As I write this article I am preparing to head to the closing ceremony of the 102nd Kiwanis International Convention in Paris. This convention has been special as there are so many attendees from the Kiwanis International’s European Federation, many friends throughout the KI organization to whom I have had the opportunity to “reconnect”, as well as almost 40 Illinois-Eastern Iowa District attendees that I have had the opportunity to meet, get to know better or just enjoy. As with all Kiwanis conventions, it has been a time to reenergize, refocus and recommit to both the Kiwanis and our district goals and objectives—a time to acknowledge where we are, where are headed and where we need to be within the next few months.

Organizationally, we have opened well over one hundred new clubs with another 50-plus to be completed by year’s end, and yet too many clubs have closed. We have added almost 8,000 new members, and yet too many members have left our ranks. Within the I-I District we have opened two new clubs with at least three more to open over the next two months AND we have increased our overall membership by nearly 190! However, we know this membership number will drop as clubs update their membership rosters to reflect those that have not renewed their memberships. If we aggressively work on our club opening and strengthening efforts we can change our recent declining club and membership numbers. To do so it is requires that each member continue (or perhaps start) to share Kiwanis with others, invite others to join, promote your club’s service project and help with any of the district’s club opening and strengthening efforts that are either underway or even those on the horizon.

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HEADING HOME FROM PARIS.....
This summer has been busy with friends, fun and fellowship! We experienced these things and adventure at our International Convention this year! I hope you had the opportunity to join us in Paris for the Kiwanis International Convention where we elected our very own Jim Rochford to 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 soon in Bloomington, IL. A big thanks to 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 on site this weekend. You will need to have a completed delegate form with you to register as a delegate on site. A printable delegate form for District Convention can be downloaded and printed from http://www.iikiwanis.org/Page/22734.

As a final reminder, to attend the Last Chance CLE at District Convention, please register by clicking here. The separate President, Secretary and Membership sessions will be held on Friday, August 11 from 1pm-4:30pm. Hope to see you there! Secretaries... whether you are new to the position or are returning, there’s plenty to learn this time! This training will focus strictly on Secretary duties; how to be a great club secretary by learning new nuts and bolts; your to-do item checklists; utilizing the online reporting system to its fullest potential; online resources and reporting; federal requirements; Q & A session at the end.

Hope you enjoy the rest of your summer and hope to see you soon!
Andrea

Club Resources

As Kiwanis clubs work in their communities to raise funds and conduct service projects, they often need resources, from product to services. To assist our clubs in getting the most for their service dollar, Kiwanis International is partnering with select companies that can provide product or services at a reduced rate for our club members. In exchange, companies are introduced to Kiwanis clubs as a dependable resource for service project supplies.

Kiwanis is proud to partner with Scholastic, an organization that provides children access to books and promotes a lifelong love of reading. Thanks to our partnership, Kiwanis clubs receive crucial resources for helping children in their communities get access to books and reading opportunities—regardless of socioeconomic status.

Scholastic offers the Kiwanis family of clubs a wide range of programs and packages that will promote and support literacy projects in communities all around the United States. Whether you are ordering books for a literacy project, opening a Reading Oasis, or helping with a local Book Fair, Scholastic is there to support your club’s efforts to "Open a World of Possible" to children in local communities through reading.

Reading takes children to new places, opens up their imaginations and presents new ideas to enrich their experiences. Transform how books brighten a child’s life by starting a literacy project in a local school.

WHAT DO KIDS AND PARENTS WANT IN CHILDREN'S BOOKS?

See next page to find out!
### 1. Choice Rules

My favorite books are the ones that I have picked out myself.

89% of kids ages 6–17 agree.

### 2. I Want Good Stories & Laughter

When choosing a children’s book to read for fun, it just has to be a good story.

I look for books that make me laugh!

### 3. Strong Characters Wanted

Characters who are “smart, brave or strong” or who “face a challenge and overcome it” are the most popular among kids and parents.

- **Smart**
- **Brave**
- **Strong**

### 4. Diversity in Children’s Books Goes Beyond Culture

Parents of kids ages 0–17 say diversity in books for kids and teens includes...

- People and experiences different than those of my child: 73%
- Various cultures, customs or religions: 68%
- Differently-abled people (physical, emotional): 51%
- People of color: 47%
- LGBTQ people: 21%

### 5. Top 5 Books or Series

Parents recommend every child should read...

- Harry Potter
- Dr. Seuss
- Diary of a Wimpy Kid
- Magic Tree House
- The Chronicles of Narnia

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Generations of young children have grown up reciting and committing to memory a host of nursery rhymes—those wonderfully silly and enchantingly absurd bits and pieces of words that rhyme and tease and transport young minds to special places where cows jump over the moon and Peter Piper picks a peck of pickled peppers. Countless published collections of these rhymes have entertained young children and contributed playfully to the early development of their language skills.

