IT'S NO MYSTERY: CIRCLE K LOVES TO SERVE

"Holiday Mystery" Theme Drives Circle K's Annual Holiday Embrace Weekend
Welcome to the decade of the roaring 20’s! I hope everyone survived the holidays and are almost back to normal, whatever normal may be for you. Each new year, and indeed each new day, brings renewed hope for new successes, new friendships and the accomplishment of goals. Successes and goals only happen through the actions we take. So, now is the time to roll up our sleeves and get busy making things happen.

Kiwanis International is busy revising the material for President and Secretary Training (formerly Club Leadership Education or CLE). All leadership guides are being condensed into one guide and will be available shortly. The on-line version of PST is being taken down. The intent is to revise and update the material before placing it back on the website. How long this will take is not certain but should not be too long. Thus, all club officers, and particularly Presidents Elect, should attend the in-class version of PST this year that will begin in June. Our Illinois-Eastern Iowa District needs strong, well-educated leaders to take us into the future. PST represents a beginning toward that end. Additionally, anyone who would consider serving at the club, division, or district level should attend PST. We need to keep the pipeline of leadership full.

I recently attended the Key Club District Board Meeting and Circle K’s Holiday Embrace. If you wonder where all the “good kids” are, attend a Key Club or Circle K meeting. And speaking of attending those meetings, adult Kiwanis members need to attend Key Club and Circle K meetings and get more involved with their SLP’s. These young people represent the future of Kiwanis. Your involvement will encourage them to stay in the Kiwanis family after graduation from high school or college. While writing checks to support them financially is a great thing to do, personal involvement by you is vital—and fun.

I also attended the Kewanee Aktion Club’s Charter Meeting. Aktion Club members are among the most enthusiastic members in Kiwanis. I encourage you to attend an Aktion Club meeting near you whenever possible. It will mean a great deal to them, and you will leave with a good feeling—a win-win situation!

I would like to thank all those members working hard to make this a successful year. I realize work and family take precedence over volunteer activities, and they should. That just makes the work you do that more impressive, and, I for one, appreciate it. So, thank you, and if there is anything I can do to help you, please let me know.

CHARLES SMITH
I-I DISTRICT GOVERNOR

ON THE COVER...
CIRCLE K RECENTLY HELD ITS ANNUAL HOLIDAY EMBRACE FUNDRAISER WITH THE THEME “HOLIDAY MYSTERY”. FOLLOWING THE FORMALITIES AND THE GROUP’S SERVICE PROJECT WAS A FUN EVENING OF DINNER, DANCING AND FELLOWSHIP. WHO DUN IT? POSSIBLY THIS MOTLEY CREW OF MICHELLE PIKSCHER, JERRY SCHEUING AND JULIE BOSKEY!

Many thanks to Anthony Tripp (Chicago e-Kiwanis Club) for volunteering his time to take the Holiday Embrace photos!
Mark Your Calendar with these IMPORTANT DATES

DEADLINE FOR ALL CLUBS TO FILE FORM 990
February 15

DEADLINE FOR MID-YEAR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
March 7
Register at: https://iikiwanis.formstack.com/forms/2020midyear

LT. GOVERNOR TRAINING
May 1–3
Holiday Inn B/N Normal, IL

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
June 17–20
Indianapolis, IN
See page 5 for details

103rd I-I DISTRICT CONVENTION
August 6–9
Isle Casino Hotel Bettendorf, IA
More information to follow in the coming months.

from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Happy New Year Fellow Kiwanians!
The Kiwanis I-I District continues to provide amazing amounts of service and financial support to our communities! Our 2018–19 year under the leadership of Governor Alan Arbuckle has outstanding statistics:

Service hours completed: 166,868 by 18,271 Kiwanians
Total funds invested in our communities: $1,054,856
Number of scholarships awarded to students: 3,007
Total scholarship funds awarded: $471,483
Children’s Miracle Network funds raised: $ 56,891

Out of our 234 clubs in our District last year, 101 of the clubs completed all 12 monthly reports. Thanks to all of the dedicated Club Secretaries who have fulfilled this time consuming commitment to their club!

