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Home sweet home! I trust everyone is staying home, staying safe. This fiscal year started with high hopes and expectations. The current situation in the world has put a hold on those hopes, it has not derailed them. I believe this virus will be brought under control and things will return to “normal.”

Kiwanis clubs continue to make a difference in their communities even during these trying times. Key Clubs are sharing lists of projects that are doable from home. Adult Kiwanis Clubs could do the same, share ideas of projects doable without significant human contact.

A question on many minds today is ‘will the International Convention take place as planned?’ I communicated with our International President the other day, and he says no decision has yet been made. The decision hinges on governmental restrictions on travel and numbers of people that may gather, together. The International Board will issue a decision at the earliest possible moment. Should the decision be to cancel the Convention, fees paid by those currently registered, will be refunded in full.

Another question—training? According to Kiwanis International, the current software for online training is rather out-of-date. New software will be uploaded and ready for use at the end of April. With the new software, training will be available online for Club Leadership, Club Opening, Club Counseling, etc. I usually recommend in-class President and Secretary Education (formerly CLE) provided by the I-I District because of the interaction between participants. However, due to COVID-19, the decision was made to hold these sessions online with registration available by early May (see page 12 for details). There is one in-person session currently available, but it will be at district convention. Kiwanis needs good, strong, well-educated leaders. Let us encourage all club officers—and those who would like to serve as an officer in the future—to attend one of our training sessions.

I strongly encourage any member to reach out to your Lt. Governor or to me if you have questions or concerns during this stay-at-home time. We can stay in touch by phone, email, text message, Facetime, etc. Every member is important because serving kids is important. Like many of you, I have kids and grandkids. I love my grandkids and tolerate my kids, most of the time. So, stay in touch, stay home, and stay safe until this is over. We will accomplish our goals.

CHARLES SMITH
I-I DISTRICT GOVERNOR

From the GOVERNOR
2019–20

Club Elections can be held Electronically

While Kiwanis members practice social distancing and avoid meetings during the COVID-19 pandemic, there are electronic solutions for conducting business.

The Kiwanis International Bylaws require that clubs hold annual meetings and the election of 2020–21 officers by May 15. If your club was planning to hold elections soon, you can postpone that meeting to see if restrictions ease by the deadline, or you can follow these guidelines to conduct elections through an online voting website or app.

Meanwhile, we urge all clubs to follow the restrictions and precautions recommended by local health departments to keep members, their families and their communities safe.

Get more details from KI at:
bit.ly/ElectronicAnnualElections

Next Illeiowan Deadline
May 15
Email submissions to illeiowan@gmail.com
2020-2021 Annual Report of Club Election
Due by June 1, 2019
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 all officers of each Kiwanis club and produce the emailing lists used by the District and Kiwanis International for all correspondence, 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. **NOTE: Please see page 2 for details regarding online elections, should your club wish to conduct elections in this way.**

President Elect and Secretary Education
June-August 2020
See page 12 for information and registration details.

**Illinois-Eastern Iowa District Convention**
August 6–9, 2020 at Isle Casino Hotel, Bettendorf, IA
Information and registration opens in May. Online info can be found at [http://www.iikiwanis.org/Page/22734](http://www.iikiwanis.org/Page/22734).

**Key Club events are in ORANGE**

**District Calendar**

| May 1-3, 2020 | CANCELED! Kiwanis LTG-Elect Training | Will be rescheduled at a later date |
| June 12-14, 2020 | I-I District Key Club Board Meeting | Holiday Inn B/N Normal, IL |
| June 18-21, 2020 | Kiwanis International Convention | Indianapolis, IN |
| Aug 6-9, 2020 | I-I District Kiwanis Convention | Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf IA |
| Aug 7-9, 2020 | I-I District Key Club Board Meeting | Stoney Creek Inn Moline, IL |

Kiwanis events are in BLACK | Circle K events are in GREEN
Key Club events are in ORANGE
For details, visit [iikiwanis.org](http://iikiwanis.org)

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**Kiwanis International Convention**
June 17–20
Indianapolis, IN
See page 4 for details

**103rd I-I District Convention**
August 6–9
Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf, IA
See tentative Schedule at a Glance on page 8
The 2020 convention will include the NEW Kiwanis Education Conference — two full days of leadership training and service inspiration, step-by-step guides and funding resources. Take ideas, blueprints and enthusiasm back to your club.