Over the Hills and Far Away is a global collection of children’s nursery rhymes and folklore from English-speaking countries such as USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand, as well as Chinese, Latin, Caribbean, and African cultures. The 150 rhymes, some familiar and some newly experienced, are presented on vibrantly-illustrated double-page spreads created by 76 artists from around the world. For example, there is a brightly-illustrated Caribbean Clapping Rhyme by renowned artist Ashley Bryant depicting a smiling girl, dressed in clothing of many colors, chanting:

- Put your hands on your hips
- Let your backbone shake.
- Shake it to the East.
- Shake it to the West.
- Shake it to the very one that you love best.

Sprinkled throughout this marvelous collection of rhymes are riddles and mind teasers such as the Chinese-American entry:

- It has eyes and a nose
- But has not breathed since birth;
- It cannot go to heaven
- And will not stay on earth.

Answer: a dragon kite

(This riddle is illustrated with a floating dragon kite with very, very large teeth.)

The artwork of this heirloom collection of nursery rhymes, riddles, and folklore is nothing short of extraordinary. The 76 contributing artists include well-established luminaries such as Eric Carle, Ashley Bryant, Ed Young, and Shirley Hughes, as well as aspiring newcomers. Their contributions to Over the Hills and Far Away light up each page and encourage young children along with their families to return, again and again, to these cherished, wonder-filled pages of seamless art and rhyming verses. ☺

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.
Every successful endeavor within one's life is made up of many ideas, planning, relationships, and associations coming together as one body to complete a community-based task. The Grant Park Playground revitalization and equipment replacement is an outstanding example of such a success.

**PLAN**
This plan was formulated and planned by the City of Galena and the Kiwanis Club of Galena. The players were many in this stage: the Kiwanis Club of Galena, City of Galena, the Grant Park Committee, and the input of many Galena citizens. Special thanks goes to the City Council and the Galena Historical Society and its members in aiding and supporting this project to completion.

**BUILD**
Once the project was planned and approved, the next phase involved moving the plans into action. The field logistics included involving many Galena artisans. Among them were Mike and Nick Sproule Construction Co., Hahn Quarry, and Louie’s Trenching Services, and all donated their time, talent, and materials. Game Time Equipment, Addoco Corporation, Bard Materials, and Cunningham Recreation Installers delivered the equipment and coordinated equipment installation. Many thanks to the Kiwanians and other volunteers who assisted with applying the finishing touches to the area.

**JOY**
And finally, the joy of completion and reflection of a job well done. Galena is an example of a community life in this country. Everyone pulled together for the betterment of the community environment and of course, the children of Galena. It all seems to come together easily; joining the team concept with the mission of helping and improving our community. What a wonderful feeling this is!

As Kiwanis club member Mike Sostak was leaving the playground site last Saturday and loading up the car, he saw a small boy running down the hill toward the “new” playground area. He quickly climbed the slide ladder and laughed as he went down the slide, enjoying his new little play “kingdom.” His name was Kevin (see inset), his family graciously allowed the photo to be taken. Everyone involved hopes many more children embrace this new playground as their new special place, just like Kevin!
Visit to University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign  
Medical Science Building & Beckman Institute  
Friday, September 15, 2017

**Program & Tour Schedule** *

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Please go to the registration website [by clicking here](#) or complete this form and mail. 
**Must be received by September 8, 2017.** Maps/details found on district site by [clicking here](#).

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**September 15, 2017 • Registration Form**  
**U of I – Urbana Champaign**

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

- **Visa**
- **Mastercard**
- **Discover**

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Name on Card  

Signature

Please mail this registration form:  
I-I District Office, SPRF Tour  
2416 E. Washington St, Suite B-2  
Bloomington, IL  61704-4893

**Registrations may be faxed to the I-I District Office at 309.808.1172**
1st Annual Lincoln Kiwanis Golf Tournament & Fundraiser

Lincoln Elks Country Club
1020 1525th St., Lincoln Il 62656

Fri., Sept 8, 2017
10:00 am shotgun start
Cost $260 per team or $65.00 per person
4-man scramble format
Lunch included!!

Prizes:
Long drive competition
Closest to the Pin
Inter-Club Annual Team trophy!

Please fill out form below and return to:
Sal Pollice, 1400 Woodlawn Rd., Lincoln, IL 62656

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For more information please call
Kent Froebe 217-502-0429
or
Sal Pollice 217-732-4001
Dear Kiwanis Clubs,

The New Club Building and Reactivation Committee of Illinois and Eastern Iowa District Key Club has a goal of chartering new Key Clubs in your area. Your help in our initiative in building youth leadership will aid students around the world by building our future leaders through the many service projects, fundraisers, and leadership conferences we hold every year.

Many Kiwanis Clubs around your area have already taken on this noble task, and your participation would help many high school students in our District discover what it means to be a leader and to serve our communities.

The first step to chartering a new Key Club is finding a sponsoring Kiwanis club. Therefore, you are the key in this important process. As a sponsoring club, you would be responsible for providing an advisor to a Key Club and paying the chartering fees (ranging from $400-$600 per club). If you are interested in sponsoring a new Key Club, please find your division in the list below and contact the respective Committee Chair.

