SHOWING KIDS THE ROPES

KEY LEADER WEEKEND PROVIDES TOOLS TO YOUTH FOR EFFECTIVE SERVANT LEADERSHIP

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It seems that the halfway point of any effort is a good time to do a status check regarding what has been accomplished and compare this to the overall goal or objective. This certainly applies to our Kiwanis Illinois-Eastern Iowa District. That is what I will do in this article—primarily comparing our accomplishments to the district’s 2016-17 I-Plan.

As you know the I-Plan is comprised of four areas. These were established by Kiwanis International and then modified by our district leadership to apply at the district level and then enhanced by the Lt. Governors to apply at the division and club levels. The district plan was shared with the current class of Lt. Governors during the May 2016 training sessions and shared with the clubs and members during this year’s Governor’s visits. Therefore, it is expected that all divisions and clubs are working towards the same goals/priorities.

**Inspiration** - “The goal is to build, retain and support a growing Kiwanis membership network.”

The more Kiwanians we have the more children and child-related organizations we can serve.

The district’s first objective in this area is to increase membership by 5% or approximately (a net gain of) 300 members. As of this writing we appear to be on target to reach this goal having increased membership by 148, however it must be remembered that we “lose” many members in late September/early October as clubs “delete” members from their rosters before the new Kiwanis year membership invoices are distributed. Therefore, we need to accelerate our recruiting efforts so that we significantly increase the number of new members. Clubs with the greatest current membership increase are noted on page 24.

**GOVERNOR continued on page 24**
Happy Spring!

We have had a really busy year so far, and it’s only March! Every year it seems I find myself enjoying the nice, warm weather so much that sometimes it’s easy to forget about what is coming up next. So this issue’s article is focused on due dates. We have lots of them coming up, so I wanted to be sure everyone knows when you need to complete the following items.

**KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION**

Due By April 14, 2017
http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2017

Registration is required to attend any of the events being held at the Kiwanis International Convention in Paris July 13-16, 2017.

**KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION DELEGATE CERTIFICATION FORM**

Due By April 30, 2017

Two delegates and two alternates are allowed per club and must be certified by the Club President and Club Secretary in order for delegates to obtain a ballot and enter the House of Delegates at the International Convention in Paris, France.

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION—DISTRICT DINNER**

Registration closes June 16, 2017
https://iikiwanis.formstack.com/forms/2017kiwanisicon

**2017-18 ANNUAL REPORT OF CLUB ELECTION**

Due By June 1, 2017
This is to be completed by the Club Secretary ONLINE ONLY on the Kiwanis membership system. This is utilized by Kiwanis International and the District Office to update our databases for President, Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President of each Kiwanis club. This information is used to produce the emailing lists used by the District and Kiwanis International to send all correspondence and dues invoices, etc. This information is also what is published in the Kiwanis International Directory (printed in June each year for the following year). It is imperative that this information be current and accurate to allow for efficient and effective administration of the Kiwanis organization.

**CLUB LEADERSHIP EDUCATION**

June-August 2017
Information and to Register at http://www.iikiwanis.org/Page/22732

**ILLINOIS-EASTERN IOWA DISTRICT CONVENTION**

August 10-13, 2017
DoubleTree Hotel & Conference Center, Bloomington, IL
Information and Registration opening in May http://www.iikiwanis.org/Page/22734

**ANDREA RAYCRAFT**
I-I DISTRICT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who sent cards, emails, phone calls and memorials upon the passing of my wife Alyce. Words cannot express how deeply I was touched by your kindness in this very difficult time.

I feel honored for the friendship of so many Kiwanians.

God bless,

John S. Moreland
Past Governor 2012-13
“Kiwanis One Day”, “Sent 2 Serve” (a service effort through Trinity Lutheran Church in Bloomington, Illinois) and “Called to Serve in the Community” were all titles used for an October 22, 2016 Work Project Day. It was a great opportunity to serve the Towanda, Illinois Route 66 Parkway, Inc.

