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from the GOVERNOR 2020–21

What a weekend we recently had. On March 12–13, the I-I District Key Clubs held their first ever virtual District Convention and Leadership Conference (DCLC), physically in Springfield, IL but virtually throughout the District. They had over 700 registered attendees, less than 50 of those in person; the rest were virtual and by all accounts, it was a smashing success, although they can’t wait to get back to an all-in-person DCLC next year. The Key Club kids in our I-I District are truly amazing. As Kiwanians, you would be so proud of them. I hope someday you can attend a Key Club DCLC and see for yourself the excitement and energy they bring and the leadership skills they possess. Paul Palazzolo, our Key Club Administrator and his assistant, Daniel Tsang, did a tremendous job this year with our Key Clubbers, and I really appreciate their efforts. Congratulations also to Jim Rochford being named I-I District Key Club Alumni of the year, too!

On March 14, we held our Mid-Winter Kiwanis I-I District Board meeting. About 24 board members and guests attended in person with another 23 attended virtually. We took care of all District business with no major conflicts, and we did approve a by-law change initiated by Kiwanis International effective October 1, 2021. The change will affect what clubs are charged when new members join. Watch for future issues of the Illeiowan for more information on this.

Sunday afternoon our District Foundation, the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation (KNRF) held its Mid-Winter Board meeting. This was also a virtual meeting with some in-person attendees and some virtual attendees. We voted to approve continuing research grants for two of our researchers, Dr. Ty Hasselman from Children’s Hospital of Illinois in Peoria, and Dr. Nico Dosenbach from Washington University in St. Louis. We continue to save and improve lives from right here in our I-I District!

Speaking of KNRF, I hope as clubs and as divisions you have been fundraising for our research foundation. This is “Bowl-a-thon” season and KNRF relies on your club and division to help fund their research. My suggestion is to ask your individual members to contribute, then send in the total collected from your club as a single lump-sum contribution. Your club gets full credit for whatever your members contribute. Just be sure you indicate your club name along with your individual contributions when you send the total to our District Office.

Has your club continued to fund raise during the pandemic? There was an excellent article with some great fundraising ideas in the March issue of the Kiwanis magazine. Go to page 36 and read about some of the interesting ways clubs have continued to raise funds during the pandemic.

Finally, I want to remind you of something new we started called Cocktails & Kiwanis Conversations. In January, we began hosting district-wide Zoom meetings the last Thursday of each month at 5:00PM. All I-I District members are invited to join in and either participate in the conversation or just listen and get new ideas. We’ve had 50-60+ I-I District members attend each time, and it’s a great opportunity to talk to me and also members from around the district. We talk about service projects, fundraising projects, and program ideas for your meetings. It lasts about an hour, and our next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 29 at 5:00PM. The link to join is the same each time: https://zoom.us/j/94037017869
Meeting ID: 940 3701 7869
I invite you to join in.

Now that COVID vaccinations are well underway, it’s definitely time to start re-energizing our clubs and members. We’ve been told that by May, those who want the vaccine should have access to it. To me, that means by June 1, we should begin taking steps to return to normal—in-person meetings, great service projects benefiting our communities, and
May 15 DEADLINE FOR THE MAY–JUNE ILLEIOWAN
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Cold Enough for You?

Some of the ladies of Alpine Kiwanis decided they would participate in the Special Olympics Polar Plunge. The Alpine Kiwanis Gal Pals have been such huge supporters of the Polar Plunge and with it being cancelled this year, they definitely still wanted to do something. They actually stood outside in the frigid temperatures during this past winter’s bad cold snap, then asked a friend to “Photoshop” their photos into a more entertaining background.

All plungers reached their goal and most surpassed the minimum $100 fundraising recommendation!

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hopefully huge fundraisers. We’ve talked about being poised and ready to rock and roll once we’re done with this pandemic, and it looks like that time is near. Our HOPE and FAITH are being rewarded. It’s now time for our Kiwanis ATTITUDE to kick in.

May 21, 2021
Kiwanis International Education & Leadership Conference Registration Due
https://www.kiwanis.org/salt-lake-city-2021

Please see the important information of convention changes at the link above

June 1, 2021
2021-22 Annual Report of Club Election Due

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

June–August 2021
President & Secretary VIRTUAL Education Information and Registration coming soon!

