from the GOVERNOR
2019–20

Remember the good ole days when we complained about going to meetings; interclub trips; SLP projects; and other gatherings? Well, you can kiss that goodbye. All of us are ready, willing and anxious to get together with anyone; well, almost anyone. Hopefully, that time for gatherings will be here soon.

Kiwanians throughout the District are continuing to make a difference in the lives of communities. A prime example is Riverton. A recent newspaper article heralded their effort to provide food to those in need. The story was also broadcast on local television stations giving the Riverton Club—and Kiwanis—excellent coverage. Congratulations to all those in the Riverton Club. Additionally, one member of the Riverton Community made face coverings for everyone in the township. Also, the Kiwanis Club of Taylorville participated in a food drive to relieve food insecurity in their community. Lead by Lt. Governor Marty Vota, the drive was a success. The spirit of giving is alive and well.

The relaxing of restrictions will be the trumpet calling all Kiwanians to action. Many of those we serve have suffered through a period lacking in attention. Many of our members have suffered through a period devoid of opportunity to serve face-to-face. Now is the time we need all those in a leadership position to lead by example. We need to renew the enthusiasm of our current members; recruit new members; build new clubs and provide the service we know is necessary. Fundraisers may need to wait until the economy improves. Both small businesses and individuals are hurting financially. Put service first.

I know some of you may be as disappointed as I am over the cancellation of the International Convention. The convention provides a chance to renew friendships, attend educational sessions, and learn from those around the world new service projects and fundraisers. It also gives us an opportunity to visit places we may never see otherwise. Also, it is where the business of Kiwanis International is conducted. We have a voice in who serves in leadership positions at the highest level. We have a voice in the by-laws that govern our organization. We have a voice in the financial decisions that impact us all.

Conventions are important. I regret to say our District Convention (DCON) scheduled for August 6–9 has also been cancelled. As difficult as that decision was, it is more important to consider the safety and well-being of our members. Like the International Convention, DCON is where the business of the I-I District takes place. It is also where we go to learn and renew old friendships and to make new ones. It is a place to prepare for success—success that decision was, it is more important to consider the safety and well-being of our members. Like the International Convention, DCON is where the business of the I-I District takes place. It is also where we go to learn and renew old friendships and to make new ones. It is a place to prepare for success—success that decision was, it is more important to consider the safety and well-being of our members. Like the International Convention, DCON is where the business of the I-I District takes place. It is also where we go to learn and renew old friendships and to make new ones. It is a place to prepare for success—success that decision was, it is more important to consider the safety and well-being of our members. Like the International Convention, DCON is where the business of the I-I District takes place. It is also where we go to learn and renew old friendships and to make new ones. It is a place to prepare for success—success that decision was, it is more important to consider the safety and well-being of our members. Like the International Convention, DCON is where the business of the I-I District takes place. It is also where we go to learn and renew old friendships and to make new ones. It is a place to prepare for success—success.

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ON THE COVER: AN ASSORTMENT OF HEADBANDS CREATED TO HELP EASE PHYSICAL DISCOMFORT OF FREQUENT MASK-WEARING BY HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS.
During this challenging time of no in person meetings, limited service projects and fundraisers through at least the rest of this month and potentially longer I encourage all our Kiwanis clubs to find ways to connect virtually using technology. I am hearing from many clubs that are using different programs like Zoom, GoToMeeting, FreeConferenceCall.com, Skype, or Google Hangouts to hold board meetings and club meetings to stay connected and continue to do the good work of Kiwanis. If your club needs help or advice on how to do this check out the resources posted on the Kiwanis International website at https://www.kiwanis.org/news/covid-19-kiwanis-suggestions.

2020–21 Lt. Governor training weekend has been rescheduled for August 28–30, 2020 at Holiday Inn Bloomington-Normal in Normal, IL. We still need Lt. Governors for Divisions 11, 19, 24, 28, 29, 33 and 34. If you are a member of a club in one of these divisions and are interested in serving as Lt. Governor, please contact Governor-Elect Mark Petersen at mdpetersen131@gmail.com. Just ask any current or past Lt. Governor, and they’ll tell you it’s an opportunity you’ll really enjoy!

Club Election Reports for the 2020–21 year were due online by June 1. If your club has not yet completed your Club Officer Elections for the upcoming year, inquire with your current President or Secretary and please see to it that this is taken care of immediately so the new incoming officers can attend their trainings the second week of June.

President, Secretary and Treasurer Education session (formerly known as CLE) will begin very soon! Please see page 6.

We are so sorry that the International and District Conventions have been cancelled this year (see page 15).

Thanks to all of you for your willingness to lead your Kiwanis Club for growth and service to the children of your communities. I hope each of you will take advantage of the upcoming leadership development opportunities at the training sessions and the district convention. ☺

ANDREA RAYCRAFT
I-I DISTRICT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

COVID-19 MAY HAVE CHANGED THE WAY WE MEET
BUT IT DID NOT STOP OUR ABILITY TO GET THINGS DONE!
When a group of CT technologists at Delnor Hospital started having soreness, migraines and even bleeding as a result of wearing face masks, glasses and goggles all day, two CT technologists, Janene Albrecht, RT(R)(CT), and Sarah Mueller, RT(R)(CT), decided to do something about it. They sewed buttons on wide headbands to which face masks could be attached securely.

“It’s really made a difference in terms of providing comfort for us. It is something so simple but made such a huge impact to help us not have chafed ears. It makes me feel more secure, so I’m not adjusting my mask either,” says Albrecht. And, it didn’t take long to get noticed. “Next thing you know, we kept getting requests to sew more.”

Since then, their creations have been shared with the ED, Imaging and other Nursing staff across the hospital.

“It’s a very supportive atmosphere,” says Jenna Keci, RT(R)(CT), who recognized her colleagues for their work. “We’re all in this together.”

“Our team has always been so supportive of each other. It definitely has not changed. If anything, it’s increased, with covering shifts and making sure we have everything we need, whether it’s at work or home,” says Albrecht.

The kindness continues to extend beyond Northwestern Medicine, as Mueller continues to sew and provide headbands to other local organizations. “It’s just kind of a trickle-down effect,” says Mueller.

Meanwhile, at Northwestern Medicine Wound Center McHenry, Sarah Mahler, DNP, APRN, NP-C, CWOCN, has been busy with her own act of kindness: creating handmade masks for her team. “I don’t look at it as an act of kindness, if you can do any little thing to brighten somebody’s day,” Mahler says humbly. “It makes me happy to do this for them.”
Mahler, a wound ostomy continence nurse practitioner, dedicates her time among more than 10 nursing home facilities. Because of the vigilant precautions, she is completing most of her work through telemedicine, giving her additional time in her day. She decided to use it to help others, working with her oldest daughter to make masks for her team and then using extra fabric to gift masks to neighbors and staff at a local nursing home.