The part of old Route 66 that runs through Towanda has been converted to a bike trail. The Route 66 bike trail has been connected to the Constitution Trail in Bloomington-Normal and may soon be extended north to Chenoa. Fred Walk, retired Normal Community High School teacher and Illinois State University instructor, has been leading the effort to improve the bike trail around and through Towanda. The Trail restoration began as a project in one of Fred’s high school classes as a way to share history of the United States.

With funding from Thrivent Financial and matching funds from the Bloomington Kiwanis Club, this group of volunteers made a difference. Walk created a work plan. Work completed included: planting eight trees, staining a bridge, preparing and painting the back side of some murals/signs, assembling and staining two picnic tables, removing brush and spreading several truckloads of mulch. Supplies of paint, stain, brushes, split rail fencing and picnic tables were purchased with the funding dollars.

Participating groups were Bloomington Kiwanis Club, Illinois Wesleyan University and Illinois State Circle K Clubs (sponsored by Bloomington Kiwanis), APO (a service club at Illinois Wesleyan University),
To a young child a birthday is a very special occasion, full of all the fun and excitement of blowing out birthday cake candles, opening presents, and knowing that he or she is getting bigger and bigger.

Pablo’s Tree captures all this joy for Pablo a Mexican American boy about to celebrate his fifth birthday.

When Pablo was adopted as a baby, his overjoyed grandfather (his Abuelito) planted a tree and on each successive birthday decorated the tree with different special ornaments. The first year grandfather Lito hung colored streamers; the second year he tied balloons; the third year he and Pablo strung paper lanterns; and last year they fastened bird cages. What will be the decorations this year wonders Pablo bursting with excitement as he and his mother travel to Lito’s house? Surprise! This year, Pablo and Lito put tiny bells and chimes all over Pablo’s growing tree. Then, they sit together under Pablo’s special tree munching apples and listening to the music of the wind blowing through the chimes.

What will be the decorations next year wonders Pablo? His grandfather smiles and says that it’s a surprise.

Colorful collage paper cuttings capture the picture album collection of the joy of this special, loving relationship Pablo and his grandfather from each of the five years of birthday celebrations.

Pablo’s Tree is a charming picture book that resonates with the joy and happiness of family love with an added bonus of a sprinkling of Spanish words throughout the sparse text that young children can easily add to their increasing vocabulary.

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.

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.

The next few issues of Illeiowan will spotlight a Club Resource your club may wish to consider.

The next three pages spotlight MARCH OF DIMES
BRIGHTENING BABIES' LIVES TOGETHER

MARCH OF DIMES AND KIWANIS CLUBS WORK TOGETHER TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THE LIVES OF BABIES EVERYWHERE. SINCE 1978, THIS PARTNERSHIP HAS ALSO MADE BOTH ORGANIZATIONS STRONGER. NOW IT CONTINUES TO GIVE YOUR KIWANIS CLUB WAYS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE—AND MAKE A NAME IN YOUR COMMUNITY.

WHAT IS MARCH OF DIMES?

March of Dimes is a nonprofit organization that improves the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth and infant mortality. Premature birth is the number-one cause of death in children under five. By working with the organization, Kiwanis has another way to make a positive impact on children’s lives. And that kind of impact is why people join Kiwanis clubs.

Kiwanians support the March of Dimes all year long by hosting service projects, raising funds and educating their communities about preterm birth. From March for Babies to Prematurity Awareness Month and more, Kiwanians have access to events and opportunities that help fulfill the missions of both organizations.
WHY IS MARCH OF DIMES PARTNERING WITH KIWANIS?

Helping the smallest and most vulnerable people—it’s at the heart of what both organizations do. Why wouldn’t the organizations be partners? For March of Dimes, the partnership brings some important practical advantages:

- **Education.** Helping people understand the dangers of birth defects and premature births is a big part of March of Dimes’ work. With clubs like yours, those messages are put in the hands of volunteers who are trusted in the community and motivated to help.
- **Service.** Events that raise awareness are crucial to March of Dimes. That means there’s no better partner than an organization full of people who love to serve and know how to make an impact.
- **Fundraising.** Care costs money. Kiwanians’ proven fundraising power makes partnership an important solution to a central need.