August 5–8, 2021
Illinois-Eastern Iowa District Convention

This year’s convention will be held at Marriott Uptown Normal, IL. Information and Registration opening in May.

ANDREA RAYCRAFT
I-I DISTRICT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Time to get rocking and rolling because as we all know...KIDS NEED KIWANIS!!

MARK D. PETERSEN
I-I DISTRICT GOVERNOR, 2020–21
CONDUCTING COMMUNITY SERVICE

The cold and snowy weather did not deter the action at the February 8 Kiwanis meeting in Farmer City. The Kiwanis Club of Farmer City met for dinner at the Farmer’s Cafe, including a visit from Lt. Governor Dave Brownell. Farmer City’s City Manager Sue McLaughlin presented to the club on recent accomplishments for the city government and upcoming projects. Ms. McLaughlin and Mayor (and fellow Kiwanian) Scott Testory answered questions and described plans for the infrastructure work throughout the city and remodeling and reopening of the City Pool. The Kiwanis Club planned their One Day volunteer project for April 3 to clean up Weedman Park, with other groups welcome to join the effort or clean up other parks in town.

Following the meeting the group caravanned to member Jerry Schmitz’s home to see his model train display.

The Kiwanis One Day Project effort at Weedman Park consisted of member Jerry Schmitz, Susan Wilson, Scott Testory, and Jerry McKinley. The group picked up trash and sticks and also trimmed around some of the trees. The park has been a long-term interest for the club, and they coordinated the installation of the play equipment and skate park at that site with other participating groups and individuals about 10 years ago.

Community service is important to the club. Over the years Kiwanis Club of Farmer City has sponsored election forums for school board candidates, school funding reform, and community drug awareness. The club has had annual entries in the Farmer City Christmas Parade, sponsored the sheep awards at the Farmer City Fair, supported the kiddie tractor pull for Heritage Days, assisted with Peace Meals, and shared with the residents of Jackson Heights Nursing Home (now Farmer City Rehabilitation and Healthcare).

The community is best served when groups work together. Nearly all of the club’s service projects have been the result of collaboration with other community organizations, including Thomas Frasier Clark Foundation, local churches, the City of Farmer City, the local School District, and other area groups to better our community.

Travel to at least one other club each calendar month during the current Kiwanis year. Due to COVID restrictions, you can visit virtually rather than in person. Visits to another club’s fundraisers or service projects will count as an interclub. Additionally, if a club has enough members present at division council meetings, district conventions, governor visits, and international conventions, these can also be counted as interclub visits!

Participate in the Traveling Gavel interclub schedule provided by your Division’s Lt. Governor.

Each club in your division must be visited at least once during the current Kiwanis year. If a club in your division does not meet on a regular basis, please just visit another club in your division.

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ENGAGING MEMBERS WITH TECHNOLOGY

HOW GEM CITY KIWANIS UTILIZES TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY MEETINGS DURING A PANDEMIC

John Gebhardt, Gem City Kiwanis Telecommunications Host

By using videoconferencing technology over the internet, the Gem City “Breakfast” Kiwanis Club in Quincy, IL has continued to meet every Friday at 7:00AM since May 8, 2020. However, at a “dual format” meeting this past March 5, 11 members attended in person and 25 attended online, with the Presenter being online. Also, two guests were present (one online, one in person) for a total of 39 people—nearly the same number that attended pre-pandemic!

What follows is a short history of how the club got to this point and suggestions to use videoconferencing technology most effectively, such that you may continue using it beyond the pandemic. It can still be a good member recruiting and retention tool.

Our experience has been, we kept a member who was going to drop, because they moved to an assisted living facility. We have also had members join us from as far away as Florida and have had members attend who were on vacation, visiting family or on a business trip.

History

On March 13, 2020, the State of Illinois imposed COVID-19 restrictions, preventing us from meeting in person each Friday morning (we met at the local Senior Center). When it became clear the pandemic was not going away quickly, our Kiwanis Board began to discuss how our club could “safely” return to meeting on a weekly basis. As a retired Technology/Telecommunications Director from John Wood Community College, I suggested to our club leaders the option of videoconferencing for our meetings with members connecting via the internet, using their computer or cell phone. On Friday May 8, 2020 at 7:00AM, we had our first online Kiwanis club meeting with 42 members in attendance. Our member attendance has evolved since then, with our latest number being 38, a number equal to our pre-pandemic attendance. Here are some suggestions that may help other Kiwanis groups achieve similar results.

