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DISTRICT CONVENTION ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!
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We are two months into the second half of the 2017-18 Kiwanis year, which means we have four months, or as of June 1, 122 days left to “Lead by Example” to open a new Kiwanis Club, and help our clubs be a “positive 1” in membership on September 30. It’s not too late for all of us to bring a new member into our Kiwanis family. If we all set this goal, can you imagine how much more service our clubs could do for the kids, while making our clubs stronger.

I encourage everyone to be better than good—be best.

Thank you to the 2017-2018 Lt. Governors and everyone else who helped open a new Kiwanis club in their division. Divisions 3, 6, 7, 8, 20, 21, and 23 all have new clubs. The Illinois-Eastern Iowa District is currently fourth in the Kiwanis World with 11 new clubs.

Top 5 CLUBS with New Member Adds:
1. Columbia (Div. 34) +22
2. Joliet (Div. 23) +10
3. Aurora (Div. 21) +10
4. St. Charles Golden K (Div. 10) +7
5. Rockford (Div. 12) +6

Thank You to the Presidents and Membership Chairs for a great job.

Top 5 DIVISIONS with New Member Adds:
1. Div. 23 (LTG Jeff Dalton) +48
2. Div. 7 (LTG David O’Rear) +28
3. Div. 20 (LTG John Blasek) +23
4. Div. 34 (LTG Jim Rubush) +21
5. Div. 21 (LTG Pat Divine) +19

Thank You to the Lt. Governors for a great job.

The I-I District has 236 Kiwanis Clubs and 304 new members through April 2018. If you are registered for the 2018 International Convention in Las Vegas (June 28-July 1), THANK YOU. Don’t miss all that the convention has to offer—friends, entertainment, election of 2018-19 international officers, Kiwanis business, educational forums, great food, and beautiful sites!

IT’S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR DISTRICT CONVENTION!

I hope all clubs will be represented at the District Convention in Peoria August 2-5. Convention Chairs Mike and Linda Thomas with Division 20 clubs are working hard to make this convention the best yet. Come help us celebrate the 2017-18 Kiwanis year. See info starting on page 15 for details!

THANK YOU TO EVERY CLUB AND KIWANIAN FOR WHAT YOU DO FOR THE KIDS!
This Kiwanis year is speeding by! Spring and summer are here again, and that means it’s time to start work on the next Kiwanis year that will begin in just four short months. Here are some things to be working on in your club and division:

**The 2018-19 Lt. Governor training weekend** happens in May each year and was held May 4-6 at Eastland Suites in Bloomington, IL. We still need Lt. Governors for Divisions 1, 4, 19, 24, 26, 33 and 36. If you are a member of a club in one of these divisions who would be interested in serving as Lt. Governor, please contact Governor Elect Alan Arbuckle at ajarbuckle@yahoo.com. Just ask any current or past Lt. Governor, and they’ll tell you it’s an opportunity you’ll really enjoy!

**Club Election Reports** for the 2018-19 year were due online by June 1, 2018. If your club has not yet completed your Club Officer Elections for the 2018-19 year, inquire with your current President or Secretary to see when that will occur. Many clubs are struggling to fill their Club Officer slate for the coming year. If your club is facing this same struggle, please consider serving in one of the leadership roles still open. Your willingness to serve will make a huge difference to your club members and your community—and will benefit you personally as well!

**Club Leadership Education** (also called CLE) sessions have already begun! ALL 2018-19 officers are encouraged to attend, but the incoming President is required to attend. Like our Global Community, the Kiwanis world is changing rapidly, and your club does not want to be left behind. Check out the district website Education Page for the dates and locations nearest you. Additional information, as well as online registration information, is also available on the I-I District website at www.iikiwanis.org.

**District Convention** in Peoria will be a ton of fun at the “Eye of the Tiger, Lead By Example” August 2-5! Don’t miss the Peoria Chiefs Baseball Outing on Thursday evening, the last-chance CLE sessions on Friday afternoon, educational forums, district elections, updates from Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation as well as the world service project ELIMINATE, and LOTS OF FUN! More information is included in this issue of the Illeiowan, in the mailer you may have already received to your home and on the District website. Registration is available NOW—so make sure you register early so you have a chance to win a free pair of tickets to Thursday night’s outing!

Thanks to all of you for your willingness to lead your Kiwanis club for growth and service to the children of your communities. I hope each of you will take advantage of the upcoming leadership development opportunities at the training sessions and the district convention.

I hope to see many of you in Las Vegas and all of you in Peoria in August! ☺

**ANDREA RAYCRAFT**
I-I DISTRICT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
On Saturday, April 14, 2018, the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation (KNRF) collaborated with the University of Illinois to open the laboratories of two of the KNRF researchers, allowing Kiwanis members and guests to see first-hand how our KNRF dollars are being put to good use in research. Prior to the tours, the hosts, Dr. Stephanie Ceman and Dr. Daniel Llano, explained to attendees what sort of research and activities occur in the laboratories.

Dr. Ceman’s work focuses on understand the cause and how to prevent Fragile X Syndrome, a disease that is a genetic condition causing intellectual disability, behavioral and learning challenges and various physical characteristics. Fragile X is the leading cause of autism, with the range of autism symptoms varying but generally characterized by an impaired ability to communicate and interact socially with other people.

Dr. Llano’s work focuses on tinnitus, or “ringing in the ears.” Tinnitus is the perception of sound when no actual external noise is present and can present itself as many different perceptions of sound, including buzzing, hissing, whistling, swooshing, and clicking. Millions of Americans experience tinnitus, often to a debilitating degree, making it one of the most common health conditions in the United States.

