Michigan District Convention -
Let the Fun Begin!

Join your fellow Kiwanians for our 97th District Convention at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo on Aug. 14-17! Attendees can expect enthusiastic interaction with our Service Leadership programs, exhibitors of project and fundraising ideas, education on a variety of topics related to leadership and Kiwanis activity, a fun night at the Air Zoo and the election of officers, and so much more!

We suggest that you register early for both the Convention and hotel to assure that you get the terrific rates available in our block.

This issue of the Builder contains a Convention Registration form (Page 8) that can be mailed, and you can visit our website, www.mi.kiwanisone.org for both online registration and payment for events, and a link to the hotel for reservations.

Education, fellowship, project ideas, fundraising ideas, workshops, elections and more all can be found on Page 7. Once you register, make sure your club Secretary submits a Delegate Certification form.

See you in Kalamazoo...

Things to see and do at the Air Zoo:

- Space Shuttle
- Mission to Mars
- Bi-plane Ride
- Full-Motion Flight Simulators
- Paratrooper Jump
- 3D theatre and more!

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Michigan

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This year’s Spring Divisionals are now over! My wife, Gerri, and I want to thank you for the hospitality, kindness, and generosity that was extended to us while attending these events. And for you? Keep up the good work, continue to serve!

Congratulations to the Chelsea club for recently celebrating 90 years of Kiwanis service.

I was also privileged to visit Grass Lake while Key Leader was in progress. What a great program for developing confidence and leadership skills for our teenagers! We gratefully appreciate the adult volunteers that made this program successful.

We are making progress relative to retaining and growing our membership this year. By the end of April, we welcomed 166 new Kiwanians to our District. Nurture these new folks. Don’t forget them. Get them involved. Ask them for new ideas.

I also ask your club President and Secretary to keep your membership roles as accurate as possible. Please don’t wait until the end of the year to remove someone who has already left your club. ‘Real time’ membership totals are extremely valuable for our District to dispatch support staff where needed. This tactic is also helpful to develop a more meaningful budget.

At each Spring Divisional, I placed a suggestion box in a conspicuous location, hoping to receive your input. Unfortunately, we didn’t receive a lot of comments. The suggestions listed below appeared several times:

Programs tend to be too long.

Like the idea of offering training prior to the regular Spring Divisional Program.

Would like to have the ability to receive the Builder in printed form.

The decision to supply the Builder in electronic form was primarily financial. If you would like to receive a printed copy of the electronic version, and be willing to pay for the postage, I urge you to contact your Lt. Governor. If enough people express an interest, we should be willing to provide some sort of alternative.

This year’s District Convention will be in Kalamazoo (August 15-17). We have some interesting speakers, informative breakout sessions, important business decisions, and an opportunity for FUN! On-line registration will start in June. Please consider joining us this year.

Thanks again for your service!

Stan Nelson
2013-2014 Governor
Michigan District
sjinelson04@charter.net

We Still Have Work To Do!
The Michigan Builder has always been one of the primary sources of sharing information within the Michigan District. Over the years we have learned about upcoming events, club successes, service projects and everything related to Kiwanis.

About one-half to two-thirds of our District members read the Builder on a monthly basis. Ideally, we would like all of the members to read the Builder and pass it on to non-Kiwanians. That way we can share all the great things we are doing and help others become aware of who we are as an organization.

As a way to help increase readership, we are trying a couple of ideas starting with the August/September issue of the Builder.

1. Each issue will have an overriding theme. Here are the proposed themes for the upcoming year:
   • August/September, 2014- District Committees and what they do
   • October/November, 2014- Fundraising Ideas
   • December/January, 2014/2015- Service Projects
   • February/March, 2015- Leadership Issue
   • April/May, 2015- Education Issue
   • June/July, 2015- Convention Issue

   We will still have many of the features that are in the current Builder, but this will give each of your clubs a chance to use a particular issue to help your club or share great ideas in that topic area.

