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eKiwanis of Greater Chicago Keeps Children Safe on the Road

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A VISION OF GROWTH

Most of us have investments. Even if it is a small bank account we expect a return on our investment. We invest a lot of time and money in Kiwanis. We expect that projects will have a positive impact on kids and on our community. We also can have the reasonable expectation that Kiwanis will grow in membership so that it, as an organization, will be able to maintain and grow in its service. To describe it in just one word: sustainability.

Is 2% net growth too much to ask for? Ask yourself: Do things cost 2% more this year than last? The idea of plus-one membership gain has been popular for a few years. But has it worked? The September swoon has regularly wiped out large membership gains we have had in August each year. The I-I District lost 356 members (5.3%) between September 1 and October 10, 2018.

Is 2% net growth possible? Absolutely! 130 more net members. The district can achieve the 2% net growth with any combination of members in new clubs, increasing membership in existing clubs or fewer deletions than in 2017-18 that add up to 130.

How can it be done? Perhaps, most importantly, the I-I’s members have to first believe that this vision of growth is possible. If you believe it, you can see it. Believe that the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District is a powerful team. And as a team, we will achieve at least 2% growth. Believe that we have the ability to add more clubs, add more members in existing clubs, to reconnect with members with one foot out the door. No one is going to do it for us. We need to believe in the vision of growth.

Our communities desperately need the strong social capital that Kiwanis offers. We serve our communities altruistically without having some political agenda. The children and young adults need the leadership skill sets and a strong sense of volunteerism that our Service Leadership Programs provide. That is why we say KIDS NEED KIWANIS.

But without a sincere buy-in and effort by our members, Kiwanis will continue to struggle with membership. Wait! What? Kiwanis is better than that. Can’t we at least make a real effort to be more optimistic, communicate more, respect and trust each other better and hold each other accountable to invite more people to volunteer with an organization with the purpose of serving children of the world.

Do we have a willingness to act? We have shown we can open new clubs in communities large and small. Will we act to make weak clubs better? Will we get outside our comfort zone to ask more communities large and small. Will we act to make weak clubs better? Will we get outside our comfort zone to ask more people to see if Kiwanis is for them? Or will we sit on our hands. The future has a way of sneaking up on us. Act now. Develop a plan for your club’s growth that starts immediately. Make a personal commitment to be part of the vision of growth.

As always, thank you for your service.

ALAN ARBuckle
2018-19 I-I DISTRICT GOVERNOR
The Circle K Holiday Embrace event is coming up on Saturday, January 19, 2019 at Hyatt Regency, Schaumburg, IL. Click here to register. Come help the Circle K out by joining their “Evening Under the Stars” Dinner and Dance event to benefit our Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation (see page 15 for details).

‘Tis the season of giving... Kiwanis fills numerous needs within each of our communities, and that is what brings us together as Kiwanians. I challenge every one of us to step up and participate in one of your club’s several community projects over the holiday season! The best tool you can use to bring others into our organization of serving others is to invite them to one of these many holiday service opportunities. Someone thought enough of you to share the Kiwanis family with you. When you think about what each one of us do in our communities and for our individual clubs, it’s a small part of what we do globally as Kiwanians. We make a tremendous difference in the lives of children – both here and afar. Our time and talents are priceless when it comes to helping others.

As we begin our New Year (calendar year that is), many of us are reviewing our priorities, thinking about personal goals for the coming year, and making plans for success. Each of our clubs should have service and growth goals for this year, and this is a great time to review our progress. How is your club doing towards achieving its goals?

• Has your club added any new service projects?
• Has your club done a service project with your SLP Clubs (Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids or Aktion Club)?
• Has your club inducted any new members?
• Has your club provided each new member with a new member orientation and helped them feel welcome?
• Is your club working to mentor and educate your future club leaders?
• How does your club’s average service hours/member compare to your goals?
• How about the total dollars your club has given so far this year? Have you achieved your goal?

It’s often easy to look at the above questions and think to ourselves “Oh, that’s someone else’s job – the Club President, the Membership Chair, the Service Chair or someone like that”. This happens far too often. Most of the time EVERYONE thinks this, resulting in NO ONE doing any of these things!

