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On the cover...

Just because you have physical limitations doesn't mean you can't enjoy the outdoors!



from the
GOVERNOR

Greetings from Governor Terry,

October 1, 2017 started our Kiwanis New Year, Thanksgiving is fast approaching, and hopefully all club officers for the 2017-2018 Kiwanis Year have been installed.

One of the first things that Presidents who attended CLE Training was asked to do, appoint a Membership Chair for your club and encourage all members to "Get the Eye of the Tiger for Membership", and Lead by Example. If we all ask friends, neighbors, co-workers, and family to join us in this great organization called Kiwanis, to Serve the Children in our communities and the World, all our clubs can be a "plus-1" on September 30, 2018. This needs to be a TEAM EFFORT from every club and every member. KIDSNEEDKIWANIS – KIWANISNEEDSYOU – OUR COMMUNITIESNEEDKIWANIS.

Thank you to all our clubs and dedicated members for what you are doing, and what you will do this next year! Think about what your community would look like if your Kiwanis club didn't exist, we are making a difference, our Service Leadership Programs are making a difference.

THANK YOU!

The Chicago Blitz held October 8-11, 2017, was a huge success! Currently we have new clubs in Yorkville, Crestwood, Waukegan, Arlington Heights, Norridge, and Richton that have been organized. We still have work to do in Huntley and Grayslake to bring Kiwanis to these communities. Approximately 70 dedicated Kiwanians from around the Kiwanis world made the Blitz a success—The Eye of the Tiger team, Formula leaders and members, and Kiwanis International Leaders. A big thank you to those from other districts who gave their time and expertise to bring Kiwanis to these communities. Hopefully they will all go back to their respective districts and open new clubs from the experience they gained in our Illinois-Eastern Iowa District. Those involved from other districts went home and opened 40 new clubs, that's making 1+1=3 and LEADING BY EXAMPLE!

I also want to thank everyone from the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District who gave their time and dedication to Kiwanis to bring these new Kiwanis clubs to the Chicago area to Serve the Children and Communities!

Thanks to Dave Bohman, Mary Meike, Jeanine Sanesone, Mary Zeronas, Dave Daniel, Jeanene Albrecht, John Blasek,

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from the
**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR**

May your days be
merry
AND **bright**

Kiwanis fills many needs within each of our communities and that is one of many things that 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! Whether it's helping an agency with their holiday party, volunteering with toy distribution for Christmas or ringing a bell for The Salvation Army, get out there and get involved! Agencies and organizations in each of our towns need our help to make a child or family's holiday season that much better. The best tool you can use to bring folks in to our organization of serving others is to invite them to one of these many service opportunities. Someone thought enough of you to share the Kiwanis family service with you. How better to show others what Kiwanis is truly all about and how they can get involved than a Kiwanis holiday service project?

When you think about what each one of us does in our communities and for our individual clubs, it is 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.
My family and I wish everyone a wonderful holiday season and bright and prosperous New Year! ☺



ANDREA RAYCRAFT
I-I DISTRICT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**2018 Club Leadership
Education dates and
locations coming soon!**



SKOKIE VALLEY KIWANIS NEWS

Paul W. Plotnick, a member of the Skokie Valley Kiwanis Club since 1986, was honored with a Luis V. Amador Medallion at a recent club meeting. Presenting the award were Past Division 7 Lt. Governor Dennis Dean and 2017-18 Lt. Governor David O'Rear.

Skokie Valley Kiwanis held their club's peanut sale at the Golf Mill Shopping Center in Niles, Illinois on September 9. Manning the table were Kate Donegan and her son, Michael Paulken and Eleanor Plotnick (inset: Paul Plotnick). ☺





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ILLINOIS-EASTERN IOWA DISTRICT
KIWANIS NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Visit to University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign Medical Science Building & Beckman Institute Saturday, April 14, 2018

Program & Tour Schedule *

8:00-8:15 AM	Arrive at Medical Science Building
8:30 AM	Dr. Stephanie Ceman Presentation
9:00 AM	Dr. Daniel Llano Presentation
9:30AM	Tour of Dr. Stephanie Ceman's Lab
10:30AM	Tour of Dr. Daniel Llano's Lab at Beckman Institute
11:30AM	Q & A Session
12:30 PM	Dismissal for optional lunch with Researchers

Please go to the registration website [by clicking here](#) or complete this form and mail.
Must be received by April 6, 2018. Maps/details found on district site by [clicking here](#).