2. We will incorporate video into the Builder.

   Tell your club’s story now with video in addition to pictures or printed words. The video can be a link or you can send us the video clip. Send us either and we’ll make it work. Think about interviewing people who participated in your service project, interviewing the recipients of your service, letting everyone know how you changed lives. We can also put these videos on the District Website, perhaps some could go viral on YouTube.

   I hope you like and embrace these changes and give them a chance to work. If they don’t produce the results we want, we’ll try something else.

   Finally, I want to let you know that I am available to be the program at your club meeting or just attend if you want. I want to get around the District and experience all the great things Kiwanians do. We can also talk about how we can get more people involved and create a greater awareness of Kiwanis in Michigan.

   Let me know your thoughts and ideas. The door to the office is open, the phone is ready to be answered and the e-mail is ready to be received and read.
“What keeps everyone at Kiwanis working on the same page?”

1. Branding. Expose the Kiwanis you love so much to your communities.
2. Sharing Best Practices. If you have something that has been proven to be positive and that works within your club and community, SHARE IT! Place an article in “The Builder,” share within your Divisions at council meetings and share proudly throughout your communities.

– Rebekah Hildreth

We all have those nights where we lie awake in bed and our minds just wander. This is when it hit me...Kiwanis as an organization is unique. Although I may be a bit bias in my previous statement, I wholeheartedly believe that we are unique. Kiwanis is more than just a club, it becomes a way of life. It becomes a part of who we are. This drive goes far beyond our passion for service. This drive becomes an essential part of our character. As Kiwanians we put others’ needs before our own. We make a difference!

• We make a difference in our homes.
• We make a difference to our schools.
• We make a difference to our communities.
• And most importantly we make a difference to the children of our world!

I urge you to reflect on how you, as an individual, have changed since you joined Kiwanis. We surround ourselves with like-minded servant leaders who too have a passion for helping others. We are our own community of individuals who are so committed and so caring to those around us that we become one driving force that will better the world.

We need to measure the size of Kiwanis by the size of its potential, not by the size of its present condition. We continue to grow our clubs and our members each and every day. So Kiwanis leaders, at every level, must work together to achieve common goals. So you may ask, “What keeps everyone at Kiwanis working on the same page?” There are two simple answers. One: Branding. Expose the Kiwanis you love so much to your communities. Two: Sharing Best Practices. If you have something that has been proven to be positive and that works within your club and community, SHARE IT! Place an article in “The Builder,” share within your Divisions at council meetings and share proudly throughout your communities.

The Michigan District offers a great opportunity to showcase the successes of your Club, your members and your community.

Your successes when published reward your members for service and provide ideas to other Kiwanis clubs. The following guidelines will help get your information published:

**Articles:**

Provide the basic information that includes your club name, division, what was done, who benefitted, when it was accomplished, and how it was accomplished.

Narrative can be attached to an email in Word, or edited and typed in the body of your email.

**Pictures:**

Send any pictures as attachments (not included in the body of a document) in highest resolution possible. Pictures downloaded from the web are generally not acceptable.

Identify persons in pictures, and try and use action pictures rather than poses of acceptances, podium speakers, and groups in rows. Usually only one or two pictures will be used, so choose wisely.

**Submit:**

Send your email and attachments to: almikiwanis@sbcglobal.net. Subject Line: Builder

**Deadlines:** for our six issues: Sept. 7, Nov. 7., Jan. 7, Mar. 7, May 7, and July 7.
Club Leadership Education  (CLE)

Registration Form.......................... July 2014

Please register the following KIWANIS CLUB for CLE Session at:  (check one date box only)

(NO PHONE REGISTRATIONS)

July 12  Fetzer Center at WMU,  Business Court,  Parking Lot 72F,  Kalamazoo, MI 49008
Deadline to Register:  June 27

July 19  Suburban Collection Showplace,  46100 Grand River,  Novi, MI 48374
Deadline to Register:  July 7

July 26  Ziibiwing Cultural Center,  6650 E. Broadway,  Mt. Pleasant, MI 48858
Deadline to Register:  July 14