Of course, the most important question we all need to ask ourselves is, “Is every need of every child in my local and global community being met?” Until we can all answer this question with a resounding “YES”, we still have much work to do. I hope that after asking yourself these questions, you will include some of the above items in your personal goals for the New Year.

Participation in service projects and inviting new members to join our club is the responsibility of ALL OF US. As members, we must each individually take ownership of these responsibilities to ensure the future viability of our clubs and the service we provide to our communities and future leaders.

My family and I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and bright and prosperous New Year! #KidsNeedKiwanis

ANDREA RAYCRAFT
I-I DISTRICT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mark Your Calendar with these IMPORTANT DATES!

DEADLINE FOR MID-YEAR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
February 11, 2019
Register at: https://ikiwanis.formstack.com/forms/2019midyear

DEADLINE FOR ALL CLUBS TO FILE FORM 990
February 15, 2019

LT. GOVERNOR TRAINING
May 3-5, 2019
Bloomington-Normal Marriott
Normal, IL

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
June 27-30, 2019
Orlando, FL

See page 9 for details

And last but not least
Save the Date!
102nd I-I DISTRICT CONVENTION
August 1-4, 2019
Crowne Plaza
Springfield, IL

More information to follow in the coming months.
I-I District Midyear Conference  
Saturday, February 16, 2019

10 Brickyard Drive  
Bloomington, Illinois 61701

Midyear Conference Schedule *

8 AM - 10 AM  Neuroscience Research  
Foundation Board Meeting

10:30 AM-12:30 PM  I-I District Board Meeting

12:30 PM-1:30 PM  Buffet Lunch

1:30 PM – 3 PM  Club Strengthening Summit
Learn how to help your existing club and other clubs strengthen themselves, giving them that same opportunity to serve kids! Many Kiwanis Clubs, getting a little bit older themselves, have found creative ways to hold a self-appraisal on their effectiveness and hold equally creative membership drives, making themselves over into a new club with lots of “new blood” with new ideas and new energy!

Please go to the registration website by clicking here or complete this form and mail.  Must be received by February 11, 2019

February 16, 2019 • Registration Form  
DoubleTree by Hilton • Bloomington, Illinois

Member Name

Club Name

Division #  2018-19 Office Held

Member Street Address

City / State / Zip Code

Phone Number

Email Address

Saturday Lunch Soup/Salad/Potato Buffet  
$25.00 X Qty _____ = $__________

Total Due $_______

Please note any special dietary needs at the bottom of this form.

Registrations received after February 11, 2019 will be assessed a $15.00 late charge.

Please make all checks payable to I-I Kiwanis District, or include credit card information below:

□ Visa  □ Mastercard  □ Discover

Number

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WHAT IS RESEARCH?

THE ILLINOIS-EASTERN IOWA DISTRICT’S FINEST PROJECT, THE KIWANIS NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH FOUNDATION (KNRF), FUNDS RESEARCH IN NEUROSCIENCE.

WHAT IS NEUROSCIENCE, AND WHAT IS RESEARCH?

Neuroscience is the study of how the nervous system normally works and how it is affected by disease. Our nervous system includes the brain, spinal cord, and peripheral nerves, which connect our brain and spinal cord with virtually all parts of our body. The nervous system is extremely complex and important, and there are seemingly countless ways that the nervous system is affected by disease. In 2007, the World Health Organization estimated that 1 billion people worldwide (15% of the world population) were affected by a neurological disorder. Therefore, neuroscience has understandably lured the interest of scientists from nearly all scientific fields, including neurology, psychiatry, neurosurgery, neuropathology, neuroradiology, psychology, pharmacology, physiology, anatomy, genetics, chemistry, physics, engineering, mathematics and computer science. Many scientists from these disciplines and others study the nervous system in humans, while other scientists study the nervous system in laboratory animals, ranging from monkeys to mice, fruit flies, roaches and worms. The ultimate goal of this research is to improve the health of humans. The Beckman Institute at the University of Illinois is a wonderful example of an institute that enables researchers from multiple disciplines to collaborate in neuroscience research. Dr. Bill Greenough served as medical director of KNRF and was also director of the Beckman Institute.