Both researchers emphasized the importance of observation in conducting their activities. They track and introduce variables into their work and then carefully record how these variables affect the lab subject, typically lab mice. The purpose is to eventually identify the causes for each of these maladies and eventually define a means to eliminate them. Attendees included a variety of Kiwanis and Kiwanis family members, including the Byron Key Club, as well as our KNRF Medical Director, Dr. Rodger Elble and his wife, Suzanne. The tour concluded at the Beckman Institute at the University of Illinois, where attendees observed state-of-the-art research tools for things like magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

After thanking the University for opening its doors, KNRF Executive Director Ken Whitmore asked each attendee to become an ambassador for KNRF, to take what they had seen during the tour back to clubs and divisions and explain to them the importance of the Bowl-A-Thons and fundraisers for KNRF and the researchers like Dr. Ceman and Dr. Llano.
KIWANIS CLUB RAISES $25,000 TO ELIMINATE MATERNAL/NEONATAL TETANUS

SUBMITTED BY KIWANIS CLUB OF ELGIN

On March 19, the Kiwanis Club of Elgin held a fundraising event to raise funds to eliminate maternal/neonatal tetanus. This preventable infection takes the lives of over 34,000 mothers and newborns each year. The fundraising event featured Dr. Timothy Erickson, a 1978 Larkin High graduate who is now an international medical authority on toxicology and global health. Dr. Erickson provided information on world health issues and threats specifically those affecting children. This ties into the Kiwanis objective “to serve the children of the world.” In addition, Michael Grudzinski, senior director of UNICEF’s Global Cause Partnerships, provided the audience with an update on the Eliminate Project’s progress. When Kiwanis began this partnership with UNICEF, tetanus infected a newborn every 9 minutes and prevention/inoculations was not widely available in 39 countries. Today those numbers have been significantly reduced to 14 countries with “elimination” in these countries within reach.

Ann Updegraff Spleth, Kiwanis Children’s Fund COO, provided an update regarding where Kiwanis International was in achieving its $110 million fundraising goal. A goal that is clearly within reach as the Kiwanis Club of Elgin is close to reaching a goal of contributing $100,000. It should be noted that, although the Kiwanis Club of Elgin holds numerous fundraisers during the year the funds from these local fundraisers remain in the community while any and all Eliminate dedicated funds are raised at special events such as that held on March 19 and through directed contributions.

At the close of the presentations, the Aktion Club of Elgin, a Kiwanis-sponsored club for adults with disabilities, donated $500 to the project which will save the lives of over 270 mothers and newborns. The Aktion Club members raised these funds through primarily through their sales of poinsettia plants during the past few holiday seasons.

Finally the Kiwanis Club of Elgin, which is in its 98th year of service and fundraising efforts, has raised and contributed over $1 million to the community and is currently seeking input for a signature project to recognize its 100 years of service. If you have project suggestion or wish to know more about the club’s efforts to the elimination of maternal/neonatal tetanus, contact Rick Poulton at (847) 977-4541 or iigov2016.17@gmail.com. Follow #KidsNeedKiwanis

AKTION CLUB OF ELGIN PRESENTS $500 TO SUPPORT THE ELIMINATION OF MATERNAL/NEONATAL TETANUS. PICTURED FROM LEFT ARE DR. TIM ERICKSON, AKTION CLUB ADVISER CASSIE HINTZSCHE, AKTION MEMBERS BRIAN C. AND JIM R., KIWANIS CHILDREN’S FUND COO ANN UPDEGRAFF SPLETH, AND UNICEF’S MICHAEL GRUDZINSKI.

REGISTER TODAY FOR DISTRICT CONVENTION!

See pages 15-24 for details and registration forms
WHISKER HONORED AT FUNDRAISER

FORMER EUREKA TEACHER BATTLING LUPUS

Michelle Lehman for the Journal

EUREKA—Former Eureka High School teacher Amy Whisker was “so surprised and really overwhelmed” when she realized at a recent fundraising event for lupus that she was being celebrated as the guest of honor.

“I immediately started to cry,” she said. “Everyone was holding purple flowers, which is the color associated with lupus awareness. I was in shock. It was awesome, and I felt so thankful and blessed.”

Whisker’s former student in the Eureka High School Key Club assisted at the May 7 quarter auction fundraiser at the Eureka Christian Church, which raised $625 for the Lupus Foundation of America. At the intermission, the students stood up and paid tribute to their former adviser. Members of the Eureka Greater Area Kiwanis Club also helped at the auction and had kept the honor a secret while still getting Whisker and her daughter to attend.

Nancy Aldridge, secretary of the local Kiwanis Club, asked Whisker to the event, saying only that Key Club members were going to be donating money for lupus. “Amy said that of course she’d attend. She had no idea we wanted to make the evening a tribute to her because she is living with lupus and also because of her great work with Key Club. We surprised her good,” Aldridge said.

Whisker was in her third year of teaching family and consumer sciences at EHS last autumn when a particularly bad lupus flare-up contributed to her decision to go on disability, and she does no anticipate going back to EHS, she said. She also had to resign her position as Key Club adviser. However, English teacher Kathleen Irvin “has really stepped up to very graciously keep Key Club alive and well,” Whisker noted.

The club has about 40 members, according to Aldridge, who is the liaison between the Key Club and the Kiwanis Club. Key Club helps students develop leadership skills through serving others and involvement in community-focused projects, many benefitting young children. Whisker “was a great adviser, and the kids loved her,” Aldridge said.

Whisker, 36, a Benson native, resides on a farm near El Paso with her husband, Jason, and their 8-year-old daughter, Katie. It was during her pregnancy that blood test revealed Whisker had some type of autoimmune disorder. Although Whisker felt fine, she had health issues, including very high blood pressure. “The doctor was amazed I carried the baby to within a month of full term,” she said. The 4-pound, 12-ounce infant was “my miracle baby,” she said.