Club Name:  Kiwanis Club of ______________________________________________________________

Total Number of Registrants:  _____ x  $30 fee per person  Total Due:  $ _________________
No names required


Other____________________________

Charge total to Credit Card (check one below)  

[ ] VISA  
[ ] Mastercard

Account Number (16 digits)

Name on Card: __________________________________________ Expiration Date: ___/____

Return entire form with payment to:  Michigan District of Kiwanis, P.O. Box 231, Mason, MI 48854

TO REGISTER and PAY ONLINE:  www.mi.kiwanisone.org  at the registrations tab

Kalamazoo  Session is for Divisions:  11; 12; 13; 14
Novi  Session is for Divisions:  1; 3; 4; 5; 7; 9; 10; 16
Mt. Pleasant  Session is for Divisions: 17; 18; 19; 20; 21; 22

All Sessions begin with check-in at 8:45 with training to begin promptly at 9:15 AM.  Content is designed to assist the incoming Club President, the Club Secretary, with some content for Treasurer. The program should end at about 12:30 and includes your first Division Council meeting (try to attend location for your Division).
## 2014 CONVENTION... AT A GLANCE

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<td>DELEGATE SESSION</td>
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<td>6:30 PM</td>
<td>“TAKE OFF TO THE AIR ZOO”</td>
<td>Assemble at 6:15 PM (first bus) or at 9:30 PM (second bus) in the Front Lobby Entrance</td>
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CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM  ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER AND RECEIVE A BADGE

Guest Name: ________________________________  Member Name: ________________________________

Badge Name (if different): ________________________________  Kiwanis Club of: ________________________________

Daytime Phone: (_____ ) _____ - _______  Email Address: ________________________________@____________________

Club Officer Position 2013-14 ____________________  Club Officer Position for 2014-15 ____________________

Check all that apply:  □ First timer  □ Legion of Honor  □ RoadRunner  □ KMF Distinguished Kiwanian
□ 50 Yr. Kiwanian □ Life Member District □ Life Member KI □ KMF Trustee
□ KMF J. D. Alexander □ Current District Chair □ Lt. Gov 13-14 □ Lt. Gov. Designate 14-15 □ Past Governor

FEES AND EVENT SELECTION

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TOTALS $  

INSTRUCTIONS:  Do NOT mail or fax this form after July 30….Late Registration is handled at the walk-in registration in Kalamazoo. Online registration will remain open until August 4.

Dress code for the convention is casual except for the Governor’s Banquet which is Business or Business Casual. There is no assigned seating at the Governor’s banquet this year.

All Kiwanians must register if you are attending any part of the convention. At a minimum, include your full Name and Club Name. No paper registrations may be submitted after July 30. After that date only onsite registration is available and the late fee will apply.

If you are a Delegate…..make sure your Club has submitted the Certification Form to enable you to vote.

You may Pick Up your Tickets during Registration Hours (they are included with your Registration Materials). ALL EVENTS are Pre-Order Only. See On-Site Registration desk for any available tickets at Convention.

If you are registering children under 18 (no registration fee), list their names and age(s):

________________________________; __________________; __________________

Both Registration and Payment are available Online:  www.mi.kiwanisone.org  or fill in and mail this form.

□ VISA  □ MasterCard  Expire Date: _____ / ______

Return Form to:  Michigan District of Kiwanis, P.O. Box 231, Mason, MI 48854
HOUSING REQUEST INFORMATION

MICHIGAN KIWANIS DISTRICT CONVENTION – RADISSON PLAZA- - AUGUST 14-17, 2014

Following is information to obtain a room at our convention rate. Rooms in our Kiwanis block cannot be booked until June 1, 2014. Housing requests are not to be sent to the District Office. In order to obtain a room, housing requests may be made by phone to: 1-269-343-3333.

You must mention Michigan District of Kiwanis when reserving your room to receive our group rate. Be prepared to guarantee your room with a credit card. Our Kiwanis Convention rate is guaranteed for 2 days before and after the Convention. Cancellations must be made at least 24 hours prior to arrival to avoid charges. We have obtained a special rate and the District will be held to penalties for rooms not used – so we encourage you to book within our block.