WHY IS KIWANIS PARTNERING WITH MARCH OF DIMES?

People join Kiwanis clubs because they want to reach the children who need them. Kiwanis International’s partnership gives clubs access to:

- **Impact.** When you participate in a March of Dimes event or fundraiser, the work you do makes a difference to the smallest and most vulnerable children of all.
- **Vision.** Everyone wants to help make a better future. By working with March of Dimes, Kiwanians take real steps toward a better world. For example, the money that’s raised supports research into cures and education.
- **Resources.** March of Dimes supplies the tools, events and information you need. When you serve in an event or fundraiser, you have proven resources to help make it successful.
HOW CAN A KIWANIS CLUB WORK WITH MARCH OF DIMES?

March of Dimes offers several ways to promote awareness of prematurity and birth defects. In fact, some of them can help make your club and the Kiwanis name more prominent in the community as well.

- **Participate in Prematurity Awareness Month.** In November, March of Dimes makes a special effort to promote awareness of prematurity around the world. Learn how you can get involved—and paint the town purple.

- **Raise funds through March for Babies.** Each spring since 1970, people have participated in March for Babies walks—and collected pledges in support. Put together your own team of club members and community volunteers!

- **Contact your local newborn intensive care unit.** Club members are invited to participate in NICU tours where available—and to learn about ways to get more involved.

- **Invite a speaker to a club meeting.** Increasing community awareness starts with your own knowledge. Welcome a health professional, researcher or mission family to speak about how the March of Dimes has changed their lives.

HOW CAN YOUR KIWANIS CLUB FIND A LOCAL MARCH OF DIMES REPRESENTATIVE?

teamyouth@marchofdimes.org

CONSIDER THIS!

During Prematurity Awareness Month in November, there’s one day when everyone comes together for the cause: **World Prematurity Day.** It’s a great way to focus your fundraising and informational efforts around a single day. You could even get your whole community to go purple: Tie purple ribbons on trees, light buildings in purple lights, and ask the community to dress in purple.
Spring 2017 is in the air! It seems more like summer where I am; Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, however I am looking forward to getting back to spring in Illinois with a daily schedule, observing daffodils and tulips emerging from the not so frozen ground and also counting down the days until we travel to Paris, the Rhine River, Normandy and so many other exciting activities to embrace.

If you are planning to attend the 2017 International Convention in Paris from July 13-16, Early bird registration takes place now until April 14. Our district hotel is Le Meridien Etoile, nearest to convention center and promises to be a beautiful, newly renovated property. Check out the I-I District website for all registration information www.iikiwanis.org.

Two river cruises have been set up for our district members before convention begins. Governor Rick and First Lady Bonnie will cruise from Prague to Paris, while the Forsbergs and Raycrafts will travel from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam on the Rhine on a family fun excursion and return to Paris in time for convention.

I am very excited to announce our District Dinner will take place on an illuminated evening cruise for 2 1/2 hours on the Seine in a luxurious glass canopy boat viewing the beautiful “City of Lights” on Saturday, July 15. The cruise will run from 8:30pm-11pm. See website for photos, pricing and registration.

Another exciting activity planned is a visit to Normandy. A trip to Paris/France would not be complete without it. See flyer in this Illeiowan for complete information for Normandy tour and Dinner cruise.

There will also be time in your days during convention to visit the most popular sites; Eiffel Tower, The Louvre, Notre Dame and more. So much to do and see. And don’t forget. Bastille Day is July 14 so we can enjoy many festivities into the evening with parades, fireworks and a walk along the Champs-Elysees.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Steph Forsberg at larsteph70@gmail.com or Andrea Raycraft at iioffice@iikiwanis.org.