**FEATURED SPEAKERS**

**Captain Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger**
Best known for his role in a 2009 forced water landing of US Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River off Manhattan (often called “Miracle on the Hudson”). His crew after both engines were disabled by a bird strike; all 155 people aboard survived.

**Kevin Carroll**
Kevin Carroll has dedicated his life to advancing education, sports and play as a vehicle for social change and success. He’s addressed the United Nations as part of the UN Year of Sports for Development and Peace in 2005 and is an ongoing advisor and active supporter for many global social innovation organizations. Kevin was named by SUCCESS magazine as one of 19 “SEERS - changing the world!”

**IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION WEB LINKS**

  - Registration: https://schedule.kiwanisone.org/ki2020


District Dinner details and registration info will be provided separately to those registered for ICON.
Signature projects show the impact a Kiwanis club can have on a community. From playgrounds and parks to festivals and fundraisers, signature projects are the hallmarks of what Kiwanis clubs are known for in their communities. Kiwanis International will host the Fourth Annual Signature Project Recognition Program for districts in 2020. New to this year’s contest is the establishment of two contest tiers. Clubs with 27 members or fewer will be judged in the Tier I category. Clubs with 28 members or more will be judged in Tier II category. Each tier will be judged separately and the top ten finalists will be determined for each tier. The finalists will be recognized at the Kiwanis International convention where the top winners will be announced and receive awards. The top three selections from each tier will be recognized as the gold, silver and bronze winners at the 2020 Kiwanis International Convention.

The Illinois-Eastern Iowa District had NINE amazing signature project submissions. The two I-I District projects selected to move forward to Kiwanis International are:

TIER I:
Kiwanis Club of Oak Lawn Area
Feed 6 Mega Event Project

Kiwanis Club of Oak Lawn Area
Feed 6 Mega Event Project

There is not only a great need for food assistance in the greater Oak Lawn, Illinois area; but also, an equal need to create a network of organizations to create better synergies of information and resource identification and sharing. Feed 6 involves funding and packaging of 50,000 meal equivalents of an enhanced macaroni and cheese food product. The Feed 6 program helps extend the reach and coordination of our expanded food network because the product is well received, has a two-year shelf life and has wide distribution. At its most basic level it provides needed food for many families at the poverty level, seniors, disabled individuals and veterans.

The Feed 6 Mega Event—co-chaired by the VP of Kiwanis Club of the Oak Lawn Area—is a great example of the entire Kiwanis Division 3 (including Hickory Hills, Archer Road, Southwest, Southeast and Crestwood) working closely with the school district and other community partners on a very timely and strategic initiative. It also includes support from our local Builder’s Club and K-Kids Club. For the third year in a row, our goal of 50,000 meal equivalents involved over 30 business and local organizations in the fundraising and packaging aspects, benefiting 27 area food pantries, school social services, homeless shelters and veterans and disabled services groups. The actual event includes approximately 350 volunteers working in two 2-hour shifts. This is a truly festive event that includes music, picture taking, live media feeds and continuous spontaneous celebrations of completed boxes of product (36 meals). Ninety percent of the completed food product (three and one half tons) is distributed within one week following the event, before the holidays, and at a time when food pantries are severely depleted. Each of the participating Division 3 clubs identifies a local service partner as a recipient of the completed food product. Feed 6 is a key element of our expanded food network which includes the Oak Lawn Community Garden, meal boxes, various food drives at each of our schools and annual publication of a vetted, comprehensive data sheet of food services in the greater Oak Lawn area. The food network is a pillar of our Family + Community Resource Network (FCRN), servicing our D123 families and the greater community at large. Finally, the Feed 6 event is a strategic element to potentially increase Kiwanis membership by appealing to other service organization members (Rotary, Knights, Elks and Lions) and to our Generation X, Millennial and student populations that tend to be attracted to a “cause” rather than in a membership organization.