Provide training

The President, using our existing email communications, offered members the opportunity to learn individually, how to use the chosen videoconferencing system by contacting me. When a member expressed interest, I would send them instructions on how to connect. Then I would meet with them individually, usually via the phone, to help them download the videoconferencing program and, if needed, help them acquire any other elements needed to connect (I found most members already had a laptop computer, notebook/tablet or smartphone and internet access). Once the “free to them” program was downloaded, we would meet online to work out any problems. Then, I scheduled small group sessions, so they could try their connection to see and hear their fellow members. For the small group sessions, I enlisted the help of three other Kiwanis members—Pat Bauer, Paul Brown and Jerry Hagmeier.

Replicate what was before

The host connected the system at 6:30AM for the 7:00 meeting and deliberately left on members’ microphones to allow people to meet and greet one another as they joined online—just like we did before the pandemic.

Mute everyone and change the order of the meeting

When the President is ready to start the meeting, he asks the Host to “mute all” to ensure everyone’s audio is silenced as some members do not do this promptly on their own. Then, the President asks a designated member to individually “un-mute” and recite the Pledge, Prayer, and Kiwanis Flag Salute. In the meantime, other members follow along in “muted” status, thus solving the problem of the system trying to find the loudest sound. Next, the President moved the Presenter up in the agenda to immediately follow the opening rituals. This change permits all members to hear the Presenter, and for those connecting while at work, they would not miss the program should they need to disconnect early or immediately thereafter. However, it was discovered that most members stayed for the entire meeting.

Conduct a test run with Presenter BEFORE the meeting day

We discovered having the Presenter do a test online sometime before the Friday meeting resulted in a smoother presentation, and it allowed us the opportunity to explain how the meeting would be conducted. Even experienced presenters appreciate the offer, as most are not totally comfortable with the technology, and it gave them the opportunity to make sure things work before getting in front of the group.

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I first want to begin with a very big Thank You to those clubs and individuals that have made a gift to support the Kiwanis Children’s Fund in the first half of this Kiwanis year. The KCF is no different than your local club nor your own household. It’s very difficult to function without enough money in the bank. The sooner in the year we can fill the coffers, the easier it is to figure out what the rest of the year will look like and budget for it accordingly.

Despite the craziness and uncertainty of the pandemic, KCF was able to do some amazing things. These two photos show kids that are smiling today…because of you. The first one is a group of kids that had the opportunity to participate (and thrive) in a Special Olympics Bowling League. The second is a group of girls who discovered a love for science through enhanced STEM education. Thank you for all of your support!

I’m currently making our second quarter calls within the I-I District. The campaign for the 2020–21 Kiwanis year is “Children’s Fund 365”! We are encouraging every club to donate $365 by September 30, 2021—the equivalent of $1 per day in 2021.

Your gift of that size would help…

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As most of you know the Kiwanis Children’s Fund’s (KCF) objective is to help make remarkable things happen for kids and communities throughout the world. This is accomplished through the support of the following five causes:

- Service Leadership Programs
- Club and District Projects
- Disaster Relief
- The Eliminate Project
- Iodine Deficiency Disorders

Make a gift today using our convenient, secure online donation form. Or download a gift/pledge form to give by mail or fax. Gifts of all sizes matter and make a difference in children’s lives.

Be sure to fill out and enclose the gift/pledge form with every donation you mail in, so it is properly credited. The Annual Club Gift campaign is a great way to inspire club members to make a difference today—together. And it’s an opportunity for your club to earn recognition.

**Meeting Content at Your Fingertips**

Are you looking for an in-house program for your next club meeting? Show your club how the Kiwanis Children's Fund can extend your reach to kids around the world. KCF has prepared Ready-Made Meeting kits that are available for you or a member of your club to take the lead and be an in-house presenter. As always, I am also available to put on a presentation for your club.

