Welcome to Our Newest Club
Kiwanis Club of Downtown Chicago Hits the Ground Running
As I write this article we only have a few weeks remaining in the 2016-17 Kiwanis year, then we continue into the 2017-18 year. Hopefully all clubs and club secretaries are updating their rosters and end with a membership “plus-1”... or more. We all need to remember KidsNeedKiwanis and our CommunitiesNeedKiwanis!

I’m very honored to be the 2017-18 Governor of the Great I-I District! We have and have had so many great leaders in our district. In the upcoming year, our district will have Kiwanis International President Jim Rochford leading Kiwanis worldwide, Jim Dooley leading as Formula Chair for the Americas, Key Club International Trustees Jack Nannie and Jared Dudko, CKI Governor Austin Ives, and Key Club Governor Charles Schneider, along with many other great I-I District members Serving the Children of the World! Thank you to everyone who have stepped up to be a district, division, clubs, and members. With everyone—lieutenant governors, club presidents and members—all working together, we can turn our declining membership numbers around!

We will begin the new Kiwanis year with a Chicago Blitz October 8-11, 2017, opening eight new Kiwanis clubs in the Chicago area. We have approximately 40 Kiwanis leaders from other districts coming to learn and help with this great effort. Thank you to the I-I District Lt. Governors, Past Lt. Governors, sponsoring clubs, members and coaches who will be helping with this huge effort on these eight new clubs—it could not happen without you. What an amazing way to start our new Kiwanis year! THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU! ☺

TERRY CUNEFARE
GOVERNOR, I-I DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
Happy fall to everyone in the I-I District!
One more year has flown by and we have had another incredible Kiwanis year! As we wind down the 2016-17 year, there are some housekeeping items all clubs need to take care of; please be sure to take care of these tasks.

Several clubs (over 35%) that have not submitted their Club Election Reports online for 2017-18. There are many resource emails that club leaders will not receive over the course of the year if these are not submitted immediately. Even if your officers have not changed, you must complete the report or no officers will be listed for your club. Please be sure these items have been completed for each of your clubs:

- Background checks for the Kiwanis Advisors for all Sponsored Leadership Programs (SLP) need to now be complete with Kiwanis International, so please get those completed ASAP. More details found at http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisonline/lead/risk-management/background-checks#.V-V96SgrKM8.

How does a Kiwanis advisor get a background check? Answer: the Kiwanis club secretary will update the Kiwanis advisors (including their correct email addresses) for each of the SLPs on the secretary dashboard. Kiwanis International will then email advisors who need a background check to provide instructions and the web link for completing the background check process.

Please be sure all of your monthly reports are completed by October 31 so the Annual Report is able to automatically generate. You do not “submit” anything manually.

Award submissions are due in the I-I District Office no later than October 31:
- Interclub Banner Patch
- District Newsletter Contest
- District Club Website Award

You will find all the needed information on the District Website Awards Page at: http://www.iikiwanis.org/Page/22750.

2016-17 Distinguished Awards
The criteria for all the Distinguished Awards for 2016-17 can be found on the District Website at: http://www.iikiwanis.org/Page/22750.

Distinguished Member, provided by Kiwanis International: the club secretary must complete BY September 30, 2017 the online only Distinguished Member Form found at http://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/awards-and-recognition/distinguished-recognition/2016-17-distinguished-member-form.

I want to send a BIG thank you out to Governor Rick and First Lady Bonnie Poulton for their year of service and dedication to the I-I District. A BIG welcome is extended to Governor-Elect Terry and First Lady Ruby Cunefare for stepping up to serve us all in the coming year!

Terry is ready to lead our Great I-I District.

This is a fun article for me, I get to introduce my husband, 2017-18 Governor Terry Cunefare to the I-I District.

Terry a retired Firefighter of 27 plus years for the City of East Peoria. He also retired after 16 years as Construction Manager for Habitat for Humanity in the Tri-County Area, serving Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford Counties. He has served on many boards and with several community groups. He has been a member of Kiwanis for 25 years.

