“The world turned upside down”

Fellow Kiwanians:

You might know this quote from the song “Yorktown” from the musical Hamilton, which was recently released on Disney’s streaming service, Disney+. Our house eagerly awaited this release, as seeing the Broadway production of the show has been on everyone’s bucket list for some time and as I contemplated what to write in the space, my head just went to the lyric “…the world turned upside down.”

I’d like to call out of a couple of clubs that are working hard to continue in their service in a unique way – this is not a comprehensive list, just a handful of clubs that caught my attention:

The Kiwanis Club of Onslow County is in the midst of their “Pack N’ Play Virtual 5K,” a virtual benefit raising funds to purchase pack n’ plays for Onslow County service agencies. Rather than holding a traditional 5K road race, a virtual 5K lets participants run at their own pace and challenge themselves to raise money for a worthy cause.

The Kiwanis Club of Pawley’s Island has partnered with a local car dealer for a “Stuff-a-Van” with school supplies – just drop supplies or a donation and go!

The Kiwanis Club of the Sandhills held its annual blueberry sale in May – but changed things up a bit to allow for safe sales including not accepting cash and requiring all sales to be placed in advance.

So, as you can see – we can still serve our communities – it will just take creativity and some of that famous Kiwanis spirit that we’re known for in each of our communities. During most of the virtual Kiwanis meetings in which I have participated, I’ve had one consistent message – and that is that leaders are made not by the crisis or situation they are in, they are made by how they respond to the crisis or situation. In other words, we can recognize that the current COVID19 crisis (and related trickle-down effects) isn’t going away anytime soon and respond in ways that continue the Kiwanis mission or we can choose not to – I know that you will choose the former. I know that you will be creative in looking for ways to serve the children of your community. And I know that you’ll pivot to create innovative fundraising solutions.

A commitment that the Carolinas District has made is to ensure that we’re delivering quality content and educational opportunities to help your club manage through this current environment. Please plan on attending our VCON (Virtual District Convention) on August 15, where we’ll deliver dynamic, informative workshops and keynote addresses. I know that you’ll find tremendous value in spending the morning of the August 15th with your Carolinas District of Kiwanis friends – after all, we’ve missed you!

Yours in Kiwanis Service,

Jon

NOTE FROM THE GOVERNOR

News coverage and social media posts concerning COVID-19, nationwide protests of police brutality and a contentious national election are enough to make us think the world is indeed turning upside down. But I would submit to you that through the actions of Kiwanians here in the Carolinas, whatever strife our country may face, we’re responding with acts of service and love. I’ve lost count of the number of Kiwanis Zoom calls I’ve been on since mid-March, but what hasn’t escaped me is the sheer volume of Kiwanis clubs that are continuing to meet and serve despite the new state of affairs we’re all facing. Kiwanians are choosing to see the good and have pivoted to operating in new ways to ensure that their clubs are stronger and more relevant than ever.
KIWANIS EVENTS

The Carolinas District is working on new and innovative ways to keep events happening during this time of the Coronavirus. For the safety of our members, the district board has cancelled our regularly scheduled District Convention, but is replacing it with a FREE Virtual Convention, or VCON.

VCON
August 15, 2020
via Zoom

9:00 - 12:30

See pages 10 & 11 for details.

On the cover:
Moncks Corner Kiwanis created a senior class sign project to congratulate their graduates during COVID - 19. Read more on page 8.
Over $28,000 raised with over 4,500 service hours reported during COVID-19

Clubs are still submitting their monthly reports and the figures are adding up! Many clubs have made face masks and face shields, have organized food drives, donated blood, and are 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 and our children fed 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.

Need a program?

Here’s 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!