STEPH FORSBERG
ON TO PARIS CHAIR
CRUISE THE RHINE RIVER
from BASEL TO AMSTERDAM

July 4-11, 2017

Dear I-I Kiwanians,

Please join the Forsberg’s and Raycraft Family as we embark on this seven-night, multi-generational adventure from Basel, Switzerland to Amsterdam. Unpack once on the new MS Amadeus Silver III, designed specifically for river cruising, and have more time and freedom to soak up the sights of Europe’s great Rhine River cities. This is a fantastic opportunity for our extended families to join us with the special youth pricing! This tour has inclusive excursions, includes tipping of guides and drivers, all meals, plus wine with lunch and dinner!

Two youth directors will be an integral part of our Rhine River journey, helping to ensure that this adventure is fun, enlightening and relaxing for the entire family. Younger travelers will enjoy onboard games and activities while the ship is cruising, as well as specially designed family-oriented excursions.

We'll spend time in four countries: Switzerland, France, Germany and the Netherlands. Throughout the journey, we’ll enjoy many highlights such as Amsterdam’s quaint canals; Cologne’s stunning Gothic cathedral; and the lovely Rhine Gorge. There is also optional land extensions in Interlaken, Switzerland and Amsterdam.

Enjoy an intimate view of European history as we glide along this ancient trading route, and lose yourself in an old-world river lifestyle studded with medieval sites. Space is limited, so we encourage you to make your reservation today! For more information click here

Best Regards,
Stephanie Forsberg
I-I District On-To-Paris Chair
Andrea Raycraft
I-I District Executive Director

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Visit the Memorials of the D-Day Beaches

13 Hours

Enjoy a scenic drive to France’s northwest coast. Start your Normandy visit at Pointe du Hoc, a German defense site that was captured by American soldiers. Next, visit the American Cemetery and Memorial near Saint-Laurent-sur-Mer, which overlooks Omaha Beach. Enjoy free time on this tranquil beach to take in the views and reflect, or look in the Visitor Center, where you can view displays and exhibits depicting the stories and operations of the American soldiers. Continue on to Juno Beach to see the Canadian Memorial, and Arromanches, where you can see remnants of the landing harbor built by the Allies. Return to Paris.

*Free time included for Lunch on your own

Included: Transportation from Hotel to Normandy and back, Guide, Entrance to Caen Memorial and the Landing Museum

Not Included: Tips for Driver and Guide, Meals, All other items of a personal nature

CONTACT:
Tumlare Destination Management
1-800-954-6713 or Kiwanis@Tumlare.com

This is a Kiwanis International Day Tour being offered. Our I-I District is going on Sunday, July 16. Click here to register.
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**Registration deadline is June 16, 2017**

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I’ve known for a number of years that our I-I District was a great district, and I’m very proud to be a member.

Governor Rick Poulton, Past Governor Jim Dooley and I attended the Park Forest Kiwanis Club meeting recently, what a great club led by President Mae Brandon. You could feel the enthusiasm in the room as Terry Kunze, the new I-I District Aktion Club Administrator, described Aktion clubs. Park Forest is considering opening a new Aktion club. Governor Rick talked about the Aktion club his club sponsors and how rewarding their involvement has been.

Past Governor Jim Dooley then described the steps clubs need to follow to sponsor a new Kiwanis club. Past Lt. Governor Calvin Brandon will be scheduling a meeting with Jim Dooley, Governor Rick, and myself to form a game plan for the Park Forest Club to sponsor a new club in Division 23. We will be discussing possible sites, dates, and identifying the new club opening team. How exciting!

Opening a new Kiwanis club in a community that doesn’t have one is also very rewarding. We should all look at our Kiwanis club and think about all the things that wouldn’t happen without the Kiwanis club. It truly is a Wonderful Life. Kids need Kiwanis, and communities need Kiwanis!

I just received the list of Lt. Governors for 2017-18 from the I-I District Office. Sorry to say we have too many divisions who have not identified a Lt. Governor. Every division NEEDS a Lt. Governor to be the communicator and cheerleader for all the clubs in the division. I’m asking that all divisions who have not identified a Lt. Governor for 2017-18 encourage Past Presidents to step up to this leadership role. Past Lt. Governors, PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE tell your story of how rewarding your year in leadership was, how you became closer to the clubs and the friends you made.

