‘SOLED’ OUT

DES PLAINES KIWANIS CLUB PROVIDES SHOES FOR KIDS

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As the new year begins I, like so many others, spend time reflecting on my past while looking toward the future sometimes with trepidation. I recall past friends and family members that have departed and the influence or lessons I learned by them being a part of my life. I think about the goals and challenges I had at the beginning of 2016 and some of the obstacles that prevented me from achieving all that I had hoped. Then somehow mix this all together and come up with personal goals for the New Year. I suspect that many of you reading this issue of the Illeiowan may go through the same process.

Therefore, instead of boring you with my personal and, of course, Kiwanis-related goals for 2017, I instead suggest that we all might take an inventory of how our lives and service have had a positive impact on the lives of those around us. Certainly, it can be related to a Kiwanis service project or fundraiser, but let's not constrain this effort to only our Kiwanis efforts and experiences. Perhaps one of us did something as simple as paying a bill at the Dollar Store the day before Christmas for a stranger who was digging through her purse to come up with $5.97 for last minute Holiday presents. Or one of us did something more complex such as having “clean-up” or “dish washing” responsibilities after a Holiday community meal that may have served hundreds.

You see I believe that we all understand the need for growth in both our personal lives and also in our Kiwanis lives, (e.g. membership and service), for this is a constant. We also need to occasionally be energized and inspired (especially during the cold winter months in the Midwest), by not only recognizing those actions we take to improve the lives of others but share and celebrate them.

Therefore, here is my New Year’s request from those of you that are still reading this article. Please send me a short email
Happy New Year!

The Kiwanis I-I District continues to provide incredible amounts of service and financial support to our communities! Our 2015-16 year under the leadership of Governor Penny Linneweh resulted in some outstanding statistics:

- Service hours completed – 253,809
- Total funds invested in our communities – $1,818,595
- Number of scholarships awarded to students – 1,037
- Total scholarship funds awarded – $366,672
- Total funds raised with club fundraisers – $2,004,155
- Children’s Miracle Network funds raised – $35,538
- Boys & Girls Clubs funds raised – $10,430

Out of our 240 clubs in our District last year, 141 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 2017-18 Lt. Governor training under the leadership of Governor-Elect Terry Cunefare has been set for May 19-21, 2017 at Embassy Suites, in East Peoria, IL. This is a fantastic training that all Lt. Governors are required to attend. It’s also a great educational, networking and fellowship opportunity for all incoming Lt. Governor’s throughout our District.

By Kiwanis members and leadership attending these educational opportunities, we make our good clubs in to excellent clubs!

ANDREA RAYCRAFT
I-I DISTRICT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Meet Your New District PR/Marketing Chair

Hello Kiwanis family! I’m Ruby Cunefare, and I would like to introduce myself as your new Public Relations/Marketing Chair for the I-I District.

In the upcoming year two of my jobs are to help your clubs get the word out about Kiwanis and focus on how we need to communicate not only within our clubs but also among our divisions and districts.

Kiwanis is moving forward in our mission to help the children in our communities and world. You will notice our new slogan is Kids Need Kiwanis—what a true statement that is in today’s society! I will be available throughout the district to help talk about Kiwanis, get new members and help the kids. I’m very excited to work with each of your clubs. I love Kiwanis and I believe we can make a difference together.

Please call me soon at (309) 253-2928 and LET’S GET STARTED! 😊

RUBY CUNEFARE
I-I DISTRICT PR/MARKETING CHAIR

I-I District Action Items
(Time-critical items are in yellow)

DEADLINE FOR ALL CLUBS TO FILE FORM 990

February 15, 2017

DEADLINE FOR MID-YEAR CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

February 17, 2017

Register at:
https://iikiwanis.formstack.com/forms/2017midyear

LT. GOVERNOR TRAINING

May 19-21, 2017
Peoria, IL

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

July 13-16, 2017
Paris, France

Register at: www.kiwanisone.org/convention

Save The Date!
100th ANNUAL I-I DISTRICT CONVENTION

August 10-13, 2017
DoubleTree, Bloomington, IL
Details coming soon!
Midyear Conference Schedule *

7:30 AM - 9:30 AM  Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation Board Meeting