The population impacted includes all those in need of food serviced by 28 local agencies: Almost Home, My Joyful Heart, Courage Program, Worth food pantry, Justice pantry, St. Linus pantry, Operations Blessings, PLOW’s Council on Aging, Maple-Morgan pantry, Evergreen Park pantry, Beds-Plus Homeless Shelters, St. Paul Lutheran pantry, Trinity Lutheran BEDS program, Our Lady of Loretto pantry, Casa Catalina Church pantry, Johnson-Pflips VFW Post 5220, Crosswinds Church, Oak Lawn High School social workers, D218 Social Workers and Delta School, St. Catherine/St. Germaine pantry, Park Lawn residential housing, Oak Lawn Park District Veterans, St. Gerald (St. Vincent DePaul) pantry, Evergreen Park High School Social Workers, Pilgrim Faith pantry, Simmons Middle School social worker program, Salem Baptist women’s shelter and BEDS program.
Club of Greater Chicago offers an event Car Seat Safety Check Day, the eKiwanis Police Department. Through the Annual Chicago partners with the Carol Stream this program, the eKiwanis Club of Greater population commuting via car. To put on minutes, with greater than 97% of the time spent commuting each day is 57 Illinois. Carol Stream is an ethnically children living in or near Carol Stream, eKiwanis Club of Greater Chicago

1. The Servants of the Lord take coats to bring to Appalachia.
2. The Salvation Army of Dwight, Illinois takes items needed by its clients.
3. The Fellowship of Christian Farmers takes shoes to donate to disadvantaged countries.
4. The River of Life Outreach Church takes all items left over after the third day of each Give and Take to run a Give and Take in Meadows, Illinois.
5. An Indian reservation in Montana is the recipient of all items left over after Meadows’s Give and Take.
6. The Lexington Community Center which offers us the use of the community center for free.
7. Our club’s Adopt-a-Student program collects backpacks and gently used school supplies for our local students in need.

**eKiwanis Club of Greater Chicago**

**2nd Annual Car Seat Safety Check Day Project**

This project serves families with young children living in or near Carol Stream, Illinois. Carol Stream is an ethnically diverse, bedroom community. The average time spent commuting each day is 57 minutes, with greater than 97% of the population commuting via car. To put on this program, the eKiwanis Club of Greater Chicago partners with the Carol Stream Police Department. Through the Annual Car Seat Safety Check Day, the eKiwanis Club of Greater Chicago offers an event in Carol Stream where trained specialists assess if community members’ car seats are installed correctly, that they are safe to ride in, that they have not expired, and if the child is in the correct car seat for his/her size.

In 2019 alone, the police department saw that 43% of already installed car seats they checked were not installed correctly. In cases where the car seat is no longer safe to use, a new car seat is given to the family for free. All car seats are donated by the eKiwanis Club. Also in 2019, the Carol Stream Police Department issued 204 citations related to Child Passenger Safety, indicating that there is a prevalent need for awareness, resources, and guidance around the topic this project addresses. For families that spend a significant amount of their day on the road, the Car Seat Safety Check Day is a critical service to ensure safety for the children and their families.

eKiwanis also put together snack baggies to pass out to the kids and included an eKiwanis brochure for the parents. In all facets, this project continues to grow. Fundraising efforts have already begun for the 2020 event. eKiwanis raised nearly $400 on Giving Tuesday, which will almost double the number of car seats that the club can purchase for the project. Both eKiwanis and the Carol Stream Police Department are looking forward to the 2020 event, with the goal of performing even more car seat checks and providing more car seats.

**Kiwanis Club of Lake Bluff & Lake Forest**

**Kiwanis Pond Hockey Tournament Project**

The purpose of the event is not only to showcase Kiwanis but act as a community event bringing together people of all ages to watch. Our club rallies the community to attend the event watching 12 hockey teams to compete 3 on 3. We partner with Lake Bluff Park District, Village of Lake Bluff and Lake Bluff 125th Committee. We are hopeful that this inaugural event will be a success and become an annual event in the community.

