The students at Paris Ridge Elementary in Caledonia have been learning the importance of caring for others and helping those in need this year. All the students in the school participated in three service learning projects this year. Molly Carl (fifth), Bari Kane (fourth), and Molly Ulrich (second) organized the projects.

Paris Ridge was proud to be the host site for the first K-Kids Club, sponsored by the Caledonia Kiwanis and run by teacher volunteers, Carl and Kane. The fourth and fifth grade students were invited to be a part of the club. There was an amazing response and in the end 38 students took part in two service projects, one in the winter and one this spring.

The first project, the K-Kids did this year was designed to have the students donate food to a local food pantry called Hand-to-hand. Students were involved in everything from choosing the charity, to creating a variety of advertising such as posters, a video skit, and a slide show to inform teachers and students of the drive. They also decorated collection boxes, took turns collecting items, and some students were even able to go to Journey church, which is the Hand-to-hand packing and distributing site and help fill bags that would be handed out to kids. By the end of the two-week drive the students brought in over 1000 items that were delivered directly to Journey Church for the Hand-to-hand project.

In the same spirit of giving, the second graders at Paris Ridge brought in cookies from home, bagged them, and sold them to the kids at school during their lunch hour. There were 1200 bags of cookies sold, which resulted in $600 being raised. With that money, the 2nd graders took a field trip to Meijer and shopped for food for the Dutton Food Pantry. The kids learned how to shop for the best deals as they estimated the cost of their purchases. On the way back to school, they dropped off the groceries at the food pantry and took a tour of the pantry.

For the K-Kid’s second service learning project of the year the students elected to host a coin drive for the people of Flint who have been suffering through the current water-system crisis. Paris Ridge students voted to determine what the focus of the service project would be, which organization we would donate to, and what we would collect or do. Students worked individually and in groups to design posters, decorate collection jars, write newsletter blurbs, and count coins. In the course of the two-week long coin drive the students raised a total of $885.09, which they elected to send to the Community Foundation of Greater Flint - the organization that hosts the site flintkids.org. The students learned so many valuable skills through this process. They developed their writing skills, artistic talents, counting and adding skills, research skills, as well as developing their ability to identify needs and determine appropriate ways to get involved and help. Students said things like, “I felt happy to do good stuff for people who need help.”, and, “our work made a difference to someone.”
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AUGUST

10 Aktion Club Conference 9:00 AM, East Lansing
25-27 MI District Convention at East Lansing
25 4th District Board Meeting--8:15 PM, at Convention
25 Kiwanis of MI Foundation Board--at Convention 6:00 PM
31 District Roster (Directory) to Printer

SEPTEMBER

5 LABOR DAY--District Office Closed
10 First District Board Meeting, 9:30 AM, Mason
15 All Expense Vouchers for 2015-16 are due, not payable after this date
*15 Annual Report of Non-Profit Corp. to be filed by each club
*15 Club Budget Committees have completed
When you take on a leadership role, you accept a level of responsibility. You take on the expectations of setting an example, sharing a vision and encouraging the team. You even accept a level of blame from time to time and once in a while the task of coaching and counseling. But a great leader always passes the credit for a job well done on to others. Even where the greatest of leaders exist, they are dependent on the team, the organization - and in our case - the amazing league of volunteers that make up this amazing organization called Kiwanis.

WHY am I a member of Kiwanis? A big part of this is life balance. In my career I work primarily with the elderly or those who serve the elderly. In Kiwanis I get to work with kids and with adults living with disabilities. These endeavors balance me. I also believe everyone MUST volunteer in an effort where the payment is not material. The payment comes in improving lives, in the smile of a child, in the awareness of abilities where others doubted.

WHY do I lead? To some extent I guess I do it because I cannot help it. My main driver seems to be the need to grow leaders. I have a passion for this in my career and in Kiwanis. Mentoring is “my thing”.

So while I ponder the message that I should be bringing to the Kiwanis members in the Michigan District, I think seriously about what the needs are. What will inspire our members? What will admonish some to do more? What will build up those who do not feel appreciated?

If you follow our district Facebook Page, you have been seeing a series called Membership Mondays. It has shared lots of great ideas for growing membership in your clubs. This week it was based primarily on the “WHY”. Every challenge we have really goes back to that very simple question. WHY? I had a high school teacher who used this question as a final exam. WHY? It really made the students think and consider so many different options. WHY? Why what? WHY meet with the Superintendent of schools and talk about the amazing programs we have for our kids? WHY meet with the Mayor to find out what is missing your community that your club could help provide? WHY join the Chamber of Commerce in order to connect to your business community? WHY NOT?

