Don't forget to support the KNRF Parade of Love at District Convention!

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JULY-AUGUST 2018
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Just got back from the Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas, WOW! What a Convention! Thank You to all the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District members who attended.

Ruby and I hope you enjoyed yourselves as much as we did. The Convention Chairs, Alan and Melissa Guire and their team from the CNH District did an awesome job – thank you. The Opening Session started with the Penguin Project entertaining the Kiwanians from all over the Kiwanis world and they were a big hit! Our district dinner at the Brazilian Steak House was a very relaxing evening with great food. Thank you Andrea Raycraft, our District Executive Director, for making this evening so enjoyable – you're the best!

There were 124 different educational workshops offered with most having a packed house of attendees. The I-I District was recognized for Opening 11 new clubs this Kiwanis year, as well as being a Top District in New Membership. This has been a team effort from so many dedicated Kiwanians in the Great I-I District. THANK YOU EVERYONE WHO HAD A PART OF OPENING NEW CLUBS AND INCREASING OUR MEMBERSHIP and Leading by Example.

Steve Bobbitt, (Rod Stewart), opened for Three Dog Night and was a hit. Three Dog Night put on a great show and the dinner was very good. The Closing Session, Dr. Andrew Morgan was awarded the very well deserved Kiwanis Worldwide Service Medal for the Penguin Project!

Thank You KI President Jim Rochford and First Lady Deb for a convention that was the best!

We have a little over two and a half months left in the 2017-18 Kiwanis year – so much to do in so little time! It’s not too late to open a new club, and bring a new member into to your club, so I hope everyone “Leads by Example”, and finishes the year by completing goals that were set on October 1, 2017. Thank you to all the clubs who have increased membership because more membership means more service. #KIDSNEEDEDKIWANIS and #COMMUNITIESNEEDEDKIWANIS

A BIG THANK YOU to the Columbia Kiwanis Club in Division 34 who started October 1, 2017 with 25 members and have increased their membership to 50 members! AWESOME!!! ☺

TERRY CUNEFARE
2017-18 I-I DISTRICT GOVERNOR
This summer has been busy with friends, fun and fellowship! We experienced these three things at our International Convention this year! I hope you had the opportunity to join us in Las Vegas for the Kiwanis International Convention where we celebrated an amazing year of Kiwanis with our very own Jim Rochford, International President!

We have a great I-I District, and we need to remember that with all the different people we touch on a daily basis. We have lots of fun activities going on, both professional and personal, and we need to remember to ask those most important to us to come and join our clubs and divisions as we have meaningful fellowship while serving the children in our communities.

I hope to see everyone at our District Convention this week in Peoria, IL. A big thanks to Mike and Linda Thomas and the DCON Committee for all of their hours and dedication in putting together a great convention for us all to be able to attend.

Even though the District Convention registration and delegate certification websites are now closed, you can do both of these on-site this weekend. You will need to have a completed delegate form with you to register as a delegate on-site. The form is found by clicking this link here.

And a final reminder, to attend the Last Chance Club Leadership Education at District Convention, please register by clicking here. The separate President, Secretary/Treasurer and Membership sessions will be held on Friday, August 3 from 1:00pm-4:30pm. Hope to see you there!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and hope to see you soon!

ANDREA RAYCRAFT
I-I DISTRICT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
JIM THOME NIGHT
Chicago White Sox vs. Cleveland Indians
Saturday, August 11  6:10 PM Game Time
Guaranteed Rate Field  Chicago, IL
Section BOX 139, Row 25, Seats 5-8
4 Box Seats & Parking Pass
Value $ 400.00

Kiwanis I-I District
Raffle Tickets $10/each
To Benefit: Kiwanis Children’s Fund Eliminate Project,
Kiwanis I-I District Neuroscience Research Foundation,
Kiwanis Scholarship Program
Drawing will be held on Saturday, August 4 at Governor’s Banquet
at District Convention
Maximum 250 tickets

Make checks payable to: Kiwanis I-I District

The White Sox will honor soon-to-be Hall of Famer Jim Thome with a ceremony at Guaranteed Rate Field on Aug. 11. Thome Day will be celebrated prior to Chicago’s 6:10 p.m. CT contest against the Indians. The first 20,000 fans in attendance will receive a Jim Thome Hall of Fame Bobblehead. Jim has been committed personally to children’s charities, including Children’s Miracle Network and Children’s Hospital of Illinois in Peoria, IL.

