Joining forces, the Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti and Michigan District Circle K Members are looking to raise money and awareness for the ELIMINATE project. Their ride, Bike for Babies, is set to begin in Indianapolis, Indiana at Kiwanis Headquarters and end in Toronto Ontario, Canada, at the beginning of Kiwanis and Circle K International Conventions. The 600-mile trip is planned to make several stops along the route to educate communities and speak with local Kiwanis clubs about the efforts to eliminate maternal/neonatal tetanus. You can join the bikers or donate to the cause! “Like” their page on Facebook at “Kiwanis and CKI: Bike for Babies” to learn more and donate!

Bike for Babies 600-Mile Bicycle Trip Route and Schedule:

June 9. Day 1: Indianapolis to Muncie
- 64 miles, 5/6-8 hours

June 10. Day 2: Muncie-Lima
- 91 miles, 7-8/9 hours, 8/9am thru 5/6pm

June 11. Day 3: Lima to Maumee
- 72 miles (70-80), 5 hours 56 (6-8 hours)

June 12. Day 4: Maumee to Ypsilanti
- 56 miles (50-60), 4 hours 46 (5-8 hours)

June 13. Day 5 6 (J14, 7 (J15), 8 (J16)
- Local rides within the Ypsilanti-Ann Arbor area. TBA
- Rest Days

June 20. Day 12: Ypsilanti to Marine City
- 85.8 miles. 7-8/9 hours.

- Marine City to London, 80 miles

June 22. Day 14: London to Hamilton
- 130km (81-90 miles), 7/10 hours

June 23. Day 15: Hamilton to Toronto
- 47 miles (3-4 hours)
- Arrive at Conference

Fundraising
- https://secure.qgiv.com/hobnob/account/890793/dashboard
  (Ian’s personal page)
- https://secure.qgiv.com/hobnob/team/779901
  (Bike for Babies team page)
Mark your calendars!

April

2  Spring Divisional--Divisions 20, 21, 22
   Kiwanis OneDay (District wide)
9  Spring Divisional--9, 10, 17, 18, 19
16  Spring Divisional--1, 3, 4, 5, 7
22-24  Key Leader, Fa HaLo Camp, Grass Lake
30  Spring Divisional--11, 12, 13, 14, 16

May

1  Club Boards should elect Delegates
to District Convention at East Lansing
7  Kiwanis of MI Foundation Board,
   9:30 AM, Mason
10-12  Formula Club Opening Event-West
14  3rd District Board Meeting,
    9:30 AM, Mason
20-22  LG Training, Lansing
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Springtime brings a sense of renewal, awakening and colors.

And this year is no different. I cannot even begin to express to you the enthusiasm in my spirit right now. Two weekends in a row spent with Kiwanis youth will convert a frown into a smile in moments.

Many of us had the opportunity to attend the Key club Service Leadership Conference and then the Circle K District Convention/ Two things in common for the Key Club Service Leadership Conference and the Circle K District Convention would definitely include passion for service and interest in the growth of the Kiwanis family. I was inspired by the number of times I heard about the value of their relationship with Kiwanis over the course of these two events. These growing leaders understand the value of the mentorship we have to offer. They are opening new clubs in every segment of our SLF family and I hope our Kiwanis members in general understand what they can gain from our Service Leadership members.

During the CKI District Convention, Steven McCarty, CKI Governor – 2015-2016, shared CKI experiences in working towards some very lofty goals and I would like to share them with you:

CKI Michigan District Year-End Goal Update
“I am proud to announce that, as a district, we accomplished and or exceeded each and every goal established this past year” said Steven McCarty.

- Membership: 562 (Goal: 550)
- Kiwanis Family Events: 262 (Goal 190)
- Interclub Events: 115 (Goal: 115)
- Club Chartering: 4 New Clubs (Goal: 4 clubs chartered)
- Event Participation: Approximately 80% (Goal 75% of clubs represented)
- ELIMINATE Fundraising: Approximately $5,700 (Goal: $5,000)

These are amazing accomplishments that should not be taken lightly. CKI members accomplished these goals while carrying heavy college course loads and working part-time/full-time jobs. And yet, they find time to give back. We have so much to learn!

Keep in mind that our school level clubs are all electing and installing new leadership for the next school year. If your club sponsors one of these SLPs, you should be attending the installations and offering a hand to the new officers and the advisors. Don’t lose touch over the summer. That is when they are doing much of their training and planning. They need us. Additionally, if your club does not have a K-Family chair, you might think about having such a position to support the different advisors and clubs you support.