**GOVERNOR JON HETHCOX**

is available to join your virtual meeting as a program. Take advantage of our capabilities to meet virtually and hear from the Governor himself!
jon.hethcox@gmail.com

**DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN JOE CROSTIC**

is available to speak to your club about membership growth and strategic planning....why not start planning during this time?
joe.crostic@gmail.com

The Eliminate Project - How your donations have helped : A virtual trip to Zambia
Elizabeth Tezza, MNT Coordinator
emtezza@gmail.com

**Boys and Girls Homes at Lake Waccamaw**

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., MDiv., Director of Civic Club Relations
336.264.6572 (m) 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
Facebook Live

Missed the latest Lunch with a Leader Facebook Live Kiwanis International offered? No problem! Videos are available AFTER the live event AND they’re offering these events EVERY Wednesday.

District Creates Closed Facebook Group

Looking for a place to share your ideas for membership drives and club meetings? Need 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/carolinasdistrictkiwanis 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 parent(s)’ written permission?

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

Grants/Contributions

Your club’s gift matters.

The Foundation is currently exploring new ways to assist District programs. This takes money.

If there are areas where you believe the Foundation can be of greater service please email President Gary Cooper (coopdbcoop@nc.rr.com) or Secretary/Treasurer Stan Perry (perry8@clemson.edu) and let us know.

Be an advocate for your Foundation.

The phrase on the back of the Carl B. Hyatt medallion, which was coined by PDG Stan Perry during the 1997-1998 year, sums up why we do what we do:

“…because every child deserves a hero.”

Apply for a grant here
Moncks Corner Kiwanis Celebrates High School Seniors with Sign Project

When the pandemic hit and disrupted our lives, high school seniors lost a lot of their senior year activities. They were bummed out yet wisely accepted their fate. While visiting out of town, Moncks Corner Member and Division 21 Lt. Governor Helen Lukow-Williams saw senior pictures on yard signs around the town she was visiting and thought it would be a good project for her club. So when some parents of high school seniors of Berkeley High School, where the club sponsors a Key Club, approached her about doing something for them, she presented the club with the idea of the yard signs.

The club was excited but knew they would have to get creative since their major fundraiser, a golf tournament, had been cancelled. They contacted the high school’s principal and along with the school, many parents helped out. The club opened a PayPal account, started sharing it on Facebook, and the response was overwhelming. Their community responded and the signs became a reality!

With over $5,000 raised, the campaign was a success and 314 signs were created! When it came time to put the signs up, the small club looked at one another in despair and wondered how they would be able to get them all installed. Helen then contacted the town administrator who sent ten workers to help get the signs up. A monumental task, with everyone’s help, was done within two hours!

Kiwani Cares signs were put at the beginning and end of the senior signs to give the club some recognition.

After graduation the seniors were allowed to take their signs to display at home. They were thrilled and grateful. This project was so successful, the town hopes the club will make it an annual event.
District Membership Contest

The Carolinas District Board of Trustees approved moving forward with our annual Membership Contest with a few changes...due to the waiver of new member add fees by both Kiwanis International and the District,* our contest will require that clubs retain their new members and pay their District and International dues for them by December 1, 2020 in order to retain their membership entries into the contest. The District Executive Committee will pull the winner at their regularly scheduled December 2020 meeting. The club who wins will receive one free registration to the District Convention in 2021 with two free hotel nights included.

**How the contest works:**
Every new member’s name added between May 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020 will be added to the contest. The Club’s name will be on each new member entry. One entry will be selected. The more members your club adds the more chances your club gets!

- Add 1 or 2 members = 1 chance per new member
- Add 3 or 4 members = 2 chances per new member
- Add 5 or 6 = 3 chances per new member
- Add 7 or 8 = 4 chances per new member

**New Member Fee Waiver**

*This is the perfect time to add members to your club! Both the Carolinas District and Kiwanis International have waived the new member add fee through September 30, 2020.*
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### Special Elections by Delegates-at-Large

The district bylaws call for us to hold a special election of only Delegates-at-Large when we cannot meet in person. This special election will occur Wednesday, August 12 through Friday, August 14 at 5:00 pm. That information was shared with the Club Presidents via letter and each Delegate-at-large has been informed as well by email. Delegates-at-Large will be voting only on officers (Trustees, Governor-Elect and Governor). Specific instructions on how to vote will be sent to Delegates-at-large soon and more information will be coming soon through CDNews and on our website, carolinakiwanis.org, with bios and speeches from our candidates.
Club Leadership Education

At a district convention, we normally have Club Leadership Education available for incoming club officers Friday before the convention begins, and we are offering a **FREE CLE** again this year (just virtually) for incoming Club Presidents. Offerings for Club Secretaries and Club Treasurers will be made available in September.