Order Raffle Tickets with credit card online by clicking:
https://iikiwanis.formstack.com/forms/baseballraffle18
It has never been more difficult to be a teenager than it is today. This is the message from Christina Hale, Executive Director for Youth Programs at Kiwanis International. It seems as we make advances in technology that are supposed to make life easier, it does just the opposite for teens. Confused by the constant pressures from social media, parents, peers, and others, these students struggle to find direction.

This is WHY Key Leader exists. Key Leader has been a Kiwanis Service Learning Program (SLP) since 2005, but for many of us in Kiwanis, we still don’t know exactly what it is or why we should support it.

Key Leader is a weekend camp experience for all high school students led by a Kiwanis-trained lead facilitator. The student participants work through curriculum and activities to help them find some direction and to develop them into servant leaders. The five “keys” to this weekend are Integrity, Growth, Respect, Community, and Excellence. They participate in small groups called neighborhoods led by a student facilitator. Through the curriculum and the low ropes team building activities, students discover their core values and determine what kind of leader they are. They learn how they can assist to build and serve the communities around them.

It’s hard to believe the drastic changes some students experience in less than 48 hours during this program. Shy students who were afraid to introduce themselves on Friday are leading cheers and offering their personal opinions by Sunday morning. The adults who attend experience changes as well. They look at high school students differently. They understand their struggles a little bit more than before. They may even understand themselves a bit better as well.

How can your club help this Kiwanis SLP? I’m so glad you asked! The program is expensive to run. There is a $6,000 program fee from Kiwanis International that provides the lead facilitator, the curriculum and travel expenses. In addition to sponsoring students to attend Key Leader ($250 per student), I am asking for all the clubs in the I-I District to make a yearly pledge of $25-$50. If each club would do this, we would never have to cancel the program again because we don’t have at least 50 students sign up.

We’ve all heard that “Kids Need Kiwanis” and “We Build”. Won’t you be a part of building servant leaders right here in the Mighty I-I District? If each local club would add one line to their budgets for $25-$50, we would meet the goal and ensure that Key Leader is here to stay!!

Donations should be sent to:

ILLINOIS-EASTERN IOWA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
2416 E. Washington Street
Suite B-2
Bloomington, IL 61704-4893

Key Leader is scheduled for October 19-21 in Lacon, Illinois.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if you know of any businesses that would like to sponsor as well.

JENNIFER STAUFFER
I-I DISTRICT KEY LEADER DIRECTOR
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SCHOOL STARTS SOON!

TOP TEN WAYS FOR YOUR KWANIS CLUB TO SUCCESSFULLY SPONSOR KEY CLUB!

by Paul Palazzolo

Follow these guidelines for a GREAT partnership. Strong Key Club support equals a strong Kiwanis Club.

1. Assign a specific Kiwanis club advisor for each Key Club you sponsor.
2. Encourage the Kiwanis club advisor to attend as many Key Club events as possible.
3. Schedule a 15-minute “check-in” meeting with the high school principal.
4. Make sure Key Clubbers and faculty advisor(s) are included in Kiwanis club planned projects.
5. Plan one or two fun events with Key Club (i.e. bowling tournament, mini-golf tournament).
6. Budget service account funds for Key Club attendance at major events:
   a. District Convention (March 8-10, 2019 in Schaumburg, IL)
   b. Key Club International Convention (July 2-7, 2019 in Baltimore, MD).
7. Invite Key Club members to be the Kiwanis club meeting program during Key Club Week (November 4-10, 2018).
8. Ensure that Key Club dues are paid by November 1, 2018 ($12 per member sent to Key Club International).
9. Schedule a Kiwanis club meeting program on Kiwanis Youth Protection Guidelines.
10. Work with Key Club leaders to coordinate a Kiwanis membership effort for parents. Follow these guidelines for a GREAT partnership.