Hope to hear from you soon with the information that your division has identified someone who is willing to serve in this very important position.

TERRY CUNEFARE
2016-17 GOVERNOR-ELECT

The 2017-18 Kiwanis year will be here before we know it. Who will take the reins of your club and lead it into another year of service? Which of your members has a heart for servant leadership and a gift for administration—and time to lead?

Remember that Annual Club Election Reports are due by June 1, and it’s important to report this timely. Completing this timely is important not only to the general administration of the Kiwanis organization, but it’s extremely helpful to others in the I-I District to know who is in leadership if they need to contact your club.

Please make every effort to finalize your club’s elections and submit this report ONLINE by June 1. ☝️

Towanda Lions Club, and other members of the Towanda community who maintain the trail.

As you travel Interstate 55, stop in Towanda to see some history of what “Old Route 66” was and now the Route 66 Bike Trail.

Learn more about the Route 66 Trail, at route66towanda.org. ☝️
2017 DCON Schedule at a Glance

**Thursday, August 10**
District Fundraiser and Dinner Outing TBD

**Friday, August 11**
- 8:30am - 10:30am: 2016-17 I-I Kiwanis District Board Meeting
- 9:00am - Noon: Service Project, To Be Determined
- 1:00pm - 4:30pm: Club Leadership Education Classes for Presidents, Secretaries and Membership
- 5:30pm - 6:30pm: Cocktail Reception
- 6:30pm: Opening Session Dinner with Entertainment
  - Distinguished Awards will be presented

**Saturday, August 12**
- 7:00am - 8:15am: Meet the Candidates Breakfast
- 8:30am - 11:00am: House of Delegates (Business Session)
- 11:30am - 1:30pm: Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation Luncheon
  - Foundation awards will be presented
- 2:30pm - 4:45pm: Education Forums to be offered
- 5:30pm - 6:30pm: Cocktail Reception
- 6:30pm: Governor’s Banquet and District Officer Installation Ceremony
  - Retirement of Gov. Rick Poulton, 2016-17 Board
  - Installation of Gov. Terry Cunefare, 2017-18 Board

**Sunday, August 13**
- 8:30am - 10:00am: ELIMINATE Breakfast
- 10:30am - 11:45am: 2017-18 I-I Kiwanis District Board Meeting

**PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!**
See upcoming issues of Illeiowan for details.

**CONVENTION FUNDRAISING ROOM**

Calling all current LTG’s! We are requesting you to donate a basket valued between $75-$100 on behalf of your respective division for the silent auction in the fundraising room at District Convention.

Clubs and members are also encouraged to donate baskets for this fundraiser. All proceeds from the Fundraising Room will be divided between the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation, Eliminate, Past Lieutenant Governors Association Scholarships and the I-I District Scholarship Program.

We appreciate all of your help in making this fundraiser a success and the convention an enjoyable experience.

"KIDS NEED KIWANIS"

My husband Terry and I started a new church about seven months ago. A few months later my best friend Patty Friedrich started coming to church with me. I didn’t know why I was at this church or why Patty decided to come with me until I met Zeek. Zeek has Spinal Bifida, and that’s when things started to make sense to me. "Kids Need Kiwanis". After a little research I found out Zeek needed new wheels for his stand-up wheel chair. I talked to Patty and my husband Terry, and we all knew we could raise the money to pay for the wheels.

I talked to Zeek’s parents, and they came to a Kiwanis meeting and brought Zeek. They told us their story about his first surgery—it was while he was still in the womb—and they explained more about Spinal Bifida and the challenges that lay ahead for Zeek.

So, the Pekin Sunset Club responded with a fundraiser, raised the money for Zeek, and set money aside for spastic paralysis research. As you can see in this photo, Zeek is going to town in his new wheels!

What a difference Kiwanis can make in one child’s life. Kids DO Need Kiwanis.

RUBY CUNEFARE
I-I DISTRICT PR/MARKETING CHAIR

Zeek is on the move!