The content for our virtual event is divided into four modules: The Role of the Kiwanis Leader; Vision & Strategic Planning; Recruiting, Engaging & Retaining Members; and Service Leadership & Community Engagement. This year the modules on Kiwanis leadership and service leadership will be offered in a two-hour webinar on Friday afternoon, August 14. Credit for the remaining two modules can be earned by attending the two webinar forums offered during our virtual convention (VCON) on Saturday, August 15. By registering and attending both the Friday CLE Webinar and the Saturday VCON, Presidents-Elect will fulfill their CLE Training requirement.

**Part 1: Friday August 14**
2:00 - 4:00 pm
Register now for the Friday Webinar!
1) The Role of the Kiwanis Leader
2) Service Leadership & Community Engagement

**Part 2: Saturday August 15**
Educational Sessions from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Register now for VCON!
1) Finding the Path Forward with COVID in the Way
2) Membership Growth During the Pandemic
Waynesville Kiwanis is giving Haywood Christian Ministry 1,200 children’s coloring activity books to put in their food boxes.

The Division 11 Kiwanis clubs (below) had a project to raise money and diapers and raised $2200 to be given to the Partnership for Children in each county that the clubs are located in. The Kiwanis Clubs of Angier, Lillington and Western Harnett gave $700 and diapers to The Partnership for Children in Harnett County. Tera Fish of Partnership received the money and diapers.

Apex Kiwanis and Key Club donated over 70 Get Well Cards, several coloring book with crayons, and story books to Zach’s Toy Chest.

The KIWANIS GIVING GARDEN at Horseplay Farms has been completed with over 1700 sq. feet of raised planting beds. Over 200 pounds of vegetables have been donated to Shoreline Baptist Church Food Pantry and Brunswick Family Assistance. Friday mornings are picking days. Thirty-one pounds of bush and pole beans have been picked and soon they will be pulling the peas off the vines. South Oak Island Kiwanis donated over 50 pounds of cabbage, broccoli, beans, tomatoes, peppers and cucumbers to both pantries.
High Point Kiwanis installed bricks at their 100th Anniversary Playground at Washington Terrace Park!

The Kiwanis Club of Wilmington celebrated its 100th anniversary in the most unusual way. The club had to cancel plans for a gala celebration luncheon because of Covid-19 restrictions. Instead, there was a drive-thru celebration at the Brigade Boys and Girls Club on the club’s birthday - May 27th. Kiwanians practiced social distancing by driving around the parking lot honking horns and displaying their Kiwanis spirit. As they drove through, each Kiwanian received a goodies bag containing Kiwanis mementos. Keeping in the spirit of serving others, they also donated 85 boxes of cereal to Mother Hubbard’s Cupboard. Kiwanians find a way to serve others, no matter the circumstances.

The Kiwanis Club of Bluffton members Bill Rickett & Leonard Davidson presented a $3,500 check to Operations Division Captain Joe Babkiewicz and K-9 Officer Delong to help with the purchase of two replacement dogs. This will bring the Police Department K-9 section back to its full complement of four dogs after recent retirements. Bill’s son, Dan, is also a club member and full-time officer with Bluffton Police.

The KIWANIS GIVING GARDEN at Horseplay Farms has been completed with over 1700 sq. feet of raised planting beds. Over 200 pounds of vegetables have been donated to Shoreline Baptist Church Food Pantry and Brunswick Family Assistance to date. Friday mornings are picking days. Thirty-one pounds of bush and pole beans have been picked and soon they will be pulling the peas off the vines.