“Sarah always helps out,” says Manoj Patel, MD, who works with Mahler. He adds, “We are a tight-knit team and everyone cares for each other.”

Dr. Patel adds, “It’s great people are doing whatever they can to help.”

As of May 20, they had sewn more than 200 headbands!
We will not be hosting classroom sessions throughout the summer due to COVID-19. Since planning needs to be completed now for these sessions, and due to the unknown of Illinois and Iowa health statuses, we have made a decision to cancel all classroom sessions and put the following steps in place for completing training below.

Take your club’s leadership to new heights!

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

International Education Training

1. **BY JUNE 1:** All current club Secretaries should have completed the ONLINE Club Elections for the 2020–21 Kiwanis Year on the Club Secretary Dashboard through the online Portalbuzz system. If your club has not done this yet, please do this immediately.

2. Invitations and registration for the Kiwanis International virtual education opportunity will be sent directly from KI on Tuesday, June 2 to all reported incoming club officers. Only officers reported through the club’s secretary dashboard will receive the invitation.

3. **Pre-registration** is required for club officers who wish to attend.

4. The virtual training will be offered in multiple sessions, one day for each leadership role, at staggered times to accommodate multiple time zones. A make-up day for all roles will be offered on Saturday. Please see the training schedule below.

Incoming officers only need to attend one session related to their role. These 75-minute live sessions will provide foundational training for each position’s roles, expectations, and resources available—as outlined in the Leadership Guide. Following these sessions, there will be a Q & A facilitated by a Leadership Development Coordinator. All times are listed in EASTERN Daylight Time.

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*Membership Committee training will only be offered on Thurs., Jun. 11.

District Education Training

1. You must complete the Kiwanis International training PRIOR to the District training being offered.

2. Select a date at right to attend an online Zoom meeting with your District Governor-Elect Mark Petersen, Master Instructor Kevin McConnell and/or Executive Director Andrea Raycraft. This will complete the district portion of the training, and each call will have a Q & A session. All current/incoming officers (reported online in Club Elections) will receive the Zoom link to join the meeting one week prior to the meeting.

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

Requirements

All President-Elects and Secretaries are required this year to have BOTH International and District Education Training completed to meet the requirements for Distinguished Club Award in 2020–21 year.

Schedule for District ‘Zoom’ Training

- **Monday, June 22 • 7p.m.** (President)
- **Monday, June 29 • 7p.m.** (President and Secretary)
- **Monday, July 13 • 7p.m.** (President and Secretary)
- **Thursday, July 16 • 7p.m.** (President)
- **Sunday, July 19 • 3p.m.** (President and Secretary)
- **Saturday, July 25 • 9a.m.** (President)
ALL OF OUR KIWANIS MEMBERS’ HEALTH AND SAFETY ARE OUR TOP PRIORITY!

SURVEY YOUR CLUB MEMBERS TO SEE WHAT WILL WORK BEST FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR COMMUNITY. FOLLOW ALL STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH GUIDELINES

During these uncertain times we need to realize that Kiwanis is needed now more than ever and that Kiwanis International (KI) is not dictating to us and is allowing us to do what we want as it best fits the needs of our club. Clubs can meet as they see appropriate whether it is via social media or in a safe environment. The take away from this is that clubs need to remain positive and provide hope. Hope to its members, its Sponsored Leadership Program members and their communities.

Ideas from your District Governor and Leadership:

• We will re-energize our clubs with new service projects. Survey those that know first-hand the needs of kids in your communities. Choose three of those suggestions and go to work on them. Invite potential new members to participate in a project, possibly along with any Sponsored Leadership Programs in your area.
• Have your club meeting in a virtual setting, such as Zoom, Go To Meeting, WebEx, etc. for those that don’t feel safe meeting in groups yet. Don’t be afraid to invite potential members to sign-in to your online meetings.
• Many clubs have been having weekly virtual programs which include the local school superintendent, director of the health department, KI President-Elect and local first responders.
• Start having your board/officers to meet in person until your club is comfortable meeting in person.
• Hold club meetings in a local park, forest preserve, members’ back yards or restaurants with outdoor patios and “bring your own lawn chair” with your control of numbers and social distancing.
• KI is providing a program every noon on Wednesdays, which provides great ideas for clubs during this pandemic on Facebook.
• Utilize the phone tree idea (found below) for those members that do not join the different meeting avenues offered
• Encourage your board members to plan on what and how you can do things with the new guidelines. Contact your local health department to find out what has to be done to have a food fundraiser, if you so choose.
• Meeting different days of the week and different starting times to accommodate members and their “alternate new schedules”. Saturdays work well for many clubs to meet virtually.
• If you have a larger club, split your membership into groups of ten or less and have a project lead host at their home and conduct a small service project. See a list below of small group project ideas.
• Post your service on social media. Keep the service provided to the service in the community. This will entice people to join a club that is active. Everyone wants to help right now!
• Here’s a list of topics that are found on the KI site:
  – Recruiting in a Time of Online Meetings (click here)
  – Be Creative During this Crisis (click here)
  – Meeting Ideas to Thrive (click here)
  – Online Meeting Platforms can Keep Your Club Together (click here)
  – Click here for other topics from KI

Service Project Ideas:

• Provide lunch to local grocery store employees
• Parades of love for worthy individuals
• Placing flags at cemeteries on graves of veterans
• Give local restaurant gift cards as gifts to graduating seniors in your Sponsored Leadership Programs (Key Club and Circle K)
• Place free “book boxes or blessing boxes” around the community that hold books, food and hygiene products litter pick-up (can do individually, by families or small Kiwanis groups)
• Letter to children or individuals with disabilities, with a small care package

What a difference a week makes

BLOOMINGTON KIWANIS CLUB MEETING BEFORE COVID-19 SHUT-DOWNS... AND AFTER
On Tuesday May 19, the Kiwanis Club of Frankfort, along with the generosity of their club’s newest member Paul Baio, owner of Palermo’s Pizza and Catering in Frankfort, donated 80 slices of pizza for lunch to the Emergency Room Medical Staff at Silver Cross Hospital in New Lenox.

Frankfort Kiwanis President Jim Humenik along with Division 23 Lt. Governor Sam Giordano made the delivery to the Medical Staff.