The next year, in 2011, Whisker developed severe fatigue stemming from low red blood cell counts, and she was diagnosed with lupus. Blood transfusions and medication helped. In intervening years, Whisker has suffered several more major flare-ups. During one, joint pain made it uncomfortable to even shake hands with others.

Her latest bout last fall affected her blood pressure and kidney functions, prompting a half-year of chemotherapy. “Thankfully, my kidneys are working now,” she said.

“Lupus is such a difficult disease to treat because there’s so many different aspects to it,” she said. “I call it a silent killer because one minute you’re fine and the next minute your whole world is upside down because you can’t move.”

Right now, however, Whisker is feeling good. “I got the OK from my doctor, my numbers are looking good, and I’m looking for a new job,” she said. “Things will work out… they always do.”

LUPUS FACTS

According to the Lupus Foundation of America, lupus is a chronic autoimmune disease that can damage any part of the body, including skin, joints and organs. The disease attacks the immune system, which then cannot tell the difference between foreign invaders,
FOCUS ON SERVICE

Lakes High School Key Club collected 87 books as part of a holiday-time book drive to benefit Bernie’s Book bank, which serves at-risk children in the Chicagoland area. Key Club President Tara Erickson called the book drive a “great opportunity” to team with a local organization to offer assistance close to home.

Club members held the drive the week after Thanksgiving break. The school community submitted their donations of primarily children’s books—though Bernie’s will accept donations of new or gently used books for all ages. To throw a little urgency into the mix, Key Club challenged the classes to duke it out by bringing in the most books. The juniors won!

They organize and carry out one or two service projects each semester. In addition to the book drive this fall, they held a bake sale in October and donated the proceeds to Lake County Haven, which assists homeless women and children. They also made dog toys out of t-shirts, which they plan to donate to a local animal shelter, Erickson said.

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like germs and viruses, and the body’s healthy tissues. As a result, the body creates auto-antibodies that attack and destroy healthy tissue, causing inflammation, pain and damage in various parts of the body.

Lupus strikes mostly women of childbearing age. However, men, children and teenagers develop lupus, too. Most people with lupus develop it between the ages of 15 and 44. It is believed that 5 million people throughout the world have a form of lupus.

The Lupus Foundation of America offers programs for education, research, support and advocacy. To learn more go to lupus.org.

KEY CLUB
Imagine as a small child, ill or injured, being whisked off in an ambulance, surrounded by tubes and other scary equipment, while grown-ups in dark clothing are poking and prodding. That’s enough to cause trauma in just about anyone, let alone a child, so the Lombard Fire Department has come up with a way to help ease children’s fears and give them something else to think about. That’s where the Trauma Teddy program kicks in; teddy bears handed out that help soothe and distract children while they are being treated in an ambulance and/or being taken to a hospital.

EMS Coordinator Lt. Frank Gallione, who has been with the Lombard Fire Department for 29 years, said he estimates the Trauma Teddy program has been around for at least 25 years, although he’s been working with the Kiwanis Club of Lombard for about eight years.

The Kiwanis Club is a child-centered organization, said member Mary Beth Lynch, adding that the club donates money to help pay for custom T-shirts for the Teddy bears.

Gallione said that while he doesn’t know exactly how many he’s ordered over the years, “We order a good supply every year.” Once the bears and shirts come in, the Kiwanis Club meets to dress them in their shirts, according to Lynch.

For her, it’s a worthwhile cause, because “kids are so frightened when they have to go in an ambulance.”

Gallione knows what it’s like when a child gets scared, and when asked if he has seen how the cuddly stuffed animal helps children calm down, he responded, “Many, many times.” “Some of the kids are so timid and shy,” he described, and of course, “nervous and afraid.”

Seeing something as relatively painless as a blood pressure monitor, “even that’s scary to a little one,” the lieutenant related, so when the paramedics offer up a Trauma Teddy, “it will take their mind off... very cuddly, very soft...even if it’s briefly.”

BUILDING A BETTER COMMUNITY

Making it Bearable

TRAUMA OF AMBULANCE TRIP EASED BY TEDDY BEARS
**TAYLORVILLE BUILDERS CLUB RECOGNIZED**

With Builders Club week being celebrated March 19-23, the Taylorville Kiwanis Club moved to recognize the Taylorville Builders Club and express its appreciation for how the club works with the community and Kiwanis. To show Builders Club members that the club's efforts do not go unnoticed, the Kiwanis club provided pizza and drinks and thanked the student members.

Taylorville Builders Club was chartered in April 2007. Club director Jacqueline Foil says that they currently have 15 active members who regularly attend meetings. Mrs. Foil also noted that in 2007 the club decided to focus on and work with one organization consistently during each school year. Over the years the Taylorville Builders Club has had focus projects that include fundraising for the Animal Control Animal Shelter, collecting needs for the Taylorville Senior Citizens Center, assisting with the Mobile Food Pantry held at the Taylorville Junior High School, and collecting items for Big Brothers, Big Sisters.

The Builders Club has also been involved Kiwanis events, including assisting with the annual Pancake and Sausage Breakfast.

This Builders Club also stays active by supporting Trick or Treat for UNICEF, maintaining the TJHS courtyard, cleaning computers and desks once each year at the school, as well as working concessions for contests and festivals.

The Taylorville Kiwanis Club honored officers of the Builders Club with presentation of certificates in recognition of their commitment to the club. Kiwanis members extended their appreciation for all that the Builders Club does for the community.

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Gallione said that seeing sick children is “one of the most difficult, heart-wrenching” situations he encounters as a paramedic, and in the past, it was a pen light or stethoscope that the paramedics would creatively use as a distraction.

