Hello Kiwanians – My name is Renea Callery and I am the new Partnership Coordinator for MI District. I have had the pleasure to visit a few clubs to share what a MI Partnership is in Kiwanis.

Spring is almost here and it’s a great time to review what type of spring projects you can do with your club or any of the “Kiwanis Family”. Some of these activities might need supplies, volunteers, or ideas. So let me share with you “the many partnerships we have in Kiwanis”.

DOLLARDAYS:

First stop shopping is the Kiwanis Warehouse/DollarDays. If you have ever shopped at the Dollar Stores, you can now shop the “Online DollarDaze” with free shipping. From the comfort of your home or office, all you have to do is go online to: www.kiwanis.dollardays.org.

Here is a bit of information about DollarDays and how they can help you:

The Kiwanis contact person is Frank Albanese and you can reach him at: frank@dollardays.com or 877-837-9569.

DollarDays: Wholesale Distributor of Great Items at Low Prices

DollarDays launched in 2001 to provide customers a convenient and easy wholesale shopping experience online. Over the years, we have maintained our philosophy to provide great wholesale products at low costs to everyone. Today, we are proud to be the premier wholesale ecommerce destination providing bulk-priced products to nonprofits, businesses and individual shoppers. We offer more than 260,000 products online to our customers with no membership fees or order minimums.

Helping people save money and stretch their dollars is part of our fabric. As a wholesale distributor to nonprofit organizations across the globe, our wholesale supplies have helped nonprofits reach

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1  Spring Divisional-- 1, 3, 4, 5, 7
8  Spring Divisional-- 9, 10, 17, 18, 19
14 GOOD FRIDAY, District Office Closed
22 Spring Divisional-- 20, 21, 22
28-30 Key Leader, FaHoLo Camp, Grass Lake

May
1  Club Boards should elect Delegates to Dis-
District Convention at Crystal Mountain
6  Kiwanis of MI Foundation Board,  9:30 AM, Mason
6  Past Lt. Governor’s Council, 9:30 AM, Mason
10  Final Convention Planning, Crystal Mountain
13  3rd District Board Meeting, 9:00 AM, Mason
19-21 LG Training, Lansing
23-25 Club Opening- Clarkston and Grand Blanc
26  District Office Closed
29  MEMORIAL DAY--District Office Closed

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at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville.  Plan on a
convention like you have never had before.  In addition
to the regular informational/training meetings we are
planning a host of fun filled events that Crystal Mountain
has to offer.  There will be a golf outing on Thursday
afternoon, a celebration of women at a Kiwanis luncheon.
Plan on attending a Friday night bonfire with a cookout
with good food and beverages  and plenty of activities for
the family.  The whole family can enjoy the zip line, pools,
spa,  bicycling, nature walks and much, much more.  Y ou
will not want to miss this years convention, so plan on
joining us for a fun filled family weekend.

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I'm taken by their faces, some timid and some bold
They look at me and wonder if I'm warm or if I'm cold
I smile a great big smile and laugh a little too
Some smile back immediately and others wait for what I'll do.

I clap and wave and giggle some to show I know they're there
I want them to be comfortable so I really do not stare.
I'm cautious yes, but open up and keep on smiling still
To encourage them to talk to me and trust me, if they will.

They sing and clap and dance some too as they learn to say their words
They talk of all the animals, some big, some small like birds.
A cow, a goat, a cat, a ram and even a donkey too
The rooster makes a crowing sound, the bird a little coo.

They're learning all they can today from the teacher they all love
She's stern yet loving, nice and fun, the kind sent from above.
To teach our kiddos all the things that they will ever need
To live their lives and really thrive, to really plant the seed.

I see the class is overfilled with many a 5 year old.
And wonder how many are here today because of what we're told
We donated funds to save the moms and protect their little ones
from the horrible scourge of tetanus death
we thank you tons and tons.

For these little ones are alive today because of UNICEF and us
We share our time and projects without a lot of fuss.
We give what we can and enjoy it too and then give a little more
For the lives of all these little ones are in our very core.

There are many kids with many needs, they need us more than ever
They need us to be clear and sharp on each project and endeavor.
To raise more funds and service too to let them know we care
Our talents and our treasures and our energy we freely share.

I'm really blessed as one by one they giggle, my arm they tug
My heart opens wide and my tears now roll as they offer me a hug.
From Tanzania to this Kiwanian whose arms are open wide
My heart and love come all around, with this I can abide.

We're blessed to be a part of this, yes they really, really want us
The group that we all hold so dear, this group we love, Kiwanis.
KIWANIANS – YOU Can Make a Difference!

Every Kiwanian is special.

Every Kiwanian offers their own uniqueness to our organization.

Every Kiwanian has their own passion in helping their community and families and children.

Why did you join Kiwanis? Was it to do service and help others? Each club has their special projects to serve their community. Do you have your own idea and/or passion to help others? Share this with your club. All ideas are important and needed to help others, ideas large or small, to help one or many, makes a difference in our communities.

Doing your best makes a difference for the better.

Making a difference for the better is different than making a difference. Lots of people can make a difference but can you make a difference for the better? The mission to make a difference for the better can be a game changer for Kiwanis. Ideas and Confidence are the bridges to success.

It only takes one person to make a difference in your club – to create a positive ripple effect, in your community. Positive ripple effects can create lasting change. There are countless examples of individuals making a difference in Kiwanis, but also countless more opportunities to make an impact.

Maybe we can help change the world in Kiwanis by the small measures we take each and every day. Perhaps our ideas in Kiwanis can become opportunities for real, positive solutions that benefit others in our organization. As Kiwanians we can make a difference by our simple day-to-day actions.

Marian O’Higgins
2016-17 Governor Elect
Michigan District
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I want to hear from you!
You can reach me at governor-elect@mikiwanis.org.
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thousands of people in need — with basic necessities that our bulk hygiene kits provide to helping families who can’t afford school supplies. We’ve supplied more than 2,000,000 wholesale backpacks to children around the world! We’re proud to work with both small and mid-size businesses that support and employ thousands of individuals and families. Smaller businesses need to buy wholesale items in small quantities and have access to the latest trending, seasonal and impulse items without worrying about storage capacity or overage. Our inventory is updated daily. Combined with our large selection of wholesale products, we have a little of everything for everyone!

Some of the brand companies they work with are: Disney – Crayola – Hanes – Suave and Fruit of the Loom, just to name a few.

The 5% Give-Back Program is an easy way for you to support your favorite charities, nonprofits, schools and churches every time you shop at DollarDays at no cost to you, because DollarDays donates 5% of your total merchandise purchase to the organization you choose!

U.S. ARMY:

Did you know we also have a great partnership with the U.S. Army? When you think of the Army, you may think that they just recruit people to prepare them to defend our country… but they do so much more. The Army partnership is based on a foundation of shared values of leadership, education and service. The U.S. Army can support district conventions with workshops and by exhibiting and supporting service projects. Local battalions can be tapped to speak at club meetings, support local service projects and join your club. Clubs that sponsor Key Clubs & Circle K Clubs can encourage students to take advantage of the Army’s free, online standardized test preparation programs. The 21 recruiters in the Dearborn area are always looking to connect with our community via Kiwanis events. Along with that, they offer an opportunity to bring to your Key Club the Resilience & Performance Skills mentoring program. You can reach them at: www.goarmy.com. They are also open to joining a club. So check them out in your area.

LANDSCAPE STRUCTURES INC:

Are you ready to build that playground for children in your community? Another one of our partnerships is Landscape Structures Inc. Many of our clubs around Michigan have used Landscape Structures Inc. They are also available to support district conventions by exhibiting and facilitating workshops. You can download the Playground Planning Guide at: www.kiwanis.org/playground. Or check out some of the playgrounds and find a local representative at: www.playlsi.com.

THIRST PROJECT:

A great project for Key Club is the Thirst Project which works to build a socially conscious generation of young people who will end the global water crisis. Thirst Project’s Thirsty 30 and Dirty Little Secret are fun and energizing projects that are easy to do. Our newly chartered Key Club at Edsel Ford, sponsored by the Dearborn Kiwanis Club participated in this project as one of their first service projects. Learn more at: www.thirstproject.org.

SCHOLASTIC BOOKS:

If your club has a focus on literacy, Scholastic Books is a great partner that helps get books into the children’s hands. You can also help build a literacy program or perhaps do a “reading oasis” for your local school and this could become your club’s signature service project. They are also available to support district conventions. To order books you can reach them at: www.scholastic.com/lp. To find more info on the Reading Oasis/Book Fairs email: sdavern@scholasticbookfairs.com. They are also available for a fundraiser.

ATLAS FLAGS:

Memorial Day is right around the corner so now is the perfect time to reach out to another one of our partners Atlas Flags. Atlas Flags gives U.S. Kiwanis clubs a chance to raise funds, while spreading American pride. They offer a great discount for the Kiwanis clubs. You can find them at: www.kiwanis.atlasflags.com.

MARCH OF DIMES:

The March of Dimes is ready to work with our clubs to raise funds to give every baby a fighting and healthy start. To find out how you can help support local events, such as March for Babies and Prematurity Awareness Month, contact: www.marchofdimes.com/tomorrow.

So How Can You Utilize the Kiwanis Partnerships:

• Reach out to Landscape Structures to build a playground.
• Ask the Army to come speak at a meeting, or help you with the Salvation Bell Ringing.
• Install a reading oasis room at a school with Scholastic Books.
• Order online, low cost service project supplies from DollarDays.
• Support preferred charities through service projects, mentoring, and fundraising activities.
• All of these partners are available to support a convention through exhibiting and education.

Kiwanis has a few more partnerships available for Kiwanis Clubs, so to find out how to see all the partners that Kiwanis is working with, you can go to: http://kiwanis.org/kiwanis/about-kiwanis/partners

As your MI District Partnership Coordinator, I am here to:

• Serve you
• Available to speak to your club if you have an evening meeting
• Will help you and direct you with any questions you may have
• Help you connect with our Partners to help you with your activities.

So don’t be shy — reach out to these partners and get them to help you with one or many of your projects. They are also part of our Kiwanis family.
Partnerships are good for Kiwanis

As Kiwanians we perform many acts of service to make an impact on the lives of children in our communities. Over the years, we have used our own hands, ideas, service projects, fundraisers, members, etc. to create some amazing results. It’s now time to consider expanding our reach by partnering with other organizations and businesses. Many of you already do this and have been very successful over the years. What I am suggesting is to make a deliberate effort to forge new partnerships and/or strengthen existing ones.

**Why is this necessary? There are several reasons:**

1. Many clubs no longer have the size membership they once enjoyed in order to continue the programs that currently exist. I have talked with clubs who are contemplating giving up a project or fundraiser because they only have 5-10 members who have the time or energy to do it.

2. There is greater competition for everyone’s time whether it is other non-profits, service organizations, family or work. People may have time to focus on several projects per year, but not several dozen.

3. Every project and fundraiser should be periodically evaluated. Just because it has been done for X number of years doesn’t mean it has the same impact or results it once had. Ask yourself the question “What does our club want to be known for?” (A Signature Project that your club is well-known for in your community could be an exception).

4. Perhaps you want to make a greater impact and be more visible as a way to grow club membership.

**Here are several ideas on how to approach partnering:**

1. One club I talked with said they may have to give up their pancake breakfast fundraiser because they didn’t have enough members to handle everything. How about partnering with one of the organizations you give money to anyway? As your partner, you would advertise together, you could use their volunteers to help, you can earmark a percentage of the proceeds to them and perhaps raise even more money because some of the money is going to a recognized cause.

2. Approach different businesses in your community and ask them if they are currently doing anything to help children. Perhaps they can help your club with a current effort or you can brainstorm with them on a new project.

3. Talk with our Partnership Coordinator – Renea Callery. She can give you information about our existing partnerships at both the International and District level. You can reach her at 313-505-0331 or e-mail at reneaewigmail.com.

Together we can forge new partnerships, make more of an impact in our communities and create a greater awareness of Kiwanis.
Michigan Partnerships

In addition to the National partnerships Renea talks about, we have entered into Partnerships for Michigan Kiwanians. Each of these Partnerships will either save you money or provide a product/service that may be of benefit to you. The best part of these partnerships is a portion of the revenue generated comes back to the District. Each of our partners is described in brief below with a link to get more information or order on-line. Please let us know what you think or if you have ideas for additional partners.

Office Depot and Office Max

Substantial savings to Kiwanians with the use of the Purchase card in the store. Now items can be ordered on-line and shipped directly to your home (many times with free shipping). You set up your own account and pay with your own credit card. The best part is you receive the lowest price between on-line or store. Click here to start ordering on-line.

Vista Print

For years many Kiwanians and Kiwanis clubs have used Vista Print to save money on Business Cards, flyers, brochures, letterhead, etc. Now there is a link for everyone to use. There is no money coming to the District, just savings for you and your club. Click here for information and to start ordering.

LegalShield

This is a low-cost way to ensure you have legal service and identity theft protection when you need it. For a low monthly cost, a great deal of your legal issues can be handled quickly and efficiently. Check out our District website (www.mikiwanis.org) under Community Partners for more information.

Kiwanis/Circle K Mentor

This is a wonderful partnership within our Kiwanis Family. Many of our Circle K members are looking for career starts or just want to experience what work in a particular field is like. As Kiwanians with years of experience in the working world, we can help them. It’s just a matter of linking their interest with our experience. One of our Michigan Kiwanians has set up a website to do just that. We need many Kiwanians to step up and help students who are now a part of our Kiwanis Family and are future Kiwanians. Click here to get more information and get started by filling out a profile. The Circle K’ers are waiting for us. Thank you Jerry McMahon for getting this going. There is no revenue generated, but the results will be priceless.

Rich Baldwin Book

One our own Michigan Kiwanians has written many mysteries. Richard L. Baldwin is a Kiwanian with the Haslett Club. He is a popular Michigan novelist using the mystery genre. Rich has written 18 Michigan-based cozy mysteries meaning no profanity, sex, or graphic violence (just murder). His books are available at www.buttonwoodpress.com. He now has written one about Kiwanis and it is called The Case of the Missing Happy Dollars. You can order your own copy here. The best part is Rich is donating all the proceeds to the Kiwanis District. Thank you, Rich and happy reading to everyone. Check out our District Website (www.mikiwanis.org) under Community Partners for more information.
WHAT IS THE FORMULA?

There are math formulas that solve complex problems, science formulas that cure diseases, formulas that fuel cars and feed people. And there’s a formula for improving people’s lives—Kiwanis.

THE K FORMULA
LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.

LOVE IT, SHARE IT, LIVE IT

The Formula initiative is a member-led program that focuses on Kiwanis members, invests in the Kiwanis experience, and ultimately strengthens membership. It’s an opportunity for Kiwanians like you to shape the future of our clubs and the service that impacts our communities. Created from the love we feel for our clubs, the Formula is energized by the pride that inspires us to show others how much we love Kiwanis. And it’s powered by our eagerness to share our Kiwanis experience with others.

The Formula is based on a simple premise: When you love something, you want to share it. When something really matters, you want other people to love it with you. You want it to be more than something you “do”—you want it to be a part of your life.

HERE’S WHERE YOU COME IN:

Every community needs Kiwanis and every club needs Kiwanians. The Formula is your chance to shape the future of Kiwanis Clubs, Communities, and the Kiwanis Family. You can live, share, and love Kiwanis by volunteering to be a club opener, club counselor, or club membership chair.

WHAT IS A FORMULA CLUB COUNSELOR?

A club counselor is trained to assist, guide, & mentor Kiwanis clubs in developing and meeting goals to strengthen their membership or community impact. They are provided with tools and resources to assist the clubs.

CLUB COUNSELORS ARE

- Listening Ears
- Diplomatic
- Positive & Enthusiastic
- Problem Solvers
- Communicators
- Mentors
- And desire to help other Kiwanis Clubs become stronger

CLUB COUNSELORS:

- Mentor the leaders of a struggling Kiwanis Club
- Provide objective advice
- Assist the club in implementing a plan
- Provide regular reports to the district chair and the Lt. Gov.
- Attend monthly conference calls
- Participate in membership planning meetings
- Are able to travel
- Support the assigned Kiwanis Club for at least a year
- Expand Kiwanis impact in additional communities
- Inspire and Equip clubs to be stronger

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

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Rosemary Robinson
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WHAT IS A FORMULA CLUB OPENER?

A CLUB OPENER HAS THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:

- Committed to opening new Kiwanis clubs
- Positive and enthusiastic
- Diplomatic
- Organized
- Communicates effectively
- Problem Solver
- Accomplished recruiter and motivator
- Effective team-building skills
- Innovative
- Sound Judgment
- Started successful club-level membership campaigns

A CLUB OPENER:

- Participates in membership planning meetings
- Leads or Co-Leads the club-opening process
- Identifies new-club sites with help of LTG and Formula Team
- Attends monthly conference calls
- Provides regular reports to the formula district chair
- Develops strategies
- Opens long-lasting new clubs
- Maintains positive working relationships
- Enhances others’ skills and productivity
- Supports and Encourages other team members
- Educates others about Kiwanis

OPENING NEW KIWANIS CLUBS

For some Kiwanians, opening a new club is the greatest service they can perform. It’s no wonder—new clubs carry on the Kiwanis legacy.

New clubs need encouragement and guidance—and that requires access to experienced, effective leaders. That’s the role of the club-opener.

The club opener also gains unique insights, skills, and energy they can channel into improving their own club.

LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.

Want to get involved? Contact: Larry Memmer larrymemmer@gmail.com

MIXTURE CLUB OPENING

Grand Blanc and Clarkston

MAY 23, 24 & 25

Kiwanians from other parts of the district will participate and learn the process of opening a new Kiwanis club. The process will be similar to the events we’ve done the last couple years, but on a larger scale.

COUNSELING/COACHING SUMMIT

Grow existing clubs

JUNE 23 & 24

Counseling/Coaching four clubs who would like to grow their club, not only in membership, but in projects and fundraising as well. Clubs will leave with a roadmap for their future. On Friday, a group of counselors will come for training about the process. On Friday evening, clubs will come together for dinner and social time. Saturday will be a day of planning and developing a road map for their club’s future. The club portion of this event will be to have minimum three club leaders commit to the two days. Ideally this would be president, secretary, and membership chair. The event is limited to four clubs, so if your club is interested contact Larry Memmer.

Expense for participants at both events will be covered through the Formula Grant Program. For more information contact Larry Memmer at LarryMemmer@gmail.com
Kiwanis support literacy efforts by collecting books for and reading to kids

Doug Tull of the Utica-Shelby Township Kiwanis Club reads to students for a half hour each week during National Reading Month.

Coopersville Club

The Coopersville Area club donated ten fleece tie blankets to the Coopersville Branch of the Ottawa County Sheriff’s Office at their meeting on March 2, 2017, at the 327 Pizza and Pub in Coopersville. Members gave these blankets to help the children in need in the Coopersville area. “Our members had fun creating these blankets and know they will help keep children warm and feeling safe,” said Coopersville Area Kiwanis President Bob Gary. Sergeant Dennis Luce accepted the blankets on behalf of the Sheriff’s Office. He said, “We will keep these blankets on hand and use them at automobile crash scenes and for traumatic incidences with young children.”

“Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name.” Then come on down to Gibraltar, Michigan, the location of our newest club, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Gibraltar. Located about 25 miles southwest of Detroit, and just a few miles north of the Wayne/Monroe County border, the city borders the Detroit River and Lake Erie. With more than 5 miles of canals, wetlands and streams, residents have an abundance of outdoor activities to choose from.

This quaint town is full of loving, energetic and community minded individuals. When the idea of bringing Kiwanis to town was introduced residents (now members) immediately jumped at the chance. We began the process in October 2016 by hosting a 3 day club opening blitz. During those days members from across the mighty Michigan district (along with support from Lanton Lee at Kiwanis International) gathered to make visits to various business, schools, and establishments in the Greater Gibraltar area. As excitement grew so did the number of people attending pre-organization meetings. The club found that their charter president, Bob, had a great way to support the Michigan District - Project Eliminate shoe drive through making a partnership with his company (more details to come). Members Chris and Denis stepped right up to the task of operating the clubs social media presence. Club opener, Sarah Kew, and club sponsor, Al Cotto have dedicated many hours to seeing this club come to light.

Ideas are flying left and right of ways this new Kiwanis club will be able to make a significant difference in their community. So I challenge you today, go back to when you first joined Kiwanis. Think about the excitement and energy you felt to discover new ways to serve your community. Embrace that feeling! Take that feeling and allow it to resonate at your next Kiwanis meeting, I promise it will be contagious!
Engage your Service Leadership Programs as part of the Michigan Kiwanis Family

“Thank you for supporting your district Service Leadership Programs by your club gift of $3 or $5 a member which helps cover our travel and other expenses. And do invite us to be a program for your club meeting. We love to share how K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club, and Key Leader are providing service to local communities and building leadership skills.”

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Kiwanis AKTION CLUBS DAY!

**Lugnuts vs. Wisconsin Timber Rattlers — Monday, July 17th @ 12:05pm**

*Game typically last between 2.5 - 3 hours*

**avoid the line, get a sack lunch!**
For an additional $4.00 each your group can get sack lunches for everyone and avoid the concession stand lines. Sack lunches include a turkey sandwich, applesauce and a drink. Hurry since this option is limited and can only be pre-ordered with your group tickets!

*Group raffle slips will be enclosed with tickets*

**say lugnut!**
A Delta Dental smile shots photographer will find our group in the stands and take our picture! You can download the complimentary keepsake on the Lugnut’s website 2 days after the game!

**you might be a winner!**
Someone from our group will win a special Lugnuts gift in the group raffle! Ask your group leader for your raffle form before you head to the game! Winners will appear on the scoreboard in the 7th inning!

**Ticket Order Form**

| Club: __________________________ | Advisor: __________________________ |
| Address: __________________________ |
| Phone: __________________________ | # of Box Tickets: __________ @ $11.00 = __________ |
| Number of sack lunches: __________ @ $4.00 = __________ | Total due = __________ |

Please return forms with payment for your entire group to:

ATTN: Justin Burkett at 505 E. Michigan Ave, Lansing MI 48912.
Or to order with a credit card by phone, call Justin at 517-485-4500 ext. 246.
Hurry! ...The absolute last day to order is: Friday, July 7th
Make Checks Payable to: Lansing Lugnuts
For more information please contact: Larry Memmer @ larrymemmer@gmail.com

Key Club

On March 10th-12th, the Michigan District of Key Club held their annual Service Leadership Conference at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Lansing. More than three hundred Key Clubbers from all around Michigan came together for one weekend of service, making new friends, and lots of fun.

A new District Board was also elected and the 2016-2017 District Board was retired. Also something new that SLC had this year, was an app with all of the information for the weekend including the itinerary, workshop schedule, and a way for you to communicate and connect with other attendees.

Overall, the weekend was a blast and a great way to end the Key Club year. From the 2016-2017 Kiwanis Family Relations Committee thank you for letting us contribute to the Builder and thank you for helping us have a great year!
Remember to mark your calendar

September 7 – 10, 2017 for this year’s District Convention at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville. Plan on a convention like you have never had before. In addition to the regular informational/training meetings we are planning a host of fun filled events that Crystal Mountain has to offer. There will be a golf outing on Thursday afternoon, a celebration of women at a Kiwanis luncheon. Plan on attending a Friday night bonfire with a cookout with good food and beverages and plenty of activities for the family. The whole family can enjoy the zip line, pools, spa, bicycling, nature walks and much, much more. You will not want to miss this year’s convention, so plan on joining us for a fun filled family weekend.
CONGRATULATIONS
Michigan District Of Kiwanis

The Michigan District of Kiwanis is in the lead for the Presidents Challenge Annual Fund Drive for this Kiwanis year. We cannot let up the pace of our personal and club giving as there are Districts who wait to give until the very end of the year to take the #1 spot from us.

This year the Kiwanis Children’s Fund is returning 15% of our total given to our District. This is an increase of 10% given in previous years. We have already surpassed the grant of $3,070.00 given last year.

Club grants have been suspended for the remainder of this year. The program is being revised and the process refined to make it easier. The program will be reopened October of 2017. You may have noticed the name change from the Kiwanis International Foundation to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund. This is great as it really explains what we do and who we are. We still do the same things under a new umbrella to help children of the world. Remember Kid’s Need Kiwanis!

I am dedicated to make this the best year ever for the Kiwanis Children’s Fund. There are many ways you can assist in making this happen. Feel free to give me a call. I am willing to assist you most any time. You may email or call me.

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Nels Haan  Kiwanis Foundation Chairman 2016-17
I observed Lt. Governors that preceded me. I studied what they did and didn’t do. I wondered how would I be if I were Lt. Governor. I wondered could I handle the job? Would I be an effective leader? I heard grumbles from current Lt. Governors that they couldn’t wait to be done with the position. I witnessed them doing countdowns to the day they handed the position over. I also witnessed others who said they couldn’t find anyone to take the position. And now it had me questioning not if I could handle the job...but if I WANTED the job. I then heard a past Lt. Governor (that also happens to be a personal mentor to me) say that his year as Lt. Governor was the best year he’s had in Kiwanis. I hold the opinion of this Kiwanian very high, so when approached by the Lt. Governor (at the time) asking if I would consider running for Lt. Governor, I quickly accepted.

Little did I know that lit a spark that wasn’t going to extinguish anytime soon. I held various leadership roles within my club and even the district level prior to this, but there was something about becoming the Lt. Governor-Elect that opened my eyes and heart to the needs of my community and division. I knew we had needs before, but suddenly I felt empowered to be part of the change.

The first quarter of my year serving as Lt. Governor is under my belt now. I have had the privilege of installing club officers, attending service projects/fundraisers, attending meetings, and HAVING FUN with all of the clubs in my division. I have developed and grown relationships with Kiwanians that I barely knew prior to assuming this position. We’ve celebrated success’, birthday’s, wedding announcements and even shared grief over the passing of fellow Kiwanians. Yes, I am busier than I ever was before. There are weeks that I have attended 3-4 Kiwanis meetings/functions in one day. At the end of the day I’m exhausted, but have a smile on my face.

If I had listened to the grumbles and negativity that I had heard from some past Lt. Governors, I wouldn’t have been afforded the opportunity to experience all the wonderful memories I’m creating this year. I wouldn’t have had the opportunity to say that I gave my ALL into serving the children of the world. Because giving my all entails stepping into a leadership position where I can help drive the momentum forward for my divisions clubs. It’s a position that empowers me to provide the necessary resources for struggling clubs and to reward the success of all my clubs.

Performing impactful service, living the six objects of Kiwanis, and making a positive difference in the world is why I joined Kiwanis. As a Lt. Governor I am carrying these dreams out every day. This truly has been my best Kiwanis year so far, when will you start your best year? You have so little to lose and so much to gain (and SHARE)!

Love it! Share it! Live it! Kiwanis is still the best kept secret- help us get the word out.

Sarah Kew
Lt. Governor, Division 5, Lt. Governor, Class Chair
29th Annual Kiwanis International Canada-USA Goodwill Week Banquet

April 25, 2017

Kiwanis Club of Blue Water Area

Port Huron Golf Club
4101 FAIRWAY DRIVE, FORT GRATIOT

SOCIAL HOUR: 5:30 PM
DINNER 6:30 PM

Reservations requested make checks payable to Kiwanis Club of Bluewater Area and mail to:

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PORT HURON, MI 48060

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NEW CLUB: GREATER GIBRALTAR, DIV. 5
Gibraltar Community Center, 29340 S.
Gibraltar, Tues., 6:30 PM
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NEW CLUB: BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD, DIV. 7
Meeting location is Gallery Restaurant
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1st & 3rd Thurs., 4:00 PM
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CLUB MEETING PLACE/DATE CHANGES
SHELBY-MACOMB DAYBREAKERS, DIV. 3
1st & 3rd Wed., 6:30 PM
HILLSDALE, DIV. 11
3rd meeting of the month, Tues, 6:00 PM
HUDSON, DIV. 11
SMCSI Building, 550 E. Main St., 1st & 3rd
Tues., Noon

INFO FOR ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS
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Phone: (517) 227-4727

LT. GOVERNOR, DIV. 17
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(correction from previous Builder)

LT. GOVERNOR-ELECT, DIV. 5
Current Lt. Governor Sarah Kew will continue

CHILDHOOD DOESN’T COME WITH A ROAD MAP.
KIDS NEED KIWANIS

PART SAFETY NET. PART SPRINGBOARD.
KIDS NEED KIWANIS

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HAVE YOU SEEN THE INTERNET LATELY?
KIDS NEED KIWANIS
The Signature Project contest is now over and we have selected one Signature Project to represent Michigan in the International Signature Project Contest. Thanks to the entries we received from Bay City, Boyne City, Detroit #1, Grand Rapids North, Lac Ste. Claire, Saginaw Thomas Township and Utica/Shelby. This truly represented all parts of Michigan.

Each project will be featured in a future issue of the Builder. The first Project featured is the winning one and will represent Michigan. It is the Kiwanis Club of Utica/Shelby and their annual Bike Rodeo. Congratulations to all the clubs for making an impact in their communities.

The Kiwanis Club of Utica-Shelby Township’s Bicycle Safety Rodeo & Family Safety Fair is an annual event which has provided injury prevention education and free safety equipment to children within our surrounding communities for 29 consecutive years. The goal of this annual project is to promote bike safety to children (target grades: K-6th) by providing them with free helmets and an educational experience about safety.

Each year about 700 community members (includes parents, children and volunteers) attend. The event typically requires 30 Kiwanis club volunteers and another 10 members from the local police and fire departments. No other Kiwanis clubs are involved with this service project with the exception of the service leadership clubs we sponsor who volunteer across the event’s various stations (registration, arts/crafts, helmet fitting, bounce-house monitoring or food preparation) and the cross promotion of the event with other Kiwanis clubs. The total project cost is about $5,000 to $6,000 each year. Grants and donations cover half of the expenses, with the club funding the balance. The per member cost is $30-$75 depending on the money/product that is received in grants and donations. The event is promoted by word-of-mouth, distribution of fliers to all area elementary schools, social media, chamber of commerce, local newspapers and the local TV channel.

The event has grown beyond bicycle safety, leveraging our partnership

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with local police and fire departments. The community partners involved are: Shelby Township Fire Department (provides fire safety and prevention tips including a smoke house demonstration which illustrates to participants how to properly exit a burning structure), Shelby Township Police Department (provides free finger-printing and photos to children in attendance to aid families in the event their child ever goes missing/gets lost), Macomb County Sheriff’s Department (provides bicycle officers to guide participants through a bicycle safety course demonstrating proper technique and safety equipment), DMC/Kohl’s Cares (partners with Kiwanis on providing 50% to 75% of helmets, free of charge. In addition they send a certified nurse to the event to ensure every child’s helmet is properly fitted by Kiwanis Volunteers), Shelby Community Foundation (provides $500 to $1,000 of grant money each year to go towards the cost of running the event) and Trek American Bike and Fitness (donates two bikes each year to be raffled off to participants at the event).

It is important for our club to educate the community about Kiwanis, further supporting our ‘Kids Need Kiwanis’ mantra. All volunteers wear matching Kiwanis T-Shirts, the event is held in a park bearing the Kiwanis name, all marketing material contains the Kiwanis logo/club name and all event participants have to complete a ‘Scavenger Hunt’ Bingo game which requires them to learn about Kiwanis in order to earn their ticket for the bike raffle. The intent of this service project isn’t one of recruitment, however it does help promote our Kiwanis brand both locally and globally.

We have had over the years, friends and family members of Kiwanians volunteering for this service project, joining the club shortly thereafter.

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**In Memoriam**

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FRED F. CONLEY  
Charlotte

DONALD R. WINGLEMIRE  
Holly

HUGH E. LOCKHART  
Holt

DAVID STEGER  
Lt. Governor 1981-82  
Lakeview-Urbandale

MARGARET LOVERIDGE  
Lansing Area Golden K

CECIL ROSEBURY  
Mason Golden K

JACK L. SHENEBERGER  
Midland

ROBERT M. GREEN  
Okemos

THOMAS C. MEIROW  
Shorewood

LOUIS E. HOUGH  
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**2016-17 Governor’s Membership Trophy**

Ann Arbor +10  
Metro Detroit YP +10  
Lapeer +8  
Livonia Early Risers +7  
Colonial Plymouth +6  
Brighton +5  
Cosmopolitan Detroit +5  
Linden +5  
Woodhaven +5

Net gain is from 10-1-16 thru 2-28-17 and includes clubs only with at least a net gain of +5 based on official membership numbers supplied by Kiwanis International.

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**Press**

Active Clubs ............................................ 161
District Beginning Membership .................... 4300
Reporting Members Mar. 1, 2017 .............. 4529

Net Gain  
+229 members