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

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM  Buffet Lunch

1:30 PM – 4 PM  Club Strengthening Summit

*Tentative

Please go to the registration website by clicking here or complete this form and mail.  Must be received by February 17, 2017

Please mail this registration form with payment to:
I-I District Office
Midyear Conference
2416 E. Washington St, Suite B-2
Bloomington, IL  61704-4893

February 25, 2017 • Registration Form
DoubleTree by Hilton • Bloomington, Illinois

Member Name

Club Name

Division #      2016-17 Office Held

Member Street Address

City / State / Zip Code

Phone Number

Email Address

Saturday Lunch Soup/Salad/Potato Buffet

$25.00 X Qty _____ = $__________

Total Due $_______

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

Registrations received after February 17, 2017 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

Number

Expiration Date

Signature

Name on Card

Registrations using a credit card may be faxed to the I-I District Office at 309.808.1172
Children’s literature is replete with wonderful books about unconditional parental love that is so important to the development of bonding between adult and child during the critical earliest years of life. *Guess How Much I Love* by Sam McBratney and *Runaway Bunny* by Margaret Wise Brown are classical examples of this genre. However, *Love You Forever* by Robert Munsch, published over thirty years ago, remains an iconic favorite of young children and adult readers who themselves loved this story when they themselves were children.

*Love You Forever* chronicles the different stages of growth and experiences of a son and his mother, beginning with his sweet, innocent babyhood, advancing into his wrecking-ball toddlerhood, and growing into his oddball teenagerhood with his strange friends and even stranger music. Through all these years, the mother enters her son’s room every night, cradles him in her arms and sings the same lullaby she has sung to him from birth.

*I’ll love you forever,
I’ll love you for always,
As long as I’m living
My baby you’ll be.*

When the boy becomes an adult and moves into his own home, he sings to his own baby daughter the same lullaby his mother sang to him. Towards the end of the story, when his mother is old and very sick, her grown up son hurries to his mother’s home, cradles her in his arms, and sings:

*I’ll love you forever,
I’ll love you for always,
As long as I’m living
My mother you’ll be.*

Soft, pastel paintings capture the sweetness of this unique yet powerful story that has touched the heartstrings of countless children and adults. Excerpts from *Love You Forever* continue to appear in magazines and movies. With millions of copies in print, *Love You Forever*, in 2007, was listed by the National Education Association as one of “Teachers Top 100 Books for Children.”

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**ABOUT JOYCE MESROBIAN**

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

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**SUBMISSION DEADLINE**

**FOR THE MARCH-APRIL ILLEIOWAN**

March 15

Send stories and photos to cre8.denamcdonald@gmail.com
Dear I-I Kiwanians,

I hope you are making plans to attend the 102nd Kiwanis International Convention in Paris July 13-16. The featured hotel for the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District will be the Le Meridien Etoile. Just the name sounds to be romantic and beautiful. The hotel is right across the street from the Convention Center so will be easy to get to and close to many of the popular areas of interest. The hotel was fully renovated in 2016 and promises to be a home away from home.

Please check out the two River Cruises on the district website that are planned before the convention starts. We already have Kiwanians registered to attend one or the other. Governor and First Lady Poulton will be on the Rhine/Danube River cruise from Prague to Paris leaving July 2-13. The second river cruise will take us on the Rhine River from July 4 (please note corrected date) to July 11. This cruise travels from Basel Switzerland to Amsterdam. It is a family cruise so your children will have so much fun on an adventure of their own.

I am currently putting together an I-I District Dinner Cruise on the River Seine on Saturday, July 15. What a spectacular view we will have of the City of Lights! Also in the planning stage is a one-day trip to Normandy.

Please let me know if you are planning or have registered for the International Convention to Paris. Also email me with any questions you may have at larsteph70@gmail.com.

ON TO PARIS!

STEPH FORSBERG
ON-TO-PARIS CHAIR
Dear I-I Kiwanians,

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

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

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

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

Best Regards,

Stephanie Forsberg
I-I District On-To-Paris Chair

Andrea Raycraft
I-I District Executive Director

July 4-11, 2017

Share this Journey with FAMILY
Open to Ages 7+
Join Kiwanis International President Elect Jim Rochford aboard the deluxe Celebrity Summit and sail from Fort Lauderdale on a relaxing, sun-drenched, six-day cruise. Visit the colorful port of Cozumel, an idyllic island off the coast of Mexico. Travelers to the island seek out gold and silver jewelry in the shops of San Miguel while having a great time in its many local bars and restaurants. Plus, the waters around Cozumel’s sheltered coral reefs make this one of the best snorkeling areas in the world.

