
Patti Marks
Teena Miller

Rock Hill
James Fischer III

Rocky Mount
John Griffin
Chadly Warrick

The Sandhills, Moore County
Sue Deutsch

Raleigh
Kambui Bell
George Pender
Joy Ruhmann
Patrice Wallace

Raleigh Midtown
Edward Roche

Robeson-Lumberton
Ben Miller
Brian Nolley
Alexis Rising-Jacobs

Sumter cont.
Micaiah Green
Kimberly Jolly
Caleb Kershaw

Sunrise, Goldsboro
Bobby Jo Taylor

Surf City
Albert Brashear
Diane Cavanagh
Mollie Grant
Anthony Nigro
Cathryn Safford
Robert Safford

Tryon
Lynn Hensley
Vern Leister

Winston-Salem cont
Steven Simpson

Wilson-All American
Cameron Cochran
Earle Foster
Hubert Garris
Dante Pittman

Wilmington
David Anderson
Don Betz
Katherine Delaura
John Harer
Duncan McIver

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Welcome to the Team!