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The KNRF currently funds two researchers at Beckman, Drs. Daniel Llano and Stephanie Ceman.

Research is a systematic search for new information. There are three types of research in medicine: basic, translational and clinical. Basic research is designed to understand the fundamental mechanisms of how our nervous system works and is affected by disease. This research provides a foundation for so-called translational research in which discoveries in basic science are “translated” into clinical applications that are designed to diagnose, treat and prevent diseases of the nervous system. Clinical research involves the final testing and modification of these clinical applications, which is necessary for approval by the Food and Drug Administration. It may take decades of research to translate basic discoveries into approved clinical practice.

Research begins with one or more new observations that lead to the formulation of a testable scientific hypothesis. A scientific hypothesis is a formal prediction or explanation for some phenomenon. For example, our former KNRF grantee Dr. Janet Rowley at the University of Chicago once hypothesized that damage to human chromosomes, called translocation, was a cause of cancer. She became a pioneer in the discovery of genetic causes of cancer (oncogenes), and her discoveries ultimately led to an effective treatment for chronic myelocytic leukemia. Dr. Rowley’s initial hypothesis led to important experiments that produced many new discoveries and new hypotheses by thousands of researchers around the world. An important discovery like Dr. Rowley’s typically leads to many new hypotheses, experiments and discoveries. This cycle of discovery is called the scientific method and is the foundation of all research.

Neurosurgical research is often translational and involves the practical application of technology to the surgical care of patients with diseases of the nervous system. Dr. Luis Amador and his first KNRF-funded research fellow Dr. John Hankinson (from London England) did research in stereotactic surgery of the brain, which is now the foundation of modern neurosurgery for Parkinson disease, dystonia and tremor disorders. Modern stereotactic methods permit neurosurgeons to accurately destroy or stimulate structures that are only a few millimeters in size.

Since 1960, medical schools have become increasingly reliant on income generated by patient care. Physicians, psychologists and other healthcare professions are therefore pressured to devote their time to clinical practice, leaving little or no time for research. Only
1.4% of US physicians list research as their primary responsibility, and a 2013 study of primary care physicians found that only 1% spent more than 10% of their time doing research.

Historically, physicians have played crucial roles in identifying pressing clinical problems for research and have played important roles in conducting this research. Without this input from the “front lines” of medical care, medical research is less likely to address the most pressing medical problems. Translational and clinical research cannot be conducted without physicians, psychologists and other health professionals who are actively involved in the care of patients. I am often asked if I “believe in” a certain treatment for a particular disease. My response is always the same: It does not matter what I believe. It only matters what I know through medical research.

Performances are typically on Saturday and Sunday. Special performances have been offered for kids with special needs where adjustments are required in sound and lighting. The play has also been performed in nearby grade schools.

This project is a fundraiser for Golden K but no child is turned away for lack of funds. Tickets are given each year to local children’s organizations, such as Boys and Girls Club. Additionally, individuals purchase several tickets to be given to those families unable to purchase tickets.

Attendance ranges from 120 to 200 for each performance. The audience consists of kids with parents or grandparents. This offers an opportunity to expose members of our community to Kiwanis and its mission. October is typically the month when the play takes place. We invite those with other Kiwanis Clubs to attend a performance with (or without) their kids or grandkids and enjoy an uplifting evening of family fun.

CHARLES SMITH
2018-19 I-I DISTRICT GOVERNOR-ELECT
Did you know car seats expire on average every five years? Or that the change in seasons causes the plastic on a car seat to deteriorate over time? These are just a couple of facts that were learned on September 29, 2018 during Safety Saturday, a state-wide car seat check event!

This year eKiwanis of Greater Chicago hopped in the driver’s seat and partnered with the Carol Stream Police Department for Safety Saturday. The event was held at the Ross Ferraro Town Center in Carol Stream, IL from 10a.m. until 2p.m. It welcomed families to come out for free car seat checks and installations performed by Carol Stream Police Department Certified Safety Technicians. The technicians assessed if the car seats were installed correctly, safe to drive in, not expired, and if the child was in the correct car seat for their size. If the family needed a replacement car seat, a new car seat was given to the family and installed for free.

eKiwanis of Greater Chicago donated ten car seats to the Carol Stream Police Department for Safety Saturday. Five car seats were replaced, most being expired. The remaining five were brought back to the police station and will be used when families come in for a car seat check – every day at least one family comes in. eKiwanis also put together Kiwanis-branded snack baggies for the kids and included a club brochure for the parents. The snacks included a Nutella snack pack, jiffy bar, Goldfish crackers, and cookies. The event generated more people than anticipated, and more snacks had to be bought during the event!