Paul Baio is Frankfort’s newest member who just joined two months ago and is already proving to be a great partner as well as fellow Kiwanian. More events like this are planned over the next few months to their local community Heroes.
The Champaign-Urbana Kiwanis Club donated $2,500 to the CU Better Together program.

The donation will help the program provide groceries to families in need through June.

Right now, CU Kiwanis Club has a goal to raise $250,000.

**ALL SENIORS MATTER**

Props to Rochelle High School Key Club for reminding us that there’s another group of seniors to be remembered during COVID-19! Signs like these were placed in front of local retirement and nursing facilities.
SURVIVING COVID-19

Farmer City Kiwanis Club recently agreed to purchase gas and gift cards to distribute to some of their community families who needed some extra support during this time. The club purchased 25 $20 gas cards and $25 Dollar General gift cards and put each in an envelope with this note:

Their local school district distributed them to 25 families specifically identified by district personnel. It was a wonderful opportunity for the club to partner with the schools to help families in the community at this time.

FLEXIBILITY IS THE NAME OF THE GAME

What has historically been a large "under the big top" tent sale had to pivot in 2020, and it instead became a gift card sale. It wasn’t quite what everyone had hoped, but it still allowed the club to still raise funds for Camp Limberlost in Bloomington.

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KIWANIS CLUBS PHONE TREE TO SUPPLEMENT VIRTUAL MEETINGS

by David Mies,
Kiwanis Club of Champaign-Urbana

Although virtual meetings can be an effective way of maintaining contact and activity within our clubs, some members are not participating. In many Kiwanis clubs, about half have participated so far. This may be due to computer literacy, a feeling of isolation, or previous inactivity. Virtual meetings, however, do not allow personal conversations that would occur previously during a face to face meeting. Based on a previous experience in contacting members going through major transitions, I devised a system to build a phone tree to supplement the contact of virtual meetings.

The goal is that everyone receives one-on-one phone call visits occasionally. Originally, we set this up to be a weekly call; based on feedback we moved to a two-week period. The calls are meant to be casual. It is amazing how many things we learned from members even if we have been around them for years. Information learned is confidential. This is not a gossip network.

To minimize the effort involved, Team Leaders were solicited/enlisted. Using Excel, I parse the membership list into teams of seven. Our club of 71 has 10 Team Leaders. Team assignments for a given period are sent to Team Leaders; phone numbers and email addresses are included in the Excel sheet (this information can be downloaded from the regular Kiwanis International Portalbuzz site). With the start of each new period, randomization was done again to allow different contacts. Obviously, all members are encouraged to also call members they know well. Chain calls could also be made so that the Team Leader would make fewer calls.

I serve as leader of our club’s phone tree project. Team Leaders let me know if they feel that there are people who wish to minimize contact. I also track attendance on the regular virtual meetings so we can focus on contacting members who are not participating in these meetings.

Smaller clubs would probably not need this level of complexity to make the phone contacts, but regardless of size, the human contact is critical. We are hoping by maintain contact so that we do not lose the 20% membership that has been projected due to the pandemic crisis.

MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER SALE
(GIFT CERTIFICATE SALE)

DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS, WE HAVE DECIDED TO REPLACE OUR FLOWER SALE WITH A GIFT CERTIFICATE SALE

Orders taken thru May 31, 2020

Wendell Niepagan Greenhouses

Call ahead orders with drive-thru pick-up or delivery also available!

Kiwanis Club of Bloomington

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Every year my husband, Larry (Past I-I District Governor) and I are lucky enough to visit the city of Puerto Vallarta, Mexico for the winter months. The scenery, climate and food are amazing. There is so much to occupy our time while we are there, including beaches, turtle/whale watching, sleepy little villages with wonderful markets, restaurants galore, forests, gardens and awesome people to meet. We both have our separate interests; Larry likes to golf, and I love to shop the markets. But there is more that we need to do to give us purpose and to make a difference in this larger community. Even with all those wonderful activities to enjoy, we are still Kiwanians at heart and have a need to serve.

On a daily basis, Larry leaves our condo to clean the boardwalk on the marina where we stay. The fear is that all trash will end up in the marina/bay and harm the sea life that lives there. The cleanup also makes for a more tidy, presentable boardwalk for the tourists and businesses to enjoy and be proud of. Items picked up daily are cigarette butts, plastic bottles, scraps of paper, styrofoam and just junk. To get a broader picture of what Larry does go to https://vallartalifestyles.com/larry-forsberg. This article/magazine just hit the presses before we returned home. Larry is definitely making a difference. Before we left PV at the end of March, some of the locals on the marina wanted to continue what Larry had started. So Larry entrusted them with the “grabber” tool he uses daily and hopefully we will go back next year to see the fruits of their labor.

As for my interest, I was invited by a Canadian friend, while sitting by our pool, to attend a fundraising breakfast for a children’s home in PV. My friend, Sally, explained some of the history of the home, and it piqued my interest. The next Tuesday, Sally and I visited the home together where we and other first-timers were given a tour of the home. We were fed a delicious traditional Mexican breakfast (made by the older children), and were shown a video about the beginnings of the home. At the end all the children gathered in the dining area to sing us a couple songs, which left most of us with tears streaming down our cheeks.

Corazón de Nina was opened by Director Melissa Canez in 2012 to 13 girls ages 9–18 due to the closing of another girls home. This home is not an orphanage. It is a permanent home now for 50 boys and 50 girls in ages ranging from 1–28, including 12 sets of siblings and four young people with disabilities. The children have access to all levels of education as their school is in-house for 1st through 9th grades. The older children go outside the home for High School and University.

Corazón de Nina is a registered non-profit agency for children rescued from high-risk situations including abuse, abandonment and human trafficking. The children are supported with moral, academic and psychological help.

When the home first opened, they had 13 sets of bunk beds in one room for the girls to stay in. Currently they have added private built-in type bunk beds to allow the kids an area to themselves. Also, construction is nearly finished for the transitional housing for the older kids in 10th grade through
University. This will enable them more privacy away from the very young children to have quiet study areas and rooms to discuss their future careers/trades and just hang out together. And, one year ago, two men from Montana purchased a lot across from the home to build a school separate from their living quarters.