But, with the Trauma Teddy, “once we give it to them it’s theirs,” he said, and when asked how many he thinks the fire department has given to children, he responded, “I couldn’t begin to imagine how many.”

“Every ambulance has a stock of them,” added the lieutenant.

He commented that the child of a Kiwanis member, who is now in high school, still has a Trauma Teddy from childhood. The lieutenant said it was interesting to see how they have changed.

The bottom line is that the stuffed animal turns into “some sort of comfort to give a sick or injured child.”

The Kiwanis Club of Lombard met on March 22 to dress the stuffed animals.

For more information about the Kiwanis Club of Lombard, visit kiwaniscluboflombard.org.

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**KIWANIS MEMBERS SARAH VANHUSS, ADAM JEFFREY, EMMA MURPHY (SECRETARY/TREASURER), MACY RICHARDS (VICE PRESIDENT), TABITHA MCARDLE (PRESIDENT), WILL PERKINS (KIWANIS SPONSOR FOR BUILDERS CLUB), MARTIN VOTA (TAYLORVILLE KIWANIS PRESIDENT).**
The Kiwanis Club of Streamwood was honored to present two grants and two scholarships to some very worthy recipients at their event “Kids Need Kiwanis, We Need You” Meet and Greet on April 18.

Each year, the Club offers three $500 grants to local schools and youth groups and two $1,000 scholarships to high school seniors that plan to attend college. The grants are intended to help schools and youth groups with a specific project that they may not be able to do otherwise.

This year, the grant winners were St. John the Evangelist School in Streamwood, Ridge Circle Elementary in Streamwood and Parkwood Elementary in Hanover Park. The scholarship winners were Emilio Edemni from Streamwood High School and Regine Basilio from Lake Park High School in Roselle. 

Want to place a club ad in the district convention booklet or be an exhibitor?

See pages 22-23 for details and submission forms
Most years, less than 1-in-4 presidents-elect attend Club Leadership Education (CLE) in the I-I District. Can you imagine if that happened in the business world? What if Starbucks managers were NOT perfectly capable to make an Iced Starbucks Blonde Cold Foam Double-Shot Cappuccino (whatever that is). They have seen it done but have never prepared it themselves. Obviously, they couldn’t teach anyone else something that they didn’t know how to do, either.

The Illinois-Eastern Iowa District of Kiwanis International is one of the few districts that offers education sessions for secretaries, treasurers, membership chairs, and presidents, too. We will have 10 locations, this year, not just a few.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

* Presidents can learn the power of positive leadership, the characteristics of effective organizations, the best practices of great Kiwanis clubs, and the tools for when things don’t go as planned. Even if they have been a member for decades there are a lot of changes to the Membership Committee structure and how the Kiwanis Children’s Fund will fund club projects. The presidents will be taught the reasons for the importance of having meeting agendas, written goals, communication, attendance at division council meetings, gaining trust, having accountability and regular ongoing recognition. Does your president-elect understand why club culture is so important to member retention?

* Secretaries will learn about the updated Secretary’s Dashboard. Does your incoming club secretary understand the IRS, Secretary of State, and Attorney General rules concerning non-profits and foundations and why they have to be strictly followed? Clubs don’t want to lose their 501(c)3 and 501(c)4 statuses. Is your club secretary in the know about when to file the various reports for Kiwanis and when and how to apply for awards and fellowships?

* Similarly, treasurers will learn about the reports required by the government agencies. They will receive clarification of administrative costs versus charitable outlays.

* Membership committee chairs and members will learn about different ways to bring in new members. There are a number of activities that are commonly used to invite prospects. Have you ever considered a “member blitz” in your own community? Which kind of events might work in your town? Meetings vs. Service Project—which is a better venue for inviting prospective members? Is your club actively preparing for a membership event for this next K-year?

Clubs lose a little bit each year their officers don’t attend training. Encourage your incoming officers to attend CLE training. Keep your club strong and smooth running. Attend CLE. Do it for the kids. #KidsNeedKiwanis.

ALAN ARBUCKLE
2017-18 GOVERNOR-ELECT

Fifteen countries remain in our effort to eliminate Maternal Neonatal Tetanus. We are approaching our goal of eliminating tetanus in 59 countries and raising $110 million dollars. But we need to continue to keep our pledges and increase our goals at all club and individual levels to eliminate this devastating disease. Do your part and join the 10,000+ donors that have saved or protected an average of more than 500 mothers and their future babies. Visit http://www.theeliminateproject.org/ website for more information.

Did you remember to register for a CLE Training session?
WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

**PRESIDENT SESSION**
- Presidents
- Presidents-Elect

**SECRETARY/TREASURER SESSION**
- Secretaries
- Secretaries-Elect
- Treasurers

**MEMBERSHIP SESSION**
- Vice Presidents
- Board Members
- Club Leaders

WHAT WILL BE COVERED?

In addition to the session for club presidents, a concurrent session will be offered at these events for club membership committees. Encourage all club leaders and your membership committee to attend these sessions to increase membership in your club and the service impact in your community. Attendees will learn:

- Conducting fun club meetings
- Planning for your club’s success
- Sponsoring Service Leadership Programs
- Communicating effectively with your members
- Parliamentary Procedure, Elections and Appointments
- Empowering committee chairs
- Planning and goal setting
- Club budgeting and finance
- District and International Foundations

WHO LEADS C.L.E.?

Certified Instructors and 2018-19 District Leaders

WHAT ABOUT SECRETARIES?