For on-line booking: Go to www.radissonkz.com and select the dates you want to stay. Then click “Search more options”. This will reveal a box that says “Promotional Code”. Enter KIWA and hit search.

ROOM RESERVATION DEADLINE IS August 1, 2014.

FOR THE GROUP RATE

Room Rates: All single, double, triple and quad rooms $125.00 per night plus tax.
Suite upgrades available for $50.00 more.

Radisson Plaza is located in downtown Kalamazoo at 100 W. Michigan, Kalamazoo, MI 49007. Parking is complimentary for overnight guests and $7.00 per day for day attendees. The hotel features a 100% smoke free environment in all guest rooms, meeting rooms, restaurants, lounges and retail outlets. Dining is available onsite and dozens of independent restaurants within 3 blocks.
Support the MICHIGAN DISTRICT OF KIWANIS with your Ad or Message to appear in the Program Book to be distributed to all attendees at the 97th Annual Convention, to be held at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in Kalamazoo, MI………………August 14—17, 2014

The SAMPLE GRID on the right is an exact size of the options available.

Your camera ready copy (black & white) should be submitted with the form and payment, or sent electronically to:
mikiwanis@sbcglobal.net

Full Page (3.5 x 8)
SOLD Cover, back $350.00
SOLD Cover, inside back $250.00
SOLD Cover, inside front $300.00
Inside $175.00
Half-Page (3.5 x 4) $ 90.00
Business Card $ 40.00
Patron (name listed) $ 20.00

Send Payment to:
Michigan District of Kiwanis
P.O. Box 231
Mason, MI 48854
517-676-3837

Advertiser: __________________________
Address: __________________________
City: ____________________ Zip: _______
Day Phone: (       ) ______ - ____________
Email: ____________________@__________
Contact Person: ______________________
Congratulations! to all the clubs listed below. All of our clubs are doing significant work for the Children of the World...those honored as Distinguished by Kiwanis International and the Michigan District have taken service and participation to the highest levels. These clubs exhibit full participation in Kiwanis as a family, a world wide organization, and attention to leadership. The clubs are listed below by Division.

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On behalf of Immediate Past International President Tom DeJulio and Immediate Past Governor David Babbage, the Michigan District is proud to announce a Lt. Governor from the class of 2012-2013 who Distinguished himself.

Congratulations to Fabian LaVigne Division 22 and the clubs in that division which made this possible. Fabian was presented a banner patch and Distinguished pin at his Spring Divisional.
We in the Michigan district should be proud of our accomplishment as we have saved 475,581 lives from Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) with donations and pledges of $856,046.58. Our coordinators are working hard making presentations to clubs and talking with individuals about how they can be part of this International project of saving lives with their pledges and donations. We have less then a year remaining when we will reach our goal for the Michigan district of $2.6 million. Clubs and individuals are stepping forward with their support, the Utica-Shelby Township club pledged earlier to become a 100K Club ($100,000) and have already reached over $155,000 on their way to becoming a 200K Club by the end of this year. They have also committed to a Gold status club in addition to 100K. The Ann Arbor club is a 100K club and they have also committed to a Bronze status club. Maybe your club is not a 100K club, but with the many other programs available your club can also be recognized for their achievement. If members of a club donate less then 40 cents per day they can become a Model Club. Sometimes the 40 cents per member isn’t necessary by utilizing foundations, donations or a five year pledge for a Walter Zeller Fellowship of $1,250, a Hixson of $1,000, club projects, and other programs all donations and pledges become part of the Model Club commitment. Lets not forget the 100 babies club. For every $180 donated you will save that many babies. A Model Club starts at the time of commitment (approved by the club’s board and membership) and have five years for completion. A 2014 commitment ends in 2019. Even though the campaign ends in June 2015 all commitments will continue and UNICEF will continue their work in the field immunizing women and their future babies from MNT.