NOW – How Are WE Doing on OUR Goals for 2015-2016? We are at the six month mark and it is fair to see what we still need to do.

- Membership: Goal to add 4 members to every club – We have an average of about 1 new member per club currently (161 clubs and 149 new members so far this year). We need 3 more per club.
- Opening New Clubs: Goal to open 7 new clubs. We are currently actively working on 6 clubs with 3 in the preliminary stage.
- Service Hours: Each club to increase hours by 10% - including a “signature project” in each club. Reports show we are way behind last year currently. I hope that means we have lots of spring/summer projects planned.
- Service Projects with SLPs: Each club to have at least 2 service projects with SLPs. Only 3 divisions are over 85% towards this goal. The rest are under 50%. Please be sure to report your service hours online and to your Lt. Governor.
- Children’s Miracle Network: Participate in the IHOP fundraising Pancake Day. If your club participated at an IHOP – please report this to your Lt. Governor.
- Eliminate Fulfillment: Initiate projects that will fulfill club commitments to the Eliminate project and the district commitment to complete the districts fair share. Many clubs have committed to complete their pledges. Jeff Lawther is our Eliminate Fulfillment Chair and available to offer guidance and information as needed. Also, the Shoe Project for the Michigan District is in full swing. Again talk to Jeff Lawther or your Lt. Governor for more information.
- Public Relations Committee: Each club to have a PR chair/committee and work to use brand guidelines for the Kiwanis image. (Discontinue use of the bird cage)
- \% Reports show that better than 50% of our clubs now have a PR chair/committee. If you are not in that number, please pursue this in your club. For more information, contact Sarah Kew, Marketing and PR Chair for the district.
- Balanced Budget: Develop community partners, sponsors and non-dues revenue.
- MI Foundation Commitment: Every club to contribute $45 per member. We are only at 63% over all on this goal. Please get your contributions for the Michigan Foundation into the District Office ASAP.

Happy Spring Time!
Linda

I want to hear from you!
E-mail governor@mikiwanis.org
Subject line ‘Resolve to Serve’

Linda Lawther
2015 -16 Governor
Michigan District
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Kiwanis sponsored programs are in full swing this spring. The last 2 months we witnessed our Circle K work at 4 different locations doing desperately needed community service at their annual “Love Pit”. They provided 240+ hours of service to the Metro Grand Rapids area all in one day. This is amazing dedication of our college Circle K members. When I reflect on the I PLAN this is one of those “Inspiration” areas that we all hope to experience.

The month of March was busy with the Circle K convention and our Key Club Service Leadership Conference. They both provided service projects which were completed, and they elected their new 2016 – 2017 leaders, and of course, they as well as the Kiwanians in attendance had a lot of fun.

“April Showers” brings us to the Kiwanis One Day projects and several Hospital Showers for our local and foundation hospitals. We also have the Key Leader week-end where we actually see these young people change within a 48 hour period and emerge as true leaders in their Key Clubs, schools and communities. These students actually “get it.” They realize they have these traits and abilities and Key Leader is what helps them see that they can make a difference! Our District Chair for Key Leader, Marian O’Higgins said “The attendees find the week-end to be amazing, inspiring and life changing.” The Kiwanis team works hard to provide the absolute best experience for these future leaders.

The events we have attended this spring and will attend throughout the summer are all a part of Governor Linda’s focus this year, the K Family Tree. We are all working together for the same goals. Reach out to your Service Leadership Program students and get them involved in your projects and please, get involved in what they are doing. Students need Kiwanians to see what they are accomplishing, and after you get involved, you will come away with a true feeling of awe as you see how well these students focus and deliver the Kiwanis message to the children they help.

May brings us the next Club Opening Event in Western Michigan. We will be working to build 2 new clubs – one in Grandville and the other in the Coopersville-Allendale area. There is much enthusiasm about us coming to these areas to help children. Now is the time to get involved and see our Kiwanis vision come to fruition.

Get Those Shoe Tongues Wagging About Kiwanis

Everyone has heard of “WIN-WIN”. Sometimes we hear “Win-Win-Win”.

But what about “Win-Win-Win-Win-Win-Win”? That’s exactly what will happen with the Eliminate Shoe Project if Michigan Kiwanians get behind it for the next year. Here are all the “Wins”:

Win #1 – Every 25 pairs of shoes collected saves 5 babies’ lives.

Win #2 – The shoes don’t go in to landfills. (Enough said)

Win #3 – The shoes are sent to countries such as Haiti and Guatemala where micro-enterprisers refurbish them and sell them inexpensively. (A business is being built)

Win #4 – People in those countries can now get shoes when they were previously unavailable.