Secretaries/Treasurers are to receive their 2018-19 training by attending the Secretary CLE at the district convention in Peoria, IL on Friday, August 3 from 1:00-4:30p.m. Incoming and existing 2018-19 club secretaries are strongly encouraged to attend this training. Whether you are new to the position or are returning, there is plenty to learn this time, including any updates to the Monthly Reports! This training will focus strictly on secretary duties. Become a great club secretary by learning new nuts and bolts, how to utilize the online reporting system, how to access online resources, and current state and federal requirements. Those unable to attend can complete training via the online module at kiwanisone.org.

*Secretary/Treasurer training will be offered.*
Young children have insatiable curiosity. Their world is brand new and full of wonder. Exposure to quality children’s books is a highly accessible source of information for them about their immediate world as well as beyond their daily experiences. Vincent Comes Home is an engaging example of a teachable tool.

Vincent is a cat who lives exclusively on an oceangoing cargo ship that sails to faraway ports to deliver food and other products to countries around the world. Even though he never leaves the ship and views land only from the cargo deck, Vincent loves his ship life. He eats fresh fish whenever he wants. During the day he chases sea gulls and roams around the ship listening to the chatter of the crew and the whistling of the captain. At night, he gazes at the endless sky of shining moon and stars.

One day, Vincent hears the crew talking about going home. What is Home wonders Vincent? Is it some amazing city? When the ship anchors at the next port, Vincent follows crew members to find out what Home means. He watches as the door of a house opens and people rush out to hug and kiss the crewmen with shouts of WELCOME HOME! Vincent finally concludes that Home is where love is. He wishes he had a home. Then, he hears whistling. It’s the ship’s captain! Vincent follows him and goes back to the ship—his very own home.

Watercolor, double-page spread illustrations painted in ocean greens and blues propel the narrative. One double-page spread depicts the labeled five continents that offer the beginning understanding of a global, world-view of lands and oceans to young children. The sparse text works nicely with the artwork to create a pleasing and satisfying, read-aloud, picture book experience.

Vincent Comes Home by Jessixa Bagley and Aaron Bagley
Reviewed by Joyce Mesrobian, M.Ed.

Illinois-Eastern Iowa District Kiwanians:
I hope you are as excited as Terry and I about the Kiwanis International Convention June 28 through July 1 in Las Vegas. If you are already registered to attend, thank you. If not, it’s not too late to register—do it today! KI and International President Jim Rochford have planned a great Convention. Two great hotels, all kinds of food, super entertainment, Business Session for Delegates to elect International officers, address by-laws and amendments, and many educational forums. I forgot to mention seeing old friends and meeting new Kiwanians that share the passion we all have for Kiwanis and the KIDS. If you are a first-timer, be sure to check out the convention booklet that lists everything that’s happening. You won’t want to miss anything—you’ll want to attend the Opening and Closing Sessions, and everything in between.

Kiwanians are part of the Kiwanis Family, we are a World Wide Organization. The International Convention shows how big our Family really is, and what a difference Kiwanis makes in the world.

I hope to see you in Las Vegas so we can share our Kiwanis experiences together.

WHAT HAPPENS IN LAS VEGAS, DOESN’T HAVE TO STAY IN VEGAS!
The I-I District Convention Committee led by Mike and Linda Thomas, along with the clubs in Division 20 are planning a great Convention that you won’t want to miss! Don’t forget to visit the “Tiger Cage” and purchase items available during this fundraiser activity.

Please see the convention details in this Illeiowan edition, starting on page 15.

RUBY CUNEFARE
2017-18 FIRST LADY AND DISTRICT PR CHAIR
We have a private dining experience beginning at 7 p.m. created by the elegant Brazilian Steakhouse. Dinner includes fire-roasted meats, their famous Market Table (seasonal salads, irresistibly fresh vegetables, imported meats and cheeses, artisan breads and more), side dishes, beverages and dessert.

Meal Choices:  • Fire-Roasted Meats  • Chilean Sea Bass (no meats)  • Vegetarian

There are limited seats available, so please make your reservations soon!

All reservations must be purchased in advance – no exceptions. Reservation deadline is Wednesday, June 13, 2018.

Kiwanian Name:  ____________________________________________________________  Division #: _______
Kiwanis Club of:  ____________________________________________________________  Division #: _______
Guest(s) Name(s):  ____________________________________________________________
Mailing Address:  ____________________________________________________________
                Street                                City                         State   Zip Code

Cell Phone Number:  (____) ______ - _______  Email Address:  ________________________________
# of Meals:  _____ Fire-Roasted Meats  _____ Chilean Sea Bass  _____ Vegetarian
            _____ Total Meals  X $85 inclusive/each = $________
Payment Method:  _____ Check (enclosed)  Checks should be made payable to I-I Kiwanis District
            _____ VISA  _____ Mastercard  _____ Discover  (no American Express)
Name on Credit Card:  ________________________________  Expiration Date:  _____ / _____
Card Number:  __________-_________-_________-________  3-digit Code (on back of card):  _______
Cardholder Signature:  ____________________________________________________________

Return completed registration form to I-I District Kiwanis • 2416 E. Washington St • Suite B-2 • Bloomington, IL 61704-4893 or Fax: (309) 808.1172 (credit card only) • or Register online at:  https://iikiwanis.formstack.com/forms/2018kiwanisicon

Time is running out to sign up!
REGISTER ONLINE!
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2017 EYE OF THE TIGER 2018
Lead by Example
AUGUST 2-5, 2018

101st Annual District Convention
Marriott Pere Marquette | Peoria, IL
As convention chairpersons, we would like to formally invite you to the upcoming 101st Annual I-I District Convention to be held on August 2-5, 2018 at the Marriott Pere Marquette Hotel in downtown Peoria, Illinois.