On Saturdays, the home opens its doors to families of the children for Visitor's Day. This allows grandparents, aunts and uncles to come and spend two hours with the kids. However, all children do not receive visitors so volunteers are welcome to come and spend two hours with kids speaking in English to enhance those skills in the students. Some volunteers are teachers and conduct an organized English class. Since I am not a teacher, I visit 5–6 boys ages 14–16 each week learning about their interests like sports, movies, video gaming, their future career plans and food (cookies). They sent me home one Saturday with a list of their favorite cookies, which I promised I would fulfill each week. At 4:00 they would announce it is cookie time. I enjoy those two hours each week exchanging my life stories with theirs. Not only do they learn more English from me, but I learn Spanish from them. I also return on the other fundraiser on Tuesdays for breakfast to support them financially, to meet other volunteers, and also to meet more of the children.

Larry and I also attended their large gala fundraiser this year held annually on Valentine's Day at the Marriott Hotel on the beach near our condo. It was beautifully decorated with table decorations made by the children, including a silent and live auction, a delicious meal followed by dancing for the adults and kids. During the gala, they also recognize the 15-year-old girls from the home celebrating their quinceanera accompanied by 15-year-old boy escorts and the girls’ godparents. It was such a joyous occasion to see the girls all dressed up in their gowns (some made by the girls themselves or donated by their godparents or sponsors). You can tell the kids of all ages feel the love from Corazón Director Melissa, her husband Juan, and the many volunteers and sponsors.

I am currently a Kiwanis Advisor for our Builders Club at St. Mary School in Sycamore, which has 15 very active members. This past school year we have had two fundraisers to support the Corazón de Nina Children’s Home. Our members are so excited to help these children and have even expressed a desire to go to Mexico to volunteer. Another way our Builders Club members are staying in touch with some of the Corazón kids is through letter writing. Our members and students in the Spanish class have written letters about themselves in Spanish, while the kids of Corazón have sent back with me, letters in English to our St. Mary kids.

Corazón de Nina receives NO government help. They are run strictly on private donations from visitors, sponsors, and local restaurants and grocery stores. Stores such as Walmart and Costco provide fresh foods as well as canned and bulk items that are recently out of date. Restaurants also help provide food items. Other service clubs are also helping Corazón purchase items like solar panels, monies for the ongoing construction projects, food, paper products or donating craft items for their little shop. Expenses for the care of 100 children with three meals a day, clothing, school supplies, personal supplies, electricity, medical assistance, insurance, and upkeep is a strain. During tourist season is when the bulk of their donations come in. From June to November or even now with the COVID-19 virus having an impact on donors’ finances, it has become a real need for extra funds.

If you would be interested in helping Corazón de Nina financially, or learning more about the home/school, please visit www.fundacioncorazon.mx. Or you could consider giving online at the GoFundMe page (https://www.gofundme.com/f/6qor1g0). This organization would be a great Kiwanis “moment” for any club. Our mission statement “Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time” has never meant more to me than this group of Kids Needing Kiwanis.

The country of Mexico does NOT have Kiwanis, as yet. I so believe in the great work they are doing at the home. To receive a huge smile and a hug from these children, is priceless.
Welcome to year two of the new “Peanut Day” ordering process.

After last year’s late start and some “learnings” one vendor has been “replaced” and another vendor has been added. The new vendor will provide gummy bears as this was a product that was frequently requested. So here is what has changed:

• Fisher Nuts will no longer be producing small packaged peanuts as they have transitioned away from that business so they are no longer providing clubs product.

• Terri Lynn will again be supplying 0.75 oz. packages of roasted peanuts. This is the same product they have provided for many years—100 packages to a box for $16.50 per box. (NOTE: All box purchases must be rounded to four boxes/carton.)

• Additionally, an agreement has been reached with Albanese Confectionery to purchase “gummy bears” for $40 per box containing 200 1 oz. bags per box. (NOTE: Since clubs will now be ordering these directly from the vendor you will note this is a significant price reduction compared to what the clubs had been charged in the past.) Clubs may want to purchase separate boxes to repackage these into smaller boxes as had been done in the past.

• King Nut will continue to provide both honey roasted peanuts and pretzels.

I encourage divisions to consolidate their orders so that individual clubs can save on shipping costs.

**Terri Lynn**

• All orders must be placed four (4) weeks before they are required to ensure timely delivery.

• Product: (4) 100-count boxes of 0.5 oz. King’s brand honey roasted peanuts master packed into one case for $68.45 each.

• Product: (4) 100-count boxes of 0.42 oz. Summer Harvest mini pretzels master packed into 1 case for $56.00 each.

**Pricing for the 450 count bulk cases only:**

• 0.5 oz. honey peanuts (18 polybags of 25 each) are $87.01 for a quantity of 1–20 cases. For quantities exceeding 20 cases, the price is $69.04 per case.

• 0.42 oz. mini pretzels (18 polybags of 25 each) are $68.20 for a quantity of 1–20 cases. For orders exceeding 20 cases the price is $38.98 per case.

Each of the 450 count cases will contain “Kiwanis Thanks You” stickers that can be applied to the individual packages.

Prices are FOB Solon, OH.

**Ordering Process:**

Call Joan Fillous at (440) 248-8484 ext. 248 or email jfillous@kingnut.com.

**Albanese Confectionery**

• All orders must be placed four weeks before they are required to ensure timely delivery.

• Product: 200 1 oz. packages of 12 flavor gummy bears for $40.00/case.

• Orders can be placed with a credit card and shipping charges will be calculated and added to the card after the order is placed/confirmed.

Prices are FOB Merrillville, IN.

**Ordering process:** Orders can be placed by emailing the form on the next page to Jan Wytrykus at janw@albaneseconfectionery.com or contacting her at (630) 697-6497 and establishing an account by providing the information requested in the form.

For any club that wishes to order “Peanut Day” boxes (for $0.55/box) to rebox gummy bears (into 50 count boxes), pretzels (into 100-count boxes), etc., the club can order them from Terri Lynn via their Call Center at (800) 323-0775 or email customerservice@terrilynn.com.

For questions please contact Rick Poulton at (847) 977-4541, and copy him on emails (rpoulton@prodigy.net) on all orders placed so that we can determine if this is the most effective and efficient process.

Thanks and wishing your club much success!