Win #5 – The collection of the shoes and loading them in the trailers is a great opportunity to do a service project with your Service Leadership clubs.

Win #6 – This project will increase awareness of Kiwanis in your community and foster partnerships with businesses and other organizations.

At the end of January, 2017 I guess we can talk about

Win #7: A big celebration for all that we have accomplished.

Contact Greg Smith at the District Office for the shoe contact person in your local area or to find out how you and/or club can participate. To sum it all up, I’ll put all the shoe references into one sentence.

Don’t be a HEEL, LACE it up and get your TONGUES wagging about the SHOE project so we can collect SOLES and give Kiwanis a LASTing impression.

Greg Smith
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I want to hear from you!
You can reach me at governor-elect@mikiwanis.org.

Dee Hudson
Governor Elect
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KIDS NEED KIWANIS!
Michigan Kiwanis Formula Team Counselors met in St. Louis, Missouri at The Formula Counselor Summit presented by Kiwanis International (KI) to obtain specialized training in counseling clubs. The team: Marian O’Higgins, Cindy Clissold, Rosemary Robinson, Melissa Pilzner, Alanna Harvey, Lisa Hicks -Clayton, Diana Needham, Julanne Williams along with Formula District Chair, Larry Memmer honed their skills and left with many skills and extended knowledge to help clubs understand and use the tools that will strengthen their clubs.
Before you go to Convention —
Learn the Amendments and Resolution Proposals

Don’t just have an opinion. Put it into action. Important amendments and resolutions are submitted for votes at the convention every year. As a convention delegate, you’ll be a part of the discussion. If you plan to represent your club as a delegate in 2016, it’s easy to prepare. Download the certificate of election of club delegates and alternates.

If your club wishes to propose an amendment to the Kiwanis International Bylaws or a resolution to be considered by the House of Delegates, consult the guidelines for making a proposal. Any new proposals submitted after October 31, 2015, cannot be considered until the 2017 convention in Paris.

Here are the current proposed amendments to be discussed and voted on during the 2016 Kiwanis International convention:

1. **Auxiliary bodies**
   Purpose: To eliminate obsolete and potentially confusing wording regarding auxiliary bodies of Kiwanis International.

2. **Use of Kiwanis name and marks**
   Purpose: To clarify Kiwanis International authority regarding use of the Kiwanis name and marks as it relates to foundations and other affiliated entities, including intellectual property.

3. **Kiwanis International affiliates and subsidiaries**
   Purpose: To codify Kiwanis International “affiliates,” which are regions or other groups composed of clubs and districts, and “subsidiaries,” which are wholly-owned organizations and business entities.

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4. District treasurer
   Purpose: To revise the term and selection process for district treasurers in order to align districts with Kiwanis International’s strategic plan and provide better oversight over district funds, assets, and financial operations.

5. Annual adjustment option for Kiwanis International dues
   Purpose: To provide that Kiwanis International dues may be adjusted by no more than US$2 annually, with a cap of US$5 over a five-year period, to keep up with inflation.

6. Secure web-based voting for Kiwanis International business
   Purpose: To provide that the business of Kiwanis International decided by delegates will be conducted by secure electronic voting, thereby giving an equal voice to all Kiwanis clubs.

7. Tiered dues
   Purpose: To base tiered dues on a percentage of the gross national income of the U.S.

8. Members who belong to more than one club
   Purpose: To provide that members who belong to more than one Kiwanis club shall only pay Kiwanis International and district dues to their primary club.

9. Life membership status fee
   Purpose: To provide a variable life membership status fee based on the member’s age.

10. Foundations, charitable funds, and other affiliated entities
    Purpose: To clarify Kiwanis International’s authority regarding foundations and affiliated entities.

11. Delegate verification process for electronic balloting
    Purpose: To add specific processes to the bylaws regarding electronic balloting at Kiwanis International conventions.

To read amendments in their entirety – Click here to Download the amendments booklet.

NOTE: All proposals are considered tentative until official notice is sent to clubs 90 days before the convention begins.