Terry believes we should invite everyone to join Kiwanis and experience the fun and accomplishments we all feel when we Serve the Children of the World.

Terry wants to open new Kiwanis clubs, strengthen our existing clubs, and be a leader who leads by example. He will work side by side with anyone who is willing to open a new club or have a membership drive. Terry loves Kiwanis and wants all Kiwanians to share the happiness that we all get by Serving the Children of the World.

Good luck, Governor Terry! Have a Great Year! ©

RUBY CUNEFARE
2017-18 I-I DISTRICT PR/MARKETING CHAIR
The very best authors of books for young children spend a relatively short time in writing the basic outline of the story and many months and even years refining it. They agonize over the sparse text. They write and rewrite, always looking closely, thinking specifically and reading aloud carefully, as they search for the right word for the right place until they are satisfied they have achieved their goal—pristine prose that sings like poetry and glows with imagery.

_The Blue Songbird_ is an excellent example of a picture book whose sparse, lyrical text and simple, watercolor illustrations tells the story of a blue songbird who longs to find her own special voice.

Every morning, as the blue songbird awakens to the singing of her three sisters, she tries, but never achieves, to match the loveliness of their music. Her mother encourages her to fly away around the world in search of her own special song.

The songbird’s quest takes her to distant lands where she seeks the advice of a long-necked crane, an unwise owl, a scary crow, and other birds, but cannot find her special song. Discouraged, she finally lands on a beautiful island that, lo and behold, she discovers is her original home with her mother awaiting her return.

The songbird begins to tell her mother of her adventures, but the words turn into song—her very own special song:

*She sang a song of Crane and Owl and of the clever Crow,*
*of cities and of stormy seas and mountains capped with snow,*
*of all the warm and sunny days and the chilly nights alone,*
*and of the love the songbird felt for her family and her home.*

_The Blue Songbird_ is Kousky’s second book for young children. His first one, _Otto the Owl Who Loved Poetry_ won a number of prestigious awards. Ô

# Club Resources

As Kiwanis clubs work in their communities to raise funds and conduct service projects, they often need resources. But, it’s also important to know what other child-focused organizations are at work in our communities so that we can join forces without duplication of services. Rather than reinvent the wheel, we have the opportunity to partner with our local organizations to serve the children of the world. This issue’s focus is...
A PARTNERSHIP OF PEOPLE WHO CARE

KIDS NEED ADULTS WHO LOOK OUT FOR THEM—WHO SHARE THEIR ENERGY AND HELP GUIDE IT. THAT’S WHAT KIWANIS CLUBS PROVIDE. IT’S ALSO WHAT BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA AND LOCAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OFFER. OUR PARTNERSHIP RESULTS IN JOINT SERVICE, FUNDRAISING AND OUTREACH—FOR THE KIDS WHO NEED IT MOST.

WHAT IS BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA?

In every community, many children are left to find their own recreation and companionship. An increasing number have no adult care or supervision at home. Young people need to know that someone cares about them. That’s where a local Boys & Girls Club comes in.

It’s a safe place where kids can play, learn and grow. And it’s where adult volunteers help young people—especially those who need it most—reach their full potential. The organization’s programs and services enhance that development, instilling a sense of competence, usefulness and belonging.

Members learn about citizenship, service, healthy lifestyles and much more. And they have fun all the while. For 4 million kids in 4,000 clubs, great futures are getting started every day.
WHY ARE KIWANIS AND BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF AMERICA PARTNERS?

It’s simple: We can do more together. In fact, our partnership is already thriving. Kiwanis International and Boys & Girls Clubs of America have been collaborating since 2008. And they’ve been changing lives. Here are a few ways local partnerships have made an impact in communities all over the country:

• **Feeding those in need.** In Snohomish, Washington, there is a free community dinner every Monday and Thursday for families in need. And on the fifth Monday, Kiwanians and Boys & Girls Club volunteers work together to feed more than 100 people. It’s a great service for recipients—and great experience for the children, who help create and serve meals while giving back to the community.