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April 14, 2018 • KNRF Lab Visit Registration Form

Member Name

Division #

Club Name

2017-18 Office Held

Email Address

Cell Phone Number

Member Street Address

City / State / Zip Code

Will you be attending the Optional Lunch with the Researchers after the event? Yes No

*Cost is on your own, we must know in advance to get a reservation at a nearby restaurant

**Please mail this registration form:
I-I District Office, KNRF 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

**I-I District Midyear Conference
Saturday, February 17, 2018**



**10 Brickyard Drive
Bloomington, Illinois 61701**



Midyear Conference Schedule *

7:30 AM - 9:30 AM Kiwanis Neuroscience Research
Foundation Board Meeting

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM **I-I District Board Meeting**

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM Buffet Lunch

1:30 PM – 3 PM Club Strengthening Summit
Learn how to help 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!
Your Formula crew has done a lot of research and has a
bunch of new ideas for you!

**Please go to the registration website
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form and mail. Must be received by
February 10, 2018**

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Member Name

Club Name

Division # 2017-18 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 10, 2018 will
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**Please make all checks payable to I-I Kiwanis
District, or include credit card information below:**

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Number

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Signature

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**Registrations using a credit card may be faxed to the
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KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND CLUB GRANTS

CHANGE IS IN THE AIR

There are significant new guidelines and processes for clubs to apply for a Kiwanis Children's Fund Club Grant, including that a proposed project must be recurring at least annually.

Step 1 is to submit a Letter of Inquiry (LOI), which includes project overview, timeline, impact, budget, and community needs overview. A staff person reviews and then calls the contact person to discuss. If it is determined that the project meets the new criteria, then access (Step 2) will be provided to complete an online grant application.

DEADLINES

For **JUNE 1** funding decisions:

- Submit LOI any time before February 1
- If approved, submit full application by April 1

For **OCTOBER 1** funding decisions:

- Submit LOI any time before June 1
- If approved, submit full application by August 1

For **JANUARY 1** funding decisions:

- Submit LOI any time before September 1
- If approved, submit full application by November 1

Visit the [Kiwanis International website](#) for details. ☉

Club grant requirements

Kiwanis clubs must be actively involved in grant-funded projects. When you initiate and lead a project as a Kiwanian, you invest your time in development, coordination, fundraising and implementation—the kind of engagement that deepens your impact. Such engagement also raises the Kiwanis identity in your community.

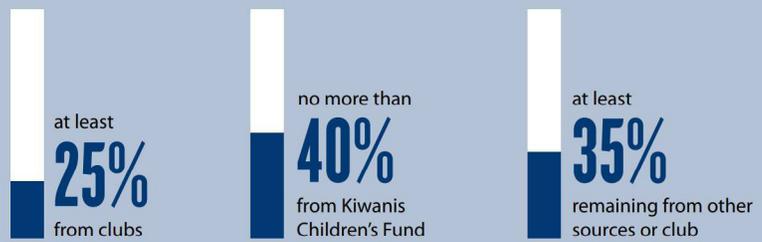
Your project must:

- Be Kiwanis-led.
- Recur at least once a year.
- Have at least 50% of the work performed by Kiwanis-family members.
- Receive at least 25% of total funding from your club.
- Require no more than 40% of total funding from the Children's Fund.
- Have at least one additional funding partner besides the Children's Fund.
- Spend the grant funds during the 12 months following the awarding of the funds.

This can come from club member donations, fundraisers, the club's bank account or a club's foundation.

Diversified funding sources increase the viability of long-term projects.