The 2020–21 Lt. Governor training, under the leadership of Governor-Elect Mark Petersen, has been set for May 1–3, 2020 at Holiday Inn Bloomington-Normal, Normal, IL. This is a fantastic training that all Lt. Governor’s are required to attend. This is a great educational and networking opportunity for all incoming Lt. Governor’s throughout our District to gather for education, training and fellowship.

By Kiwanis members and leadership attending these educational opportunities is how we make our good clubs into great clubs! 😊

ANDREA RAYCRAFT
I-I DISTRICT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

 district calendar

Feb 29–Mar 1, 2020 | I-I District Circle K District Convention | University of Illinois Urbana, IL
Mar 14, 2020 | I-I District Mid-Year Board Meeting | Crowne Plaza Hotel Springfield, IL
Mar 13–15, 2020 | I-I District Key Club District Convention | Crowne Plaza Hotel Springfield, IL
May 1–3, 2020 | Kiwanis LTG-Elect Training | Holiday Inn B-N Normal, IL
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
I-I District Midyear Conference
Saturday, March 14, 2020

3000 S. Dirksen Parkway
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Please join us as we join the I-I District Key Club Leadership Convention!

Midyear Conference Schedule *

8 AM – 9:30 AM  Neuroscience Research Foundation Board Meeting
10 AM–12:00 PM  I-I District Board Meeting
12:30 PM–2:30 PM  KNRF Luncheon
3 PM–4:30 PM  Forums (to be determined)

*Tentative Schedule

Please go to the registration website by clicking here or complete this form and mail (must be received by March 7, 2020)

March 14, 2020 • Registration Form
Crowne Plaza Hotel • Springfield, Illinois

Member Name

Club Name

Division #  2019-20 Office Held

Member Street Address

City / State / Zip Code

Phone Number

Email Address

Saturday Lunch (check one):

_____ Meat Lasagna  _____ Vegetarian Lasagna

Total Due $ 30.00

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

Registrations received after March 7, 2020 will be assessed a $15.00 late charge.

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

□  Visa  □  Mastercard  □  Discover

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Number

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Expiration Date  3-digit Security Code on back

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Signature

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Name on Card

Please mail this registration form with payment to:
I-I District Office
Midyear Conference
10037 Old Sawmill Road
Bloomington, IL  61705-5242
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!”

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.

IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION WEB LINKS

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


District Dinner details and registration will be in the March-April Illeiwian
Vaccines give babies in Yemen a fighting chance

More than four years of armed conflict in Yemen has made life extremely difficult — particularly for mothers and children — in what was already the poorest country in the Middle East. Every two hours, a mother and six newborns die because of complications during pregnancy or birth.

Arwein Ahmed, 26, lives in the Malia district in Aden, Yemen, in a neighborhood filled with shanty homes made of cardboard, plastic sheets and other scavenged materials. Despite her impoverished circumstances, Arwein's 4-month-old son, Abdulrahman, is healthy and happy — a fact she attributes to the timely tetanus vaccination she received at a UNICEF-supported health care center during her pregnancy.

"When I was pregnant, I was very anxious," she says. "I know of a woman in my neighborhood who lost her first child during delivery, a child she and her husband had been eagerly waiting for. They lost the baby because the local midwife used contaminated tools during childbirth."

Ahmed says she has heard several stories from prenatal caregivers about children who died during delivery. Most of the women who lost babies in childbirth had not been vaccinated against tetanus.

"That encouraged me to get the tetanus vaccination so my child could have good immunity and I could have a safe delivery," she says.

Tetanus is passed through exposure to spores of the bacterium Clostridium tetani, commonly found in dirt. Mothers who give birth outside hygienic health facilities and who have not been immunized themselves are most at risk. Infants infected during or just after delivery suffer an excruciating death.

But tetanus is surprisingly easy to prevent through immunization and hygienic birth practices. A series of three shots provides immunity to a woman and protects her future children at birth. (As they grow, children need routine booster shots to remain protected.)

Thanks in part to the generosity and dedication of the Kiwanis International family, the number of babies dying from tetanus has dropped dramatically.
The World Health Organization estimates that 30,848 newborns died from neonatal tetanus worldwide in 2017, the last year for which data is available. In 1989, when the World Health Assembly called for the elimination of neonatal tetanus, 800,000 babies were dying each year.