• **Fixing up the place.** The Manteca, California, Sunrise Kiwanis Club lent a hand to their local Boys & Girls Club when Kiwanians painted and updated the club’s games room. They even paid for all the supplies. In fact, one Kiwanis club member donated a state-of-the-art theater system with SurroundSound, a blu-ray DVD player and speaker system. Many kids there can’t afford to go to the movies, so the club’s Friday movie nights are now something special. For the Boys & Girls Club staff, the room has also become a perfect place for training sessions.

• **Gardening and growing.** In Goshen, Indiana, local Kiwanians and the Boys & Girls Club garden together. The kids learn how to grow their own plants, which also allows them to taste certain fruits and vegetables for the first time—and even share them with fellow club members. As the garden grows, Kiwanians instill pride in the kids, along with a lifelong passion for gardening. It’s also a great way to contribute produce to a food pantry or to sell it at a local farmer’s market.
HOW CAN YOU FIND A LOCAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB?

If you don’t already have a partnership with a Boys & Girls Club, this is a great time to start. Here’s how:

1. **Find a club.** To get in touch with a Boys & Girls Club, go to bgca.org/FindAClub.

2. **Contact a club leader.** Kiwanis members can reach out to a Boys & Girls Club director. Just give them a call! Then explore how you can work together. (See Starting the Conversation below.)

3. **Help kids together.** There are so many ways Kiwanis members and Boys & Girls Clubs can team up to make the world a better place for children. Explore them all at kiwanis.org/kiwanis/partners/preferred.

STARTING THE CONVERSATION

There are many ways to connect with Boys & Girls Clubs in your area. Here are a few simple ideas to get you started.

- **Meet.** Once you’ve reached out, ask to meet with staff members to discuss how you can work together. Keep it casual—meet for coffee or in some other low-key way.

- **Get social.** Invite Boys & Girls Club staff members to a social event that your club is hosting. Make sure it’s one where people mingle. And consider assigning specific Kiwanians to your guests so they’ll feel welcome.

- **Invite them to serve with you.** If you have a project in the near future, invite the local Boys & Girls Club to join you. Or volunteer to help with an upcoming project of theirs. What better way to get familiar with each other than by doing what you love together?

- **Invite them to a meeting.** In fact, ask Boys & Girls Club staff members to speak so your club understands what they do and how you can help. It’s a great opportunity, even if they can’t attend the whole meeting. Be sure to offer to do the same for them.

- **Get connected.** Check out their website and connect on social media. Then let your club know what they’re up to and ask for suggestions on how you might help.
CONSIDER THIS!

Once you’ve gotten the conversation started, there are all kinds of ways that Kiwanis clubs and Boys & Girls Clubs can work together to change kid’s lives. Here are a few:

• Invite Boys & Girls Club parents and staff to become members of your club.
• Volunteer to serve as a mentor for Boys & Girls Club members.
• Be a coach or referee for a Boys & Girls Club sports program.
• Propose and fund a Kiwanis-sponsored playground or sports field.
• Hold a Kiwanis club meeting—or more than one—at a local Boys & Girls Club.
• Participate in Boys & Girls Clubs’ Youth of the Year program.
• Start up a Kiwanis Healthy Snack Program.
• Introduce BUG and Terrific Kids programs to enhance Boys & Girls Club programs.
• Sponsor a Boys & Girls Club Power Hour.

HOW CAN YOUR CLUB CONTACT A LOCAL BOYS & GIRLS CLUB?

Learn about the organization at kiwanis.org/bgca. And click the link regarding 1,300 local Boys & Girls Clubs!
Each year Kiwanis clubs around the world focus upon a single date for ALL of them to plan a day of service. This intends to foster thousands of community projects centered upon children and their needs. Previously held in April, Kiwanis One Day is now held on the fourth Saturday of October, which means our 2017 date is just around the corner—October 28, 2017. There is no international or national list of things to do. Each club is challenged to design a new project of their own to honor this special opportunity. Note that fund raising projects do NOT fulfill this purpose.