**Kiwanis Club of Yorkville**

**Yorktoberfest**

Our club puts on this fundraiser to raise funds for education scholarships. Scholarships not only help the child but the family as a whole. Education is expensive and to have a family member obtain a higher education is a goal everyone should have. Kiwanis was on picture cut-outs for social media, above the stage for photos, entrance to purchase tickets for prospects, and banners to give name recognition. There was a press release, t-shirts and steins for publicity, and on-air radio time to discuss the goals of Kiwanis Yorkville. We raised $7,500 to give away in scholarships with an event that was cut short because Mother Nature decided to strike—and this was only our second year. We are a new group but a group that works great together and loves the community we are here to serve. We anticipate our third year to be bigger and better then ever and look forward to donating more then $15,000 with 2020’s Yorktoberfest.

**Kiwanis Club of Clinton, Iowa**

**Clinton Kiwanis’ Citywide Easter Egg Hunt**

Three years ago, the Kiwanis Club of Clinton started assisting with the Citywide Easter Egg Hunt with the intent of taking over the event from a private committee. The Easter Egg Hunt is the only citywide, public, non-denominational Easter egg hunt in town. It’s located in downtown Clinton in the two wards that are stark in their poverty rate but also the most diverse parts of Clinton. This allows foot and bus traffic for attending. Most of the area Easter egg hunts are at farms, volunteer fire stations, churches, and rural towns—all necessitate travel. Given the demographics of the immediate area, the hunt is the perfect inclusive Easter activity. This is because it is open to all, and all demographics attend. It is something the town has pride in, as evidenced by the turnout. But being in the heart of town allows for public transportation and a close drive. The age groups cover toddlers to 5th grade. Each age gets to have a run, and parents are required to stay outside the hunt area. There is the Easter Bunny for free photos, as the newest mall photo opportunity is an hour away and costs.
money. This is Clinton’s one opportunity for a photo with the Easter Bunny. By providing this Easter egg hunt, thousands of children in Clinton have an equal opportunity to enjoy Easter—without the costs of travel, freedom of pressure from “crashing” a church’s hunt, and still receive quality Easter gifts. Prior to the event, our Aktion Club helped stuff eggs and decorated a downtown building to promote the event. Their role has expanded every year. We partner with the Lions Club’s Leo’s Club for youth help as our club does not have a high school club.

**Kiwanis Club of Geneseo**

**Pork In The Park Project**

“Pork in the Park” serves the Geneseo and surrounding communities as the place for all ages to celebrate the Fourth of July holiday with a noon pork chop lunch and an afternoon patriotic concert surrounded by American flags. Secondarily, it supplies over one third of the funding for the Kiwanis club’s service fund, which provides grants to over 30 local and international organizations. One of those grantees reached 14,600 students with classroom agricultural education for every school in Henry County. Another organization reaches more than 4,000 youth across a 20-county area. Several others serve between 100 and 500 children and youth. Funds are regularly used to support Kiwanis International’s Children’s Foundation via the Club Gift and Hixson award. The club also gives senior scholarship awards and sponsors the community “Fun Day at the Pool” in late summer. We embrace the needs of the community and empower our grantees to succeed.

Twenty-nine years later Kiwanis and Maple City Band memberships have both doubled, and the event has become a community tradition that complements our small town charm. With over 800 flags flying, it has become the place to be on the Fourth of July for “Pork in the Park”. In addition, half of the club’s active membership would list this event as one of the reasons for joining Kiwanis. The estimated 29-year gross is $209,000 with expenses of $83,000.

**Kiwanis Club of Tuscola**

**North Ward School Pre-K Playground Project**

The population served includes approximately 65 three-to-five-year-old pre-kindergarten (pre-K) children, several with physical and/or mental disabilities with special needs, enrolled at North Ward Elementary School in Tuscola, Illinois. The previous pre-K playground was in dire need of an upgrade and expansion. The space was very small, the equipment was decades old, and offered this specific population little stimulation, few physical challenges, and limited opportunities for enriched play. With the input of the school principal and pre-K teachers, Tuscola Kiwanians addressed the need by purchasing and assembling a new Christopher Columbus Explorer Center, a cycle-go-round carousel, a covered shelter with double bench, rubber mulch, and fencing that more than doubled the area of the playground and doubled the amount of playground equipment. Tuscola Kiwanians later added a large picnic bench, water play table, and sidewalk for tricycle riding to enhance the learning experiences for these children. The playground is a fully enclosed safe area where the children can play together with appropriate age- and skill-level equipment. Due to school budget constraints, the playground upgrades and expansion could not have happened anytime soon. Our club, teachers, and Tuscola community are very proud of this playground!