Before she became pregnant, Ahmed thought vaccines were only for children. "Now I know that all pregnant women and women of childbearing age should be vaccinated, too," she says. "It is critical and lifesaving."

UNICEF is conducting a Communication for Development (C4D) campaign in Yemen to raise awareness about tetanus among adolescent girls and expectant mothers. The work is mainly carried out by locally recruited volunteers and community mobilizers.

In Al Dhale in the southern part of Yemen, 18-year-old Majida Mahmoud is one such volunteer. Popular and easygoing, she leads sessions with women in her village, urging them to get their tetanus shots. She speaks from the heart, and the women listen intently.

Majida lost her sister Amina to a miscarriage caused by tetanus. "I can never forget her face as she lay in pain, dying," she says. "Amina never took the vaccine. If she did, it could have saved her life and that of her child. Since then, I have pledged myself to promote the importance of the tetanus vaccine for all women between the ages of 15 and 49, to protect themselves and their babies."

UNICEF aims to increase essential health and nutrition services in Yemen and maintain the national health system’s capacity. UNICEF has been able to procure, bring into country and distribute traditional vaccines in health facilities across Yemen. Through its C4D program, UNICEF works to ensure that women are aware of health risks and seek available health services. With support from Kiwanis, more lives are protected from tetanus each year.
Everyone possesses the ability to be kind. Kindness is the new trend that seems to be the topic of discussion these days. Ellen DeGeneres reminds her millions of viewers to be kind to everyone. World Kindness Day is celebrated on November 13, and the purpose is to highlight good deeds in the community, focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness that binds us.

Kindness and service to others is exactly what Kiwanis is all about. The Kiwanis Club of Kewanee knows this very well and has served Kewanee for 98 years. Not only has longevity endured the times, this club has also spread wide roots as well. The Kiwanis family has expanded yet another direction and held a charter ceremony on January 16, 2020 to welcome a new Aktion Club at Abilities Plus in Kewanee. Aktion Club empowers members to invest themselves, work together with friends and implement plans through action. As an extension of Kiwanis, Aktion Club shares the mission of serving children around the world and members become leaders within their community. Everyone has the capacity to serve and the smallest action can change the world for good. Eighteen charter members were welcomed by Kiwanis Illinois-

Eastern Iowa Governor Charles Smith and Governor-Elect Mark Petersen, and special remarks were delivered by Illinois State Representative Dan Swanson and Kewanee City Manager Gary Bradley.

Service is at the heart of every Kiwanian and once discovered, they decide that serving others isn’t just an action, it’s their way of life. The Kiwanis Club of Kewanee has been providing opportunities for members to discover their heart to serve for nearly a century and these opportunities have been made possible by the club sponsoring nine service leadership programs (SLP’s) throughout the community. This service club experience encourages people of all ages to accept their ability to make a difference,

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enhance their knowledge and develop connections with those in need. SLP’s are character building programs hosted in a school or community agency. Within the Kewanee community the Kiwanis Club has opportunities for all ages. At Kewanee and Wethersfield Schools there are K-Kids for elementary students, Builders Club for junior high at Kewanee, Wethersfield and Visitation Schools and Key Club at Kewanee and Wethersfield High Schools. We also have Circle K for young adults at Black Hawk East and now the newly formed Aktion Club at Abilities Plus for individuals living with disabilities.

No matter our age or ability the Kiwanis Club of Kewanee and its SLP’s are passionate about making a difference. Growing and succeeding is at the heart of what we do and our community is best served when people of all ages and diversities work together to share their time and talents. ☺

I am confident that an arrangement will be made shortly with other suppliers as we understand how many clubs depend on these products to support their community efforts. At the request of many clubs, we also plan to work to reintroduce “gummy bears”. Please stay tuned for an update in the next issue of the Illeiowan and at the district’s mid-year convention. ☺

Thanks!

Rick Poulton

As the I-I District clubs continue to plan their fundraising, activities I wanted you to know that we continue to pursue options to continue to support our “Peanut Day” fundraising efforts. Partnerships continue to be explored as Fisher Nuts will no longer be supplying 1 oz. or smaller packages of any of their products.
A young child’s world is full of the sense of wonder as the seasons bring awesome changes to his daily experiences. Each season has its own dramatic learning excitement. Winter is Here is an excellent example of a child’s interaction with winter’s wonderland.