“Where do we start?” may echo in your thoughts. Fortunately, there are many resources available to you. Kiwanis International offers a free “tool-kit” as well as publicity and media relations pages full of suggestions. You may wish to utilize the handy one-page “Just the Facts” about Kiwanis in general to hand out to guests (future members!) attending your Kiwanis One Day event. There is also a competition sponsored by Landscape Structures offering a $25,000 prize in playground equipment!

One of the most important steps is the first one. Your President or Board of Directors need to appoint a Chairperson who has a passion for service to youth! Without this step, little else will occur. The chair can form a steering committee, and because time is short, this needs to be done SOON. The committee should discuss the unmet needs of youth in your community, which will likely lead to a project idea.

Once the project is chosen, contact the people, agencies, schools, or other groups you will need to partner with to coordinate the event. They may have ideas to better help your club with the project. Recruit Kiwanians (and potential Kiwanians!) to help with the project, and then enjoy the day of service, taking pictures as it unfolds.

Phones have really improved in their ability to take photos—be sure to take some! But be sure that you are taking good quality photos. This includes photo size and resolution and is especially important if you are taking photos of a large group of people or need to capture a large area with detail.

After your project, share your story! Submit stories and pictures to your local media to inform your community about what you are doing and the impact your club is making. I ask you to submit stories and pictures of your event for publication in an upcoming Illeiowan issue. Send your article as a Microsoft
Golden K Kiwanis of Decatur has been making (to date 850) and distributing (630) Trauma Dolls for three years. These dolls are intended to comfort and to help calm children who are caught up in a painful and stressful situation. The dolls have been provided to nine fire departments, two hospitals, local police and sheriff’s departments.

The committee then looked outside of the box—how else could we make the lives of the children in our community a bit more tolerable? The club reached out to and provided dolls for the Department of Children and Family Services, Dove Domestic Violence program, Macon County Child Advocacy Program, and the Good Samaritan Inn Food Pantry.

We have partnered with the Mt. Zion High School Key Club, who will be making dolls (with our help) and providing them to the local food pantry for distribution. Just one more step forward—the dolls are provided to the female inmates at the Decatur Correctional Center. The ladies are allowed to keep their children with them until age two after which the children are allowed to visit their mothers who are incarcerated.

The dolls are a token to comfort the babies and to provide a source of attachment between the mothers and their children. Thirteen ladies and men of our club enjoy working on this project and look forward to the next ‘step’ outside of the box.

A Step Outside of the Box
Kiwanis members from throughout the region welcomed the newly formed Kiwanis Club of Downtown Chicago this past month. The charter celebration was held on Sunday, September 10, at Mom’s Place, a community bar located downtown. Kiwanis Club of Downtown Chicago is the latest to join the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District of Kiwanis International as part of Division 1.

Following a variety of appetizers, drinks, cookies, and a silent auction and 50/50 raffle, Mak Hozo, charter president of the club, and Alexis Thomas, charter committee chair, welcomed guests and thanked everyone for coming.

Thomas introduced guests Rick Poulton, Illinois-Eastern Iowa District Governor from Elgin, Past District Governors Larry Forsberg from Sycamore and Penny Linneweh from Glen Elynn, Division 1 Lieutenant Governor Tom O’Donnell, Kiwanis sponsor Patrick Butler, and many club officers and members from the Kiwanis of LakeView, Circle K at Illinois Institute of Technology, and Circle K at DePaul University.

Kiwanis Governor Poulton and Immediate Past Governor Linneweh, also club counselors, expressed their enthusiasm and welcomed the newest Kiwanis club and members into the family.