Major Financial Donors (in addition to our club and its members):
1. Tuscola Community Foundation
2. North Ward Teachers-Parent Organization

Major Gift in Kind Donors:
1. Tuscola Builders
2. Tuscola Home Center

The Tuscola Kiwanis Club understands the importance of a first-class pre-K playground for our youngest students and those with physical and/or mental disabilities with special needs. Susan Lundman on Healthfully.com wrote, “Playground equipment helps toddlers’ brains develop, as they learn about the world through motor activities and sensory experiences.” She explained that brain development in the first six years of life is especially important, and that the more children exercise both their sensory and motor skills by using playground equipment, the more brain-neural connections they create.

The idea for this project came about in the middle of Kiwanis fiscal year 2018–19, well after our club foundation’s budget had already been set. However, this did not deter the Tuscola Kiwanians. Within a matter of weeks, we raised more than $20,000 by soliciting help from members, local residents, and businesses within Tuscola, a small town of 4,500. Twenty-seven Tuscola businesses donated money, supplies, or equipment in support of the project. This was fully a community effort! Kiwanians and non-Kiwanians worked together to lay down tons of rubber mulch and to piece together every single section of new equipment, from the Christopher Columbus Explorer Center to the cycle-go-round carousel.

The many stations on the Christopher Columbus Explorer Center provide several different areas for learning. There is a jeep for pretending to drive, an abacus for learning to add and subtract, a climbing ramp that teaches about various dinosaurs, mirrors, a compass, and two slides. The cycle-go-round teaches the pre-K students how to pedal tricycles and work together. In Phase 2, we added a concrete sidewalk that encircles the playground and allows the children to practice their tricycle skills. Kiwanians who had never poured concrete before learned the skills necessary to install a beautiful sidewalk. This playground is now meeting the needs of our pre-K students.

**Kiwanis Club of Zion-Benton**

**Christmas Tree Ornaments**

The Christmas tree ornament project is not a one and done event—its life cycle extends throughout the year. The kickoff is the club setting the theme in January. This theme is communicated to the students and the students then kick into design and creation.
In a young child’s expanding new world where good and frightening things happen, there are caring adults who will bring them comfort. *When the Wind Blew* is an excellent example of such a resource book written in a voice of a child.

As Little Bear and Big Bear snuggle in their cave for their night’s sleep, Little Bear is awakened by a roaring sound and moves closer to Big Bear’s furry tummy. Big Bear assures him it’s only the wind and they are safe in their cave. However, in the morning, when they go outside, they see that a strong wind storm had blown off the tops of all the trees and left only stumps. Oh, what to do! Big Bear tells Little Bear they need to move and find another cave in another forest of flowering trees that would attract bees to make hives of honey.

Little Bear becomes sad at the thought of leaving his cave home. But, Big Bear hugs and reassures him. “*Little Bear, things will be fine…you wait and see.*” They begin their long journey, floating across a river, ambling through a meadow until, at last, they climb carefully down a steep cliff into a valley where tall trees grew and “filled the air with the wonderful smell of pine, sweet honey, and fruit.” Best of all, between the boulders of the cliff, they find a dry, dark cave that is just right for their new home.

That night, when Little Bear snuggles up to Big Bear, he says he doesn’t miss his old den, “*because when I’m with you, wherever we are, I feel I’m at home.*”

Beautifully-illustrated scenes of forest life work seamlessly to capture a tender story of coping and understanding a move or a change. Big Bear (no gender) and Little Bear exhibit humanoid facial expressions and behavior that young children can easily understand. *When the Wind Blew* is for children ages 4–8.