The speakers bureau campaign is now working to target influential clubs in key areas of the district. The campaign office is working through communication and activities at the division and club levels. With five Kiwanians of the bureau and also our multi, divisional and club coordinators spreading the word throughout the district this should help achieve our goal and make clubs and individuals more aware of the Eliminate project.

The campaign is now over $50 million, which will save or protect more than 28 million lives from MNT. This is an important milestone as we head for our goal of $110 million by June 2015. The next goal for International will be $55 million, a halfway point to the $110 million goal. The district’s benchmark is $1 million by June 30th.

For the number of ways a club or individuals may be recognized for their support to the Eliminate project contact one of our knowledgeable multi-divisional coordinators listed to the right.

These coordinators along with your division and club Coordinators, the speakers bureau and myself can help you and your club become part of this world-wide campaign and save many lives. We can let other clubs and individuals know of your commitment and how you helped eliminate MNT throughout the world. If you wish further contacts please let me know.

Thank you for your support.

Richard A. Buttery
Michigan District Coordinator for the Eliminate Project
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Too often when we think about the request for each club to support the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation (KMF) and their projects at the rate of $40/member we fail to recognize that it supports services for the precious child in our lives. Often it does not become personal until our child, grandchild, sibling, neighbor or friend’s child receives that service. KMF’s support of child life services in four of Michigan hospitals (C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital, Ann Arbor; Children’s Hospital of Michigan, Detroit; Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital, Grand Rapids; and McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital, Petoskey) serve children from every single county in both peninsulas of Michigan for a total of 228,798 in 2012.

South Lansing Kiwanis Club has in recent years made the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation a priority in their budgets often contributing beyond the goal set for it. However, it became personal before Christmas 2013 when club President Hugh McNichol’s and club Secretary Peggy McNichol’s five year old grandson, Ayden, was flown from Lansing Sparrow Hospital to C.S. Mott Children’s Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Ayden had been complaining for several months of neck pains which caused him sometimes to cry and scream and his parents had many times been to the doctor and emergency room visits with him to address his pain. The doctors treated him for muscle spasms with no success. Finally, at an ER visit before Christmas, a CT scan was done but nothing was initially detected but 3 days later Ayden’s parents were requested to admit him to hospital so he could be sedated and an MRI done. The MRI showed a tumor which was wrapped around his brain stem and had caused fluid which normally flows up and down the spinal cord to be trapped up in his brain. With this diagnosis he was immediately flown to C.S. Mott Hospital to prepare for surgery. Since then he has undergone a fourteen hour surgery before Christmas, chemotherapy after that and a seventeen hour surgery the end of March. Another lengthy surgery is anticipated in April to complete the removal of the tumor. So far the tumor and its removal have not seemed to interfere with his physical and cognitive skills. He even received the Michigan State University’s Women’s Basketball MVP Club Most Spectacular Member award at their annual banquet from Coach Suzy Merchant for inspiration he gave the team.

Hugh and Peggy have both commented on how the child life specialists have been so helpful for Ayden and for their family during this time. Hugh put it this way, “As Kiwanians we heard lots of stories about the work these people do. Having actually seen them in action, I think Peg and I both agree that what we have heard in the past amounts to faint praise compared to the actual experience. The Child & Family Life staff has been phenomenal in their dealing with both the patients and any child visitors.”

Your club’s $40/member contribution and second mile contributions could make the difference to a child that is precious to one of your members.

Submitted by Margery Schleicher
Trustee Division 16
IT’S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS!!!!!

SAVE THIS DATE...July 26, 2014!

A “KIWANIS” PARTY FOR A CAUSE

WHERE: HAWK HOLLOW GOLF COURSE
WHAT: PUTTER GOLF AT “LITTLE HAWK”
WHY: FUNDRAISER: THE ELIMINATE PROJECT & MICHIGAN FOUNDATION HOSPITALS
TIME: 10:00 am PRIZES!
WHO: DIVISION 16 & 18 – all members, spouses, guests, children, ALL AGES!