The award-winning team of author Kevin Henkes and illustrator Laura Dronzek combine their talents once again to create another seasonal children’s book, this time focusing on the cold months of winter. The sparse text blends seamlessly with the illustrations to create double-page spreads of light blues and grays of winter background with large snowflakes that softly fall on families with small children skating, sledding and building a snowman.

Winter is Here focuses on a little boy who slowly and carefully, step-by-step, puts on the winter gear of boots and zippers, and vests and zippers, and jackets and zippers, and hats and snaps, and scarves and mittens with a full-page spread of the little boy finally all dressed up for outdoor winter play.

The little boy and his brown dog explore the outdoor winter wonderland of softly falling snow that is clumped on tree branches, crouched on doorways, settled on house roofs, and sprinkled on woodland creatures such as a tree owl, birds, and a gray rabbit. He sees that winter can also be hard such as icicles that hang from rooftops and the pond that is frozen from the cold.

The panorama of snow scenes continue with the turn of each page. Winter stays and stays until finally it slowly shrinks away as warmer air arrives with Spring. The final two-page spread shows families in the same beginning two-page winter spot that is now transformed into a field of flowers with children flying kites and families sitting by the pond watching ducks at play.

Winter is Here is a highly-accessible picture book for children and their families to enjoy reading together. Other seasonal picture-books written by Kevin Henkes and illustrated by his wife Laura Dronzek are Summer Song, When Spring Comes, and Middle of fall. © Joyce Mesrobian was a preschool teacher for 30 years and an adjunct faculty member for eight years at a local college. Also, for 20 years, she wrote a children’s book review column for a major early childhood organization, the Chicago Metro Association for the Education of Young Children. Mesrobian is a member of the Lindenhurst Kiwanis Club.
The Illinois-Eastern Iowa District is proud to offer Advertisements in the CKI Convention program. Do not pass up this wonderful opportunity to give someone a shout out, promote your business or thank a club, officer or individual for a job well done. Purchasing a program ad helps us to continue to offer an affordable convention to all members in the district. You can personalize your page with a message or advertisement of your choice. **Submissions due February 7, 2020.**

**Examples:**

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

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

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

**Submission:** Please submit complete ads ready for publication in PDF, MS Word or JPEG format to jscheuing7@gmail.com. Please title the email-subject line with the same advertiser name as listed in the payment form below. I-I District CKI will not perform graphic design or layouts of ads. However, text only ads can be laid out by our printer at your request. Ads will be printed in grayscale.

Advertiser: _______________________________________________________________________________________

Contact Name: ____________________________________________________________________________________

E-Mail: ______________________________________________________________ _____________________________

Please make checks payable to I-I CKI, and mail the check and completed form to:

I-I District CKI Convention

C/o Kiwanis I-I District Office

10037 Old Sawmill Road

Bloomington, IL  61705-5242
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**Examples:**

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

You may use any of these messages or create your own! Each attendee of the 70th Annual District Convention in Springfield, Illinois will receive a program. The following sizes are available in the program:

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

I-I District Key Club Convention  
c/o Kiwanis I-I District Office  
10037 Old Sawmill Road  
Bloomington IL, 61705-5242
KNOCKING THEIR SOCKS OFF ON
Providing Them, Actually!

The Salem Kiwanis Club has one again helped provide shoes and socks to less fortunate children. The club has organized this project for a number of years.

In early December, shoes and socks were provided to 112 youngsters from Selmaville, Hawthorn, Franklin Park and Salem High with the assistance of nine Walmart associates.

The Shriners Club of Salem gave a generous donation to support the Shoe Project. Salem Kiwanis thanks members of the community who supported their fundraisers, Applefest, and Peanut Sales, enabling them to continue these projects.

Our finest project
SUPPORT KNRF
THE ILLINOIS-EASTERN IOWA DISTRICT
KIWANIS NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH
FOUNDATION NEEDS YOUR HELP!

It’s that time of year to start thinking about the ‘tried and true’ Bowl-a-Thon fundraiser for the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation. But how about a Bowl-a-Thon with a twist?