Our guests of honor for the convention will be I-I District Governor Terry Cunefare and First Lady Ruby Cunefare. The theme of the convention is Eye of the Tiger, Lead By Example.

We know our fellow Kiwanians are busy people so why should you come to the convention that weekend, with some of you having to drive for hours? Here are at least some of the reasons:

- **Golf outing – Thursday afternoon**
- **Peoria Chiefs baseball game – Thursday evening**
- **Kiwanis educational/brainstorming sessions**
- **Lots of good food at the various breakfast, lunch and dinner events**
- **Saturday evening special entertainment**
- **Kiwanis fellowship, including hospitality room**
- **Recognition and awards**

- **Cunefare’s Tiger Cage silent auction—and live auction**
- **Opportunities to explore Peoria**

We hope to see you at the convention! Here is what you can do in the meantime to help us make this the largest convention ever:

- Actively promote the convention to all clubs in your division. This is a time for fun! Be sure to stress all the events, meals, educational sessions and Kiwanis camaraderie and look for members who have never attended a convention before so they don’t miss out on this opportunity.
- Give serious consideration to honoring members in your club with an Amador medal.
- Consider advertising in the convention program.

As an added incentive, any clubs which are new for 2017-18, will have the convention registration fee waived for up to three members!

Finally, look for more details soon. We hope to personally greet you in Peoria in August!

Mike & Linda Thomas

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**Convention Registration Procedures**

All convention attendees are required to register and pay the registration fee. Spouses/partners can be registered on the same form. Cost to attend is $50 per member or $85 for a couple (for couples where both are Kiwanis members or Kiwanian and one non-member spouse/partner).

Registration forms must be RECEIVED at the district office no later than July 20, 2018, regardless of the method used to submit your form. You may fax your registration to 309.808.1172 on or before July 20, 2018 if you are paying by credit card (VISA, MasterCard and Discover).

Please make checks payable to the I-I District and mail with your registration form to:

Illinois-Eastern Iowa Kiwanis District
2416 East Washington Street, Suite B2
Bloomington, IL 61704-4893

You may register online at www.iikiwanis.org through Friday, July 20, 2018.

Cancellation requests must be received prior to 2:00p.m. on Monday, July 23. No refunds will be made for cancellations received after this date.

Register by June 30 for a chance to win two free tickets to our Thursday Social Outing on August 2 at the Peoria Chiefs game. Registration forms postmarked on or before June 30 OR registrations received by fax or online by midnight on June 30 will be automatically entered into the drawing for the Thursday event (value of prize is $40 per ticket).

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**DON’T DELAY... REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!**

iikiwanis.formstack.com/forms/2018dconregistration
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Bring all baskets to Cunefare’s Tiger Cage in the Marriott Pere Marquette Hotel on Thursday afternoon before 5:00p.m. or Friday morning before 9:00a.m.

Do your part to help raise funds for the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation, District Scholarships and The Eliminate Project!

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Be sure to come to convention early and join us at Metamora Fields. Proceeds from the golf event will benefit the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation (KNRF), The Eliminate Project and the I-I District Scholarship Program. See registration insert for details and to register.

I’ve seen comedians, and I’ve seen magicians, but I’ve never seen a show like this!

New Ulm Medical Center

Pure fun. Lee’s playfulness and spontaneity give this magic show the feel of a stand-up comic’s. He uses every thing and every one in the room. This show isn’t about tricks, it’s about people… it’s about you! The real value of live entertainment in our high-tech, digital world is shared experience. Lee offers a living, breathing, once-in-a-lifetime experience. (Or in our case, TWICE in a lifetime!*)

Come to the Saturday night festivities at the Kiwanis Convention in Peoria and find out what top cruise lines, world class casinos, comedy clubs as far away as Australia, and thousands of leading corporations already know about Lee Cole’s Magicomedy.

Learn more about Lee at www.leecole.com.

*Lee entertained guests at the 2014 district convention

Join us at Dozer Park down near the riverfront on Thursday night for a Peoria Chiefs baseball game and buffet dinner. The Chiefs will take on Midwest League rival Cedar Rapids Kernels, a Minnesota Twins affiliate. See registration insert to register.

‘Cunefare’s Tiger Cage’ Silent Auction

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Candidate for 2018-19 I-I District Governor
ALAN ARBUCKLE

Woodstock and Algonquin-Lake in the Hills Kiwanis Clubs, Division 11

Alan Arbuckle joined the Kiwanis Club of Northlake in March, 1983. After moving to Colorado in 2007, he became a member of the Kiwanis Club of Ute Pass-Woodland Park and later a member of the Kiwanis Club of Pikes Peak. Currently, he is a member of both the Kiwanis Club of Woodstock, IL and the Kiwanis Club of Algonquin-Lake in the Hills. Alan served as one of the club openers and is serving as club counselor to both of these clubs.

On the club level, Alan has served twice as Northlake Kiwanis’ president (once distinguished), seven terms as club secretary and twice as treasurer and has served on many club service and fundraising committees. He has ten years of Key Club Advisor experience and three years as a K-Kids Advisor.

On the division level, Alan has served three terms as lieutenant governor. He has received the Distinguished Lieutenant Governor honor and the 2009-10 Rod Ellerbusch Leadership Award given by the Rocky Mountain District to one LTG each year.

On the district level, Alan served as the Rocky Mountain District Builders Club Administrator for three years and as the Public Relations Chair for four years. He has served on the Key Leader committee and attended four Key Leaders as a chaperone. Alan also has served on the District Convention Committee in both the I-I District and the RMD. Alan currently serves as Governor-Elect and has attended the required training.