Events/Days/Times
- Welcome Reception Wednesday 4 pm to 6 pm in the World Showcase/Exhibit Hall
- Opening Session Thursday 7:30 pm
- Business Session Friday 9 am
- Birthday Celebration 2 pm to 5 pm
- Education sessions on Thursday 9 am to 3 pm, Friday 1 pm to 4 pm, Saturday 9 am to noon
- Closing Session Saturday 2 pm to 4 pm

Ticketed Events
- Alumni Gathering Thursday 9:30 pm
- Fellowship Breakfast Friday 7 am to 8 am
- Kiwanis International Foundation Honors Reception Friday 5 pm to 7 pm
- CKI Celebration Breakfast Saturday 8:30 am to 10:30 am
- Gala Night with Jewel 6:30 pm to 11:30 pm

World Showcase/Exhibit Hall Hours are (subject to change):
- Wednesday noon to 7 pm
- Thursday 9 am to 4 pm
- Friday noon to 4 pm
- Saturday 9 am to 1 pm

Family Store & Registration hours are (subject to change):
- Wednesday 10 am to 7 pm
- Thursday 7 am to 7 pm registration, 8 am to 5 pm store
- Friday 7 am reg/8 am store to 5 pm
- Saturday 9 am to 1 pm

Registration opens Thursday Jan 21
- Early bird rate is $300
- After April 15, $350
- After May 13, register onsite $400

Miscellaneous
- Wheelchair and scooter rentals can be made through Vital Mobility, www.vitalmobility.ca or 647-430-7176.
- We won’t have a Kiwanis Service Fair this year in the exhibit hall
- KI will be sharing the convention center with CKI and Aktion Club
- Aktion Club Regional Training and Leadership Conference will be Thursday

Michigan District hotel is Fairmont Royal York. Walking distance to most activities.

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Registration is now open for the 2016 Michigan George Brown Key Leader camp!

April 22-24, 2016
Faholo Conference Center
Grass Lake, MI

For more information, contact Marian O’Higgins at 586-801-6706 or keyleader@mikiwanis.org.

The train leaves Windsor at 9:05 am and arrives in Toronto at 1:11 pm. The Toronto train station is located across the street from the Fairmont Royal York Hotel. Parking at the Windsor train station is $8.00 (CN) per day. Crossing into Canada requires either a current passport or enhanced license (birth certificates and drivers licenses are no longer accepted). The return train departs Toronto on Sunday June 26 at 12:15 pm and arrives in Windsor at 4:30 PM. Seats are subject to availability.

Checks should be payable to the “Michigan District of Kiwanis” (no credit cards) and received no later than May 16.

Send to: Marge Ballheim, 93 Oak St., Wyandotte, MI 48192-5233 Questions? – contact Marge at: (734) 281-0344.

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Save your shoes,
Save a baby!

Reasons to donate your shoes :
- Every 25 pair saves 5 babies lives
- Shoes don’t go into landfills
- Shoes are sent to 18 countries like Haiti and Guatemala where businesses are built by refurbishing the shoes
- Shoes are available inexpensively to people in those countries

All kinds of shoes can be donated. Contact your local Kiwanis club for more information or to help volunteer.

Visit: MiKiwanis.org or Facebook.com/TheMichiganDistrict for more info or call Greg Smith at 586-530-5174

No holes in the soles, please!
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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The winner of the Michigan Key Club Oratorical Contest, Celine White, delivered the speech below at the recent Key Club SLC in Traverse City. It is a message not only for Key Clubbers, but for Kiwanians as well. If we can take to heart Celine’s message, imagine where we could take our Kiwanis Michigan District. So everywhere Celine mentions Key Club, substitute Kiwanis and be inspired.

**LEADER.** One Word. Yet it has a thousand different definitions depending upon who you ask. However, I doubt many of us would immediately define a “leader” by referring to them as a “servant.” But is not a great leader a servant of the people? And as a servant of the people, a true leader should forever be searching for new ways to care for and transform communities. As members of Key Club, we all are called to be servant leaders, and we all pursue the same vision: to be caring and competent servant leaders who transform communities worldwide. We all hold the responsibility of finding new people to follow in our footsteps, so that they may become strong Key Club servants as well. It is our duty to ensure that the Key Club legacy is carried on and that it touches lives throughout the world. In order to do so, we need to collectively work towards growing Key Club membership, so our organization-our family of servant leaders can share our vision of compassion and community with people from every continent.

Now, there are two people in the world: leaders and legends. Every person has the ability to be a leader, but in order to be a legend, one must make a lasting impression on someone’s life. One must be selfless, devoted, courageous, and compassionate. He or she must be willing to become a servant of the world. Once an individual has become a true legend of service, he or she will be able to carry on the Key Club legacy and uphold its vision of creating benevolent servants who make powerful impacts on local and national communities.

One person-one legend-can make a huge impact on the world. So how large of an impact can a whole community of legends have? For this reason, it is vital that we all do our part to help expand our community of Key Club servant leaders. Our Key Club vision is too powerful to hide in the dark. We need to share it with as many people as possible. As our membership grows, our network of service grows as well. We will be able to inspire and serve countless more people and touch thousands of lives.