**Donor Recognition**

Blowing our own horn is not commonplace for a Kiwanian, but we should! Kiwanians do amazing things every day and often times, behind the scenes or out of the limelight. This should change. As an individual, be proud of what you do and don’t be afraid or embarrassed to show it. As a club, recognize the continued generosity of a member of your club in a very special way. One such way is by endowing someone as a Hixson Fellow.
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our Presenters deliver their programs online, as it allows everyone in both locations the opportunity to see and hear the Presenter equally. It also allows him/her the ability to speak from anywhere. Some have presented from Denver, CO; Branson, MO; out East while others did so locally from home or work. Note: it is wise to have them test from the same place they will be presenting to avoid any problems with connectivity or their presentation.

Moving to a dual meeting format

When the pandemic allowed some in-person meetings, our Kiwanis Board looked at possible facilities where some members could gather together and breakfast was offered. I had been working with a fellow American Legion member to conduct our monthly meetings in a dual format because some of our members were online while some were in person at the local American Legion. The Board chose it as our new in-person meeting location.

Try to keep the in-person and online experiences the same

When we moved to a dual format, we decided to keep the feel of the meeting equal for all. We do this by having “open mics” prior to the meeting start (especially for the online attendees) and, until it gets too noisy, we also leave the mic open at the in-person Legion site. We decided to use two video cameras—one is on an old iPad (or it could be a cell phone) logged into the meeting and pointed at those attending in person. Be sure you mute the mic and built-in or individual speaker devices to avoid feedback!

An added benefit we discovered is that it does not need to have any minutes on it! This way, online attendees can see who is attending in person. We decided to purchase a second web camera with a built-in microphone for around $50 to point at the front of the room and connect to a computer. Note: you don’t need a second camera, but we found the webcam on most laptops is poor, and the audio from the webcam’s built-in speaker works better than that on the computer.

The computer is logged into the meeting and connected via an HDMI cable to an LCD/TV (or a video projector). By using two webcams, members attending in person can see and hear members online via the LCD/TV, as well as the Presenter who is online. The second web camera is connected to the computer (placed on the podium) and pointed at the podium. This way, the President or anyone else who is reporting can see the online attendees and in turn, can be seen and heard by all members. Plus, they are also facing the members attending in person.

Final Comments

One of our major fundraising committees used the technology to conduct their many meetings, and they had the best fundraiser they ever had in September 2020. Another committee had a “virtual” Peanut Day and raised as much money as they ever have raised. I hope some of these ideas may help clubs struggling to fundraise and maintain their member during the pandemic—and afterwards. We believe the way we handle the dual meeting arrangement helps all our members feel like they are still part of our club.

If you have any questions, please email me at GemCityKiwanis@gmail.com

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At least one of your interclubs each year must be to a club outside of your home division. If you have enough members from your club in attendance at district or international conventions, you can count this as your out-of-division Interclub.

Your club secretary must report each interclub on the electronic monthly report form. The Interclubs must be reported via the electronic monthly report to receive the Interclub Banner Patch Award! There is no longer a separate paper form to be completed.

We hope to see all of you help each other in this year’s recovery because KIDS NEED KIWANIS!

Yours in Kiwanis,

LT. GOVERNOR RIC TAYLOR (DIV 13)
INTERCLUB AWARD COORDINATOR, DISTRICT AWARDS COMMITTEE
YOU'RE ALL MY FAVORITES
By Sam McBratney
Reviewed by Joyce Mesrobian, M.Ed.

The social/emotional development of very young children is a very important component of their overall development. In social gatherings such as a preschool setting or at home with siblings, young children are constantly interpreting interactive behavior to figure out who likes them or who are their friends. This is no easy task, since their beginning social experiences are so few.

Ten years after writing the international bestseller, Guess How Much I love You, Sam McBratney has teamed again with artist Anita Jeram to create You’re All My Favorites, a tale of reassur-

ances in a family of mommy and daddy bear whose three baby bears ask them which one is the best, most favorite baby bear in the whole wide world. The mommy and daddy both answer that all three are their favorite and love each of them the same, even though, one is a girl, the other one is the biggest, and the third one has patches. The soothing, pastel drawings by Anita Jeram add to the gentle, reassuring message of uncompromising love between the parent bears and their cubs. It’s a perfect good-night book to read to young children (especially those with siblings) before they close their eyes for sleep.