Experience wild and colorful Key West. Home to modern-day adventurers, artists and poets, the island’s charming Old Town teems with restaurants, bars and unique shops.

During your days at sea, check your Celebrity Today daily newsletter for a list of what’s going on each day. Take a Celebrity iLearn class and bring your vacation photos to life. Catch some sun at the pool where butlers keep you refreshed with chilled towels and sorbets. Schedule a stone massage at the Canyon Ranch SpaClub®. Join a yoga class in the fitness center with floor-to-ceiling views of the sea. Take a food-and-wine-pairing workshop to step up your culinary game.

Join us as we discover the Caribbean and delight in luxury and service on a once-in-a-lifetime cruise adventure.

Call Kiwanis Travel at: 877-572-5160

**ITINERARY**

Day 1  Fort Lauderdale, Florida▲
Day 2  A Day at Sea
Day 3  Cozumel, Mexico
Day 4  A Day at Sea
Day 5  Key West, Florida
Day 6  Fort Lauderdale, Florida▲

Note: Program Itinerary is subject to change.
▲Flights and transfers provided for Air/Sea participants.
WHAT “?-A-THON” CAN YOU DO FOR SPASTIC PARALYSIS RESEARCH?

What is your club or division doing to raise funds for Spastic Paralysis Research?

- The ‘tried and true’ Bowl-a-Thon?
- A Bowl-a-Thon with a twist?
- Have a Trivia night?
- What about a Bingo night?
- A Texas Hold’ em poker night?
- Other creative ideas?

As our club members get older we have to become more creative with our ideas on how to raise money for Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation. Bowling was the main theme at one time—now we need to think outside the box.

A couple of ideas from recent years included a raffle for a quilted throw/wall hanging, a pancake breakfast that allowed the participants to socialize before bowling and featured an attraction for non-bowlers to participate.

Put your thinking cap on get an event planner from your club to make the Bowl-a-Thon more attractive to participants. Make it a fun event where everyone has a great time and can participate.

Last year we raised over $48,000 in the I-I District for the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation. I would like for all clubs and divisions to reach down just a little harder this year and raise $49,000, a goal I think we can achieve.

Thank you ahead of time for your continued support of the Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation. ☺

JOHN S. MORELAND
SPRF BOWL-A-THON CO-CHAIR

2017 DCON Schedule at a Glance

Thursday, August 10
District Fundraiser and Dinner Outing TBD

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

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

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

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND!
See upcoming issues of Illeiowan for details.
The Kiwanis Club of Des Plaines held their annual Shoes for Kids event the weekend after Thanksgiving. The club partnered with School District 62 and the local Kmart to provide shoes or boots to 110 children.

The club prepared invitations for hour-long shopping trips on November 25 and 26, 2016. Families could join club members for an hour each day, and social workers at the schools distributed invitations to children. Kiwanians met families at the local Kmart store to shop for new boots or shoes for the winter. Club members and families explored the shelves to find just the right pair for each child. Kmart staff set up a special checkout lane so that the club could pay for the footwear.

The Kmart manager, Kevin Awe, and all the staff were very supportive. It was the manager’s suggestion that determined the shopping dates so that the club could take advantage of a “Buy One, Get One for a Dollar” sale. He made the shopping trip special by volunteering to open the store early on Saturday just for this event. On Saturday, he also gave the children a $5 or $10 gift card, with instructions to come back to choose a toy.

As a token of appreciation, the club gave Manager Kevin a box of peanuts, which he shared with the staff.

Funds for the service project were raised through generous community support of the annual Peanut Day fundraiser. ☺
Kevin Mott needs help. That’s hard to believe because during his 22 years of living in Evanston, it has been Mott who has been on the helping end of actions. The words ‘service’ and ‘community’ come to mind when Kevin’s name is mentioned. A native of Chicago, Kevin first came to Evanston in 1995 as a financial advisor at Edward Jones Investments. He quickly established himself as someone who cared deeply about Evanston.