Obviously, any task is easier said than done, and the pursuit of membership growth is no easy task, as many of us are well aware. Therefore, we must all come together and share the weight of this responsibility. I challenge all of you to share your experiences as a Key Clubber with at least one other person. If we all are willing to reach out to just one person, our membership could double. As a result, we will hopefully be able to serve and share our vision with two times as many people.

The Key Club vision of compassion, community, leadership, and service is not one that we should keep to ourselves. We should all strive to become Key Club legends and servants, as we share our vision with world. So let’s come together as members of the Key Club family and work towards expanding our membership, so that everyone has the opportunity to shine as a true star of service.

**How would Key Club membership growth help us further our vision of being caring and competent servant leaders who transform communities worldwide?**

Celine White
Bus Drivers Recognition Dinner

Woodhaven Kiwanians recognized the many volunteer bus drivers who helped with the Kiwanis Bus project. Woodhaven Kiwanians own and operate two full sized white “school buses” in the community. A fun evening with many of the WBSD drivers who step up and help Kiwanis out. The project would not be possible without their help!

The mission of the Kiwanis Transportation Project is to provide safe inexpensive transportation to youth groups and senior citizens. The Kiwanis Club provides two “Kiwanis Buses” and volunteer drivers to a wide variety of community groups. President, Rosemary Robbins, explained the Kiwanis buses support school field trips, high school athletics teams, church groups and school leadership groups. In the summer, they provide inexpensive buses for recreation programs and day camp groups. The Salvation Army, YWCA, and several recreation departments also use the service. Last year, the Woodhaven Kiwanis buses traveled 23,500 miles and carried 17,362 passengers.

One of our most unique projects is teaching Safety Town School Bus Safety each August with both the Brownstown and the Woodhaven Police Departments.

Bus drivers attending the dinner were Jen Bossick, Michael Claiborne, Paul Elsey, Calvin Gale, Linda Garland, Debbie Harvey, Geoff Jamieson, Jen Kalski, and Lane Richardson.

Unable to attend Wednesday evening were Tracy Artress, Carri Chambers, Scott Guigar, George Morehead, Patrick Phillips, Sandra Ruehle Marlo Schafer, Joyce Smouthers, Jeff Theobald, Jen Welsh, and Ken Welsh.

What Career is Right for Me?

By: Kenneth C. Jacobs, Great Lakes Army Recruiting Public Affairs Office

High school student’s biggest challenge beyond their coursework is “What am I going to be when I grow up?” Many times college students think they know what career path interests them and they jump in with both feet only to find out they are not suited to that field. Wouldn’t it be helpful if there was a tool you could use that would give you guidance on what careers you would be best suited for based on your skills, preferences and abilities? Great news, there is such a test! It is called the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Career Exploration Program. The unfortunate part is parents and students have misconceptions about this test because it begins with Armed Services. Yes, this test is used by the Armed Forces as an entrance requirement. It lets human resource know what jobs the applicant is best qualified for. The Armed Services do not want to set the applicant up to fail by placing them into a job that they are not suited for. This is the same information high school students are searching for when trying to decide what college/career path they are best suited to pursue. I imagine a student that goes to college to study engineering and they find out they aren’t strong enough in math? The time and financial loss could have been avoided if only they had invested time in themselves by a career exploration test like the ASVAB. The ASVAB is a two part, career exploration program. The first step is taking the actual test that consists of areas that evaluate your Verbal, Math, Science, and Technical Skills. The results of this test will help you find out how your references/interests and skills relate to the demands of more than 400 occupations. The second step is taking these results and putting them into the OCCU-Find online or workbook. This OCCU-Find in conjunction with several on-line resources will assist you in making informed career choices. This is a free career exploration tool that will give you real time practice and be a good indicator on how you will do on the ACT, SAT and other career readiness assessments.

Several misconceptions that need to be cleared up about the ASVAB are as follows:

- If I take the ASVAB, I have to join the military. No, the ASVAB Career Exploration Program is exactly that. It is there to assist you in choosing the correct career path. If you later choose to consider the military as an option then it could be used to determine your job qualifications but there is no obligation to join the military.

- If I take the ASVAB, I will have to talk to a recruiter. No, it is your choice whether you discuss your career plans with a recruiter or not. The high school actually decides whether or not the student’s information is released.

- The ASVAB test can only be taken one time. No, a student can take the ASVAB up to three times allowing for proper retest time frames.

Introduction of a New Partnership with the US Army

The Great Lakes Army Recruiting Battalion is extremely excited about our new partnership with the Michigan District of Kiwanis International. The Army has deep rooted values that parallel the same values the Kiwanis have established and live by. We believe that the Army can assist your clubs by providing mentorship to the Key Clubs through providing classes on Leadership, Resiliency, Anti-Bullying and even team building exercises. In addition we have offices all over the state that can help with any community events you may be planning. If you want to reach out to the Army and have them provide classes, be a guest speaker at any of your meetings or just simply establish a local partnership with your Army representatives, contact Mr. Kenneth Jacobs at (517) 887-5782 and he will get you in touch with the right office. We are looking forward to a long partnership with all of you.
Kids Against Hunger Coalition Founder Passes

It with great sadness that we announce the passing of a great friend of Kiwanis and honorary member of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth, Dr. Donald Burwell. Don passed away peacefully on March 20th.

Don is the founder of the Kids Against Hunger Coalition in Michigan and he dedicated his “second career” to the cause of feeding hungry children here in the United States and all over the world. Many Kiwanians worked with Don and will remember his passion for this cause and the relentless work he put in to build an organization that packaged a few thousand meals a year in the early years to one that has packaged 16 million since 2004. Kiwanis and Key Club were important contributors to the growth of the Kids Against Hunger Coalition and Don was forever appreciative of our efforts to support the Coalition.

The work of Kids Against Hunger Coalition will continue as his son, Michael, has taken on great work of this organization. Don is an example of what can happen when people dedicated to service band together to do something for people less fortunate. In lieu of flowers donations can be sent to Kids Against Hunger Coalition, 8600 Northend, Oak Park, MI 48237.

Wednesday, March 16th the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven hosted their Annual fourth grade persuasive essay contest dinner.

Our contest has two goals. The first goal is to encourage students to build their persuasive writing skills. Secondly, Woodhaven Kiwanians would like to encourage students to have a better understanding of charitable giving within our community. Each year the topic is, “If I had $100 to donate to a charity, I would choose __________ because __________.”

At Wednesday’s dinner, the author of the winning essay from each participating school, along with their parents, teacher and principal were present. Student read their essay and present a check for $100 from the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven to a representative of their charity.

This year’s winners were Kylie King from Bates Elementary School who wrote about Smile Train. Erving School representative, Reid Philabaum, persuaded the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven to donate $100 to Christnet with his essay. Maggie O’Such’s winning essay was about Special Olympics. The recreation program at Rivergate Nursing Home was the topic of Hunter School’s Mia Holbrook. Samual Stirling from Weiss School wrote about Austim Speaks and the help they have provide for this twin brother Seth. Samuel Garnet, from Wegienka Elementary School, wrote a bout the Sisters of Christian Love and their work with the homeless in Detroit. Logan Garrison wrote about the Cystic Fibrosis. Logan is a student at Yake Elementary School.

Each year, the first Saturday of February, students gather at Bates Elementary School to pack food to support those in need. President Rosemary Robbins, said “over 500 students from Bates, Erving, Gudith, Wegienka and Yake Elementary Schools along with students from Patrick Henry Middle School packed meals on Saturday, February 6th. Members of the Woodhaven High School Hockey team instructed and lead the students on the production line.”

Woodhaven High School Hockey player, Conner MacDonell said, “Twelve students working with a member of the hockey team, packing plastic bags with rice, fortified crushed soy, a blend of six dehydrated vegetables along with a blend of 21 vitamins and minerals. Each package must weigh 13.8 ounces and be heat sealed. The meals are packed for both local and international distribution.”

Half the meals packed were held for local distribution. Meals will be delivered to 18 area food pantries including Our Lady of the Woods, Faith Lutheran Church, Community Lutheran Church, Trenton Food Pantry, Southpoint Community Christian Church, and the Downriver Salvation Army. Food will be shipped over seas wherever the U. S. Military flies humanitarian aid.

Michael E. Burwell, Executive Director of the Great Lakes Coalition of Kids Against Hunger said, “The meal ingredients are formulated by food scientists to provide a rich source of easily digestible protein, carbohydrates, and vitamins needed by an undernourished child’s body and mind. The food is also acceptable to the broad diversity of ethnic tastes and religious differences around the world. The food offers all 9 of the essential amino acids required for complete nutrition, something that can’t be said about other typical food relief sources such as rice or beans alone. It is also very simple to prepare, requiring only 6 cups of boiling water to make a complete meal.”
Youth Services / Early Childhood
(Young Children Priority One)

A human being learns more in the first five years than during any other time in his/her life. He/she needs toys, people to talk and listen to, books to admire and enjoy, opportunities to explore, a safe sanctuary and warm hugs. There are so many children in need and so many ways to help.