**RICK POULTON**

PAST GOVERNOR, I-I DISTRICT
Albanese Confectionery
Customer Set Up Form

Lead Source ___________________________ Date Established _____________

Business Name ___________________________________________________________________

Primary Contact ___________________________________________________________________

Phone Number ___________________________________________________________________

Bill To Address: Street ____________________________________________________________

City/State _____________________________________________________________________

Zip Code _____________________________________________________________________

Email Address ___________________________________________________________________

Fax ___________________________________________________________________________

Customer Type/Sub Type SRFL

Customer Pricing: Dist. Bracket

Gummi Bracket Wholesale

Chocolate/Nuts/Mixes Bracket

Email Invoice ☒ Yes ☐ No

Credit or Debit ☐ Credit ☐ Debit

Credit Card Type ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

Name on Card ___________________________________________________________________

Card Number ___________________________________________________________________

Exp. Date/Sec. Code ___________________________________________________________________

Applying for Terms ☐ Yes ☒ No

***If applying for terms customer must fill out Albanese Credit Application

Call with outs Yes

***If customer would like to receive promotions by email they MUST register at wholesale.albaneseconfectionery.com

Ship to Address: Street ____________________________________________________________

City/State _____________________________________________________________________

Zip Code _____________________________________________________________________

Residential ☐ Yes ☐ No

Tax ID _______________________________________________________________________

Shipping _______________________________________________________________________

Sales Person Jan Wytrykus

Promotions via email Yes (unless customers specifies NO)
It is with a heavy heart that the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District Board announces the cancellation of our District Convention that was to be held August 6–9, 2020 in Bettendorf, Iowa. The board declared a condition of emergency exists because of the COVID-19 pandemic. They concluded that conducting a convention for the 2019–20 administrative year would be inadvisable and impracticable because of the health threat to Kiwanis members, their families and all individuals traveling to and from convention.

The District will be conducting the 2019–20 District Board meeting on Saturday, August 8 at 9:00a.m., to approve the consent and action agendas. The board will receive the usual Board Package that will include all the committee reports to replace the informational portion of the agenda. VIA ZOOM, meeting details will be forthcoming in early August.

The District will be conducting the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation program on Saturday, August 8 at 10:30a.m. This will include a researcher presentation, any Amador Awards to be announced and a virtual Parade of Love presentation. VIA ZOOM, meeting details will be forthcoming in early August.

The District Bylaws include provisions for how to conduct the business of the District which normally happens at the House of Delegates. In accordance with the District Bylaws, the District will be conducting the business of our typical House of Delegates session with the District Delegates-at-Large, which includes District Officers, District Board and Past District Governors. This meeting will be held on Saturday, August 8 at 1:00p.m. and will include the District Governor-Elect election, the District Governor election, approval of By-Law Amendments, a proposed amendment change to the Kiwanis International Bylaws and Governor Charles’ farewell speech. VIA ZOOM, meeting details will be forthcoming in early August.

All proposed Bylaw amendments will be posted on the District website no later than June 13, 2020 and will be available through August 9, 2020.

ANDREA RAYCRAFT
I-I DISTRICT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Meet your 2020–21 Governor and Governor-Elect Candidates

Candidate for 2020–21 I-I District Governor

Mark D. Petersen
Kiwanis Club of Moline, Division 17

Mark D. Petersen
Moline Kiwanis Club, Division 17
I was born and raised in Moline, Illinois. I graduated from Moline High School in 1971 and Augustana College in 1975 with a degree in accounting, and then had a 40-year career in public accounting as a CPA with a tax practice in Moline. In 2015 I sold my practice, though I continue to work behind the scenes during tax season preparing tax returns.

I joined the Moline Kiwanis Club in January 1983. I served the club as Distinguished President during the 1987-88 Kiwanis year. One of the highlights of my early Kiwanis career was attending the Kiwanis International Convention in Washington, D.C. where not only did we vote affirmatively to allow women to join Kiwanis, but we also were addressed by President Ronald Reagan. Being 34 years old at the time, I was extremely impressed by the entire event. During the next 23 years I remained involved in my Moline Kiwanis Club but had very little to do with the I-I District or Kiwanis International as my wife Karen and I raised our family. We have a son Matt, who is now an attorney living with his family in Denver, CO. Our daughter Kate, just graduated with her MBA from Northwestern’s Kellogg School of Business and is now working for a small cancer drug company in Boulder, CO called Clovis Oncology. Karen and I reside in Bettendorf, Iowa, have been married for 42 years, and are proud grandparents of two grandchildren, Cole and Josephine.

In 2010, my good friend Mel Peterson from our Moline Kiwanis Club got me re-involved in Kiwanis at the District level. After winning his election to be Governor, he appointed me to the District Finance Committee where I served for three years. Prior to his death, Mel had been elected to be Governor during the Kiwanis 2011-12 year. Because of that, I volunteered to serve Division 17 as Lt. Governor during that time and was honored that year as a Distinguished Lt. Governor. Since then, I joined the Past Lieutenant Governors Association and served that organization as Treasurer for six years. I was also appointed as Treasurer of the Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation in 2014 and served in that capacity until I was elected Governor-Elect this past year. For the last couple of years I have also served on the Adult Key Club Advisory Committee. Last but not least I have participated in new club opening activities in Galva, IL as well as Springfield, IL. I am probably best known in Divisions 16 and 17 as the Hole Captain for hole #4 at the John Deere Classic. Each year I recruit and coordinate 60 or so volunteers, marshaling hole #4 all five days of the John Deere Classic, a PGA tour event held in the Quad Cities. Both the PGA and John Deere Classic executives have commended us as being among the best marshaled holes on the course.
Candidate for 2020–21
I-I District Governor-Elect

Angela Burford
Kiwanis Club of Kewanee, Division 17

I was born in Geneseo, Illinois and mostly raised in Galva, Illinois. A 1990 graduate of Galva High School, I currently live in Galva with my husband, Willie, and together we have five children. My daughter, Bridget and her husband, Drayson live in Galva, and she is a surgical nurse for OSF, and my son Cameron and his wife Pamela live in Texas City, TX, and he is a welder. Maddie is 16, Makenna is 14, and Braley is 13, and I recently became a proud grandma and was blessed with a beautiful grandson named Brantley, who is my pride and joy.

I joined the Kiwanis Club of Kewanee in January of 2004 and immediately got involved in various committees on a club level, including Kiwanis advisor for the Builders Club at Visitation Catholic School and later for the K-Kids and Builders Club at Wethersfield School. I eventually served as a Distinguished Club President during the 2012–13 Kiwanis year and served as Division 17 Lt. Governor during the 2015–16 Kiwanis year. That opened my eyes to all of the positive energy that was in Division 17 and the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District. I am also serving as Co-Lt. Governor again along with Lisa Williams and Jim Abbott during this Kiwanis year. I have also served as club secretary since 2014 and am the secretary of the Kewanee Kiwanis Foundation. Some of my biggest accomplishments while being a member of the Kiwanis Club of Kewanee was being instrumental in forming the Builders Club and K-Kids at Wethersfield School and the Circle K Club at Black Hawk East. Another accomplishment was starting the club’s signature service project, “Kiwanis Career Day”, in which we bus Kewanee high school seniors around to various businesses within their career path to obtain further knowledge about their future plans.