Sam McBratney, who began his career as a primary and secondary school teacher for several years in Ireland, then turned his focus to writing children’s books. Before his death in 2020 he had written 50 books, mainly for young children, the most notable of which is GUESS HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU that, to date, has sold over 30 million copies worldwide and translated into 53 different languages. His final book, prior to his death, WILL YOU BE MY FRIEND is the sequel to GUESS HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU and will be published posthumously in late September 2021.

ABOUT JOYCE
Joyce Mesrobian was a preschool teacher for 30 years and an adjunct faculty member for eight years at a local college. For 20 years, she also 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.

Joyce has penned children's book reviews for the Illeiowan since the May–June 2013 issue. If you are new to Kiwanis, missed any previously published reviews or are simply looking for good picture books for young children, previous issues can be found on the I-I District website going back to September–October 2016. If you need an earlier issue, please contact Illeiowan Editor Dena McDonald at illeiowan@gmail.com.

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George F. Hixson Fellowship
In 1983, the Kiwanis Children’s Fund established the George F. Hixson Fellowship. Named for Kiwanis International’s first president, Hixson Fellowships are awarded to donors who give US$1,000 or more to the Children’s Fund. It’s a way of recognizing people who have contributed significantly to Kiwanis’ history of generosity. In fact, clubs and Kiwanians often give in honor of another person or organization—recognizing others’ help and commitment with a Hixson Fellowship.

Consider making a gift today toward a George F. Hixson Fellowship for yourself or to honor someone else with one.

As always, thank you for all you do for Kiwanis, the Kiwanis Children’s Fund and for the children of the world. For more details, or if you’d like to have me to present to your club (in person or virtually), please contact me.

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ABOUT
The Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation was organized in 1952. The purpose of the Foundation is to provide financial grants to top-level researchers specializing in diseases of the central nervous system. Grant recipients are located in the I-I District. They make application to the Foundation for financial support of a project, and the application is reviewed by Medical Director Dr. Rodger Elble and the Foundation Officers. Typical grants are then pledged for $20,000 a year over a 3–5 year period. Each researcher provides annual written reports on the progress of their research to the Medical Director. Grants are given to the researcher, not the institution, with direction that the funds are not to be applied to the administrative costs of the institution, but specifically to the cost of the project. The annual grant budget for the Foundation is about $250,000 annually. The foundation has its own Board, made up of KNRF Officers, the I-I District Officers, 3 Past Governors, and 3 Past Lieutenant Governors. The I-I District Circle K and Key Club Governors are also honorary members of the Foundation Board.

AMADOR MEDALLION AWARD RECOGNIZES OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY SERVICE

Did you know...
Every year, each Division within the I-I District has an opportunity to recognize someone who has provided outstanding community service? This is possible through the Luis V. Amador Medallion Award, which benefits your I-I District Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation (KNRF). The award is named in honor and memory of Dr. Luis V. Amador, the medical director of the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation from its inception in 1952 through 2004. Although Dr. Amador passed away in 2007, his legacy to the medical research field and his impact on the lives of children will continue to touch the lives of many for years to come.

The Amador Award Medallion combines Kiwanis admiration for Dr. Amador with admiration for many other individuals who, through service, inspire us all. The Luis V. Amador Award is a KNRF program that allows a Kiwanis Divisional Council, District Board, Key Club and Circle K Boards within the I-I District to extend special recognition and honor to an individual that has demonstrated outstanding service within his or her community. Different from other Kiwanis awards, which allow recipients to receive recognition simply for donations, Amador Award Medallion recipients must be nominated for recognition and approved by your Divisional Council. In addition to the nomination, a minimum contribution of $500 is made in the name of the recipient to an endowment fund within the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation of the I-I District of Kiwanis, the income from which continuously supports the programs of the KNRF. Each recipient receives a uniquely numbered Amador Medallion, and recipients are recognized at the KNRF Foundation Luncheon held during the I-I District Convention.