“Kiwanis is grateful to the new club leadership for starting a Downtown Chicago club. Downtown Chicago has been without a Kiwanis club for too many years. Listening to the news or reading the papers confirms the need and benefit of having an active club in this area and the youth of your membership and your past Circle K and Key Club experience has proved and will continue to be invaluable to the club’s success.”

Kiwanis members of the Downtown Chicago club have been active since their first organizational meeting exactly one year prior in 2016 at the Chicago Public Library. Charter president Hozo recognized the club achievements, citing over 240 service hours at 23 service projects and 70 different Kiwanis Family functions, events, and meetings in the year, including serving dinners at St. Teresa, Valentine’s Day activity night with kids staying at Ronald McDonald House, book distribution to families at Chicago Housing Authority’s Operation: Warm, Clearbrook’s Special Olympics Spring Games, dealing blackjack at the House of Cards fundraiser for Marillac House, grading student work at the Science Olympiad CPS Regional Tournament, Trick-or-Treating and fundraising for UNICEF with Circle K, and more!

“We are honored to be included in this great association, and eager to begin our service to our local and world communities. We fully accept our responsibilities to our club, the association and most important, our community. We will use the Kiwanis motto, ‘Serving the Children of the World’ to guide our community service and will strive to help wherever there is need—after all, Kids Need Kiwanis,” Hozo asserted.

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**AMADOR AWARD RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING SERVICE**

SUPPORTS KIWANIS NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

By their very nature, Kiwanis clubs attract those in our communities who are passionate regarding service to others. The Illinois-Eastern Iowa District of Kiwanis International provides a unique way to recognize those volunteers who go above and beyond serving others while at the same time supporting the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation (KNRF)—formerly the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation—our District’s Finest Project. The **Luis V. Amador, M.D. Medallion Award** is an award program within KNRF that allows a Kiwanis Divisional Council, District Board, Key Club and Circle K Boards within the I-I District to extend special recognition and honor to an individual that has demonstrated outstanding service within his or her community.

Named after our founding Medical Director, Dr. Luis V. Amador, the Award is a Kiwanis Division award requiring the signature of the Division Lieutenant Governor to certify that the “...nomination was duly approved by a majority of the clubs within the division at a division council”. Every year, one (1) Amador Award is allocated to each Kiwanis Division for a total of thirty-three (33) Awards. The process starts with clubs in a division attending a division council meeting and suggesting potential recipients. Led by the Lt. Governor, the division council will then discuss and agree upon a nominee. The nomination form is shown below and is then completed by the nominating club and signed by the Lt. Governor. The nomination requires a $500 donation to KNRF—in some divisions, all of the clubs contribute to pool funds to make up the $500, while in other divisions the club with the nominee provides the $500. Note that KNRF is an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so the $500 may be paid out of a club’s service account and not out of dues. The completed, signed nomination form, as well as the $500 check, are then mailed to the I-I District Office. Please note that the deadline for all nomination forms to be received in the I-I District Office is July 1, each fiscal year. Award nomination forms will not be accepted between July 2-September 30 each year.

The bottom of the form has a place to identify where the Amador Award will be presented to the recipient. Each year, the Foundation Luncheon is held at the I-I District Convention on Saturday, and many of the Amador Awards are presented at that time. A booklet is created and provided at the Foundation Luncheon that contains the recipients and a brief summary of their nomination. In addition to allowing time to create the booklet by the August District Convention, the July 1 deadline also allows for Kiwanis Divisions to make multiple Amador Awards in a given year. If a division wants to recognize more than one recipient, they can submit more than one nomination (each

Use the application form on the next page to nominate a deserving individual for an Amador Medallion Award.
LUIS V. AMADOR, M.D. MEDALLION AWARD
Nomination Form

The undersigned hereby nominates (name) ________________________________

(Address)________________________________________________________________________

to receive the Luis V. Amador, M.D. Medallion from (Please check ONLY 1, as this will be on the certificate)

☐ Division # _______ (check one only) ☐ Club ___________________________________________

The nominee is deserving of the award for the following reasons:

(Not to exceed 400 words. Use extra sheets if necessary. Criteria for the award include extraordinary personal dedication of one’s time and resources to the pursuit of charitable, benevolent and community service consistent with the objectives of Kiwanis as well as inspirational leadership skills.)