It was during the 2014–15 Kiwanis year when the ELIMINATE project was introduced. Our club President at the time, Rev. Dr. Dale Dykstra, approached me about being the committee chair for the club. I immediately agreed to serve in this role, realizing I had an enormous goal to assist the club in achieving. Our club had pledged to raise $57,000 in five years and unbeknownst to me at that time, would be increased to $67,000 in just two years. During that time, I was creative in finding ways to raise money. Some of these fundraisers included a pancake breakfast, members paying to eat ice cream sundaes, encouraging 18+ members to purchase Walter Zeller Fellowships, enticing members to go out of their comfort zone and perform in a murder or mystery, and helping with the first-ever Kiwanis production of “The Underpants.” Where there is a will there is a way, and in just two years, we achieved our first goal and shortly thereafter completed our pledge in its entirety.

When the Past Kiwanis International President Jim Rochford was running for the office of Vice President, I had the pleasure of campaigning for him. During that experience, a real fire for Kiwanis, which was already lit, was fully ignited. His catch phrase, “Are you a Doer, Booer or a Chewer” has rang clear in my head since that day.

But it was Jim’s motivation that encouraged me to get more involved than I already was. I joined the district’s Past Lieutenant Governor’s Association and currently serve as President. I am also on the Finance Committee and am the K-Kids Administrator. During Jim’s tenure in office his main focus was club building, and it was a great honor to be a part of the Chicago Blitz in which approximately eight clubs were charted in just a few days. This drive and ambition drove me to come back to my home town of Galva and open a Kiwanis Club. In the first day we had 17 signed applications and opened the club the following day with 27 charter members, myself included. I have since opened a K-Kids at Galva Elementary School. I also had the privilege to assist in opening an Aktion Club at Abilities Plus in Kewanee.

I had the distinct privilege of being honored by Division 17 with an Amador Medallion Award in 2017, as a Distinguished Member by Kiwanis International, and the Kiwanis Club of Kewanee presented me with the achievement of Exceptional Leadership.
Never before since its inception in 1952 has the I-I District Kiwanis Neuroscience Research Foundation (KNRF—formerly Spastic Paralysis Research Foundation) needed the support of Kiwanis Clubs more than now. Let me explain…

KNRF receipts for the most recent audited 2017–18 Kiwanis year are shown in Figure 1. Donations from Kiwanis Clubs including the annual Parade of Love at the District Convention are shown in light blue, and donations from Bowl-A-Thon are shown in green. The combination of Kiwanis Clubs (25%) and Bowl-A-Thon (19%) provided a total of 43% of the receipts for KNRF. The other major category to look at is Investments in purple color, which provided 23% of the receipts.

For this 2019–20 Kiwanis year, none of us could have foreseen the COVID-19 pandemic impacting Kiwanis clubs throughout the I-I District, Kiwanis International, and the world. Many Kiwanis clubs, including my own Kiwanis Club of Alpine-Rockford, have cancelled fundraising events and Bowl-A-Thons because of social distancing requirements and the threat of the spread of the coronavirus. Furthermore, the impact to the investment community is well known. The combination of the Kiwanis Club support (43%) and Investments (23%) impacts 66% of the monies available for KNRF.

Now let’s look at expenditures. The chart in Figure 2 shows how your dollars are being spent by KNRF. The largest piece of the pie, shown in blue, are the grants to our researchers. We have proudly stated that $0.91 of every $1.00 raised for KNRF goes to the researchers, as shown. This 2019–20 Kiwanis year, KNRF has grants totaling more than $187,000 going to nine (9) different researchers. These grants are multiple-year commitments to enable the researchers to do their work related to finding cures or improving the quality of life of children and patients afflicted with diseases of the central nervous system.

While KNRF has some reserves to help continue the researcher’s activities during this downturn, the depth of those reserves is limited. WE NEED YOUR HELP to support our District’s FINEST PROJECT. Here are two ways your club can help:

1. As your clubs consider what organizations to support with limited service (“charities”) dollars, please remember KNRF. I encourage you to consider creative ways to conduct fundraisers to support KNRF.

2. I am told that the support for ELIMINATE ends this Kiwanis year. As your club prepares the annual budgets for the 2020–21 Kiwanis year, please consider moving those ELIMINATE dollars to support KNRF to help us work through these difficult times.

The researchers and the children and patients that they support need your help. THANK YOU!

KEN WHITMORE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
KIWANIS NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH FOUNDATION
Hello I-I Kiwanis,

My name is Isabelle Lindenmeyer and I am the new governor for our district of Circle K International. I started in K-Kids when I was in fifth grade then continued to Builders Club, but was extremely involved in my Key Club in Dixon, IL. When choosing to go to Illinois State University to study Social Work I was thrilled when I found out they had a Circle K Club. At my senior year District Convention and Leadership Conference I applied for a chair position and became the Membership Education chair. That summer a member resigned and I applied for the Southern Lieutenant Governor and won. Now I am an incoming sophomore and excited for what this organization has in store for me next.

As for the district we are doing as much as we can through our online resources. We had our President’s Retreat and District Officer Training a few weeks ago on zoom. It was very successful and we were able to set our goals for the year and come up with some volunteer opportunities while we are home. We are doing a Water Madness Challenge where the North and South divisions are battling to see who can raise more money and have more participation. So, if you see a 6K challenge calendar or know a member please contact them to donate. We are also following Key Club’s lead and playing free rice every Friday at 5p.m. We also planned possible dates for our events for the year, and are keeping a close eye on the news to see if these events will happen, or need to be rescheduled. We were very honored to have I-I District Key Club Governor Chase Cappello, Kiwanis Governor-Elect Mark Peterson, our Circle K International President Billy Hackett, and our International Trustee Jose Leoncio all attend our board meeting to conclude the weekend.

As most of you know, the 2020 CKI Next (CKIx) International Convention was cancelled this year but CKIx 20 will be held online to celebrate the year and elect our new international officers. We also have some members up for awards that will be given out that weekend, July 18–19. The details have not been released yet, but when I found out I will be in contact with Mark Peterson.