“Growing up in our family, volunteering was what you were supposed to do,” Mott says, and he has taken that lesson to heart. Mott credits his Kiwanis experience with his success and interests, “My first board experience came through Kiwanis,” says Mott.

Having said all that, now Mott needs help from others. After 14 years of fighting kidney disease, Kevin needs a new kidney. Of course, that would be an amazingly wonderful gift, but even if you can’t donate, maybe you can help Kevin through a contact or a friend who can… even a goodwill message to let him know you are pulling for him. Kevin can be reached at kmott1123@comcast.net or www.edwardjones.com.

Contact for kidney donations can be directed to:

University of Chicago Transplant Center
5026 J-517
5841 Maryland Ave.,
Chicago, IL 60657
LDChamp@UCHospitals.edu
uchospitals.edu

Ethnicity of the donor is not a factor in a successful transplant.

**CAN YOU OFFER A HELPING HAND? OR KIDNEY?**

**NORTHLAKE KIWANIS MAKES THE SEASON BRIGHT**

**BOOKS AND TOYS COLLECTED FOR LOCAL CHILDREN**

Children of all ages came out for the Northlake Kiwanis annual holiday book giveaway in the Kiwanis Book Nook. Almost 450 books found good homes on December 10. Vice President Jerry Criss made sure recipients received a stamp of approval before leaving with their book. Other helpers were President Nancy Tobin and member Troy Bower along with K-Kids and Builders Club members. Thanks to the City of Northlake and Veterans Park District for inviting in the club. A big thanks to First Book for making this event so affordable.

Club members also recently conducted an impromptu toy collection for Toys-for-Tots. Approximately 70 toys were donated from members and friends of Kiwanis. Northlake Kiwanis President Nancy Tobin and Vice President Jerry Criss delivered the toys to the local Ace Hardware store.

Said Tobin, “We are small in numbers but mighty in determination.” The club hopes to double their toy drive results in 2017.

Upper left: Nancy Tobin, Tim Daley, and Mayor Jeffrey Sherwin proudly display Toys for Tots. Upper center: Member Fire Lt. Brenda Farlow shows off some of the 70 toys collected from members and friends of Kiwanis. Upper right: Friends of Kiwanis showed up to support our cause and shared pizza and pop.
NO FOOLIN’...
KISHWAUKEE’S GOT TALENT!

April Fool’s Day evening will be filled with fun entertainment and Kiwanis fellowship while raising money for Kishwaukee Kiwanis service!

Tickets are available at https://egyptiantheatredekalb.ticketforce.com/ or from any Kishwaukee Kiwanis member beginning February 15. Make it a ‘golden’ evening and purchase a Gold Circle ticket $75 (includes dinner prior to the event at Faranda’s Banquet Center, 302 Grove St., DeKalb, IL 60115).

Direct general inquiries to KishKiwanis@gmail.com. If you would like to make this an interclub activity, contact Ralph Sherman at rsher1312@aol.com. 😊

Memories of Yesterday

Thanks to Ruby Cunefare for sharing this recently published article from the Pekin Daily Times.

If you have an old newspaper clipping, interesting photo, or story to share about a long-past Kiwanis club activity or event, email Illeiowan Editor Dena McDonald. Please send high-quality digital reproductions or links to material on websites, not cherished originals.

SUPPORT I-I KEY CLUB AND CIRCLE K WITH AN CONVENTION BOOKLET AD!

For as little as $25, $50 or $100, support our Kiwanis family youth AND get the word out about your business or organization... everybody wins! See pages 18-19 for details.
Alyce Moreland  
**PAST FIRST LADY, 2012-13**

Alyce Kathryn (Luthans) Moreland, 84, of Clinton, Iowa passed away peacefully at Mercy Living Center - South on Friday, December 30, 2016. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, January 6, at St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, Morrison, Illinois. A visitation will take place from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 5, at Lemke Funeral Homes - South Chapel (2610 Manufacturing Drive). Burial will take place at Clinton Lawn Cemetery. Lemke Funeral Homes is assisting the family with arrangements.