Funding breakdown



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Tom Kramer, Jim Parker, Len, Oronzo Peconio, Calvin and Mae Brandon, Governor-Elect Alan Arbuckle, Misty Haji-Sheikh, Angie Burford, Tom Michaels, Jim Zagorski, Larry Spone, Pat Divine, Debra Ciesielski-Paliferno, Phil Rovang, and Key Club Governor Charles Schneider, what an awesome group!

I-I Governor Assistant-North John Lorenzo did an outstanding job helping with all aspects of the Blitz. Thank you, John, for your dedication, time, and expertise. I really appreciate all you do!

Thanks also to International President Jim Rochford, International Vice President Daniel Vigneron, Americas Formula Chair Jim Dooley, Eye of the Tiger Chair Kendra Skidmore, John Collins, I-I District Formula Chair Dave Butler, and I-I Governor Assistant-South Charles Smith for helping make this a success! I apologize if I missed anyone and thank all for your help.

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

More members means more service to our communities! We all need to continue the service projects we are currently doing, maybe adding one or two new projects, think outside the box, have fun! Keep current members busy and involve new members so they have the fun we all have in Serving the Children of the World... and our Communities.

Happy Holidays, start planning a membership drive, also to attend [Midyear Conference in Bloomington](#), the International Convention in Las Vegas, and the I-I District Convention in Peoria. ☉

TERRY CUNEFARE
GOVERNOR, I-I DISTRICT OF
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL



For at least ten years, members of Champaign-Urbana Kiwanis have been helping students at the Swann School* get fresh air and exposure to nature. Members and students circle a nearby lake weekly in April through October. On September 8, a special outing was held at the Busey Woods Anita Purves Nature Center.

The CU Kiwanis Club also sponsors the Tom Jones Challenger League, which celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2017. TJCL works to provide a safe environment for kids to play baseball and enjoy

themselves, focusing on children aged 6-21 with varying degrees of physical or mental challenges. The equipment, uniforms, and playing fields are the same as those used by other Little League teams. Presently, there are ten teams, including one from Swann School, and over 100 participants. ☺

**Swann Special Care Center, a non-profit organization located in Champaign, Illinois, provides compassionate care for persons with severe and profound intellectual disabilities through their residential nursing care program, adult day training program and accredited non-public school.*



Byron Key Club Assists with Hurricane Relief

Byron High School Key Club joined the hurricane relief efforts in Texas through Nazarene Hurricane Relief in Pasadena, TX, coordinating efforts directly with Kiwanis member, Brad McKenzie, Pasadena City Police chaplain and Pastor of Pasadena First Church. They hosted the Key Club members and provided lodging. They were excited to have Key Clubs collaborate with their organized efforts.

Kiwanis and Key Clubs all over the nation, have contributed over \$100,000 in monetary donations and hundreds of

The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses

by Paul Goble

Reviewed by Joyce Mesrobian, M.Ed.



The mythical folktale focuses on a young Native girl who possesses a unique attachment and understanding of the wild horses that her tribe uses in its nomadic hunting of buffalo. During a violent thunderstorm, the young girl, riding a stallion, disappears from her family’s grazing grounds. Although, after many searches, the tribe finds and brings her home, the young girl is so sad to stay away from her horses that her parents give her permission to return to live among her beloved horses. Later on, the tribe spots a white mare alongside a white stallion and believes that she is the Native girl transformed. They feel a great sense of pride that one of their own is riding among them.

Paul Goble’s signature artwork of highly-detailed, brightly-colored lithographs authentically capture the culture, customs, and costumes of the Great Plains Indians as they live in harmony with Nature. The flowers and foliage of the grasslands blend softly with the striking, bold strokes of his distinctive artwork.