In total, 42 car seat checks were performed! That is the highest number of checks that Carol Stream Police Department performed in a single day in a very long time. They noted they typically do not promote the event because they do not have enough replacement

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2019 Club Leadership Education Workshop Dates Announced

If you are a club leader, you are encouraged to attend a CLE session. "But I attended one a few years ago. Why do I need to attend again?"

There are two good reasons why you should:

- Workshop sessions are always being improved with new information.
- The workshops provide guests a great opportunity to network with other club leaders and share ideas. Find out what has and has not worked for other clubs, and maybe your club won’t have to reinvent the wheel!

The following are the 2019 CLE dates and general locations. Care is taken to make sure workshops are scheduled in locations throughout the I-I District. Pick a location near year and mark it on your calendar!

More details and online registration to come in the new year.

Overall, eKiwanis noted it was a great honor to partner with the Carol Stream Police Department and help keep children safe on the road. It was a project that was dreamt about since the charter of eKiwanis, and it was the year to finally do it. eKiwanis and Carol Stream Police Department hope to partner again and make the Car Seat Check Day partnership an annual event.

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### 2019 CLE Dates

Sat., June 1: DeKalb
Sun., June 2: Quad Cities
Sat., June 8: Fairview Heights
Sun., June 9: Carbondale

Sat., June 15: Bloomington-Normal
Sat., July 13: New Lennox
Sat., July 20: Tuscola
Fri, August 2: Springfield (at DCON)
PLAN YOUR CONVENTION TRIP

BOOK YOUR HOTEL

Already one of the largest single-level convention hotels on the East Coast, Disney's Coronado Springs is located in the heart of Walt Disney World Resort. Palm-shaded courtyards, Spanish-style haciendas, a white-sand beach and scenic nature trails create the perfect setting for both business and pleasure. As Kiwanians we are able to purchase room tickets at a discounted rate to Disney's Coronado Springs, Resort, as well as Disney's Port Orleans Resort at a rate of $175 a night. This rate is available from June 20th – July 4th, so come early or stay late!! Use the link below to book rooms now and also to purchase discounted park tickets.

[Registration cost and schedule of events coming soon.]

https://www.mydisneygroup.com/kiwanis2019/#home
SPEAKERS AND ENTERTAINERS

Jim Collins

“Good to Great” author Jim Collins will open the 2019 Kiwanis International Convention at Walt Disney World Resort® in Florida. Collins has authored or coauthored six books that have sold more than 10 million copies worldwide, including “How the Mighty Fall,” “Great by Choice” and “Built to Last.” Collins has invested more than a quarter century in vigorous research about what makes great companies tick. In 1995, he founded a management laboratory in Boulder, Colorado, where he conducts and engages with CEOs and senior-leadership teams. In addition to his work in the business sector, he has a passion for learning and teaching in the social sectors, including cause-driven nonprofits. In 2017, global media company Forbes selected Collins as one of the 100 Greatest Living Business Minds. Collins will speak to convention attendees the morning of Thursday, June 27.
SPEAKERS AND ENTERTAINERS cont

Don Felder
A member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame since 1998, Felder was a member of the Eagles for 27 years, putting his mark on numerous Eagles milestones. Felder originated and co-wrote the Eagles’ biggest hit — the iconic “Hotel California” — as well as other fan favorites like “Victim of Love” and “Those Shoes.” He became immediately celebrated for his lyrical, signature guitar work on legendary songs like “Hotel California” and “One of These Nights.”

The Kiwanis Gala: An Evening with Don Felder includes dinner and entertainment and is scheduled for Saturday evening, June 29.