Divisions 1-20, 24
Saul Ocampo
newclubnorth@iikeyclub.org
(563)288-5224

Divisions 22, 23, 25-36
Samuel Kettleson
newclubsouth@iikeyclub.org
(217)317-0951

Thank you again. ☺

Very respectfully,

SAMUEL KETTLESON
NEW CLUB BUILDING AND REACTIVATION CO-CHAIR

How does the I-I PLGA fit into Public Relations? First let me tell you what the Past Lieutenant Governor Association is and how as a Past Lieutenant Governor you can join.

The PLGA follows your year of service as a Lt. Governor, and the membership dues are free that first year. Ongoing annual dues are $5—or you can get a Lifetime Membership based on your age. Being a member means you support the current and future Governor and Lt. Governors. This is where Public Relations comes in. As a PLGA member, we help our district, divisions and clubs grow in membership. We can help by attending and supporting clubs activities and projects. We can also share our love of Kiwanis to our communities and non-Kiwaniours by inviting them to join Kiwanis.

In the upcoming 2017-18 Kiwanis year, we again have the opportunity to support our own I-I District leader Jim Rochford, as he is installed as Kiwanis International President. Jim follows past I-I District Kiwanis International Presidents Brian Cunat and Paul Palazzolo, who had very successful years under their leadership.

Jim has the “Eye of the Tiger” when it comes to membership and growing Kiwanis. He has the determination and the drive to grow Kiwanis membership and service to the top of the charts. We as PLGA members will be supporting Jim with our own “Eye of the Tiger” teams to help our clubs, divisions, and the I-I District grow.

To learn more about how you can help, go to our I-I District Convention in August and attend the many educational forums and training being offered—one of the forum topics covered will be public relations.

If you are not currently a member of the PLGA, contact me and I will assist you in becoming part of the I-I District PLGA Team.

Be better than good... be best! Share Kiwanis with everyone. ☺

RUBY CUNEFARE
PLGA PRESIDENT,
DISTRICT PUBLIC RELATIONS CHAIR
Division 22 is pleased to add a new Kiwanis club to the family! The Kiwanis Club of Prairie Central, Livingston County is the latest to join the I-I District, and it was made official at their Charter Night dinner celebration on Saturday, June 10, 2017 at Indian Creek Golf & Country Club in Fairbury, Illinois.

Governor Rick Poulton and International Trustee and Past Governor Jim Dooley recognized the new club and shared remarks, encouragement—and a few groaner jokes!—before officially recognizing the charter members and officers in attendance.

The leadership team for Prairie Central Kiwanis includes President Paula Crane, Vice President Nancy Widlacki, Treasurer Laura Janssen and Secretary Wil Davis. Club members Brad Beyers and Dean Lassiter were also recognized.

In mid-July, the Kiwanis Club of Normal hosted a cook-out for the cast and crew of the Penguin Project of McLean County that kicked off an end-of-season pool party at Holiday Pool in Bloomington. The club supplied most of the food and served approximately 125 people.
GoBabyGo 2017 a Success!

By William Piper

The Kiwanis Club of River Forest/Oak Park (RFOP) brought together several Kiwanis Clubs and Key Clubs for the 2017 GoBabyGo project in collaboration with the Illinois Spina Bifida Association (ISBA), Shirley Ryan AbilityLabs of Northwestern University and Shriners Hospital for Children. GoBabyGo is a national, community-based research, design and outreach program that provides modified ride-on cars to children who experience limited mobility. Because of the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation’s support of Spina Bifida Research, the RFOP Kiwanis Club collaborated with the ISBA to identify children who would benefit.

The program began in 2012 with founder Cole Galloway at the University of Delaware. Integrating assistive technology, families, clinicians and industry partners, the program provides children with disabilities the opportunity for movement, mobility and socialization and has been expanding ever since. RFOP Kiwanis member Arun Jayaraman, who heads up a robotic lab at AbilityLab, brought the project to the club. This is the third year the club has led the project. Engineers and clinicians from Shriners Hospital, Lurie’s Children’s Hospital and AbilityLabs also participated.

Joining RFOP Kiwanis were the Kiwanis Clubs of Montclare/Elmwood Park, Northlake, Forest Park, Bensenville/Wooddale/Franklin Park, Lombard, St. Charles Noon, Woodstock and Algonquin/Lake-in-the Hills. Also participating were Key Clubs from Byron High School, Dixon High School, Guerin Prep., and Marion Central High School.

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At the end of the day, 12 toddlers were able to drive home in their new BMW and show off to their friends.

RFOP Kiwanis and ISBA are planning to hold a workshop on how to retrofit and host such a project on August 17 in the area of Dwight, Illinois. Clinicians in Peoria, Springfield and north central Illinois are eager to bring the project to their communities. Further details about the workshop will be announced later.
ONE LAST CHANCE TO ATTEND!

CLICK HERE to register online

Friday, August 11
at District Convention
DoubleTree by Hilton Conference Center
Bloomington, IL
(1-4:30pm)
Presidents, Secretaries and Membership

Remember, payment is due after your club’s fundraiser.

Contact us for details!

Request your FREE fundraising kit at info@kiwanispeanutday.org

Send stories and photos to cre8.denamcdonald@gmail.com

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See highlights from our Centennial Convention in the annual Convention Review issue coming soon!