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The undersigned further pledges to contribute $500 to the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation in addition to any regularly planned annual contribution.

_________________________ Kiwanis Club of _____________________________________________

Signature of Club President

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☐ The undersigned as Lt. Governor of Division #____ hereby certifies that the foregoing nomination was duly approved by a majority of the clubs within the division at a division counsel (REQUIRED)

We desire to present the award at (select ONE)

☐ At the next Spastics Foundation luncheon at II District convention

☐ At our own Divisional function on (Date of Division event)______________________________

☐ Other (please specify)________________________________________________________________

_________________________ Signature of Lt. Governor
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President-Elect Mallory Nolen closed the program inviting anyone considering becoming a member to join, which included a new member Linda Cuellar of the Magnificent Mile Chamber of Commerce who joined during the ceremony.

Paris was a beautiful venue for the installing of our new Kiwanis International President, Jim Rochford (Peoria Downtown Kiwanis Club)! Jim has been working for this day since his time in Key Club. He has had a vision of what a great world this would be with more Kiwanians and more Kiwanis clubs to Serve the Children of the World.

Jim has always been a lead-by-example type of leader. He will be right next to you, working to bring in new members to your club or helping you to open a new club. Jim has a Kiwanis Heart and wants all our clubs and members to be successful—in their personal life and Kiwanis life. He’s a leader that will tell you the truth and help you to be the best you can be.

This year will be the year Kiwanis shines. Jim has encouraged his class of Governors, Lt. Governors, Chair Positions and all Kiwanians to work as hard as he does to continue making Kiwanis the number one service club in the World.

Jim was born with the “eye of the tiger”, and he is willing to share that with all his fellow Kiwanians.

President Jim and First Lady Deb, the Great I-I District salutes and supports you.

Best wishes for a wonderful year! ☺

RUBY CUNEFARE
2017-18 I-I DISTRICT PR/MARKETING CHAIR

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Word document, a text file, or simply typed into the body of an email. Unless your service project is unusually large and complex, please limit articles to 600 words maximum (please note: Microsoft Publisher documents will not be accepted). Submit them to Illeiowan Editor Dena McDonald at cre8.denamcdonald@gmail.com. We hope to create a future story using a collage of several different club’s efforts.

What if your club is unable to organize and execute your Kiwanis One Day project by October 28? Don’t give up—do it at a later date. Coordinating details, schedules and costs may require you to schedule it a little later. Remember, it’s about the kids, so if it takes a little more time in order to do it right, that’s alright! ☺

REV. DR. DALE DYKSTRA
I-I DISTRICT KIWANIS ONE DAY CHAIR

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nomination requires a $500 check, but the Lt. Governor must note on the nomination forms which priority it is—number one, two, etc. After the July 1 deadline, if any division in the I-I District has not given their Amador Award, then the second nomination will be awarded. The first nomination package can be received/awarded between October 1-July 1 each fiscal year. The second nomination package has to be received by July 1 and can be awarded after that date.

The funds from the Amador Awards are placed in an endowment account within KNRF, supporting the continued growth of the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation, our District’s FINEST PROJECT.

School is back in session, which means the I-I Circle K is ramping up for a new year. Here are some of the activities and tasks on the calendar:

• New Club Building and Reactivation Chair is working with college students and Kiwanians to discuss how to start new clubs.

• At the recent K-Family picnic, they helped make 300 dog toys later donated to Tails Humane Society in DeKalb.

• Working with clubs to make para-cord bracelets for the US Army through Operation Gratitude.

• This year’s theme is “Service Madness”. It will be a year-long contest to see which club can accumulate the most service hours, tracked “bracket-style” monthly.

• Leadership Training Retreat will take place October 6-7 at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington.