On March 3rd the very first Michigan Kiwanis Day of Service, Division 3 and the Michigan Foundation came together to collect items for the Clothes Closet at Detroit Children’s Hospital. We had over 30 people from the community attend and we made no sew fleece blankets, we made activity bags which included color sheets and crayons, we folded bags for Gleaners and we made mats for the homeless out of plastic bags which is called plarning.
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It is hard to believe that we are at a halfway point in our Kiwanis Year. So it is Time to Reflect on the goals we have made in the District and in our Clubs. Have you taken time with your club’s Board and Members to review your Goals for 2017-18? Where are you on your path for growth and accomplishment? Have you used the IPLAN to develop and review your Goals?

Along the way, do you have fun; are you making new friends, doing more and different Service Projects? Check your path to success for this year and incorporate every member of your club in your plan.

At the District Level, every day is a brand new adventure of working towards accomplishing the goals established to move every Division, Club and Member to be all you can be and making a meaningful experience to all members.

In September, the Executive Committee, composed of Larry, Governor Elect, Dee, Immediate Past Governor, Greg, Executive Director our Lt. Governor Co-Chairs, Kelly Dougherty and Sarah Kew and myself planned a retreat to establish our District Goals.

Using the IPLAN, we developed the District Goals to move us forward. Our Goal for Inspiration was to build, retain, and support a Growing Kiwanis membership network. We are in the process of diversifying membership to be more representative of communities by opening new clubs in areas of need and expanding Kiwanis establishing Young Professionals and a variety of types of clubs. We are also looking to increase a net 2 new members in each club.

Working with our Formula Chair, Andre Laubach and his team of Rosemary Robinson and Kelly Dougherty, with Linda Lawther as Formula Lead and Larry Memmer as Eye of Tiger Leads for our state; We have one new Club this year in the Bay area and new clubs we are working to open that includes: Sparta, Taylor, Dearborn Young Professionals, Caro, Grass Lake and Grosse Pointe. If anyone is interested in finding out more, attending trainings and helping, please see The Formula Team. We are finding that when you get this training, it will also help you to strengthen your own club.

The Impact for Meaningful Service, with service to our children as a priority includes supporting and strengthening our Service Leadership Programs. Our District Chairs, Lori Stillwell, Circle K; Bryan Crenshaw, Key Club; Nicole Gayney, Mercia Foster for K-Kids and Sue Devon, Chair of Aktion Club are working hard to bring in new clubs. However, they need your help as Club Advisors and supporters to encourage and make the students aware of meaningful service in their communities. We also need to include Carol Abadie, Chair of Key Leader who is planning an extensive weekend of learning about being leaders and doing service.

We also established our very FIRST, Districtwide Service Day on Saturday, March 3rd. I have heard about many wonderful projects that were accomplished in our Divisions by working together to support their communities. Thank you to ALL who worked together on this new endeavor to increase your unity as a Division and helped to enrich your own communities.

Looking at our 3rd Goal in the IPLAN, we have and are continuing to enhance the Kiwanis Image worldwide. Our first endeavor was to develop, using Kiwanis International template, 50 trifold brochures for each club that has your individual information, to promote your club in your community and obtain new members. Many have been delivered; the rest will soon be on their way.
My wife, Nancy and I have four daughters and eight grandchildren. Unfortunately, each of our daughters live in a different state: Iowa, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Michigan. That means major events, holidays and family time together takes planning, flexibility and commitments from all of us! As parents, we feel it is our responsibility to keep us all connected.

This is the same with Kiwanis. As the parent organization, it is our responsibility to keep our Service Leadership Programs connected to our clubs. One of the big differences between Kiwanis and other service organizations is the programs we offer to our youth, K Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, and Aktion Club. As our International President, Jim Rochford, says, “The best thing we do as a Kiwanian, bar none, is our SLP’s that we offer in our schools”. Many Kiwanis clubs have a patch on their honor banner to indicate the sponsorship of our SLP’s. Since our SLP’s are such an important part of us, let’s think about how we interface with these clubs.

The members of these clubs are our future. They will continue the legacy of community service and leadership they learn from working with us and watching us. So, we need to ask ourselves, how much does my club do to help the clubs we sponsor? Do you know what service projects your SLP’s currently support? Do you help them with their service projects? Were you there when they installed their officers? Do you help with financial support to attend rally’s, workshops, leadership weekends, service leadership conference, or convention? Do you invite them to your meetings on a regular basis or attend their meetings? We can’t expect the schools to take on the full responsibility of being the advisor and mentor.

Recently I had two great SLP experiences. One was being at the Key Club Conference. The young men and women showed great integrity, leadership and character. I wish every superintendent/principal could see this conference in action. It would be an eye-opening experience. These talented young people lead the conference, policed their own actions, and had informational workshops and caucuses. The candidates for offices were motivated to serve their club, school, community, and the Michigan District.

The second experience was an event where the Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club chartered a new Key Club and KI-Kids, installed the officers and inducted in members for those new clubs as well as an existing Builders Club. It is a great example of a Kiwanis Club working with all three SLP’s at a school.

By the time you read this article, the Circle K, will have had their convention. I plan to attend and expect the same commitment and leadership that I saw with the Key Club Conference. I also, plan to attend the Aktion Club convention in the fall. All these events deserve our attention and support. Look for articles about these in future Builders.
How to help your club be warm and inviting to guests & prospective members

Over the past several months I have visited clubs in Divisions 10 and 12 as well as a few others in the District. On these visits there was a common interest in attracting new members and strengthening our existing clubs. We discussed ways to do this. However, a key element to help with the success of these efforts was voiced by Bruce Rayce and has been my belief for many years:

You can do everything you can to attract someone to your club and club meeting, but if what they find when they attend one of your club’s events is not attractive to them, they may not want to join.

So here are some things to consider when going about presenting the best Kiwanis club you can to prospective members.

- Make sure you have a banner or some evidence of a Kiwanis meeting going on. We are not just a random group of people meeting for only social reasons.
- Make sure at least one person is assigned to greet people at the door. Ideally, many people should come up and introduce themselves.
- Change up the seating so anyone feels welcome no matter who they sit with or where they sit.
- Whenever your meeting starts, make sure a good number of people are there at least 15-30 minutes before the meeting. We don’t want a visitor to walk into a meeting with only 1-2 people there.
- We are a club with a mission and a purpose. We are about having fun and doing business. Make sure both are part of the meeting. There should be a structure to the meeting including ringing the bell, an agenda and making sure the meeting moves along.
- The meetings should be fun, informational and varied. Try and schedule outside speakers and programs. The speakers can be potential new members as well.
- Make sure the comments and conversations are positive and uplifting. If there are too many inside “jokes” or comments only members would understand, then guests may feel left out.
- The meeting should be about the direction the club is going and announcing major activities. Details of these events should be discussed in a committee or outside the meeting. The meeting can get too bogged down and boring for a guest. Plus, if all this goes on too long, guests may think the club is not organized.
- Everyone should be respectful and attentive when someone is speaking. Eliminate side conversations. Let the guests know you appreciate the speaker and your President who has stepped up to a leadership role in the club.

Every club in the Michigan Kiwanis District has a great mission and story to tell. Each club needs more members so we can make a greater impact in our communities. Do everything you can to help increase your chances of success in growing your club.
Kiwanis International Convention
JUNE 28–JULY 1, 2018 // LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

Are you ready to experience hope, inspiration and fellowship?

Make this year the one that you grab a few fellow Kiwanians from your club and say “We’re going to Kiwanis International Convention!” What a great opportunity to experience the convention while it’s here in the U.S. We guarantee – you won’t be disappointed.

You’ll be in Las Vegas. What’s not to love about that! Beautiful weather, shows, casinos, and that’s before we even get started with the Convention. You’ll have the opportunity to attend a variety of events throughout the weekend – from The Eliminate Project Luncheon to Alumni Night with Friends where you’ll enjoy an evening with fellow Circle K and Key Club alumni. The Celebration Gala includes dinner and dancing while enjoying the classic-rock of Three Dog Night.

Here’s a sneak peak at the entertainment you can expect:

**Motivational Speakers**, Rudy Ruettiger will be the keynote speaker. Ruettiger fought to realize his dream of playing for Notre Dame’s football team – and sacked the quarterback in the only play of his career. Dina Buno, star of 2017 film “Dina” and 2017 Sundance Film Festival award winner will do the address at Opening Session. Dina is an active member of the Abington Aktion Club as well as an autism advocate and public speaker.

**The Penguin Project** is a modified version of a well-known Broadway musical. These productions are unique because young artists with developmental disabilities fill all the roles. They are joined on stage with “peer mentors”, children the same age without disabilities who have volunteered to work side-by-side with them. The Penguin Project demonstrates that the special challenges of a disability should not handicap a child’s ability to participate in life experiences.

**Saint Adeline** at the Closing Session will perform Folk Pop Music. The trios have been performing since they were young and win hearts and followers as they perform from NY to Nashville to London.

Register now to enjoy another exciting and entertainment filled 2018 Kiwanis International Convention. Registration includes exhibits, education and general sessions. All events will take place at the Paris and Bally's hotels. These two separate hotels are connected.

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Engage your Service Leadership Programs as part of the Michigan Kiwanis Family

Thank you for supporting your district Service Leadership Programs. Do invite us to be a program for your club meeting. We love to share how K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K and Aktion Club are providing service to local communities and building leadership skills.

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Sacred Heart Academy K-Kids and Key Club Charter Night

Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club recently sponsored two new SLPs at Sacred Heart Academy. We are dedicated to encouraging young people to begin a life of serving others. For many years we have sponsored Circle K at CMU, Key Club at Mt. Pleasant High School, and a Builders Club at Sacred Heart Academy. In the fall of 2017 we submitted charters for a Key Club and a K-Kids Club at Sacred Heart Academy.

With the cooperation of the faculty and administration of this parochial school, we now offer a service organization for students from 5th grade through their senior year. The groups can easily work together, as Kiwanis family members, since they are on the same campus.

We decided to have a big celebration to honor the new charters, and to induct new members, and install officers for the new clubs as well as the existing Builders Club.

The celebration was attended by several members of Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club, as well as Kiwanis dignitaries from around the state, Governor Marian O’Higgins, Governor Elect, Larry Memmer, Executive Director, Greg Smith, Lt. Governor of Division 10, Bruce Rayce, Past Lt. Governor, Judy Unrath, K-Kids Administrator, Mercia Foster, Circle K Governor, Sean Nauss, and Key Club Lt. Governor for Division 3, Ryan Brown, and special speaker, Past International President, Sue Petrisin. Sue also presented the charters to the principals and faculty advisors, as well as patches for our banner.

Nearly forty members of the three clubs were in attendance, which was a good percentage considering dance lessons, sporting events, and other activities make it impossible to find a time that works for everyone. Proud parents and grandparents filled the room. Everyone was treated to cookies donated by Insomnia Cookies and punch provided by the Kiwanis Club.

Most importantly, the parents, teachers, and administrators learned more about Kiwanis International, and new club members have a greater understanding of the great family to which they now belong.
The 2018 Key Leader weekend will be April 20—22, 2018. Last year, Kiwanis changed the lives of nearly 4,000 youths across the world by sending them to Key Leader Weekend. Let’s change the lives of even more in 2018 by teaching about servant leadership, integrity, respect, growth, community, and excellence.

How can you help? Send a youth to Key Leader weekend, and change their life by inspiring them to achieve their personal best through service leadership. Make the future brighter by making an impact in the life of a young adult. The cost is minimal, but the impact and benefits are invaluable.

Who? Key Leader is designed to open doors to all student leaders and those with leadership potential. The main focus is to serve students from 14 to 17 years of age.

What? The program focuses on Service Leadership. A Key Leader will learn the most important lesson of leadership—Leadership comes from helping others succeed.

Register now at www.key-leader.org
On February 17, 2018, the Michigan District hosted our inaugural “Igniting the Leader in You” leadership conference. This event was a departure from the past. We opened the event to Kiwanians, Circle K members, Key Club members, partners, and the public. We had about 100 attendees, of which 15 were public members/prospective guests, we had 5 Kiwanis partners as exhibitors, and we had 80 Kiwanis members.

The event was filled with external speakers from around Michigan and neighboring Windsor, Ontario. Keynote speakers shared their perspective on “The Power of Questions”, “Manager or Leader”, “Sharing the Passion”, “Living a 5-Digit Life”, and “R.I.D.E. to Succeed”. All guest speakers were new to Kiwanis, and one guest speaker was inducted as a new Kiwanis member by Sue Petrisin and Linda Lawther.

The video of the event will be made available soon.

Here’s what attendees had to say:

“IT’S EASY TO MAKE A BUCK. IT’S A LOT TOUGHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.”
- Tom Brokaw

Here’s what attendees had to say:

This is the best leadership experience I have ever attended as a Kiwanian.

I am going to focus on living a 5-digit life.

We need more events like this in Kiwanis.
Kiwanis International announced its 2nd Signature Project Contest. Each District was asked to have clubs submit their Signature Project to be judged by the District. The District’s winning entry was sent to Kiwanis International as the District’s representative for the International Contest.

This year we had 11 clubs submit entries.

Ann Arbor, Bay Area, Bay City, Caledonia, Clinton Twp, Coldwater, Detroit #1, Jackson, Kalamazoo Sunrise, Lac Ste. Claire and Saginaw

The winning entry was Kalamazoo Sunrise’s Hotcake Hustle. This project is a fundraiser that helps with Weekend Backpack programs, children’s winter clothes and books for elementary school children.

Each of the 11 entries will be highlighted at their own Spring Divisionals. Thanks to all the clubs who entered.

We want many more clubs to let us know about their Signature Project so let’s get more entries next year.
Congresswoman Debbie Dingell, who represents our 12th District, in Washington joined Downriver elementary school students to pack Kids Against Hunger Meals on Saturday, February 3rd. The first Saturday in February is always a big day at Bates School. Yearly, Woodhaven Kiwanians host a Kids Against Hunger packing. This year, over 400 third, fourth, and fifth graders from four school districts, twelve different schools, came together to support the less fortunate of our community and anywhere the U.S. Military flies humanitarian aid. Students were surprised, when they looked up to see they were working elbow to elbow with Congresswoman Debbie Dingell. The congresswoman visited the packing. She found the students work amazing and stepped in to help!

Chairperson, Kiwanian Paul Elsey, said the students packed 34,536 meals. Meals are provided to food pantries throughout the Detroit area. Additionally, a portion of the meals are delivered around the world, wherever our armed forces fly humanitarian aid. To accomplish this task, sixteen assembly lines are set up in the Bates School Gym. A member of the Woodhaven High School Hockey team provided leadership for each of the assembly lines. Under their supervision, students packed a meal of soy, rice, vitamins, and veggies. Each package was carefully packed to weigh 13.8 ounces for international shipment. The bags are heat sealed and packed for delivery. Each bag contains a complete meal for six people with all the vitamins needed for a day.

Woodhaven Kiwanis President, Darrel Penix, explained not only does the hockey team provide leadership; they also clearly demonstrate to the elementary aged participants that older students continue to participate in philanthropic activities. Penix also pointed out studies showing that elementary school children who are involved in service to others learn to be more empathetic are less likely to bully and are less susceptible to bullying.

This Kids Against Hunger packing was organized by the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven with help from the Kiwanis Club of Greater Gibraltar and the Kiwanis Club of Metro Detroit Young Professionals. More than 400 Students at the packing represented Allen School, Bates School, Chapman School, Erving School, Gudith School, Hedke School, Parsons School, Weiss School, Wegienka School and Yake School. Members of the Patrick Henry Middle School volunteered to work with the third graders, as well as, the Woodhaven High School Hockey Team.
Kiwanis Division 1 Gives Baby Shower to Benefit Gianna House

Today, a very special event was given by Kiwanis Division 1 for the Gianna House. This was a baby shower to benefit Gianna House. Led by Sister Theresa Maynard, their mission is to provide a safe residence for pregnant teens and their newborn infants; while providing spiritual, educational and parenting support, with resources to all pregnant women who are in need. All Division 1 Clubs were asked to attend and bring unwrapped gifts to help boost this worthy cause to meet its goals and mission.

The Shorewood Kiwanis group hosted the baby shower. It was held at the Pare Elementary School where The Shorewood Club occupies a classroom. Pare Elementary rents rooms to non-profit organizations.

Sharon Gwizdowski, V.P. and Dr. Carl Papa, President were the chairs for this event. Many Shorewood members and friends volunteered to assist in making the shower a success.

Jennifer Brobaker, Executive Director for Gianna House explained how the Gianna House operates. The House will formally open in August 2018.

Marian O’Higgins, Governor Michigan District of Kiwanis was in attendance. There was a full house of other Kiwanians from various clubs under Division 1. A delicious meal and desserts were served. The attendees played games for fun and prizes.

Kiwanis Woodhaven Assembles Blankets

Members from the Dearborn, Melvindale, and Plymouth Kiwanis Clubs gathered together to assemble 29 no-sew blankets that will be used for distribution to abused or neglected children through the organization Child’s Hope. Child’s Hope is a central voice for the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Wayne County, building collaborations and programs that increase family strengths, enhance child development, and reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect. Upon completion of the project, group consensus was that not only did we enjoy the experience; we also felt that we were making a difference and that through our efforts we could help to put a smile on a child’s face that is being impacted by either abuse or neglect.
What an amazing day of service with the other clubs in Division 7 for our division wide service project on the Michigan Kiwanis Day of Service. We all came together to help out Oakland Family Services. They do amazing work for kids including offering a great pre-school for low income families. They were so appreciative of our help as there is much they can’t accomplish without more hands from the community. It’s wonderful to help out such a grateful organization that helps children across our entire division. Division 7 showed up with 20 volunteers to deep clean and paint classrooms throughout the Pontiac Facility. Not only did our Kiwanis Clubs come out to support, but we had members of Oakland Circle K volunteering along side us.

Oakland Family Services was so thrilled to have us. They featured our clubs on their Instagram Story and Facebook Page. Not only were we able to make a big impact, but we were able to get the Kiwanis name out in our community in a big way. #kidsneedkiwanis
The Cadillac Kiwanis Club is proud to salute another of its outstanding members, Mr. Jack Richards. Jack has been a member of the Kiwanis family since 2010. He was previously a member from 1995 to 2005 when his career took him out of town for a period. Jack has been an active leader in our organizations serving in a multitude of capacities such as Club Treasurer, Board Member, Project Leader on a multitude of notable projects, and most recently Chairman of the Concession Committee. Jack has always been at the forefront of activities, taking the lead for such projects as building playscapes in Boon Township and Middle Branch Township, as well in the building a new cabin at Camp Torrenta. Anytime our Club has accepted a project, Jack has always been one of the first to volunteer. He took part building the Disc Golf Course on Diggins Hill, reconstruction of a playscape and storage shed for Oasis Shelter and participating in our Highway Cleanup project. Jack is a faithful volunteer at the Cadillac Back Pac program in which he participates faithfully every Thursday morning. He has been an excellent role model of what it means to be a true Kiwanian.

Jack has led a very interesting life. He was born and raised in the Village of Hillman, just north-east of Atlanta. After graduating High School, he went on to Central Michigan University where he earned his Bachelor Degree in Education. While at CMU Jack met his future bride Kathy and shortly after graduation Jack & Kathy were married in 1982. They have two children, a son Paul who is a helicopter pilot with the U.S. Army, stationed in Texas and a daughter Jaime, who earned her Degree in Dentistry.

Jack started his career in Dimebox, Texas where he taught mathematics and Physical Education and worked as a coach for the boys’ basketball team and the girls’ softball team. He returned to Michigan taking a teaching position in Niles, Michigan. Over the next ten years he wore many hats such as the football coach for the New Buffalo school, then accepting an assistant Principals position at Brandywine.

In 1995 Jack & Kathy relocated to Cadillac where he accepted a position as principal of the Jr. Highschool. During this period in Cadillac Jack became a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Elks Club. In 2005 Jack made another career change and accepted the Superintendent of Schools position in his hometown of Hillman until deciding to retire in 2010.

We proudly salute Jack as a highly respected member of the Cadillac Kiwanis. Those of us in Kiwanis and many who know him in the community appreciate his dedication to the community.
William Douglas "Bill" VanArsdalen, age 88, of Hillsdale, passed away Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at MacRitchie Skilled Nursing Facility in Hillsdale. He was born October 25, 1929 in Morenci to Hugh and Alice (Fancher) VanArsdalen. Bill married Joan Guss on July 8, 1956 and she survives.