Paul Goble has written and illustrated nearly forty books for children (six years and older) about the American Plains Indian culture. Among several popular folktale titles are *Her Seven Brothers*, *Dream Wolf*, and *Mystic Horse*. Born in England, Goble became so immersed in the history and mythology of the Great Plains Indians that he settled in South Dakota to continue his writings. The Sioux Nation of the Plains made Goble an honorary blood brother. ☉

There are two audiences for published children’s books—the young child and the adult who reads the book to the child. Therefore, the book must appeal to both audiences in order for the adult to keep reading it over and over again to the young child. **THE GIRL WHO LOVED WILD HORSES**, winner of the prestigious Caldecott Medal award for illustration, is a fine example of this dual appeal. It relates a North American Plains Indian folktale that is seamlessly portrayed with exquisitely-detailed watercolor and pen-and-ink illustrations of Native American culture.

ABOUT JOYCE MESROBIAN

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

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thousands of dollars’ worth of goods (i.e. shoes, school supplies, hygiene products, socks, food, tarps for damaged roofs, bottled water, tools, and more). Their Kiwanis district set up four main

distribution hubs, one of which was Pasadena, and they are helping rebuild homes, schools, and community centers.

Byron Key Club Faculty Advisor Michelle Albert expressed thanks for such an

“amazing Key Leader experience! My kids bubbled all the way home... chanting, reading from their ‘mailboxes’, talking about new friends, etc.” ☉

DANVILLE'S BIGGEST PICNIC

DANVILLE-AREA CLUBS HOLD DAY-LONG PANCAKE BREAKFAST

On October 19, through the effort of the three Danville Kiwanis Clubs, Key Clubs, and community volunteers, over 3600 meals were served at this 67th annual day-long event. It is amazing to see a hockey arena filled with cooking and serving equipment and tables—Danville's Davis S. Palmer Arena provided the venue.

Kiwanian Wes Bieritz has been involved for 52 of those years. "When you come, it's like Danville's biggest picnic," he said. "You see people you haven't talked to in a while and have the chance to sit down and chat."

This all-you-can-eat meal is sponsored by ONI-Risk Partners, Aqua Illinois, The Commercial News, and Quaker Oats. Proceeds, typically over \$10,000, from the event will go to the Boys and Girls Club, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, YMCA, District 118 Foundation, college scholarships and many others.

More than 1,000 community service hours were donated to make this one event possible. ☺





Your Kiwanis Club and its members are invited to a shopping experience at your local Scholastic Book Fairs warehouse this December!

The Scholastic Holiday Warehouse Book Sale is an invitation-only event reserved exclusively for teachers, librarians, school personnel and school volunteers – but because of the longstanding relationship between Kiwanis International and Scholastic, and our shared missions of helping children develop a lifelong love of reading – Kiwanis members are cordially invited to attend these fantastic events.

Your club will be able to buy more books for schools, teachers and students by taking advantage of this first time ever “Buy One Get One Free” warehouse sale event. It’s a great way to refresh school, home, or classroom libraries – or even your Kiwanis Reading Oasis!

Stock up now on books to support literacy programs throughout the year!

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED: Click here to [find a sale](#) near you!

- Enter your zip code and locate the closest Warehouse Sale
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PLGA Conference NOVEMBER 4, 2017



We had 36 Past Lt. Governors attend our meeting at Stoney Creek Inn in East Peoria, including Past