Thanks to the hard work of the Pekin Sunset Club and the generosity of all who contributed to their fundraiser, Zeek now has some new wheels.
St. Charles Kiwanians Win Top Awards

On February 3, the St. Charles Chamber of Commerce gave its most prestigious awards to St. Charles Kiwanians Darlene Riebe and Laurie Milbourn. Riebe received the Charlemagne Award, Milbourn the St. Charles Chamber Women’s Business Council L.E.A.P. Award.

The Charlemagne is the most coveted of the Chamber’s awards, and honors lifetime achievement and a distinguished history of service in the community. Darlene Riebe’s many years of organizing community events, parades, fundraisers and helping children and the homeless eminently qualify her for the honor.

The L.E.A.P. Award (Leadership, Excellence, Achievement and Professionalism) is second in importance to the Charlemagne. In addition to exhibiting the above characteristics, the candidate must effect a positive change for women in her business or organization, and seek out opportunities to mentor other women.

The new winners join four other current Kiwanians as recipients of these awards: Tom Anderson, Terry Andrew, Dr. Vern Guynn and Betsy Penny. Penny won both awards. It seems only natural that a service organization like Kiwanis has fostered so many community leaders given its mission is to serve the world’s children, one child at a time.

Muscatine, Iowa Club Partners with Sister Cities

The Muscatine, Iowa Kiwanis Club officially approved a joint resolution between Kiwanis International and the Muscatine chapter of Sister Cities, International at their March 21, 2017 meeting. Dignitaries from the local Sister Cities chapter were present at the meeting held in the First Presbyterian Church of Muscatine. This action followed a decision by Kiwanis International to enter into a partnership agreement with Sister Cities, Inc.

Three members of the Muscatine Key Club were present with their advisor, Jen Keltner. The partnership will open many national and international exchange and travel opportunities for these young people. Some of this year’s opportunities for travel include the Ukraine, Germany, Poland, and Ramallah, Palestine. For the summer of 2018, opportunities will open for a youth conference in Ludwigslust, Germany as well as an exchange with China.

John Dabeet, president of the Muscatine Chapter of Sister Cities, indicated that this was the first joint resolution of its kind to be completed. He saluted the benefits to both organizations and welcomed the spirit of cooperation. There are 2,100 international partnerships in 145 countries, while Kiwanis provides access to our network of over 600,000 adult and youth members in 81 countries.

Past President Clair Penner represented President Jeane Arnette at the ceremony. He expressed hope that the relationship would be mutually beneficial and commended those who have worked at completing this process for nearly a year. He stated that the theme of “citizen diplomacy” espoused by Sister Cities, International would coordinate with the purposes pledged by the Key Clubs. Joint local projects would be a training ground for life-long growth in appreciation for those from different countries.

Past President Clair Penner with Sister Cities of Muscatine Chapter President John Dabeet (center) display the resolution. On the far right are three members of the Muscatine Key Club and Muscatine President-elect Toby McCarter. At left and center back are members of the Sister Cities Board.
**KIWANIS GRAND SLAM GROUP**

**WHITE SOX VS. INDIANS**
Friday, July 28, 2017 @ 7:10 P.M.
Guaranteed Rate Field

**SPECIALY PRICED WHITE SOX TICKETS!**

www.whitesox.com/kiwanis

The Chicago White Sox have teamed up with the Illinois-Eastern Iowa Kiwanis District for Kiwanis Grand Slam Group at the Ballpark on Friday, July 28th at 7:10p.m. vs. Cleveland Indians. On this special night the White Sox would like to offer specially priced tickets to all Kiwanis clubs, their family and friends.

Orders will NOT be redeemed at the Guaranteed Rate Field ticket windows or the White Sox administrative offices.

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, JULY 14TH.**

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**ALL GAME TIMES AND PROMOTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. NO REFUND OR EXCHANGES**

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City, State, Zip __________________________ E-mail __________________________

Phone __________________________ Please charge my: ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Amex ☐ Discover

Credit Card # __________________________ Expiration Date __________

Signature __________________________________________

OR: Enclosed is a check or money order payable to the Chicago White Sox.
(If check or money order is greater than total cost of the tickets, the difference will be made up in Comiskey Cash.)