If there is a nomination from a Division, the Lieutenant Governor must submit the Amador Medallion Award nomination with the $500 check to the I-I District Office postmarked by July 1 each year. It’s important to note that recipients do not need to be Kiwanians to receive the award. If you know of someone who is worthy to be recognized, talk to your Lieutenant Governor today! ☺

KEN WHITMORE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, KNRF
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See next page for the Amador Medallion Nomination Form (form is also available on the I-I District website)

It doesn't matter when, how, or how much you give...all donations make a difference!

Download the KNRF informational brochure to learn more about the Foundation! And share it with others looking for ways to contribute to notable causes benefiting children!

Leave a lasting legacy...consider including the KNRF in your estate plan.
LUIS V. AMADOR, M.D. MEDALLION AWARD
Nomination Form

The undersigned hereby nominates (name) ____________________________________________

(Address)______________________________________________________________________

to receive the Luis V. Amador, M.D. Medallion from (Please check ONLY 1, as this will be on the certificate)

☐ Division # ________ (check one only) ☐ 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.)

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

_____________________________________________ Kiwanis Club of ____________________________

Signature of Club President

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☐ 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 Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation luncheon at I-I District Convention

☐ At our own Divisional function on (Date of Division event)______________________________.

☐ Other (please specify)_______________________________.

Signature of Lt. Governor (required)
‘Owl’ See You at the Next Meeting

As we plunge forward in 2021, most organizations and committees have had to adapt to the straining effects of COVID-19. Kiwanis International does an exceptional job guiding us to serve the children of the world within the community—but nowhere did it prepare us to serve during a pandemic. But like everything, they have altered and adjusted their techniques to guide us as we march onward.

At the Past Lieutenant Governors Association (PLGA) meeting that was held in November in Normal, it was discussed how the association could help the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District progress on in the wake of the pandemic. The district is looking for safe and efficient ways to assist in making meetings, trainings, and especially conventions available for all members and our student leadership programs (SLP’s), whether in person or not. With this in mind the PLGA voted to allot $1,500 for the district to purchase a Meeting Owl Pro. The Meeting Owl is a 360-degree camera, mic, and speaker combined into one easy-to-use device. It creates the experience of in-person participation for hybrid teams and integrates seamlessly with the conferencing platforms you already use. It features a 1080p output resolution and an 18’ mic pickup range to support large meeting rooms and boardrooms. This collaboration of technology will make it feel like everyone is in the room, no matter where they’re located.

As we navigate this transition, we are continuing to discover the benefits and challenges of remote meeting. The PLGA hopes that this purchase will aid in the I-I District’s plan of moving forward with the emphasis on improving the world one child and one community at a time.

Join Governor Mark Petersen for...

Grab your favorite beverage and join Gov. Mark via Zoom at 5:00PM the last Thursday of each month for discussion on various Kiwanis topics.

GO TO: https://zoom.us/j/94037017869
MEETING ID: 7940 3701 7869
CHOOSE YOUR ATTENDANCE EXPERIENCE

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$39 **Virtually attend ELC**

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DETAILS
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**Wednesday, June 23**
- ALL DAY: Kiwanis Amplify Capstone Experience (invitation only)

**Thursday, June 24**
- MORNING: 2021 Kiwanis Education Conference Kickoff (virtually or in person)
- AFTERNOON: Leadership Seminars (attend in person—selected seminars to be broadcast virtually)
- LATE AFTERNOON: Caring for Kids Keynote Address (virtually or in person)
- EVENING: ELC in SLC Opening Party (in person)

**Friday, June 25**
- MORNING – Friday Kickoff (virtually or in person)
- AFTERNOON – Service Project and Fundraising Learning (in person—selected seminars to be broadcast virtually)
- LATE AFTERNOON – Power of Play Keynote Address (virtually or in person)

**Saturday, June 26**
- ALL DAY – Meeting of the 2021 Kiwanis International Council (virtually or in person)
- MORNING – Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Summit (virtually or in person)
- AFTERNOON – A Kiwanis Celebration (virtually or in person)
- EVENING – Kiwanis BBQ (in person)

Schedule AT A GLANCE
(Subject to change)

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The Education Leadership Conference (ELC) in beautiful Salt Lake City, Utah can be attended virtually or in person and strives to remind us why our Kiwanis service matters.
Speakers & Entertainment

THURSDAY

Captain Chesley “Sully” Sullenberger
Capt. Sullenberger and his crew safely guided US Airways Flight 1549 to an emergency water landing in New York City. Sullenberger is an expert in innovation in the face of disaster and will empower you to take charge in times of uncertainty.