Alyce was born October 5, 1932 at Jane Lamb Hospital in Clinton. Alyce was the only child of Frank H. and Gertrude (O’Neil) Luthans. She married David B. Foley on May 30, 1953, they had two children - Karen Sue and Michael David. She later married John S. Moreland on September 30, 1989.

Alyce attended Clinton schools and graduated from Clinton High School, class of 1950, and then attended Mount Saint Clare College. She worked for E. I. DuPont Co. in the payroll department for eight years. She was a life-long member of St. John’s Episcopal Church and was the church secretary for fifteen years, as well as the income/pledge treasurer for ten years and was on the Finance Committee for many years. Alyce was in the choir in her youth, was a Church School teacher when her children were small and also spent many years in the Altar Guild, Vestry and Search Committees. She also served as President of the Women of the Church organization, as well as on the funeral lunch committee for many years. In addition to her church involvement, Alyce was a twenty plus year member of the Associate Benevolent Society and was involved with the financial management and also served as President for three years. Alyce was also a member of Antiquers II, and the Clinton Citizens Police Academy.

Her hobbies included reading, quilting and needlepoint and other hand work. Alyce and John returned from a trip which included a visit to the National Cathedral in Washington D.C. and after seeing all the needlepoint there she convinced the Rector that St. John’s should also have some needlepoint kneelers, etc. to glorify the beauty of our Lord’s House. Alyce made a pulpit hanging and Bible markers to match. For the back of the Bishops chair, Alyce created a copy of a hand-drawn design of the seal of Iowa Episcopal Diocese, several kneelers for the communion rail and encouraged other members to make other appointments to glorify the beauty of her Church.

Alyce especially loved traveling with her loving husband John and they enjoyed collecting Christmas ornaments from the various places they have visited. They also enjoyed collecting antiques on their travels.

Surviving Alyce is her “gentle giant” husband - John Moreland; her daughter - Karen Monahan and granddaughter Kelly Monahan; her other daughter - Tina Foley and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her son, Michael Foley; her parents and all of her aunts, uncles and grandparents.

Memorials made can be directed to the Alzheimer’s Association, the Kiwanis Spastic Paralysis Foundation and Kiwanis Eliminate Project.

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Leo Cardelli  
**PAST GOVERNOR, 1982-83**

Leo Cardelli, 88, of Barrington Hills, Illinois. Loving husband of Ida Cardelli, née Ghilardi; beloved father of Linda Cardelli, Corinne (Dave) Eiznhamer and the late Cary (Kathy Stange) Cardelli; cherished grandfather of Christopher (Tiffany) Cardelli, Kara Cardelli, Lisa (Scott) Turyna, Joel Ebert and the late Katherine Cardelli; fond great-grandfather of Cole, Miles, Lily, Lucy and Kai; devoted brother of Lida (the late Ches) Lesner.

Visitation Thursday, January 26, 2017 from 4:00 to 9:00 P.M. at Morizzo Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 2550 West Hassell Road, (Northeast corner at Barrington Road), Hoffman Estates, Illinois 60169; and Friday, January 27, 2017 9:00 A.M. until time of Mass at 10:00 A.M. at St. Anne Catholic Church, 120 North Ela Street, Barrington, IL. 60010. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, Illinois.

In lieu of flowers memorials to Michael Joseph Foundation Funding Committee, P.O. Box 564, Barrington, Illinois 60011. The family also invites you to visit [www.morizzofuneralhome.com](http://www.morizzofuneralhome.com) to sign the guest book to share your memories, photos and videos.
Partnership Benefits

WHAT’S IN IT FOR MY CLUB?

In the last issue of the Illeiowan I introduced myself as your new I-I District Partnership Coordinator and touched on the principles of Kiwanis International partnerships. In this article I would like to look a little closer at a few of those partnerships and how they might benefit your club.

To recap, Kiwanis Partnerships are divided by purpose. Sponsors are marketing programs paying a direct fee to KI. Promotional Partners help drive awareness of the Kiwanis brand and mission. Preferred charities provide Kiwanis with possible service projects and opportunities that support their mission. Community Partners work with local clubs on cooperative programs to strengthen the missions of both organizations. Cause marketing partners work with Kiwanis in specific campaigns and, finally, our Vendor partners provide preferred pricing and other benefits specifically to Kiwanis clubs and members.