KEY CLUB

ABOVE: BYRON KEY CLUB PARTICIPATED IN THE G0BABY0G0 EVENT IN 2017 THAT INCLUDED SEVERAL AREA KWANIS CLUBS.

For the second year in a row, the Geneseo Kiwanis Club is selling raffle tickets to a Chicago Cubs game. This year the Cubs will be playing the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday, September 29 at 1:20 p.m. at Wrigley Field in Chicago. The $10 ticket gives you a chance to win four seats in section 24, row 5 on the aisle plus a parking pass with the drawing being held on Saturday, September 8. According to Co-Chairmen of the project, Geneseo club members Greg Heaton and Ed Kemnitz, these tickets are behind home plate and the package has a value of $932. All proceeds from the sales will go directly to the Kiwanis International ELIMINATE Project. Through the Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus—a deadly disease that steals the lives of nearly 34,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year. Tetanus is a painful and deadly disease, causing extreme sensitivity to light, sound and contact—even preventing the comfort of a mother’s touch. The Eliminate Project is our chance to help protect the connection between mother and child.

If any Kiwanis club would like to share in this project to help in reaching their club’s ELIMINATE pledge, please contact Ed Kemnitz by phone at (309) 945-8721 or email him at edkemnitz@mchsi.com. The funds raised by your club will be divided 50/50 with your club. Flyers with your club’s contact information will be provided along with tickets for you to sell.

If anyone would like to get raffle tickets for themselves, contact Ed Kemnitz by phone at (309) 945-8721 or email him at edkemnitz@mchsi.com. He will send you the tickets by mail, and you will need to return the ticket stubs with the money (preferably by check) back to him by mail so that it is received no later than Wednesday, August 29.

See highlights from the 101st Annual District Convention in the upcoming “Convention Review” Illeiowan!

This annual review issue is expected to be available by the end of August.
Kiwanis Club of Elmhurst has carried their Giant United States flag since the club purchased it for our nation’s Bicentennial in 1976. Members and family numbering 20 or more each time have participated over the years. This year the club acted as Parade Marshals and carried the flag in the 100th Annual Elmhurst Memorial Day Parade. In recent years we were assisted by Veterans of Elmhurst College in the parade assembly responsibilities and carrying the flag as one of the last entries in the parade.

The Kiwanians have acted as Parade Marshals since 1998 after the organization of the Parade was assumed by two Kiwanians – Ralph Pechanio, Chairman of the Elmhurst Veterans Memorial Commission and the late A.J. “Toche” Terrones, CEO of the Elmhurst Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Ralph continues in this role and former Kiwanian John Quigley, succeeding CEO of the Chamber, is Ralph’s co-chairman.

In addition to the announcement of Kenya being MNT free at this year’s Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, $155,000 dollars was raised during the convention from the attendees that was matched by three generous donors. The challenge was extended by the donors that if Kiwanis can raise an additional $45,000 and bring the total to $200,000 dollars raised during convention, the donors would match the full total of $200,000. This will be a $400,000 dollar contribution toward our $110,000,000 Eliminate goal.

Having all of this great progress in our effort please continue to fundraise and keep our pledge commitments.

Please go to www2.kiwanis.org/childrensfund and click on Eliminate Project for additional information.

Remember we do it for the children.

RON GIVENS
I-I DISTRICT ELIMINATE ADVOCATE
June 10th, 2018

Attention: Presidents & Club officers of I-I District Kiwanis Clubs

Subject: Request for Support for Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation

Dear Presidents and Club Officers,

I want to thank each and every one of you for your outstanding support of the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation (KNRF) – this continues to be “Our District’s Finest Project.” We have had excellent presentations from our Researchers during this 2017-2018 Kiwanis year, highlighting incredible advances that your contributions have enabled:

At Circle K District Convention, Dr. Grayson Holmbeck, presented the advances and improvements in the quality of life he has made with the attendees at Camp Independence, a special camp for those afflicted with Spina Bifida, in collaboration with the YMCA in Volo, IL.