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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**Thursday, August 6**
District Golf Outing and 100th Birthday Club Dinner

**Friday, August 7**
8:30am—10:30am 2019-20 I-I Kiwanis District Board Meeting
9:00am—Noon Service Project (to be announced)
1:00pm—4:30pm President and Secretary Education Classes
5:30pm—6:30pm Cocktail Reception
6:30pm Opening Session Dinner, Entertainment (with Distinguished Awards)

**Saturday, August 8**
7:00am—8:15am Meet the Candidates Breakfast
8:30am—11:00am House of Delegates (Business Session)
11:30am—1:30pm Kiwanis Neuroscience 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—9:00pm Governor’s Banquet and District Officer Installation Ceremony
*Retirement of Gov. Charles Smith and the 2019–20 Board*
*Installation of Gov. Mark Petersen and the 2020–21 Board*

**Sunday, August 9**
8:30am—10:00am Kiwanis Children’s Fund Breakfast
10:30am—Noon 2020–21 I-I Kiwanis District Board Meeting
By their very nature, Kiwanis clubs attract those in our communities who are passionate regarding service to others. The Illinois-Eastern Iowa District of Kiwanis International provides a unique way to recognize those volunteers who go above and beyond serving others while at the same time supporting the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation (KNRF)—formerly the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation—our District’s Finest Project. The Luis V. Amador Medallion Award is an award program within KNRF that allows a Kiwanis Divisional Council within the I-I District to extend special recognition and honor to an individual that has demonstrated outstanding service within their community.

Named after our founding Medical Director, Dr. Luis V. Amador, the Award is a Kiwanis Division award requiring the signature of the Division Lieutenant Governor to certify that the “...nomination was duly approved by a majority of the clubs within the division at a division council”. Every year, one (1) Amador Award is allocated to each Kiwanis Division for a total of thirty-three (33) Awards. The process starts with clubs in a division attending a division attending a division council meeting and suggesting potential recipients. Led by the Lt. Governor, the division council will then discuss and agree upon a nominee. The nomination form is shown below and is then completed by the nominating club and signed by the Lt. Governor. The nomination requires a $500 donation to KNRF—in some divisions, all of the clubs contribute to pool funds to make up the $500, while in other divisions the club with the nominee provides the $500. Note that KNRF is an IRS 501(c)(3) charitable organization, so the $500 may be paid out of a club’s service account and not out of dues.

The completed, signed nomination form, as well as the $500 check, are then mailed to the I-I District Office. Please note that the deadline for all nomination forms to be received in the I-I District Office is July 1, each fiscal year, no exceptions. Award nomination forms will not be processed between July 2–September 30, each year. Nominations received between July 2–September 30 will be processed and sent after October 1. The bottom of the form has a place to identify where the Amador Award will be presented to the recipient. Each year, the Foundation Luncheon is held at the I-I District Convention on Saturday, and many of the Amador Awards are presented at that time. A booklet is created and provided at the Foundation Luncheon that contains the recipients and a brief summary of their nomination. In addition to allowing time to create the booklet by the August District Convention, the July 1 deadline also allows for Kiwanis Divisions to make multiple Amador Awards in a given year.

If a division wants to recognize more than one recipient, they can submit more than one nomination (each nomination requires a separate $500 check), but the Lt. Governor must note on the nomination forms which priority it is—number one, two, etc. After the July 1 deadline, if any division in the I-I District has not given their Amador Award, then the second nomination will be awarded. The first nomination package can be received/awarded between October 1–July 1 each fiscal year. The additional nomination package(s) must also be received by July 1 and can be awarded after District Convention. You can email the office after July 1 to confirm if you are receiving your additional award requests. The Lt. Governor will receive the additional Amador Medallion packages on-site at District Convention, to avoid shipping costs and damage to the awards. Therefore, if your division has requested more than one Amador award, those additional awards can be given any time after District Convention. The additional awards are granted first come-first available.

The funds from the Amador Awards are placed separately into an endowment account within KNRF, supporting the continued growth of the KNRF. Therefore, these funds should be given above and beyond what your clubs already budget and donate to the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation, our District’s FINEST PROJECT. THANK YOU!!!

If there is an individual whose service your club or division would like to honor, nominate them for an Amador Medallion Award using the form on the next page.
The undersigned hereby nominates (name) to receive the Luis V. Amador, M.D. Medallion from (Please check ONLY 1, as this will be on the certificate)

Division #   Club

The nominee is deserving of the award for the following reasons:

(Not to exceed 400 words. Use extra sheets if necessary. Criteria for the award include extraordinary personal dedication of one’s time and resources to the pursuit of charitable, benevolent and community service consistent with the objectives of Kiwanis as well as inspirational leadership skills.)