OK, you say, but how can I take advantage of these partnerships and what’s in it for my club? Let’s start with the first group – our Sponsorship Partners. First is the US Army. Kiwanis’ partnership with the Army stems from our shared values concerning leadership, service and education. Local Army units can supply your club with speakers on a variety of subjects, they can partner with your club on service projects and can assist high school students in Key Clubs to take advantage of their free, online standardized test preparation programs. For more information, visit www.goarmy.com.

The children’s TV network Nickelodeon sponsors a Worldwide Day of Play every year. On that day (September 21 in 2017) the network goes dark for the entire day and encourages youth to spend the day outdoors playing and having fun. Kiwanis clubs and their SLP programs can encourage local youth to participate, and can host or organize outdoor activities such as ball tournaments, bike rides and the like. To learn more go to www.nick.com/play.

Rustic Pathways leads international education and service programs, working with high school students to give them an international service experience. Rustic Pathways sponsors a trip each year specifically for Key Clubs or your club can work with them to tailor an experience for your group. They also offer student scholarships for their programs and provide fundraising ideas and opportunities to help defray costs. They can provide speakers on these subjects and will put together District wide experiences when asked. Visit www.rusticpathways.com.

Our last sponsor partner is Landscape Structures. Last issue I highlighted one of their projects, working with the Ottawa Kiwanis club to help build an accessible playground in an Ottawa park. Landscape Structures can help your club create a signature project in your community. They will incorporate the Kiwanis logo, branding a playground forever as provided through your club. They will assist in planning playground design and recommending the right equipment to fit any budget. You can learn more at www.kiwanis.org/playground, or see examples of Kiwanis playgrounds at www.playlsi.com.

In the next issue we will highlight a few more Kiwanis partnerships and how they can benefit our district and your club. If you want more information, please do not hesitate to contact me, Geoff Vanderlin, at 815-876-7726 or, by email at gvanderlin@gmail.com.

GEOFF VANDERLIN POULTON
I-I DISTRICT PARTNERSHIP COORDINATOR

Club Resources

As Kiwanis clubs work in their communities to raise funds and conduct service projects, they often need resources, from product to services. To assist our clubs in getting the most for their service dollar, Kiwanis International is partnering with select companies that can provide product or services at a reduced rate for our club members. In exchange, companies are introduced to Kiwanis clubs as a dependable resource for service project supplies.

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

The next few pages spotlight KIWANIS WAREHOUSE
WHAT IS KIWANIS WAREHOUSE?

When your Kiwanis club is planning a service project, Kiwanis Warehouse is an important resource for discounts and buying power. Operated by our partner, DollarDays, this premier online wholesale distributor is a secret weapon for Kiwanis clubs looking for the kind of insider access typically available only to large enterprises.

Kiwanis Warehouse offers more than 200,000 high-quality goods at wholesale and bulk prices, sold in small cases. The minimum order is only a case, giving even the smallest clubs the opportunity to purchase products well below retail. Kiwanis Warehouse’s inexpensive selection of quality wholesale merchandise is impressive. Your club can find the exact products you need, including backpacks, school supplies, socks, flip flops, toothpaste, fleece blankets, and health and beauty products to support your community service projects and outreach programs.

WHY CHOOSE KIWANIS WAREHOUSE?

• Free shipping* on all orders regardless of size or volume
• No minimum purchase requirement
• Selection of more than 200,000 products at wholesale pricing
• Dedicated sales and support team for product selection, site navigation, checkout process and more, just a phone call away
• Through the 5% Give Back Program, 5% of your order can be donated to any nonprofit organization, compliments of DollarDays

*Available in 48 continental U.S. states only.
TAKE YOUR SIGNATURE PROJECT TO THE NEXT LEVEL.

Many Kiwanis clubs make a mark in their communities with a signature project. Some provide items and goods that families otherwise can’t afford. For other clubs, a signature project requires tools and equipment. Either way, Kiwanis Warehouse makes a signature project easier—and less expensive—by providing what your club needs at low prices.

**Back-to-school.** All of the school supplies a child could need, from pencils and paper to backpacks and glue. You can even purchase pre-filled backpacks and school kits.

**Baby care.** Clothing, baby wash and lotion, baby bottles, socks and bibs—all of this and more to benefit the babies in your community.