Alex Sheen
Promises still matter and a handshake still means something. That’s the message Alex Sheen will share at International Convention in Florida. Sheen is the founder of Because I Said I Would, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the betterment of humanity through promises made and kept. Sheen will share some of his promises kept and encourage and inspire you to make and keep a promise of your own.

Sheen will speak during the Opening Session on June 27.
Young children’s literature contains a treasure trove of authors and illustrators, many of whom have produced books that have become classics. Among this select group is Leo Lionni who, before his demise in 1999, created forty books in his 50-year career that continue to delight young children worldwide.

Frederick is the story of a family of field mice who live within a stone wall alongside a meadow. As winter approaches, all the mice scurry about gathering grain, nuts, and straw to store for the coming long, cold days and nights. All except the apparently lazy Frederick. Lying all day in a dreamlike state atop his rock wall home, he tells his mice buddies he is busy gathering other things: sun rays for the cold, dark winter days; colors... For winter is gray; words for winter days... For the winter days are long and many, and we’ll run out of things to say.

When winter comes and lingers long, the gathered food dwindles and finally disappears. Oh, what to do! Then the mice remember Frederick and ask him to share his supplies. Frederick climbs up on a big stone and begins to share his gatherings. He speaks of the rays of sun that warm the mice. He speaks of colors of yellow wheat, green leaves, and red poppies that bring images of colored paintings in their mind; and then Frederick, the poet mouse, shares his words:

Who scatters snowflakes? Who melts the ice?
Who spoils the weather? Who makes it nice?
Who grows the four-leaf clovers in June?
Who dims the daylight? Who lights the moon?

Four little field mice that live in the sky,
Four little field mice... like you and I.

Lionni’s uncluttered paper collage illustrations blend seamlessly with the simple text. Frederick won the Caldecot Honor Award for the artwork. Lionni also received this award for his books, Inch by Inch, Swimmy, and Alexander and the Wind-up Mouse.

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.
The Illinois-Eastern Iowa District is proud to offer advertisements in the Key Club Convention programs. Do not pass up this wonderful opportunity to give someone a shout out, promote your business or thank a club, division or individual for a job well done. Purchasing a program ad helps us to continue to offer an affordable convention to all members in the district. You can personalize your page with a message or advertisement of your choice. **Submissions due February 1, 2019.**

**Examples:**

- Thank you ______ for doing an excellent job this year!
- (Name of business) – Supporting the Leaders of Tomorrow in Key Club!
- Attend ______ (college) and join the best CKI Club in the I-I!
- Thank you so much ______ (Key Club) for a great year!
- Good luck _____ (senior member) wherever your life takes you!

You may use any of these messages or create your own! Each attendee of the 69th Annual District Convention in Springfield, Illinois will receive a program. The following sizes are available in the program:

- Quarter Page - $25.00 – 2” H X 4.75” W
- Half Page - $50.00 – 3.75” H X 4.75” W
- Full Page - $100.00 - 7.75” H X 4.75” W

**Submission:** Please submit complete ads ready for publication in PDF, MS Word or JPEG format to dant1102@yahoo.com. Please title the email-subject line with the same advertiser name as listed in the payment form below. I-I District Key Club will not perform graphic design or layouts of ads. However, text only ads can be laid out by our printer at your request. Ads will be printed in grayscale.

Advertiser: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Contact Name: ____________________________________________________________________________________

E-Mail: ___________________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________________________________________________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________________________________________________________

Please make checks payable to I-I District Key Club Convention Fund, and mail the check and completed form to:

I-I District Key Club Convention  
c/o Kiwanis I-I District Office  
10037 Old Sawmill Road  
Bloomington IL, 61705-5242
The Illinois-Eastern Iowa District is proud to offer Advertisements in the CKI Convention program. Do not pass up this wonderful opportunity to give someone a shout out, promote your business or thank a club, officer or individual for a job well done. Purchasing a program ad helps us to continue to offer an affordable convention to all members in the district. You can personalize your page with a message or advertisement of your choice. **Submissions due February 1, 2019.**

**Examples:**

- Thank you ______ for doing an excellent job this year!
- (Name of business) – Supporting the Leaders of Tomorrow in Circle K!
- Join ____________ Kiwanis Club after you graduate!
- Thank you so much ____________ for a great year!
- Good luck ____________ (senior member) wherever your life takes you!