Southport-Oak Island Kiwanis donated over 50 pounds of cabbage, broccoli, beans, tomatoes, and cucumbers to both pantries.
Kiwanis and CKI
Live to Serve, Love to Serve

What does a Kiwanian and a Circle K member have in common? They love to serve others. In fact, the CKI motto is Live to Serve, Love to Serve. Service is the core to our organization. We, Kiwanians and Kiwanis Family members, see a problem and we work together to address it to make sure it is better for all those involved.

In 1985, I was a first grader in Americus, Georgia. During recess, one of my friends gathered us together and we would rehearse the song, “We are the World.” She was a spitfire of a young lady and she could easily corral a group of giggling, silly first graders. She sang in her church gospel choir and directed us as such. We would practice this song for several years during elementary school and finally performed it at a school event.

“There comes a time
When we heed a certain call
When the world must come
together as one
There are people dying
Oh, and it’s time
to lend a hand to life”

At the time, I was not really aware of why the song was written but I knew that someone was in need of help. Researching the song, “We are the World,” it was written as a charity event to help those starving in Africa. It was this song that prompted me to investigate this country I knew very little about.

“We are the world
We are the children
We are the ones who make a brighter day, so let’s start giving
There’s a choice we’re making
We’re saving our own lives
It’s true we’ll make a better day, just you and me”

When I got into high school, I was invited to be a part of my High School’s Model UN team. I learned how to argue for human rights. I was appointed to serve as the Minister for Education from South Africa and dove into reading and learning about apartheid, Nelson Mandela and all the freedom fighters.

“Oh, send them your heart
So they know that someone cares
And their lives will be stronger
And so we all must lend
a helping hand”

As I entered college, I was awarded a scholarship to travel to Africa to study. I spent the January semester in Ghana where I traveled to Castle Mina and walked where Africans were shipped to slavery. The experience opened my eyes to a new culture and I watched as my Black classmates had visceral, emotional reactions to the dark and desolate prisons.

“But if you just believe there’s
no way we can fall
Well, well, well, well let us realize
Oh, that a change can only come
When we stand together as one….“

So, what does this all have to do with Kiwanis and Circle K International? The mission of Kiwanis International is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. Kiwanians see an issue in their community and work to solve it. Circle K International mission is to develop college and university students into a global network of responsible citizens and leaders with a lifelong commitment to service.

Our CKI members have been the trailblazers within the Kiwanis Organization. The first in the Kiwanis organization to allow women to join in 1971 and electing the first Female International President in 1984. Circle K International elected the first Black International President, Gregory Faulkner in the Kiwanis organization in 1975.

As Kiwanians, let us think about these young trailblazers. While Kiwanians come with years of experience and wisdom, CKI members come with a fire in their belly to change the world to make it better. How can Kiwanians embrace that fire and support the change that these young people desire so that we can save lives and make it a better place for you and me.

As your club looks to grow in membership, consider first turning your attention to your Circle K International members. They are yearning to continue their service but may feel unsure about joining a club when they do not see anyone like them. They also may need some creative strategies to be engaged like a virtual membership. So as we continue to make the world a better place, serve the children of the world, especially those that are marginalized and have been subjected to systemic bias let us remember the words that echo from 1985...
“We are the world
We are the children
We are the ones who make a brighter day, so let’s start giving”

Kiwanians, let’s work together with the Circle K Members to make a brighter day for those that need us the most right now.

--Jennifer Hethcox
CKI District Administrator

Hello Carolinas Kiwanis!

It’s an honor to be able to reach out to all of you through your district publication. My name is Azal Abduh, and I’m serving as the Carolinas CKI District Governor for the 2020 - 2021 year. I can say without a doubt that it has been a very eventful year since the start of my term in April. However, Carolinas CKI has been able to continue to do great things as we move through the summer.