JOIN THE FUN!! HELP WITH THIS CAUSE!!

CO-CHAIRS – Lt. Gov’s Gordon Schleicher & Barbara Riegle
CONTACT: barbara.riegle@comcast.net 517-349-9848
Reservation deadline – 7/18/14

Party will continue after putter golf!! More details forthcoming. See you July 26!

The Michigan District is in need of your help. We are seeking a Children and Youth Services District Chair. If you are interested in this position please send your letter of interest to Michigan District Governor-Elect Rebekah.

Michigan District Position Summary:
“The committee shall assist clubs in implementing service projects that address the current issues, challenges and opportunities that young people face in their homes, schools and communities, including but not limited to Young Children: Priority One.”

Help Wanted

Young Children: Priority One
Over the past few months, the Michigan District of Key Club has been busy and booming. In April, our newly elected District Board met for our first District Board Meeting. We learned about different leadership styles, parliamentary procedure, and our specific jobs for the coming year. Also, on May 2-4 Key Clubbers from across the state gathered together for Key Leader. They participated in leadership discussions, listened to excellent speakers, and got to know each other through icebreakers. In the words of AJ Espinoza, UAIS Key Club’s Vice President, “You could say [Key Leader] was one of the best weekends ever! I learned so much about leadership and connecting with people.”

We have covered the past; now let’s focus on the present! Summertime is an excellent time to work together within the Kiwanis Family. Key Clubbers and Builders Club members have more flexible schedules and are more able to do service projects together. With this in mind, I have a goal for all of you. This summer, I challenge you to contact another club within the Kiwanis family. It could be another local Kiwanis Club, or the Key Club that you sponsor. Reach out, give them an update on what you are doing, or even invite them to one of your meetings. They will be glad you did! You can take this to the next level by organizing a service project with them. You can email me at kfamily@mikeyclub.org for some service project ideas and guides. I hope you all have a wonderful service-filled summer.

Yours in Service,
Sarah Bussineau
2014-2015 Kiwanis Family Relations Chair
Michigan District of Key Club International
The 2014-2015 Michigan District Board

Hello Michigan Kiwanis! My name is Addison Clipfell and I’m the 2014-2015 Michigan District Governor of Key Club. I’m so excited to serve my second year on the District Board and have another year full of service and fun. Last year I was appointed the Lt. Governor for Division 4. That lines up with Division 14 for you. I was inspired to apply after I learned at the 2013 Key Leader event that the position was open. I just got back from Key Leader 2014 and it’s amazing to see my growth over the past year. My freshman year I was a huge introvert and extremely shy. After this past year, I can truly say I am a changed person. I plan to keep on changing and improving myself throughout this next year as governor. The District Board and I will be working hard to make this the best year yet.
A new Aktion Club is chartered in Lansing. Members of Transitions North Lansing have formed an Aktion Club. Named Capitol City Aktion Club, members celebrated their charter and installed officers on April 2. The club is sponsored by Delta Township Kiwanis Club.

Mid-Michigan area Aktion Clubs held their Service Fundraiser Bowl-a-thon March 22. Aktion Clubs from Jackson, Hillsdale, Brighton and Helping Hands Aktion Club from Lansing, raised $1,546 for the Kiwanis Eliminate Project and Sleeping Children Around the World, the Aktion Club service initiative which sends bed kits to needy children around the world. More than 60 participated in the event which included bowling and pizza for lunch.

Everyone one had a great time, thank you Jackson Aktion Club for hosting the event. Kiwanis is the only service organization which sponsors these service leadership clubs for adults living with disabilities. For information about starting an Aktion Club check with the district office.