Check # __________________________

FOR MORE INFORMATION, GO TO WHITESOX.COM/SPECIALEVENTS
WHAT IS AT THIS YEAR’S SESSIONS?

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.

WHAT WILL BE COVERED?

- 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 SHOULD ATTEND?

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

- **SECRETARY SESSION**
  - Secretaries
  - Secretaries-Elect

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

WHO LEADS C.L.E.?

Certified Instructors and 2016-17 District Leaders

WHAT ABOUT SECRETARIES?

The multi-city classroom CLE being offered throughout the district is geared toward 2017-18 presidents and members. There will not be an education section at the classroom CLE for secretaries.

Secretaries are to receive their 2017-18 training by attending the Secretary CLE at the district convention in Bloomington, IL on Friday, August 11 from 1-4:30pm. I strongly encourage the 2017-18 club secretaries to attend the training being offered at the district convention. Whether you are new to the position or are returning, there’s 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. If they cannot attend, they can complete the online module at kiwanisone.org.
The second objective in this area is to build ten new clubs. To date we have chartered one new club (Algonquin/Lake In The Hills). Although this is well behind where we need to be in this area, members of the district are working hard to charter additional clubs. See page 22 for a list of areas where new club building efforts are underway and to see which existing clubs are making great strides in membership increase. If you have a friend, family member or know of any membership candidate for a club in one of these areas please provide the related club contact with the potential member’s information and someone on the team will make a follow-up call.

**Impact** – “The goal is to perform meaningful service, with service to children as our main priority.”

Service is what differentiates us from other organizations therefore we should all perform service to maintain membership as well as to increase membership.

The primary district objective in this area is that each club is to have at least one local child focused service project per year. Most clubs already have such service projects and the district has created a list of many of these projects. This list, which is accessible on the district website, contains a short project synopsis and contact information of over 80 projects so that clubs can utilize this information to start or add to the service projects they currently hold.

**Image** – “To enhance the Kiwanis image worldwide.”

Consistent branding and promoting the Kiwanis brand is paramount to increasing Kiwanis name recognition.

Primary objectives of this area are to educate and increase Kiwanis branding at our events and within our Service Leadership Programs. To date we have held branding forums at our annual conventions. We have also attempted to provide the divisions monthly Kiwanis related news articles to be shared with clubs for distribution to the local media. Although we need to make a more concerted effort in this area progress is being made.

**Investment** – “To ensure financial viability and responsible stewardship.”

Proper management of resources (financial and personnel) is critical to the district’s continuing efforts to grow and develop its leadership.

Primary objectives of this area were to change our district bylaws to accurately incorporate new member fees, provide a forum to educate the district leadership and membership regarding financial reporting, work with the Past Lt. Governor Association to partner with incoming Lt. Governors and to identify candidates for district leadership positions, and work with outside organizations to sponsor or host district events. If you are still reading this article email me a message with the subject “Entry” by April 15, and you will be entered in a drawing for a significant prize to be awarded at our upcoming district convention. While some of these items have been accomplished and progress is being made in others we still have much work to complete. One of the objectives that will be completed by the time you read this will be that our district will have relaunched its Key Leader Weekend program. Although we did not have as many attendees as we had hoped it was certainly a “step in the right direction” in that we have a number of youths attending this event and areas for improvement were identified. Plans for next year’s program are already underway.

Additional objectives included increase Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation (SPRF) and Eliminate funding. SPRF’s Amador recognition has been added to Lt. Governor “Distinguished” criteria, and there is an effort underway to eliminate the one award per year per division restriction. Meanwhile the Eliminate Project contributions continue to be received and clubs continue to reaffirm or increase their pledged amounts. To this end please consider recognizing a mother this year with a Mother’s Day Zeller. We all know a deserving mother that would be honored with such a token of appreciation, recognition and the knowledge that this recognition is saving the lives of over 690 mothers and newborns.

As always thank you for all that you do to support Kiwanis and the children of OUR communities.