**Food pantry.** A wide variety of wholesale candy, snacks, discount coffee, inexpensive seasonings and spices, groceries and much more.

**Arts and crafts day.** From yarn to pipe cleaners to beads, all of the supplies you need for any project—in one place.

**Games and toys.** A wide variety, from baby games, novelty toys and outdoor games to fun items for science and math education.

**Seasonal.** Fleece blankets, socks, scarves, hats and gloves—and much more—for your seasonal service projects.

**Kiwanis One Day.** Whether you need landscaping items, tools and hardware or painting supplies, we’ve got all of the items for your Kiwanis One Day projects.

**Holiday supplies.** From party supplies and costumes, to gifts and decorations, you can find all of the items you need for a successful holiday event.
STRETCH YOUR PROJECT DOLLARS WITH GREAT SAVINGS.

Thanks to Kiwanis International’s partnership with DollarDays, you get wholesale pricing on items and free shipping.* Those savings add up, so you can buy more and free up your club’s budget for the service that inspired you to join in the first place.

You’ll discover great savings available on merchandise and shipping throughout Kiwanis Warehouse inventory. Find it all online at kiwanis.org/warehouse.

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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!
- 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 Oak Brook, Illinois will receive a program. The following sizes are available in the program:

- Quarter Page - $25.00 – 2” H X 4.75” W
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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  
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- 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!

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**What is Key Leader®?**

Key Leader is a weekend experiential leadership program for today’s young leaders. This life-changing event focuses on service leadership as the first, most meaningful leadership-development experience. A Key Leader will learn the most important lesson of leadership - it comes from helping others succeed.

Participants begin by attending a Key Leader conference, which is a weekend retreat. Large and small group workshops, discussions and team-building activities take place over the course of the weekend. Students have opportunities to learn leadership skills that will help them to change their schools, communities and world for the better. While exploring leadership in a whole new way, participants will make amazing new friends and have experiences they will never forget.

Positive, ongoing interaction with other Key Leader graduates offers continuing reinforcement, encouragement and growth of leadership skills.

We have room for 60 high school student participants. The curriculum and presenter are from Kiwanis International. This program helps the participants understand what they can do to change the world around them. It has been a huge benefit to students in the past and helped them to grow as a leader and as a community servant.

Kiwanis Clubs: We have a goal of $12,000 to make this event available to 60 future leaders. Will you help us reach the goal? Please consider selecting students from your community to attend and sponsor each at the suggested amount of $250. If your club chooses not to select a student to send, we have also set up an Outreach Fund to provide scholarships to help assist students without a sponsor. A check of any amount may be payable to I-I Kiwanis (memo line Key Leader) and mailed to the District Office at 2416 E. Washington St., Suite B-2, Bloomington, IL 61704. Email Jennifer Stauffer at jstauffer@bths201.org if you would like to provide a scholarship.

**HELP DEVELOP TOMORROW’S SERVANT LEADERS TODAY**

**Key Leader 2017 Illinois-Eastern Iowa**

**WHEN**
March 31–April 2

**WHERE**
Great Oaks Camp,
1380 Co. Rd. 900 N, Lacon, IL 61540

**WHO**
All high school students

**COST**
$250 per student
($25 discount for Key Club members)

Start today, ask a friend, co-worker, neighbor or family member to join Kiwanis and experience the fun and pride we all share when working together in our communities for the children.

In early December, President-Elect Jim led a group of ‘Eye of the Tiger’ Team Members—Kiwanis International Trustee from MO/AR, Barb Thompson, Kendra Skidmore from KY/TN District, myself from the I-I District—along with I-I Governor Rick Poulton, Governor Assistant/North John Lorenzo, and Alan Arbuckle from the Woodstock Kiwanis Club in a successful New Club Building effort in West Chicago. We look forward to this new club being chartered in early 2017. Thank you to the Evanston Kiwanis Club for sponsoring this new club and for two of their members agreeing to be club counselors.

Membership should be every Kiwanis club and member’s goal.

**TERRY CUNEFARE**
2016-17 GOVERNOR-ELECT
Corporate Gifts For Eliminate?
DON’T MISS OUT ON OPPORTUNITIES

Alpine Bank in Rockford recently became the 11th Major Donor for Project Eliminate in the I-I District. The $25,000 pledge over five years is the largest gift in the District from a non-Kiwanis entity. What makes this gift unique is the approach that was taken by the Kiwanis employees in making the request.