Rachel Giannini
Play is critical to helping kids develop healthy brains, says Rachel Giannini. She would know – her work as a preschool teacher earned her a prominent place in a documentary about the importance of early childhood education. And she can help your club serve kids in the community.

FRIDAY

Kevin Carroll
Kevin Carroll uses education, sports and play as a vehicle for social change and success. He is an author, speaker, but most importantly, a change agent.

Ethan Zohn
Survivor. Humanitarian. Cancer crusher. Host. Ethan Zohn believes that a better and healthier world can be achieved through education, advocacy and inspiration.

SATURDAY

Lorrie Morgan
Lorrie Morgan is country music royalty. The four-time Female Vocalist of the Year brings her greatest hits to the 2021 Kiwanis Education and Leadership Conference. Don’t miss this soulful and reflective performance.

Larry Gatlin
You know his hits. The oldest of the Gatlin Brothers, Larry Gatlin has been on the Top 40 list more than 30 times during his 65-year career. He’ll bring his unique country style and toe-tapping songs to the 2021 Kiwanis Education and Leadership Conference.

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Hello I-I Kiwanis,

My name is Alyx Merritt and I was recently elected Illinois-Eastern Iowa District Governor for Circle K International for the 2021-22 service year. I’m a junior majoring in Computer Science with a minor in Spanish at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Outside of the Kiwanis Family, I play piccolo for the Marching Illini, am a member of Women in Computer Science on campus, and am an Enterprise Technology Intern at State Farm.

This is my seventh year in the K-Family. I started as a member of Key Club at Normal Community West High School in Normal, Illinois. Through this club I was able to grow my passion for service through babysitting at PTO meetings at Fairview Elementary school, food re-packs at Midwest Food Bank, and many other events in the Bloomington-Normal area. I also developed my leadership skills as statistical secretary and a two-term president for Normal West.

I was happy to learn that there was a way to continue with Kiwanis in college, so I joined the Circle K International at the U of I my freshman year. Since then, CKI has been a major part of my college experience and has truly become my home as I serve side-by-side with my best friends on campus. I have continued to develop my leadership skills through tenures as Club Treasurer, Club President, and I-I District Treasurer. I am honored and excited to serve the district next year as District Governor.

We held our “Zooming Back to the 80’s” District Convention a few weeks ago, mostly through Zoom and an in-person headquarters made up of some members of the district board. It was a success as we were able to make friends across the district, learn more about the opportunities in CKI and the K-Family, celebrate the last service year, and elect a full district board. All of these are truly accomplishments in these challenging times. We were very honored to have I-I Key Club Governor Chase Cappello, I-I Kiwanis Gov. Mark Peterson, I-I Kiwanis Gov.-Elect Angela Burford, our International Trustee Kaitlyn Carroll, International Trustee Austin Underwood, and many other special guests join us virtually throughout the weekend.

As the service year comes to an end, please join me in thanking this year’s district board, club officers, and especially 2020-21 Governor Isabelle Lindenmeyer! Their leadership and efforts made CKI the best it could be given the circumstances, and I wish them all the best of luck on their next journey. Let’s also congratulate the rest of the new district board and club officers! I’m so proud of each of them and am excited to see what they accomplish this year.

Many CKI clubs participated in March Water Madness where they completed 6K Calendar Challenges, WASH-A-Thons, or other fundraisers for the Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Project. So, if you see a 6K challenge calendar, WASH fundraiser, or know a member please contact them to donate.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you for your continued support during this challenging year. We wouldn’t be able to accomplish so much without the help and guidance of Kiwanis. If you have any questions, concerns, ideas, or just want to chat, please feel free to email me. I look forward to working with all of you this upcoming service year!

Live to serve, Love to serve,

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Kiwanis International recently updated its guidelines to assist clubs planning a gradual return to in-person gatherings. Please review these updates and how they affect your club’s Kiwanis insurance policy.

Clubs should follow local guidelines when meeting or hosting any service or fundraising event.