**RICK POULTON**
I-I DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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**Top 6 I-I District clubs with the largest year-to-date membership increase**

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Dear Kiwanians:

I hope you will accept my sincere apology for the lateness of announcing the newsletter and website awards for 2015-16. It has been quite a journey for me regarding my battle with cancer, but I am winning the battle.

Clubs that sent a submission form for the website contest were Lombard, eKiwanis, Metamora, Rockford, and Tuscola; and for the newsletter contest were Batavia, Freeport, Glen Carbon, Lombard, Metamora, Rockford, and Tuscola. Drum roll please…

**Best Club Website: Tuscola**

**Best Club Newsletter: Glen Carbon**

We have had more entries each year, but we would love to have every club submit their “pieces of art” each year. Visit our district website at iikiwanis.org to download applications for these awards after our fiscal year ends on September 30. Please see “Awards” under the “Helpful Information” tab for more detailed information.

**THE CLUB NEWSLETTER AWARD**

There is a form that needs to be completed to accompany printed club newsletters for submission. Please complete the form and forward it, along with the requested newsletter samples, to the I-I District Office, 2416 E. Washington, Suite B-2, Bloomington, IL 61704. This form also includes additional information on the newsletter contest. If you are submitting your club newsletters electronically, please include the information on the form in your email and attach the four publications you would like to submit for the contest in either Adobe PDF or Microsoft Word format. Entry is due to I-I District Office by October 15, 2017. Email to iioffice@iikiwanis.org.

Note: Winners that make their award submissions electronically will have an example of their winning newsletter posted on the I-I District website.

**I-I DISTRICT CLUB WEBSITE AWARD COMPETITION**

The Internet has become an important tool for communicating with our members, promoting our club and inviting folks to learn more about Kiwanis. Many of the clubs in the I-I District now have club websites.
Thirty students, eight student facilitators and seven Kiwanis chaperones converged on Great Oaks Camp in Lacon, Illinois for a recent weekend of fellowship and leadership training.

Educational sessions and training activities were led by Kiwanis International’s Key Leader Program Manager Dick Peterson and Lead Facilitator, Craig Crawford from the Helena (Montana) Kiwanis Club. Governor Rick Poulton attended the weekend in support of our future leaders.

Activities throughout the weekend reinforced the service leadership qualities of integrity, growth, respect, community and excellence.
A banner patch will be awarded to all clubs with a club website and has linked it to the I-I District website. Additionally, there is a competition to be named the “BEST” club website in the District. One “BEST CLUB WEBSITE” will be selected for the current Kiwanis year based on the following criteria:

- Up-to-date information on events, meetings, etc.
- Regular postings sharing project and even information in an innovative, creative, and effective manner
- Accurate, current information promoting the objects and purpose of Kiwanis to potential members
- Creative use of graphics on the website (video clips, graphic art, etc.)
- Your club website must have a link to the I-I District website.

Please submit entries via email with “I-I District Club Website Award” in the subject line to the I-I District no later than October 15, 2017. You must include the website link. Winners will be announced in the Illeiowan and on the I-I District website. Email questions about this award to the District Office at iioffice@iikiwanis.org.

INTERCLUB BANNER PATCHES

An interclub is defined by Kiwanis International and is based on the size of the club:

- Clubs with 20 or fewer members: 2 members constitute an interclub
- Clubs with 21 to 30 members: 3 members constitute an interclub
- Clubs with 31 or more members: 4 members constitute an interclub

Those representing your club could be your Lt. Governor, as well as a member of a K Family club sponsored by your club. Those clubs meeting the criteria stated on our website will be sent a banner patch.

A report of all interclub activity will be pulled for Kiwanis year ended September 30. The interclubs must be reported via the electronic monthly report to receive the Interclub Banner Patch Award. There is no separate paper form to be completed.

Interclubbing is a great way to meet other members of the K Family and learn about projects and traditions of their clubs. Enjoy those club visits!

PATTIE HEATH
PAST PRESIDENT AND 2015-16 AWARDS & RECOGNITION CHAIR