As we approach the end of July and begin August, many of our members in CKI are looking to begin school. However, things will be a little bit different for all of us this year due to the high presence of COVID-19 in North and South Carolina. I’m writing this article in order to encourage you all to interact with Circle K Clubs as we enter these virtual times. There are schools around the Carolinas that have already announced that students won’t be returning to campus at all this upcoming semester, while others have students returning to campus, but with many restrictions in place.

As I have read previous updates from your amazing Governor, Jon Hethcox, I have noticed the large number of Kiwanis clubs around the district that have already held their own meeting virtually. I want to congratulate you all on the good work you’ve done through quickly transitioning your meeting formats. CKI clubs all around the Carolinas are now beginning to explore how not just to hold their meetings virtually, but also socials, service projects, and fundraisers. Kiwanis in the past has done so much for Carolinas CKI, so I thank you all for that. Now, I ask that you continue to do the same for these clubs and more by attending their virtual meetings and events.

As I’ve attended Kiwanis meetings in the past as the only non-Kiwanis member, I have always felt slightly nervous when I don’t see any familiar faces. However, the Kiwanis clubs have always done their part to get me introduced at the meetings and make sure I don’t feel left out when in attendance. I can assure you that you’d see the same from CKI clubs around the Carolinas District. Our members look forward to that opportunity of meeting the members of the clubs that sponsor them. So reach out to your CKI club and take that next step of ensuring a strong relationship between Kiwanis and Circle K all around the district.

Thank you again for all your support. We look forward to another successful year in Carolinas CKI.

-- Governorn Azal Abduh
The following 42 clubs celebrate a birthday in the fourth quarter of this Kiwanis year (July/August/September):

1919
Asheville
Charlotte
Greenville, SC

1920
Goldsboro

1921
Greenville, NC
Newton

1922
Smithfield

1925
Ahoskie

1928
Chapel Hill-Carrboro

1931
Oxford

1945
Conway

1947
Laurinburg

1952
Mecklenburg Charlotte

1958
Clinton, NC

1973
Monroe

1974
Rockingham

1975
Greensboro
Nat Greene

1976
Wilson-All American

1985
Chapel Hill-Tar Heel
Golden K

1987
Wake Forest

1988
Lee County
Hillsborough
Greenwood Golden K
Kernersville
Spring Lake/Cumberland Co

1990
Matthews

1993
Lake Norman
Greenville Eastside
Southport-Oak Island
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).

Canton
Garner
North Myrtle Beach

1999
Mint Hill
Moncks Corner
Aiken-Palmetto

2000
Fuquay Varina

2001
Charlotte
at University City

2003
Hilton Head- Palmetto

2005
Socastee-St. James
Key2KiwaniS

2007
Nashville

2012
North Brunswick

2017
Clayton
Down East of Greenville
The Crystal Coast
Welcome to the Team!

The following became members April - June 2020

**Asheboro**
Steven Watson

**Charleston**
John Weishar

**Charlotte**
John Dear
Warren Linde

**Columbia**
Kelvin Pineda

**Columbia Golden K**
Hunter Rentz

**Darlington**
Laurin Gandy

**Fayetteville**
Joel Coram

**Greensboro - Nat Greene**
Roger Eric Searls
Haskell Shelton

**Hendersonville**
John Mihalik
Members April - June 2020

**Mint Hill**
Jeff Lane

**North Brunswick**
Deb Pickett

**Robeson-Lumberton**
Chasity Nicole Skusa
Ericka Whitaker

**Salisbury**
Michael Edwards
Robert Johnsen
Kymberly Melton

**Simpsonville**
Shelby Everette
Sharon Glenn
Michelle Morrow

**Smithfield**
Nancy Hildieth

**Southport - Oak Island**
Laury Dowd
Julian Voigt
Patricia Voigt

**Washington**
Kevin Hardy
Louis Nieper