Currently, Alan is the web master of the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation website and the administrator of its Facebook Page. Alan is an I-I District Certified Club Leadership Education (CLE) Instructor, a Certified Club Opener, a certified Club Counselor and is a member of the Formula Committee. Having opened a number of Key Clubs, most recently Woodstock High School, and Woodstock North High School. He is currently working to open Key Clubs at Jacobs High School in Algonquin.

Alan was a member of the Kiwanis International Builders Club Committee for a year. He has attended nine International Conventions, many District Conventions and Mid-Year Conferences, and participated at many Kiwanis International special training sessions.

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Alan is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago with a degree in Sociology/Political Science (minor).

He retired from United Parcel Service after almost 30 years. Alan was the manager of a temporary shelter for victims of the Katrina Hurricane for the State of Illinois. Alan was also the shelter manager for West Suburban Pads currently named Housing Forward (serving the near-west suburbs near Oak Park). For many years, Alan was a volunteer of students were placed in jobs to which they had never had access to before.

He initiated the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) at both Berry University and Millikin University. This program gives students hands-on experience serving real-life clients in a technical field. Each student is given the opportunity to act as the tax preparer for one client and as a reviewer for another client, thus helping students develop leadership skills.

Charles served as a Department Chair in the Tabor School of Business at Millikin University and as the University Faculty Convener for several years. The Faculty Convener is elected by the faculty, from all Schools, and serves for one year unless re-elected for another term. He was re-elected seven times until his retirement.

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Candidate for 2018-19

I-I District Governor-Elect

CHARLES R. SMITH
Decatur Golden K Kiwanis Club, Division 27

Originally from Georgia, Charles moved to Decatur, Illinois, in 1992 to accept a faculty position with Millikin University. Charles obtained both the bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Accounting from the University of Georgia and earned the Ph.D. (1992) from the American University in London, England. He received the CPA Certificate in Georgia and, after moving to Illinois, received a reciprocal Certificate here.

After spending seven years in Public Accounting and five years in industry, Charles entered education at Berry College, Rome, Georgia. From there he moved to Georgia College & State University and, in 1992, to Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois. He spent 31 years in education before retiring, for the first time, in 2009. His second and final retirement from the work world was at the end of the 2011 academic year.

Charles joined the faculty at Berry College (now Berry University) in 1982. He observed that students at small colleges/universities were at a disadvantage when it came to job placement. He initiated an “Accounting Interview Day” for the 17 small colleges/universities in Georgia. He secured the resources of the Georgia Society of CPAs and the first Interview Day was held. Over the next several years, hundreds of students were placed in jobs to which they had never had access to before.

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**101st Annual Kiwanis I-I District Convention**
August 2, 2018
Metamora Fields • 801 W. Progress St., Metamora, IL

**GOLF REGISTRATION FORM**

### Schedule
- 10:00 a.m. Registration Opens
- 10:45 a.m. Lunches Available
- 11:30 a.m. Shotgun Start, 18 holes of golf

### Event Contacts
- **Steve Matheny** (Golf Event Contact)
  - mathenys11@yahoo.com
- **Andrea Raycraft** (Registration/Payment Contact)
  - iioffice@iikiwanis.org • 309.585.2216

### Tournament Sponsorships
- **Champion Sponsor • $1,000**
  - Includes recognition leading up to/throughout the event; signage at event; 1 foursome golf/cart; full-page ad in Convention Booklet*

- **Double Eagle Sponsor • $750**
  - Includes signage at event; 1 foursome golf/cart; 3/4 page ad in Convention Booklet*

- **Eagle Sponsor • $500**
  - Includes signage at event; 1 twosome golf/cart; 1/2 page ad in Convention Booklet*

- **Birdie Sponsor • $250**
  - Includes signage at event; 1 round golf/cart; 1/4 page ad in Convention Booklet*

- **Hole Sponsor • $100**
  - Includes name/logo/display opportunity at hole*

- **Individual Golfer • $80**
  - Includes 18 holes of golf/cart; hole contests

- **Golf Foursome • $300**
  - Includes 18 holes of golf plus cart; hole contests for 4 golfers

* Send camera-ready artwork for program/signage to: iioffice@iikiwanis.org **BY JULY 6** (acceptable file formats include high-quality PDF or JPG, EPS, AI)

### Registration Information
- **Contact Name**
- **Address**
- **City/State**
- **Zip Code**
- **Cell Phone**
- **Email Address**
- **Kiwanis Club**
- **Golfer #1 Name**
- **Golfer #2 Name**
- **Golfer #3 Name**
- **Golfer #4 Name**

### Payment Method/Information
- **Check**
  - Payable to I-I District **MUST ARRIVE by July 20, 2018**
  - (mail to 2416 E. Washington St., Suite B2, Bloomington IL 61704-4893)

- **Credit Card**
  - VISA, MasterCard or Discover (we do not accept American Express)
  - Card #: _____________-___________-___________-___________
  - Expiration Date: _______/_______
  - 3-Digit Security Code (on back of card): _____________
  - Cardholder Signature: __________________________

Registrations using a credit card for payment may be mailed or faxed to the District Office at 309.808.1172.