The undersigned further pledges to contribute $500 to the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation in addition to any regularly planned annual contribution.

Kiwanis Club of ____________________________

Signature of Club President

☐ The undersigned as Lt. Governor of Division # hereby certifies that the foregoing nomination was duly approved by a majority of the clubs within the division at a division counsel (REQUIRED)

We desire to present the award at (select ONE)

☐ At the next Spastics Foundation luncheon at II District convention
☐ At our own Divisional function on (Date of Division event)___________________________.
☐ Other (please specify)___________________________.

Signature of Lt. Governor
Houston, we no longer have a program problem!

At one time or another, every Kiwanis club struggles to find interesting programs; summertime is often an extra difficult season.

Gregg Ripley may have a solution to your program problem!

Ripley is a Solar System Ambassador for NASA, one of 1,400 volunteers nationwide that serve as an outreach of NASA. The NASA SSA provides programming free of charge to any interested group. They can tailor presentations to cover most any space-related topic that interests your club.

Ripley has very fond memories of the Kiwanis family and is offering to present to your club. He was a member and Past President of the Illinois State University Circle K Club while his father was a member and Past President of the Kiwanis Club of Sterling (IL). As a teacher, summer offers him ample time to travel and present, and he would love to visit your club.

Currently residing in Rock Falls, travel to northern and central Illinois and eastern Iowa is fairly easy. Clubs located south of Bloomington will require a little more planning—perhaps interested clubs near one another can coordinate dates and allow for Ripley to cover more territory in the same trip.

Consider inviting youth in your community to attend as well!

Interested?

Gregg Ripley
NASA Solar System Ambassador
gwripley61071@yahoo.com
(815) 631-6399

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mode. At the end of February, the students present their products to the club membership. The club selects one ornament, and it is mass produced. The ornament premieres at our pancake breakfast in March and continues to be presented at all outreach and promotional activities.

Two major requirements for all ornaments are to have:
1. The Kiwanis name on it and
2. An attached explanation of the ornament itself.

We promote the ornament through our web page, social media and donations at fund raising and outreach events. We also present each guest speaker with an ornament so they can spread the word to their organizations. The proceeds from the donations go to six deserving students in the form of monetary scholarships, recognition of two outstanding seniors each month at club meetings September–May, and sponsorship of ten students at the school’s senior honors banquet. The scholarships are selected by the school and club, while the Students of the Month and honor students are selected by the school. As an impoverished town in northern Illinois, these scholarships assist students in being able to continue their education.

At this time both International and District Conventions and are still taking place as scheduled. If COVID-19 stay-at-home orders cause these to be canceled or rescheduled, you will be notified.
We will not be hosting classroom sessions throughout the summer due to COVID-19. Since planning needs to be completed now for these sessions, and there are unknowns for each states’ health status, we have made the decision to cancel all CLASSROOM sessions and put the following steps in place for completing training ONLINE below.

Take your club’s leadership to new heights!

2020 President & Secretary Education
Preparing Leaders for 2020–21 and Beyond

Who should attend?

PRESIDENT SESSION
Presidents-Elect
Future Presidents

SECRETARY SESSION
Secretaries/Secretary Assistants
Future Officers

The online training from Kiwanis International will be available for completion in late April or early May. As soon as it is live, Executive Director Andrea Raycraft will email all current and incoming officers that have been reported through the online Portalbuzz portal.

Each President-Elect and Secretary must then complete this online training and also choose a date below to attend and complete the district's portion of the training.

Training will be conducted online with ‘Zoom’ and facilitated by District Governor-Elect Mark Petersen, Master Instructor Kevin McConnell and/or Executive Director Andrea Raycraft to complete the district portion of the training. Each online meeting will also have a Q & A session.

If you prefer a traditional in-person training session, then you will need to attend the training at District Convention on August 7 in Bettendorf, Iowa. This will be the only in-person training session provided this year!