We would like to thank you all for your continued support and efforts during this hard time. I can not wait until we can do more events and help more communities. I hope you are all doing well and please email me if you ever have any questions or just want to chat! 😊

Live to serve, Love to serve,

ISABELLE LINDENMEYER
2020–21 I-I DISTRICT CIRCLE K GOVERNOR

P.S. I always love puns so here is mine for this update. Did you know the first French fries weren’t actually cooked in France? They were cooked in Greece.

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Hello I-I Kiwanis,

My name is Chase Cappello and I am beyond excited to serve as the I-I Key Club District Governor for the 2020-2021 service year! I am currently a Junior at Belleville West High School, in Belleville Illinois. Outside of Key Club, I’m Editor in Chief for my school’s Yearbook and I’m involved in my school’s music department where I play percussion instruments for Jazz and Symphonic Band. I love serving others, going for long drives and meeting new people!

My plan this year is to DISCO with everyone in I-I! My platform broken down means: D: District Officers, I: Increase Membership, S: Serving You, C: Clubs, and O: Outreach. We may not have gotten our groovy District Convention and Leadership Conference (DCLC) on, but that in no way hinders my plans for growth and unity through service this year. Find details regarding my in-depth plans for this service year at @iikeyclub.governorsguide on Instagram or email me and I’ll forward you all of my breakdown videos!

I would love to connect with all of you throughout my term! Feel free to reach out at any point, I would love to visit your clubs, get you into contact with your Key Club Lieutenant Governor or attend/ help plan any service projects! I hope you’re all just as excited as I am for the term ahead, I know we’ll have a great year despite the circumstances. 😊

Yours in Service,

CHASE CAPPELLO
2020–21 I-I DISTRICT KEY CLUB GOVERNOR

See the following pages for 2019–20 Key Club District Award Winners! If you know some of the individuals and clubs recognized, please offer them congratulations!

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the International Council will conduct business. For the I-I District, the Delegates at Large will meet, in some form, to make decisions. Each of these groups will abide by the by-laws of our organization.

In the meantime, I have a request. I know there is service taking place in many communities by Kiwanians. Would you please share with all of us the good things you are doing? Not to brag but for others to learn what is possible. New and creative ideas need to see the light of day. If you have questions or comments, email me at cssmith@millikin.edu. Thank you to all those showing the true nature of Kiwanis during these troubled times. It is an honor to be in the same organization as you. 😊

CHARLES SMITH
I-I DISTRICT GOVERNOR
KEY CLUB 2019–20 SERVICE YEAR DISTRICT AWARDS

ACHIEVEMENT
Overall Club Effectiveness
Platinum (86 members or more)
1st Place: Batavia
2nd Place: Amos Alonzo Stagg
3rd Place: Mt. Zion
Gold (61 to 85 members)
1st Place: LeRoy
2nd Place: Sycamore
3rd Place: Belleville West
Bronze (35 members or less)
1st Place: Woodland
2nd Place: Canton
3rd Place: LaSalle-Peru

SINGLE SERVICE
Best Project
Platinum (86 members or more)
1st Place: Marian Central Catholic
2nd Place: Mt. Zion
3rd Place: McHenry West
Silver (36 to 60 members)
1st Place: Dixon
2nd Place: Belleville West
3rd Place: Rockford Auburn

MAJOR EMPHASIS
Project that fits with the year’s service focus
1st Place: Batavia
2nd Place: Marian Central Catholic
3rd Place: Belleville West

Individual Awards 2019–20
District Convention and Leadership Conference
Distinguished President
Sarah Dremel, Batavia
Emily Drew, Dixon
Anthony Fanelli, Le Roy
Haleigh Flaherty, Heyworth
Kelsey Greenwood, Riverton
Isabella Hoolihan, Belleville West
Emma Johnson, Dixon
Sterling Junget, LaSalle-Peru
Bethany Kough, Rockford Auburn
Raegan Krumboltz, Beardstown
Kevin Kumm, Marian Central Catholic
Kaitlynn Ost, Rochelle Township
Shannon Paton, Streator
Noelle Peters, McHenry West
Lili Smith, Governor French Academy

Distinguished Vice President
Gretchen Becker, McHenry West
Trent Dolter, Marian Central Catholic
Melanie Gonzalez, Rochelle Township
Alayna Hinman, Springfield Southeast
Hallie Ligori, Streator
Lizy Melton, Riverton
Ava Parr, Rockford Auburn
Maria Pawak, LaSalle-Peru
Brooke Swanson, Sycamore
Kiersten Wydra, Batavia

Distinguished Secretary
Jordan Andrews, Riverton
Colin Davis, Glenwood
Mason Hagarty, Belleville West
Aubrie Hocin, McHenry West
Eaden Hvarre, Dixon
Madison Ost, Rochelle Township
Arisu Oya, LaSalle-Peru
Kush Patel, Springfield Southeast
Sage Reagan, Governor French Academy
Alyssa Shepard, Streator
Natasha Shrestha, Rockford Auburn

Distinguished Treasurer
Emily Cortner, Belleville West
Tyler Ekstrom, Sycamore
Nikhil Gupta, Glenwood
Adam Kennedy, Batavia
Nathan Miller, Rochelle Township
Logan Moeller, Dixon
Carol Perez-Quijas, Rockford Auburn
Victor Reyna, Beardstown
Justice Stillwell, LaSalle-Peru
Grace Swaim, Heyworth

Distinguished Statistical Secretary
Jordan Andrews, Riverton
Bre Darcy, McHenry West
Cailie Fennel, Batavia
Evan Lay, Murphyboro
Ella McKinney, Rochelle Township
Olivia Rick, Dixon
Diamond Rideout, Streator
Nakiah Slater, Springfield Southeast
Kate Swope, Heyworth
Tiffany Tran, Rockford Auburn

Distinguished Editor
Riley Flanagan, Rochelle Township
Elsie Gordon, Dixon
Emma Hicks, Rochelle Township
Sarah Peters, LaSalle-Peru
Adhish Rajan, Batavia

Distinguished Senior
Olivia Arza, Marian Central Catholic
Kayl Atatawsa, Beardstown
Riley Kavanaugh, Dixon
Nancy Mi, Glenwood
Emma O’Donnell, Belleville West
Emalyn Polz, Sycamore
Jenna Revell, Pecatonica
Mary Shields, Batavia
Alyssa Slaight, Canton
Sestina Stairs, Rockford Auburn
Jacob Zavada, Streator
Eileen Zheng, McHenry West

Distinguished Junior
Charles Brady, LaSalle-Peru
Zoey Crawford, Streator
McKenna Handy, Pecatonica
Lucas Karraker, Belleville West
Thomas Koski, Dixon
Carter Nepl, Sycamore
Katie Parrish, McHenry West
Amanda Rowland, Murphyboro
Emily Stufflebeam, Canton