- **Individual Golfer**: 
  - _____ x $80 = $ _______

- **Golf Foursome**: 
  - _____ x $300 = $ _______

- **Sponsorship**: 
  - _____ x ______ = $ _______

**TOTAL DUE $ _______**

If you are registering for both Convention AND Golf, you must submit 2 separate checks for your registrations.
101st Annual Kiwanis I-I District Convention
August 2-5, 2018
Marriott Pere Marquette • 501 Main St., Peoria, IL 61602

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Member Name

Kiwanis Club of

Division #

Kiwanis Position in 2017-18

Address     City/State     Zip Code

Cell Phone     Email Address

Spouse/Partner Name

Is Spouse/Partner a Kiwanis Member?  □ Yes  □ No

Spouse/Partner’s Kiwanis Club

Spouse/Partner’s Kiwanis Position in 2017-18

Guest’s Division #

Name and Special Dietary Restrictions

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Registration Fees and Meal Ticket Purchases

Member Registration Fee ................................................................. $50 each = $ 50

Spouse/Partner Registration Fee ................................................... $35 each = $ [Calculate]

Thursday, August 2  6:00p.m. Peoria Chief Outing (Dinner and Game)
• Buffet Dinner

Friday, August 3  6:30p.m. Opening Session Banquet
• Fried Chicken Breast
• Salmon, Lemon Beurre Blanc
• Vegetable Lasagna, marinara, mozzarella, roasted vegetables

Saturday, August 4  7:00–8:15a.m. Meet the Candidates Breakfast
• Scrambled eggs, bacon, breakfast potato
• Challah French toast, maple syrup, turkey sausage

11:30a.m.–1:30p.m. Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation Luncheon
• Chicken Caesar Wrap (romaine, parmesan, croutons, Caesar dressing)
• Chopped Salad (romaine, olives, cucumbers, tomato, balsamic dressing)
• Asian Tuna Salad (cabbage, almonds, cucumbers, peppers, oranges and sesame soy dressing)

6:30p.m. Governor’s Banquet
• Center cut bone-in pork chop, cranberry demi-glaze
• Swordfish with caper cream sauce
• Wild mushroom tortellini with alfredo sauce and goat cheese

Sunday, August 5  8:30a.m. EliMiNaTe Breakfast
• Breakfast Buffet

Total due for registration fees and meal tickets................................................................. $ [Calculate]

Please note that meal ticket prices include beverages, dessert, sales tax, gratuity and room charges.

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Kiwanis Clubs have the opportunity to send printed messages from one member, club or division to another in the Convention Program that will be distributed to all attendees at the Annual I-I District Convention in Peoria in August. Take this opportunity to recognize and thank those who have served this year or who have volunteered to lead in the coming year.

**The cost is only $25 for one advertisement or $20 each for two or more ads!**
(Please copy this form for additional ads.)

Sent from: _____________________________________________________________

Sent to: _______________________________________________________________

Select one of the messages below or compose your own message (20 words or less)

1. Thank you Governor Terry and First Lady Ruby for a GREAT year of Kiwanis service in your hands!

2. Best wishes Governor-Elect Alan Arbuckle and First Lady Grace for a year filled with service and growth as you start now to make a difference!

3. Thank you Lt. Governor___________________________for leading Division____this year.

4. Best wishes Lt. Governor___________________________as you lead Division____ in 2018-19.

5. Create your own message______________________________________________________

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Please mail completed form along with a check made payable to the I-I District to:

I-I Kiwanis District
Convention Advertisement
2416 E. Washington Ave, Suite B-2
Bloomington, IL  61704

**FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JULY 1, 2018**
EXHIBITOR/VENDOR APPLICATION

Name of Organization/Company: _________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: _____________________________________________________________________

Name & Contact Information of Exhibitor(s)/Vendor(s) who will be on site at the convention:
1. __________________________________ Phone: (___) ___-_____  E-mail: _________________
2. __________________________________ Phone: (___) ___-_____  E-mail: _________________

Special needs for your exhibit: _________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________

PAYMENT

o Check (made payable to I-I Kiwanis District)

o Credit Card (VISA, MasterCard or Discover; American Express is NOT accepted)
   Name as it reads on face of credit card: __________________________________________

   Credit Card #: _______-_______-_______-_______  Expiration Date: ________________
   3 Digit Security Code on back of card: _________

   Credit Card Billing Address if Different than address listed above (including zip code):
   ___________________________________________________________________________
   ___________________________________________________________________________

Please mail or fax completed application, payment and completed indemnity form to:

Kiwanis I-I District
DCON Vendor
2416 E. Washington St, Suite B-2
Bloomington, IL  61704
Fax: 309.808.1172

Exhibitor/Vendor registration deadline is Friday, July 20th
EXHIBITOR/VENDOR INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

I, _____________________________________________________, plan to participate at the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District Convention on August 2-5, 2018 as an Exhibitor/Vendor. The convention will be held at the Marriott Pere Marquette, Peoria, IL. I hereby agree to be responsible for all display materials and items as they relate to my exhibit. I further agree to hold harmless the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District of Kiwanis International, all individual Kiwanians and Kiwanis Clubs, all volunteers assisting with assembly, the District Convention Committee and the Rivercenter from any liability, cost or expense which they may incur in connection with or as a result of my participation in this event.

Dated this _____ day of ________, 2017

______________________________________________
Exhibitor/Vendor Name

______________________________________________
Signature of Exhibitor/Vendor Authorize Representative
Hello I-I Kiwanians!

My name is Caitlin Pouk and I am serving the mighty I-I District of Circle K as District Governor. I am an incoming Junior at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL. I am a Special Education major with an ambition to teach in a self-contained classroom! As a future educator I have a love of education, and during my term I will be educating our district members on all things Circle K and Kiwanis Family. I will also be focusing on member involvement as well. This April during our district board training we set goals as a district and as clubs, focusing on GROWTH! However we need your help as Kiwanians to help us reach our district member goal of 315 members. If you have friends or family members who go to a school with a Circle K club, let them know. Make it known to them that Circle K is a great way to lead and serve in our local communities as a collegian. If you were in Circle K tell them your favorite memories in hopes it makes them want to join!

Ohana means family, and family means no one gets left behind!

Yours In Service,

CAITLIN POUK
2018-19 I-I DISTRICT CIRCLE K GOVERNOR