At Key Club District Convention, Dr. Stephanie Ceman, shared her research regarding how to prevent Fragile X Syndrome, the leading cause of autism and mental retardation in children today.

In April of this year, KNRF Foundation hosted a special tour of the University of Illinois laboratories, showcasing the activities of both Dr. Ceman and Dr. Llano, who is focused on preventing and understanding tinnitus.

Both doctors’ message and the lab tours inspired the attendees, including high school and college students in the audience, showing them how one person truly can make a difference in the lives of children and patients suffering from diseases of the central nervous system.

I am writing this letter to you to ask that your Kiwanis Club help us continue to make that difference in people’s lives today by deciding at your next Kiwanis Club Board of Directors meeting to support our Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation. While August seems far away, the I-I District Convention will be upon us faster than we expect. By approving your Club’s contribution now before District Convention, you ensure your Club will support the doctors like Dr. Ceman and Dr. Llano who are truly making a difference in the lives of their patients.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 815-226-2595 or by email at ka.whitmore@utas.utc.com.

Best regards,

Executive Director, Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation
Past Governor 2006-2007
Illinois-Eastern Iowa District of Kiwanis International
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Every club wants to do more service (for kids) but many, many clubs have used up much of their resources. By resources I mean financial resources (money available) or people resources (members able to volunteer at the time required). So if YOU WANT MORE, your club will need to recruit more new members, your club will need to inspire more members to serve and your club will need to retain more members.

The more people you invite to your meetings or to your service projects, the more new members you will recruit. Plain and simple. Some people are better at inviting than others. That’s a fact. On average, only 13% of Kiwanians sponsor a new member each year. Can you imagine if 25% of your members sponsored a member? Only one in four sponsoring Kiwanians would make a huge difference.

Inspiring more members, some ideas:

- Ask your members what projects they would be passionate about.
- Recognize members for their efforts, every chance you get.
- Ask each member to help on a specific part of a project or fundraiser.

If a member hasn’t been around recently, call them up. Invite them to a club social or just coffee. Get a sense of why they haven’t been attending club functions.

The best part is that you don’t have to be a club officer to do this. Showing your leadership and optimism can inspire others.

Inspiring members, both new and existing, will retain more members. Improving club culture is another proven method to strengthen all aspects of a club. What is “club culture”? It’s everything your club is and does!!! It’s taking care of your members, making sure everyone is heard and respected. It’s including everyone in club activities. Don’t let cliques develop in your club. Be keenly aware that all members respect women, younger members, people of color, religious and cultural differences. I can’t stress that enough.

Respect members’ time by starting and ending on time, having a purpose for meetings, keeping volunteers busy and remember to have fun every chance that you get. Members won’t stay if they aren’t respected or if they aren’t having fun.

Be positive and optimistic. Nobody wants to be a member of any organization that is gloomy, pessimistic, depressing, negative or curmudgeonly.

We are positive, not because everything is great but to overcome adversity – to not give up; to overcome the negative, the bossy or the self-serving.

No effective membership goal should ignore having a plan to retain more members. The alternative is to endlessly waste the effort, time and talent that it takes to recruit new members.

Members drive Fundraising.
Fundraising drives Service Projects.
Service Projects drive Fun and Publicity.
Fun and Publicity drive Membership.

Service and membership are inextricably intertwined. To do more service Kiwanis will need to keep more members, bring in more new members and open more clubs.

Create a positive environment. Have fun. Respect our differences. ☺

ALAN ARBUCKLE
2017-18 GOVERNOR-ELECT
In 2016 the Maryville Kiwanis Club joined in the Collinsville Festival of Trees project with the Collinsville Sunrise Club – at their invitation. The Collinsville club had done it before so they knew how much planning was involved as well as how much work it took to get the job done. The reward is that the designated organization for the year gets to keep the net proceeds for a major project of their choice. With the two clubs working together they would split the proceeds by a pre-agreed-on method. The other part of being a designated organization is that the project the funds are to be used for is to be made known to the public prior to the event. Our Maryville Club chose playground equipment for one of our parks, with the exact location to be determined at a later date. We budgeted for and hoped for a net $15,000 from the event. When all was said and done, we were amazed to find out that our share turned out to be a little over $20,000. Early in 2017 all was worked out between the two clubs.