Here are the steps

1. Complete the online training created by Kiwanis International through your login on Portalbuzz. If you need instructions on how to login to Portalbuzz, please email Andrea at iioffice@iikiwanis.org and she will provide those instructions to you.

2. Sign in for one of the Zoom meetings that will be held below. All current and incoming officers (reported online in Club Officer Report) will receive the Zoom link to join the meeting one week prior to the meeting.

3. We will take roll call on the meetings to know who attended.

Requirements

All Presidents-Elect and Secretaries are required this year to complete both steps 1 and 2 OR attend the in-person training at District Convention on August 7 to meet the requirements for the 2020–21 Distinguished Club Award.

Schedule for ‘Zoom’ Meetings

Monday, June 22 • 7 p.m. (President)
Monday, June 29 • 7 p.m. (President and Secretary)
Monday, July 13 • 7 p.m. (President and Secretary)
Thursday, July 16 • 7 p.m. (President)
Sunday, July 19 • 3 p.m. (President and Secretary)
Saturday, July 25 • 9 a.m. (President)

Training will open by early May
Good day, I-I!

Circle K International’s Illinois-Eastern Iowa District had a successful District Convention (February 29–March 1) filled with laughs and leadership! We packed in elections, workshops, awards, and a Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation luncheon all into a day and a half. It was quite an adventure with many impressive candidates running for office and all members learning more about Circle K and life after Circle K. We were able to elect our new District Board with the 2020–21 District Governor Isabelle Lindenmeyer ready to take over April 1.

We are all very grateful for the opportunity to be in Circle K and build such strong friendships. I know with great excitement that the next board will have a successful year despite any challenges they face. Thank you for all the support you offer any and all Circle K clubs, and we hope to work with all of you more in the future!

Yours in service,

CHRISTINA SANDERSON
CIRCLE K I-I DISTRICT GOVERNOR
Governor Christina Sanderson shaved her head for St. Baldrick’s and allowed anyone that wanted to cut pieces off before it was shaved. They raised $125 in about a week of advertising! Another important goal achieved was that every one of the district’s clubs paid dues on time this year! She is very proud of all clubs for this achievement and hopes the trend continues.

Notable awards presented during convention included:

**100% on Time Reporting**
- Augustana College
- Blackburn College
- Illinois State University
- Northern Illinois University
- Quincy University
- University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana

**Due on Time**
- Aurora University
- Black Hawk East College
- Illinois Institute of Technology
- Rock Valley College
- St. Ambrose University

**Member Miles:** Blackburn College

**Interclub Award:** Rock Valley College

**Club T-Shirt:** Blackburn College
(Jasmine Sanchez, shirt designer)

**Club Scrapbook:** Northern Illinois University

**Club Website:** Illinois State University

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**Distinguished President:**
Tegan Sudbrook, Illinois State University

**Distinguished Vice-President:**
Tremayne Meadows, Rock Valley College

**Distinguished Secretary and Treasurer:**
Kari Krass, Illinois State University

**Outstanding Member Award:**
Vilaya “Ling” Sirivong
AWARDS FOR ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE

AWARDS FOR NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

AWARDS FOR UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

GOVERNOR-ELECT ISABELLE LINDENMEYER, OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARD WINNER VILAYA “LING” SIRIVONG AND DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR JERRY SCHEUING

AWARDS FOR ILLINOIS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, ALONG WITH GOV-ELECT MARK PETERSEN
KEEPING WITH THE THEME OF "CANDY LAND" AND OTHER GAMES, MEMBERS ENJOYED PLAYING "CARDS AGAINST HUMANITY".

GOV. SANDERSON INSTALLS GOV.-ELECT ISABELLE LINDENMEYER.

DISTRICT GOVERNORS—PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE!
BACK: CAITLIN POUK (18–19), AUSTIN IVES (17–18)
CENTER: CHRISTINA SANDERSON (19–20)
FRONT: ISABELLE LINDENMEYER (20–21)
CIRCLE K SWAG... IT'S ALL THE RAGE!

NO NEED FOR CAUTION: WITH YOUTH THIS SERVICE-MINDED, THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT!

MANY THANKS TO JERRY AND KATHY SCHEUING FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF I-I CIRCLE K!

GANG’S ALL HERE!