Hello Kiwanis Family! My name is Emily Bagwell and I am the Michigan District of Circle K Governor for the 2014-2015 year. My hometown is Livonia, but I go to school in Midland at Northwood University and just finished my second year there studying Entertainment & Sports Management. I have always loved singing and acting, and my dream job after graduation is to be the manager of famous singers and actors. I love going to concerts, and have been involved in musicals, plays, and choirs since a very young age. I am very grateful to have found Circle K and Kiwanis — they have truly changed my life! Through this next year, I hope to help bring Circle K, Key Club, and Kiwanis closer together, as well as to grow our membership through number of members and number of clubs. I have already started working closely with each of our club presidents to talk about their plans for the next year, and I have also been speaking with a few people in regards to chartering new Circle K clubs. I cannot wait to meet so many of you throughout this year. Thank you for all that you do to support Circle K, and more importantly all that you do for the world.
Grosse Ile

The 32nd Annual Island Wide Clean-Up on April 5, 2014 was selected by the Kiwanis Club of Grosse Ile to be their Kiwanis International One Day Project. This was submitted to Kiwanis International as Grosse Ile’s One Day contest entry. Although it was not selected as the International winner a very complimentary email was received from Kiwanis International thanking Grosse Ile Kiwanis for entering the contest and inviting them to send pictures of the event for possible consideration for inclusion in the June issue of Kiwanis magazine.

On April 5, 2014 the weather conditions were not the best for the task of picking up trash but 165 volunteers signed in at the rendezvous site to receive their assignments, gloves and trash bags all raring to execute their assigned jobs. The volunteers exhibited enthusiasm personified which was contagious to one and all.

The volunteers included: Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Weblo Scouts, Girl Scouts, National Honor Society members, Key Club members, Builders Club members, Kiwanians and others who were respondents to the publicity and word of mouth.

When the volunteers completed their assignments they returned to the Riverpointe Christian Church site to enjoy pizza and beverages and share the happenings of the day. Based on the laughter and the exhibited camaraderie the event was fun filled in addition to having achieved a community almost litter free for at least that period of time.

As the volunteers left the site many thanked Kiwanians for orchestrating the event and signed out with the remark, “We will see you next year”.

Art Koester, Secretary/Treasurer
Kiwanis Club of Grosse Ile
Westside-Kalamazoo

On April 5th the Kiwanis Club of Westside-Kalamazoo participated in the annual “Kiwanis One Day” program. In conjunction with Kalamazoo Loaves & Fishes, our set up was at two entrances of the Harding’s Marketplace on West Main in Kalamazoo and collected canned goods, pasta items, 100% fruit juice, canned corn, canned meat and much more. One in four kids in Kalamazoo County live below the poverty level and struggle to have enough to eat. Kalamazoo Loaves and Fishes will feed nearly 15,000 of them this summer, with the help of Westside Kiwanis Club. The club collected 189 lbs of food items and collected over $190. In the picture is President Hal Ray and a volunteer from Portage Northern High School, Abby Shirey.

Kiwanis Club of Owosso was joined by the Shiawassee-Owosso Kiwanis Club, and the Key Club of Owosso High School in fun, fellowship, and community service as they worked along the north bank of the Shiawassee River for Kiwanis One Day.

This Riverwalk serves as a unifying feature in Owosso and Shiawassee County and is a great place for children, teens, seniors, families, and tourists to stroll, skate, or bicycle.

Community members worked in three teams and made lots of improvement on at least 75 percent of the total length of our Riverwalk. They were joined by interested citizens who read about the project in the newspapers in the weeks prior to Kiwanis One Day. Everyone had an enjoyable time making a difference in Owosso. A great hot lunch was served to all at City Hall – lovingly prepared by our resident Kiwanian Caterer. The 40+ volunteers and their 160 hours of time were a great part of the million volunteer hours expected to be invested on Kiwanis One Day.
Charlotte

Kiwanian Fred Conley was honored with a George F. Hixson Fellowship Award for his nearly sixty years of service to the Charlotte Michigan community and Kiwanis Club. At a community ceremony on April 23, Fred was recognized for his efforts in establishing the club in 1955, becoming its first president, and forming the Kiwanis Manor senior village in Charlotte where he now resides. At age 92 Fred still attends meetings where he comes early to set up the meeting room. According to club president, the Charlotte Kiwanis Club’s donation of $1,000 for The Eliminate Project and Hixson will be added to resulting in their becoming a "1000 Baby Club" resulting in 1000 mothers and children being vaccinated against Maternal Neo-natal Tetanus.