Fifteen employees of the bank are members in four local Kiwanis clubs. They knew that the bank had always been very community minded and supportive of local charities. The bank, however, seldom committed funds for projects outside of the northern Illinois area. Even though Project Eliminate would be considered an outstanding and worthwhile endeavor, the employees knew that something else would be needed for a contribution to be approved. The focus of the request became, not the worthwhile nature of the project, but the commitment made by the employees to it. The fifteen employees had personally pledged in excess of $30,000 to the project. Bill Roop, President of Alpine Bank stated “The bank’s management was very impressed by the commitment of its employees to Project Eliminate and that this commitment was the deciding factor”.

Understanding the challenges and opportunities of fundraising, the bank then issued a challenge back to the four Kiwanis clubs involved. The bank’s $25,000 pledge was made subject to those clubs increasing their existing club pledges by this same amount. As a result, the bank’s $25,000 pledge became $50,000 to Project Eliminate.

Is this type of opportunity available to you? Don’t allow an opportunity to be missed because it was not attempted. If you would like to discuss corporate request strategy, please contact John and Roxanne Vanderheyden at 815.624.6365 or jvandy72@gmail.com.

Equatorial Guinea Eliminates MNT
18 COUNTRIES TO GO

In December the World Health Organization (WHO) gave the world another reason to celebrate by announcing the elimination of Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus from Equatorial Guinea. Validation surveys conducted by WHO confirm that the country is the 41st to eliminate the deadly disease since 2000. Eighteen countries remain on the “At Risk” list.

“The commitment and passion that Kiwanians around the world have for The Eliminate Project is an incredible thing to behold,” says Caryl M. Stern, U.S. Fund for UNICEF president and chief executive officer. “Thanks to your support, UNICEF and partners are reaching more women with the tetanus vaccine than ever before.”

Earlier this year we celebrated similar achievements in Indonesia and Niger. While this is great progress, let’s not forget that MNT still threatens millions of lives in 18 countries. They need us to continue to fulfill pledges quickly and release the funds that UNICEF needs to reach those nations. So keep going, because when your goal is to change the world, every penny counts.

“Let’s reflect on all of the successes that we have had together, and renew our commitment to eliminate MNT from all corners of the world!” says Stern.

Thank you for your commitment and support.

Together, let’s celebrate an MNT-free Equatorial Guinea!
WHAT IS AT THIS YEAR’S SESSIONS?

In addition to the session for club presidents, a concurrent session will be offered at these events for club membership committees. Encourage all club leaders and your membership committee to attend these sessions to increase membership in your club and the service impact in your community.

WHAT WILL BE COVERED?

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

WHO LEADS C.L.E.?

Certified Instructors and 2016-17 District Leaders

WHAT ABOUT SECRETARIES?

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

Secretaries are to receive their 2017-18 training by attending the Secretary CLE at the district convention in Bloomington, IL on Friday, August 11 from 1-4:30pm. I strongly encourage the 2017-18 club secretaries to attend the training being offered at the district convention. Whether you are new to the position or are returning, there is plenty to learn this time, including any updates to the Monthly Reports! This training will focus strictly on secretary duties. Become a great club secretary by learning new nuts and bolts, how to utilize the online reporting system, how to access online resources, and current state and federal requirements. If they cannot attend, they can complete the online module at kiwanisone.org.
(iigov2016.17@gmail.com) or a Facebook post of something that you may have done in 2016 to improve the life or lives of another(s). I would suggest these be sent anonymously, understanding that the tools available to us makes that difficult. Regardless, what I will plan to do is include a few of these items, (without names), in the next issue of the *Illeiowan* so that we may all be inspired and enthused by each other’s oftentimes “random” acts.

Meanwhile, please keep in mind that we can change the world and make a difference and even to a greater extent when we work together to “Build to Reach the Dream”. Every child should have the opportunity to grow up happy, healthy, safe and loved.

**RICK POULTON**  
I-I DISTRICT GOVERNOR

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Clubs, divisions or districts who request a custom logo will receive the version shown above.