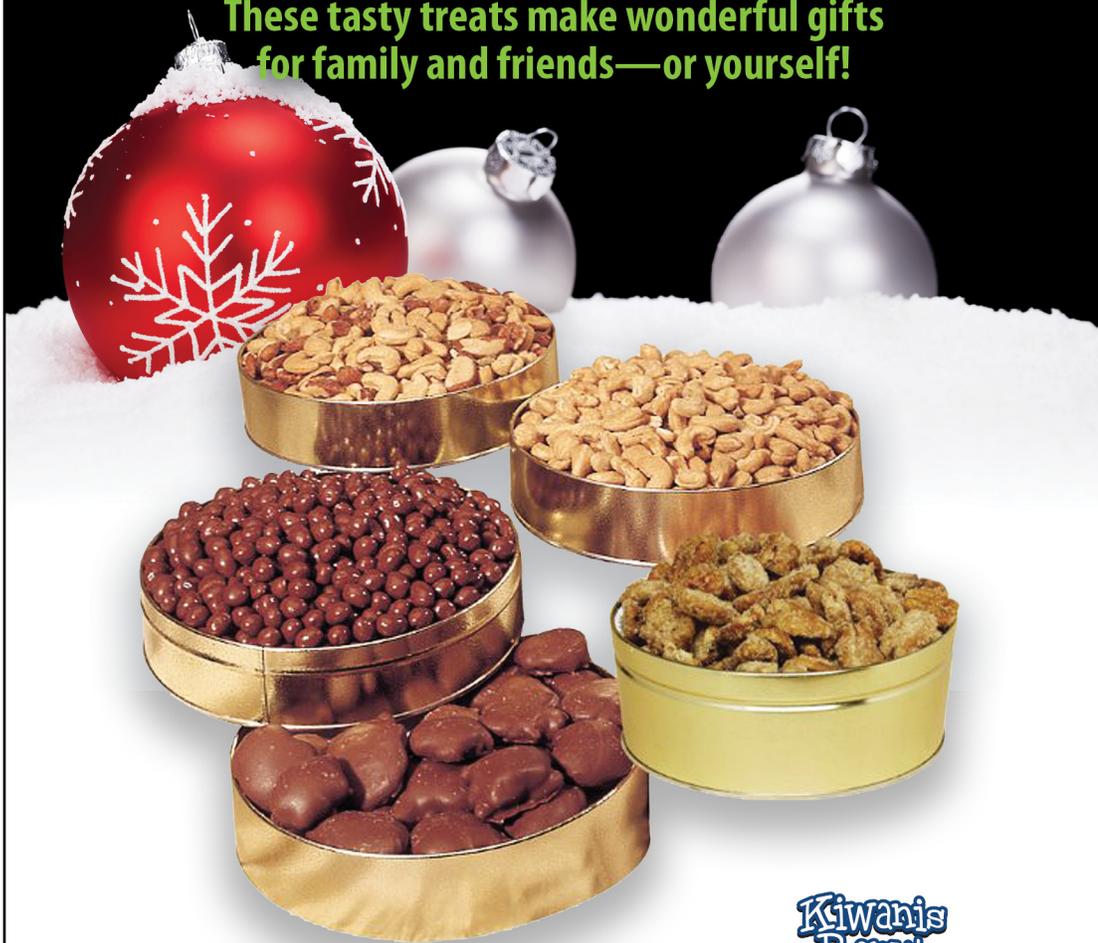
Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo and two Past Governors and I-I District Executive Director Andrea Raycraft.

The meeting started out with our business report. Ruby Cunefare reported on all the new members added this year. We talked about our purpose as a group and how we can help the Governor and incoming Lt. Governors. We revisited the rules of our scholarship and procedures, which remain unchanged. We also discussed requesting each division to pay \$100 for a lifetime membership for the current Lt. Governor, everyone thought this was a good suggestion.

The afternoon was filled with several speakers. Gov. Terry Cunefare talked about this year's goals and to Get the Eye of the Tiger, and Lead by Example. Jim Dooley—Trustee for the Kiwanis International Children's Fund and the Americas Formula Chair—talked about opening new clubs and the Kiwanis Children's Fund. John Lorenzo (Gov. Assistant-North) and Charles Smith (Gov. Assistant-South) brought us up to date regarding the news clubs opened as part of Chicago Blitz and outlined the Governors visits and increasing membership, respectively. Andrea let us know how the PLGA can help at the District Convention. She explained the breakdown of money raised in the convention Craft Room

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and how it's divided up, and she also requested that PLGA chair the manpower needed in the Craft Room.

The evening ended with a great meal and Paul Palazzolo installing the 2017-18 officers: President George Van Dee, Vice-

President Deb Rochford, Treasurer Mark Peterson, and Secretary Angie Burford. ©

RUBY CUNEFARE
2017-18 FIRST LADY,
IMMEDIATE PAST PLGA PRESIDENT