Young Children Priority One is an ongoing community service program within the Michigan District that addresses the needs of children from prenatal until 5 years old. All Kiwanis Clubs are encouraged to carry out at least one YCPO project per month, serving children, families and communities. YCPO focuses on 4 key areas: maternal and child health - Child care and development - parent education and support – and - safety and pediatric trauma. If children’s needs in your community don’t fit these areas, feel free to innovate.

The Michigan District of Kiwanis will be giving a YCPO service award again this year to all clubs who participate in the following service projects listed below. A form will be available in the builder in August, 2016 to be filled out and returned to the District Office after you complete the service projects.

- A community shower – Clubs host a “shower project” to provide books, craft kits, coloring books, gift cards etc. to assist families during their stay at one of the four Michigan children's hospitals in Grand Rapids, Ann Arbor, Detroit and Petoskey. A list of what the hospitals need are available from your hospital foundation trustee.

- Read Around the World – Every child should experience the joy of reading. Suggested projects include donating books via our Scholastic partner, organizing a book swap, or book fair, reading and donating books to preschool or kindergarten classes. Give a new book to new parents in the hospital. Go to www.kiwanis.org for more information on this project.

- Partner with one of the following Organizations - Landscape Structures, Inc. (Michigan rep is Superior Play in Brighton, 1 888-438-6574), Children’s Miracle Network (I HOP) project, www.childrensmiraclenetworkhospitals.org, March of Dimes giving children a healthy start www.marchofdimes.org, Scholastic literacy outreach program, Read Around the World www.scholastic.com and Unicef – working to overcome the obstacles that poverty, violence, disease and discrimination place in a child's path www.unicef.org.

- Michigan Kiwanis Foundation – Club participates in the $45 per member donation, the Thomas Oliver Greeting Card program, the Memorial Fund for deceased members, the Awards programs offered by the foundation and/or the Endowment Fund. All donations are appreciated and deeply needed. These donations will be monitored at the end of the fiscal year to verify the club’s participation with some level of support.

We will send out the form in October mailing.

For more information on YCPO and this award, please contact:
Dee Hudson Michigan District Governor-Elect
Governor-elect@mikiwanis.org

Happy New Year! Although it isn’t January 1st, it’s still a new year for the Michigan District of Key Club. The Michigan District had a very busy year ahead but that won’t stop us from achieving our goals. We plan to increase Kiwanis Family Relations by hosting our third annual Kiwanis Family Week and to have another Kiwanis Family event similar to the K-Fam Picnic put on by Circle K last summer. Another goal of ours is to create a Club Development Kit to be distributed to Key Clubs all over the district to help clubs with service projects, fundraisers, interclub activities, and membership development. Kiwanians can help with this kit by sharing with us how their own Key Club is struggling, this way we can see what problems affect clubs most so we can make the kit beneficial to Key Clubs.

Drake Lambright
2016-17 Key Club Governor

Kiwanis Michigan April/May 2016
It has been a busy year for your Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation. Please contact your Division Trustee or myself. Remember, this is your opportunity to make a difference in children’s lives.

For more information about our Foundation and our projects, please contact your Division Trustee or myself. Please contact your Division Trustee or myself. Please contact your Division Trustee or myself.

Division 9 Trustee, Ron Hogan, reported on an exciting digital media program at C. S. Mott Hospital. The program includes teaching hospitalized children how to develop their own video games and virtual reality. Like other programs piloted at Mott with funds from Michigan Foundation, our support has allowed Mott to receive a three year grant from the Mott’s Golf Classic Foundation in order to continue and further this outstanding program.

I hope you had the opportunity to meet Maria at our Kiwanis Convention with Jackie Bultman from Mary Free Bed Hospital. Maria now reports directly to Jackie. Maria’s new responsibilities include helping kids cope with family issues, in addition to their recreational and daily activities. I remind you these valuable services are not reimbursed by insurance. We are Kwannians in action, and we’re making a difference! In addition to our annual fundraising efforts, we are asking for your support in order to meet Maria at our Kiwanis Foundation.

We still have several of the $900 Frank Staiger Distinguished Kiwanian Awards available. This award gives you the opportunity to honor a distinguished Kiwanian in your Club or your Division. Additionally, we continue to support the children in the Child and Family Department at McClaren Northern Michigan Hospital. In addition, we continue to support Anne Heier, in the Child and Family Department at Children’s of Michigan Hospital. At each hospital, our Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation is working to support children and families as they go through the most difficult time of their lives.

The Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation looks very different at each hospital. Our support has allowed each hospital to continue and further their programs. At each hospital, we are supporting children and families as they go through the most difficult time of their lives.

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CLUB MEETING PLACE/DATE CHANGES

ONSTED, DIV. 11
Last Wed. of month at Rosie’s Diner, 104 S. Main St at 7:00 AM; remaining meetings at Cambridge Township Hall, 9990 W. M-50, Wed., 7:00 AM

EAST LANSING, DIV. 16
3rd Mon. of month at The Pizza House, 4790 Hagadorn Rd. at 6:00 PM, remaining meetings at Coral Gables, 2838 E. Gd. River Ave., Mon., Noon

INFO FOR ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS

IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR
Rebekah Hildreth, name changes to Rebekah Humphries

LT. GOVERNOR-ELECT, DIV. 16
Current Lt. Governor William Chynoweth will continue

LT. GOVERNOR-ELECT, DIV. 22
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Club: Harbor Springs Cell: (231) 268-8990
Email: michgirl56@gmail.com

STRATEGIC PLANNING CHAIR
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Save your shoes, Save a baby!

Donated shoes will be picked up:

March 19– Circle K Convention
April 2– Spring Divisional (20, 21, 22)
April 9– Spring Divisional ( 9, 10, 17, 18, 19) April
16– Spring Divisional ( 1,3,5,7)
April 23– Key Leader
April 30– Spring Divisional (11,12,13,14,16)
May 14– District Board Meeting in Mason

*Additional pickup dates can be scheduled at any location whenever a minimum of 100 bags (approximately 25 pair of shoes per bag) are ready for pickup

Save your shoes, Save a baby!

Visit: MiKiwanis.org or Facebook.com/TheMichiganDistrict for more info
Past Lt. Governors Council

EXTRA MILE AWARD
Criteria and Nomination Form

The Council of Past Lt. Governors for the Michigan District will give an award to the Kiwanian(s) in a club who has not received other Kiwanis recognition and goes the extra mile to enhance the principles of Kiwanis service in the Michigan District. Should there be a club member who goes the extra mile in service for the principles of Kiwanis, he/she should be nominated for this award. The winner(s) will be recognized with a certificate of appreciation at the Michigan District Convention in August and the Council of Past Lt. Governors will donate a total of up to $500 to the Eliminate Project in the name of the recipient(s).

A Kiwanian may nominate a candidate from their club, another club or another division in the district for the EXTRA MILE AWARD. The nomination form must be submitted, signed by either the Club’s President, or a current or past Lt. Governor and accompanying email addresses. An attached letter should state the rationale for why this person should be nominated and is a good candidate for the EXTRA MILE AWARD. The candidate must be in good standing, and all dues paid in full. It should include the extra service provided in his/her club, and/or community, plus a brief description of all service projects the candidate has worked on between May 1, 2015- May 1, 2016. The letter should be no more than one page in length and attached to the form. One candidate per club is allowed.

Please detail reasons for the award, up to and including May 1, 2016. The deadline for entries is May 20, 2016 and they should be mailed to Robert Nelson, 1423 Fairoaks Ct., E.Lansing, MI 48823 or emailed to rbnelso@gmail.com.

PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY

Nominee Name: ____________________________________________
Kiwanis Club of: _____________________________________________
Division Number: ___________________________________________
Nominator(s): ______________________________________________
Email Address of Nominator: __________________________________
Club President Signature: ____________________________________
Or Current Lt. Governor Signature: _______________________________
Or Past Lt. Governor Council Trustee Signature: ____________________

S LP MEMBERS

CLUBS PAID MEMBERS
K-Kids 14
Builders Club 45
Key Club 106 4956
Circle K 15 562
Aktion Club 25 638

Net Gain is from 10-1-15 thru 2-29-16 and includes clubs only with at least a net gain of +5 based on official membership numbers supplied by Kiwanis International.

As we go to PRESS

Active Clubs……………………………………..160
District Beginning Membership ..........4448*
Reporting Members March 1, 2016 ....4576*
Members

+144 members

In Memoriam

C. EUGENE JUDAY
Little Traverse Bay

FRED D. HOEGER
Midland

NICHOLAS HANDLER
Tecumseh

JAMES J. O’SULLIVAN
Manchester

JAMES E. DECKER
Okemos

NANCY J. HOXIE
Past First Lady & Lt. Governor 1995-96

JOAN HAYHOE
Mason Golden K

MICHAEL SHUMAKER
Swartz Creek

West Branch