Distinguished Sophomore
Ali Barton, Pontiac
Destini Hassler, Murphyboro
Jennifer Masiki, Beardstown
Julia Berry, Rochelle Township
Kayleigh Kreber, Belleville West
Luke DeMask, Batavia
Madison Cumberland, Dixon
Maya Stroupe, Rockford Auburn
Nolan Barr, Streator
Olivia Egert, Geneseo
Paris Marshall, Marian Central Catholic
Shea Rathburn, LaSalle-Peru
Sydney Kuhn, Sycamore

Distinguished Freshman
Molly Autenrieth, Batavia
Anabel Depaz, Streator
Alyssa Goleaner, Belleville West
Isabel Lopez, Murphyboro
Robbie Melnick, Sycamore
Maya Moss, Dixon
Christine Ricci, LaSalle-Peru

100-Hour Honor
Ali Barton, Pontiac
Chase Capello, Belleville West
Kayla Carver, Belleville West

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Emily Cortner, Belleville West
Madison Cumberland, Dixon
Miranda Darnell, Belleville West
Sarah Dremel, Batavia
Emily Drew, Dixon
Maginur Dzhaparova, Belleville West
Olivia Egert, Geneseo
Madalyn Fitzanko, Pecatonica
Elsie Gordon, Dixon

Club Awards

Club Bulletin / Newsletter
Batavia
Downers Grove South
McHenry West
Murphysboro

Connect the K’s
Batavia
Dixon

Interclub Award
Batavia
Dixon
McHenry West
Rochelle Township

Kiwanis Family Relations – SUPER
Batavia
Belleville West
Dixon
Murphysboro

Preferred Charities Partnership
Dixon

Public Relations
Batavia
McHenry West
Woodland

Technology Award
Batavia
Downers Grove South
Glenwood
Heyworth
McHenry West
Springfield Southeast

RIOT Award (Rosters In On Time)
Abingdon-Avon
Addison Trail
Adlai E. Stevenson
Alleman

Batavia
Beardstown
Belleville West
Belvidere North
Bismarck-Henning
Blue Ridge
Boylan
Byron
Canton
Carbondale
Champaign
Centennial
Collinsville
Danville
DeKalb
Dixon
Downers Grove South
Dubuque Senior
East Leyden
East Peoria
Edwardsville
Eureka
Faith Christian
Farmington
Fieldcrest
Fort Madison
Galena
Galesburg
Geneseo
Geneva
Glenbard South
Glenbard West
Glenbrook North
Glenbrook South
Glenwood
Governor French Academy
Grayslake Central
Harlem
Harrisburg
Hempstead
Heyworth
Highland Park
Illini West

Illinois Math and Science Academy
Kewanee
Knoxville
Lakes Community
LaSalle-Peru
Leroy
Lexington
Limestone
Lincoln-Way Central
Maine West
Marian Central Catholic
Marquette
McHenry West
Mecosta County
Morgan
Morton
Mt. Zion
Murphysboro
Muscatine
Normal Community
Northside College Prep
O’Fallon
Ottawa
Pecatonica
Pekin
Peoria Christian
Peoria Heights
Peoria Notre Dame
Plainfield Central
Pontiac
Proviso Math and Science Academy
Quincy Notre Dame
Riverton
Rochelle
Rockford Auburn
Rockford Christian
Rockford Guilford
Rockford Lutheran
Sacred Heart-Griffin
Shelbyville
Springfield Southeast

St. Charles East
St. Charles North
Stagg Division
Streator
Sycamore
Tri-Valley
Tuscola
Urbana
Walter Payton
Watseka
Waverly
West Leyden
Wheaton North
Wheaton Warrenville South
Willowbrook
Winnebago
Woodland
Woodstock
York

Early Bird Dues
Abingdon
Alleman
Aurora Central
Batavia
Beardstown
Belleville West
Bismarck-Henning
Bloom
Byron
Canton
Carbondale
Chatham-Glenwood
DeKalb
Dixon
Downers Grove South
East Leyden
Farmington Central
Fulton-Unity
Galesburg Senior
Geneseo
Geneva
Glenbrook North
Glenbrook South
Governor French
Grayslake
Harlem
Heyworth
Highland Park
Illinois Math and Science Academy
Jersey City
Joliet Township Central
La Salle-Peru
Leroy
Marian Central Catholic
McHenry East
McHenry West
Mercer County
Metamora
Metea Valley
Mt. Zion
Normal
Ottawa
Pekin
Peoria Christian
Peoria Notre Dame
Plainfield Central
Pontiac
Porta
Quincy Notre Dame
Riverton
Robinson
Rochelle
Rockford Christian
Rockford Lutheran
Romeoville
Sacred Heart-Griffin
Streator Township
Sycamore
Tuscola
Watseka
Waverly
Wheaton Warrenville South
This Land Is Your Land
By Woody Guthrie

Reviewed by Joyce Mesrobian, M.Ed.

This Land Is Your Land is one our country’s most famous folk song. The lyrics and music were written in 1940 by folk singer Woody Guthrie who recorded it in 1944. The simplicity of the words in the chorus has enabled young children in schools and summer camps to learn the chorus by heart.

In this children’s book adaptation, This Land Is Your Land, the chorus and the different verses are beautifully illustrated by the renowned folk artist Kathy Jakobsen as she captures the rich variety of our land, the United States of America. Young children can examine the details in the full-page illustrations of each verse and chorus, and sing along the repetitive refrain:

This land is your land this land is my land,
From California to the New York island;
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters,
This land was made for you and me.

This Land Is Your Land is a book that children of all ages can enjoy with their entire family. In some of the verses, the words hunger or no trespassing are mentioned and depicted in the illustrations. The lyrics grew out of Woody’s experiences as he walked and rode the rails across America in the 1930s and early 1940s, playing his guitar and writing songs during the hard times of the Great Depression. Now-a-days when families are experiencing ”shelter-in-place” and are spending more quality time at home with children, including schooling, this book offers a variety of read-aloud teaching and sing-along experiences for everyone.

First published in hardcover in 2002, in honor of Woody Guthrie’s 90th birthday, this version contains the complete lyrics of the song, a musical notation sheet, a photo-essay about Woody Guthrie, a note from his daughter Nora, and a tribute written by folk-singer Pete Seeger. ©

There is also another hardcover version of This Land Is Your Land complete with a CD that contains nine folk songs by Woody Guthrie. ENJOY! ☺

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.