Now we had the money and needed to work with the Village of Maryville to decide on a location and what type of equipment to put in. Working with the Maryville Parks and Recreation Committee, Maryville Public Works, and the Village Board of Trustees a choice was made. The area would be established in Drost Park and the Village had a company they had worked with for playground equipment in the past. Once the decision was made as to the type of equipment to put in, they worked with the company to negotiate a price. After the equipment was put into place, Public Works staff laid the rubberized surface, which the Village paid for in the joint project.

Because most people expect “playground equipment” to include a teeter-totter, swings, a sliding board, and maybe a merry-go-round, this set of equipment looks very different at first glance. It is actually a new exercise area right alongside the bike/walking path. So while it probably wouldn’t be used by small children, older children and adults can use it. The Parks Committee had determined they already had customary playground areas in place in the parks and this would be useful and helpful.

The official ‘big check’ presentation was made from the Club to the Village at their regular meeting on February 7, 2018. The official ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on April 25, 2018, with Kiwanis Club members, members of the Maryville Parks and Recreation Committee, Maryville Public Works employees, and the Troy/Maryville/St. Jacob/Marine Chamber of Commerce members attending.

There are signs with each set of exercise equipment showing how to use it for maximum efficiency.

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SONG of the WILD
A First Book of Animals
by Nicola Davies
Reviewed by Joyce Mesrobian, M.Ed.

SONG of the WILD is an oversized collection of a hundred ages of wildlife, ranging from the tiniest bumblebee bat to the giant blue whale, that is organized into five categories: big and small; colors and shapes; animal homes; animal babies; and animals in action. Each species of wildlife appears on a two-page spread with a full-size, color illustration of the subject on the right-side page and a brief, carefully-crafted, poetic description of this animal on the left-side page. For example, in a double-fold spread appears a huge, white-spotted whale shark, so big that it spans across the two pages with the description,

Like a piece of fallen starry sky,
the spotted whale shark cruises by,
swimming the secret depths alone.
As soon as it appears, it’s gone.

Page after fascinating page, animals of all shapes, sizes, and color appear in their indigenous settings: a beaver building its dam; a blue morph butterfly fleeting in the rain forest; wolves howling in the wintry night; a chameleon creeping amidst the forest bushes to turn itself into a disappearing green; a cheetah racing after its prey with its trail steering her left and right.

Nicola Davies, a zoologist and prolific author of children’s books, and Petr Horacek, a renowned international illustrator, have combined their extraordinary talents to create for young children SONG of the WILD, a delightful and wonder-filled introduction to our planet’s wildlife kingdom.

Several thousand young children’s books are published every year. Of that total, a selective group is well-crafted where the illustrations and text work seamlessly to capture the attention and understanding of the young child. And from that reduced number of publications emerge an exceptional few that earn the designation of works of art where the lush, uncluttered illustrations support the simple text that speak with the lilt of poetic prose. SONG of the WILD – A FIRST BOOK OF ANIMALS, is a stunning example of such a publication that is destined to become a classic in young children’s literature.

ABOUT JOYCE MESROBIAN
Joyce Mesrobian was a preschool teacher for 30 years and an adjunct faculty member for eight years at a local college. Also, for 20 years, she wrote a children’s book review column for a major early childhood organization, the Chicago Metro Association for the Education of Young Children. Mesrobian is a member of the Lindenhurst Kiwanis Club.

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There are several separate stations, and a soccer field joins the exercise equipment area. Some of the stations feature places to do sit-ups and low- and high-hurdle pull-ups. The rubberized surfaces of the area is also very helpful.

Needless to say, the Maryville Kiwanis Club is very proud of equipment and layout, and we’ve had several people tell us what a good addition it has been.
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Friday, August 3
1-4:30pm
District Convention, Peoria, IL

Be prepared and encouraged to lead and grow your club during the 2018-19 Kiwanis year