Bill graduated from Morenci High School in 1947 and from Albion College in 1951. He served his country in the United States Army as a cryptanalysis stationed in Tokyo, Japan and Vint Hill Farms Station, Virginia from 1951 to 1954. He later received his Masters degree in counseling from Michigan State University. Bill taught math at Hillsdale Community Schools and was the principal at David Middle School for 15 years. While teaching, he enjoyed coaching, directing plays and teaching drivers education. Bill worked for 40 years as a statistician and scorekeeper for the Hillsdale College basketball and football teams and he was also an assistant swim coach. He was a member and former president of the Kiwanis Club of Hillsdale. Bill served on the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation Board, served as governor of Kiwanis Michigan District from 2006-2007 and held many other offices within Kiwanis. He was a member of the Hillsdale United Methodist Church, Hillsdale Elks Lodge #1575 and the Hillsdale Township Zoning Board of Appeals. Bill formerly served on the Senior Center board, the United Way board and he volunteered at the Hillsdale Hospital Auxiliary gift shop. He enjoyed traveling with his wife, needlepoint, bowling and spending time with his family whom he dearly loved.

In addition to his wife of nearly 62 years, Joan VanArsdalen, Bill is survived by two children, Douglas (Susan) VanArsdalen of Jackson and Dee Anne VanArsdalen-Blair of Jonesville; five granddaughters, Ashleigh Peterson, Shanna (Adam) Baldwin, Meghan VanArsdalen, Molli (Dallen) Reber and Madelyn VanArsdalen; one great-granddaughter, Averee Baldwin and one great-granddaughter on the way.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and two siblings, Iva Masters and James VanArsdalen.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the William VanArsdalen Memorial Scholarship c/o the Hillsdale County Community Foundation. Please visit www.eaglefuneralhomes.com to leave online condolences for the family.
Change Your 2017-18 Directory

(Also make appropriate changes on pages 20-25)

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CLUB MEETING PLACE/DATE CHANGES

DEARBORN HTS., DIV. 4
Justice Center, 25637 Michigan Ave, 1st Thurs., 6:30pm

GARDEN CITY, DIV. 2
Fayrouz Grill & Restaurant, 28937 Warren Rd., Thurs., Noon

GREATER GIBRALTAR, DIV. 5
2nd & 4th Tues, 6:30 PM

HILLSDALE, DIV. 11
First Presbyterian Church, 31 North St., Tues., Noon (temporarily through Sept.)

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We are currently working on an online store for Michigan and developing Michigan Kiwanis items we can all wear proudly to bring awareness to us. REMEMBER- Wear your Kiwanis wearables everywhere you go, not just to your meetings. It is a conversation starting point with anyone you may meet.

In February, we held our 1st Leadership training “Igniting the Leader In You”, bringing in six non-Kiwanian experts to share ideas and teach us how we can ALL be leaders. This was well received and extremely successful and we are looking at doing other Leadership Training in different areas of Michigan. I want to thank our Educational Chair, Preston Abadie and Executive Director, Greg Smith for working to pull this together for all of us.

We have also entered for a second year, KI Signature Project Contest and have received more entries this year. If your Club has a special, continuing Project, please consider making this your Signature Project, it will bring more awareness to your club.

Our 4th Goal is Investment. It is hard to maintain a balanced budget with all the expenses that occur and with costs going up. The District budget is balanced and we hope all clubs have done the same. We are looking at ways of doing fundraising at the District level to be able to support our leaders and chairs to better able to meet their responsibilities and support our clubs and members by offering more trainings and support.

Of course, we always look at working with and supporting our Foundation. The four hospitals they support throughout Michigan help children who may not have the funding or other financial support to help our children.

I am so appreciative and humbled to have the opportunity this year to be part of a team of 4,500 Kiwanians, to work, develop, plan and make the Michigan District a more comprehensive and well known community of Kiwanis that is recognized not just in Michigan but throughout the world, because of all our passionate and committed Members. I thank each and every one of you for all you do in your clubs, your communities and you’re willingness to help anyone because of who you are: A KIWANIAN!

I am looking forward to more advancement in all our goals in our next half of our Kiwanian year.

Governor Marian