Or maybe a Trivia night?

What about hosting a Bingo night?

Maybe plan a Texas Hold’em poker night?

Do you have other creative ideas?

Let’s think outside of our box! Club members are encouraged to become more creative with our ideas on how to raise money for KNRF. Bowling was our main fundraising activity for many years, but now we need to mix it up a little with new ideas!

A couple of ideas include a raffle for a quilted throw/wall hanging, a pancake breakfast that allows the participants to socialize before bowling and brings an added attraction for non-bowlers to participate. Consider this... CHALLENGE YOUR SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM CLUBS (Key Club, Circle K, etc.) TO A BOWLING COMPETITION—or any kind of competition—to see who can raise the most monies. It’s a WIN-WIN in that it collaborates with your SLP’s while raising funds for KNRF!

Put your thinking cap on and select an event planner from your club to make the fundraising event more attractive to participants. Make it a fun event where everyone has a great time and can participate. Your plans should be getting under way now.

I realize that all of our clubs give generously to their respective communities, but it’s also time to give to the KNRF (“our finest project”). Ninety-one cents ($0.91) of every dollar raised goes directly to the researchers, investigating neurological diseases ranging from Alzheimer’s to Spina Bifida.

In previous years we have raised close to $45,000 in the I-I District for the “Our Finest Project” the KNRF. I would like for all clubs and divisions to reach down just a little harder this year and aim for $50,000—a goal I think we can achieve. Let’s make this the best year ever.

I want thank you ahead of time for your continued support of the KNRF.

JOHN S. MORELAND
KIWANIS NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH FOUNDATION BOWL-A-THON CHAIR

...Did you know?...
91¢ of every dollar raised goes directly to research

but now we need to mix it up a little with new ideas!
Take your club’s leadership to new heights!

**2020 President & Secretary Education**

*For all current and future leaders*

**Who should attend?**

**PRESIDENT SESSION**
Presidents, Presidents-Elect, and Future Presidents

**SECRETARY/TREASURER SESSION**
Secretaries/Secretary Assistants, Treasurers/Treasurer Assistants, and Future Officers

**What can I expect?**

In addition to the session for Club Presidents, locations will host a concurrent session for Club Secretaries and Treasurers. Encourage current and future club leaders to attend the President session along with the Club President, to learn how to support your club leadership and to increase membership in your club and the service impact in your community.

Here are some of the topics that will be covered:

- Planning and goal setting
- Club budgeting and finance
- Conducting fun club meetings
- Planning for your club’s success
- Empowering committee chairs
- District and International Foundations
- Sponsoring Service Leadership Programs
- Communicating effectively with your members
- Parliamentary Procedure, elections and appointments

**Who conducts the training?**

Certified Instructors and 2019–20 District Leaders

**Secretaries and Treasurers**

Secretaries and Treasurers are to receive their 2020-21 training by attending the Secretary/Treasurer sessions at various locations identified below or at the district convention in Bettendorf, IA on Friday, August 7. Whether you are a new or returning secretary, you’re strongly encouraged to attend—there’s plenty to learn, including NEW updates to the Monthly Reports! This training will focus strictly on secretary and treasurer duties, including how to utilize the online reporting system, how to access online resources, and current state and federal requirements. If you cannot attend, then go through the online module at www.kiwanis.org.

**When and where?**

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**District Convention**

**Online registration coming soon!**
Holiday Embrace is an annual formal dinner and dance fundraiser for Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation (KNRF or formerly known as Spastics Paralysis Research Foundation) hosted by Circle K International’s Illinois-Eastern Iowa District. It is open to all branches of Kiwanis to come together and raise funds for KNRF through a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. We use this event to educate attendees about what kind of research their funds support by inviting one of the researchers to present. This year we had two graduate students representing Dr. Grayson Holmbeck who explained how Camp Independence (a camp that teaches people with Spina Bifida how to become independent) works and invited two campers to share their experiences. I would like to thank everyone who came and supported this event! I hope to see even more Key Clubbers, Circle K’ers, and Kiwanians next year!

Yours in service,

CHRISTINA SANDESON
CIRCLE K I-I DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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