Ann Arbor

A significant, one-of-its-size contribution of $20,000 from the philanthropic Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor Foundation was awarded to the Family Learning Institute (FLI), an Ann Arbor non-profit organization dedicated to family literacy.

The gift will be used to purchase and rehab a vehicle turned bookmobile. They will be able to visit neighborhoods and parks where children and families are without easy access to reading materials.
Kiwanis Club of Mason Golden K:  
Police Officer Thanks Kiwanis for His Law Enforcement Career 
Academy Experience

Police officer Rick Hebden spoke recently to the Mason Kiwanis Golden K service club about how attending the Michigan Kiwanis Law Enforcement Career Academy helped launch his law enforcement career. Rick thanked the Kiwanis club where his parents Chris and Fran Hebden were charter members, for the awarding him the academy scholarship. Since graduating from Mason High School in 2000 and Central Michigan University in 2006 Rick has served in several city police departments. As a result of his wife’s employment they now live in Burlington North Carolina where he is a plain clothes officer. He recounted the “gut wrenching” human side of undercover narcotics work such as when he had to arrest the father of a five year old boy removing the father from the home for dealing in narcotics only to spend the next 20 years in prison. Hebden recalled what that must mean for a young boy as he grows older. Officer Hebden thanked Kiwanis “for all you do for kids in the community and around the world” and especially for providing the scholarships to the Michigan Law Enforcement Career Academy which provide a weeklong taste of Michigan State Police training in and outside the classroom. For more information about the academy and how you can sponsor a high school student (even your son/dtr or grandchild) contact Kiwanian Joan Van Arsdalen 517-437-2962.

Aktion Club: District Kiwanian Awarded KI Disability Education Grant

Gordon Schleicher, former Aktion Club District Chair, was awarded a Kiwanis International Foundation Grant to produce educational videos to help abled and disabled grade school children form positive relationships. Gordon is pictured here with Richard Prangley whose efforts on behalf of the disabled inspired the video project. Richard, who was born with a developmental disability and was misdiagnosed at age six, spent fifteen years at the Coldwater State Hospital and never taught how to read or write. He now serves as an advocate on behalf of MI and DD adults. The videos are being produced by Good Fruit Video whose co-owner and operating manager lives with a disability. The videos for classroom use will be available by December 2014 and will be distributed free over the internet.
2013-14 Governor’s
MEMBERSHIP TROPHY

Swartz Creek +8
Downriver West +6
Lapeer +6
Midland +6
Tri Cities, Gd. Haven-Spring Lake +6
Woodhaven +6
Addison +5
Detroit No. 1 +5
Rochester +5
Shorewood +5

Net gain is from 10-1-13 thru 4-30-14 and includes only clubs with
at least a net gain of +5 based on official membership numbers
supplied by Kiwanis International.

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Active Clubs 166
Charter Suspended Clubs 0
District Beginning Membership 4857 members
Reporting Members April 30, 2014 5023
Net Gain +166 members

June 2014
1 Deadline Annual Report of Club Elections
4 Past Governors Council, Lansing
7 3rd District Board Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Mason
9 District Golf Tournament Howell
16 Deadline Club Proposed Amendments & Resolutions to District
19--22 Circle K International Convention, Nashville
28 2014-15 Club Presidents have Committee Chairs selected

July 2014
2--6 Key Club International Convention, Anaheim, CA
4 INDEPENDENCE DAY --District Office Closed
7 Club Chairs to set Budgets & Projects for 2014-15
12 Club Leadership Education (CLE), Kalamazoo
13-18 State Police Student Law Academy, Lansing
14-18 Fellowship of Christian Athletes Camp, Albion College
17--20 Kiwanis International Convention, Tokyo
15 Deadline for Proposed Amendments & Resolutions mailed to Clubs
19 Club Leadership Education (CLE), Novi
26 Club Leadership Education (CLE), Mt. Pleasant