You may use any of these messages or create your own! Each attendee of Annual District Convention in Oak Brook, Illinois will receive a program. The following sizes are available in the program:

- Quarter Page - $25.00 – 2" H X 4.75" W
- Half Page - $50.00 – 3.75" H X 4.75" W
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I-I District CKI Convention

c/o Kiwanis I-I District Office

10037 Old Sawmill Road
Bloomington, IL  61705-5242
Hello Kiwanians!

My name is Austin Ives, and I serve as a Chairperson on the board of Illinois-Eastern Iowa Circle K, Kiwanis’s very own collegiate Service Leadership Program!

One of my tasks as the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation Chair is to host Holiday Embrace, and you’re invited!

We look forward to seeing you at Holiday Embrace.

AUSTIN IVES
2018-19 I-I CKI KNRF CHAIR

Holiday Embrace is a fun-filled evening with a formal dinner, dance, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, and more! All proceeds will be donated to I-I Kiwanis’s favorite foundation, the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation.

WHEN
Saturday, January 19 at 5:00p.m.

WHERE
Hyatt Regency in Schaumburg, Illinois
1800 E. Golf Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60173

TICKET COST
$50 per person

REGISTER ONLINE AT
https://iikiwanis.formstack.com/forms/2019ckihe
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2019

SIGNATURE PROJECT CONTEST

We hope you will participate in the 2019 Signature Project Contest and Recognition Program by submitting your signature project in your club. The contest gives Kiwanis - and clubs and districts - an opportunity to showcase a project that makes a difference in the community while providing ideas and inspiration to other clubs. Winners of the Signature Project Contest will be recognized during the 2019 Kiwanis International Convention at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Florida.

You will submit your project to the I-I District through the link provided below and then district leadership will select a winner from our district to move forward to the International Contest. The online form should take fewer than 20 minutes to complete. A definition of signature projects and criteria is available online. Signature projects show the impact a Kiwanis Club can have on a community. From playgrounds and parks to festivals and fundraisers, they’re the hallmarks of what Kiwanis clubs are known for in their communities.

The panel of judges is made up of Kiwanis International Membership Subcommittee on Public Relations, Image and Marketing as well as Kiwanis International partner affiliates. They will review all submissions that meet contest criteria. The panel will select ten finalists and the top three winners (gold, silver and bronze). The top ten finalists will be announced before early convention registration ends, giving every winner an opportunity to attend the 2019 Kiwanis International Convention at the reduced rate. All top 10 finalists will receive a certificate recognizing their achievements. We look forward to all submissions! Thank you for participating!

Entries must be received in the District Office by February 14, 2019 – no exceptions. All submissions must be made online through this link (no other format accepted).

Click here for a definition of Signature Projects and Criteria

Click here for the Signature Project Contest Rules and Regulations

Click here for the Project Submission Questions that are required

Click here for the 2018 Contest Winners

Click here for the online I-I District submission form

Entry deadline is February 14!
Hello Kiwanians!

These past few months have been a great time in the I-I Key Club District! We had our Fall Leadership Rallies in September and October, which were very successful! Fall Leadership Rallies are a great way for Key Clubbers to learn more about our organization and meet other Key Clubbers from the area. Make sure to encourage your local Key Clubs to attend their local Fall Rally next year!

In October we held Key Leader in Lacon, IL! While attendance was a little lower than we had hoped, it was a wonderful time! Campers divided into groups called ‘neighborhoods’ and worked together on various leadership activities. We also had a bunch of time to socialize with our fellow campers. By the end of the weekend we had all become friends and learned all about what it takes to be a Key Leader.

Next year, I ask all Kiwanis clubs to set aside some funds to help their local Key Clubbers attend the camp. Key Leader is a special experience that teaches attendees great leadership skills. The curriculum is so effective that you can see a visible change in each camper by the end of the weekend! Help ensure that our Key Clubbers can get this wonderful experience.

Have a wonderful holiday season! ☺

TYLER SWANSON  
I-I DISTRICT KEY CLUB GOVERNOR