Because Kids Need Kiwanis! That’s our WHY!

If you are in a club that feels like it is struggling, please don’t just quietly make a decision to fold. Ask for help. And if the first person you ask doesn’t help, call me! We have a team that is ready and willing to support you. We are Ready to take responsibility to HELP you. We will not do it for you but we will help you redefine your WHY? If Kiwanis is removed from your community, what is lost? WHY was Kiwanis started there in the first place and WHY should it exist today?

WHY are you a member of Kiwanis? Please email me your “WHY” to lindalawther@comcast.net But mostly, thank you to those who have not forgotten WHY!

#KidsNeedKiwanis

Linda Lawther
WHAT IS NEW AND EXCITING FOR 2016 – 2017?
PLAN FOR SUCCESS

The 2016 International Convention just held in Toronto was full of educational opportunities with topics for advancement in areas such as club management, fundraising, club building, counseling and much more. Our convention floor was filled with multiple optional inter-active games to play on Growth via the Formula, as well as our SLP Programs. We all had opportunities to shop the Kiwanis Store on site as well as interact with other Kiwanis Programs and our Partners. The General Sessions provided valuable information on procedural amendment proposals as well as voting in the annual elections for Vice President and 3 Trustee Offices.

There is one NEW thing I learned in one of my Governor-Elect meetings I wish to share with you. Please keep in mind that this is not 100% complete at this time. It has been sent back to the International Committee for final recommended adjustments by the International group of Governors-Elect.

We will have final approval before October 1st for the following:

Kiwanis International is reinstating the Member, Club and District Recognition Programs that were deleted for the 2015 – 2016 year. These awards will all be based on the IPLAN and the criteria are specific and measurable. The IPLAN sections are Inspiration, Image, Impact and Investment. This is exciting because it provides a format for individuals and clubs to have an opportunity to showcase their involvement and contributions to our local communities.

What does this mean to Michigan? With our very active Formula Program here in Michigan we are absolutely on target to achieve a plus member number at the end of 2015 – 2016, as well as heading into 2016 – 2017. We must all support and work together to sponsor new clubs, participate in Club Leadership Education, attend the International Convention and the Michigan District Convention. Service is a huge part of this new award system, and our SLP programs are integral in achieving club recognition along with positive local publicity of your events and completing Youth Protection Programs for each club. Built into the new award program is a requirement that clubs actively participate with donations to the Michigan District Foundation.

I will have specifics for you prior to October 1st and will make sure that this information is clear, concise and easily understood as we move forward into 2016 – 2017. This is just another opportunity for our Michigan Clubs to showcase the things we are already doing. We will just have to “categorize” these activities to fit the IPLAN’s – 4 Sections: Inspiration, Image, Impact and Investment.

I know a large percentage of our members and clubs can and will achieve these awards. I look forward to being able to congratulate each and every one of you as you invite and inspire new members into our Kiwanis Clubs and help the Michigan District grow with community service-minded members like yourselves. Let’s see if together the Michigan District can once again lead the other districts with this new program and show our service commitment to local communities via “giving back”.

I look forward to the Michigan District August convention in East Lansing where we can learn to grow, plan for implementation of new ideas and celebrate club achievements. Let’s make sure we get our registrations in so that we can all be part of this celebration of success for 2015 – 2016!

Kids need Helping Hands!

Dee Hudson
Governor Elect
governor-elect@mikiwanis.org

I want to hear from you!
You can reach me at governor-elect@mikiwanis.org.
It was recently decided to update the history of Kiwanis in Michigan. As I was looking back at some of that history I discovered words describing an ancient process which loosely translated means “We learn a lot when we get together once a year.” Just like the word Kiwanis is from another language, these ancient words describe four elements that make up this process. It’s hard to translate all the words here but there was one word I found which put all the elements together and that word is “DCON” (District Convention).

What are these four elements? Well, it is interesting that each letter of the word DCON highlights that particular element. And because the individual elements form the process, there is a specific order they must be followed.

**ELEMENT #1 - “D”** This stands for Decide. Each person must decide to attend this annual event. They must decide to leave their village and tribe and meet at a different spot. They must decide to be receptive to new ways. They must decide to meet different people. They must decide to participate and share knowledge. They must decide to help elect new leaders and have a say in the direction of the greater community. Which leads to the second element...

**ELEMENT #2 - “C”** This stands for Community. When members of different tribes meet at one spot, a greater community is established. This is a larger version of another ancient concept which is called “In-ter-club”. This community is only successful if members are open to sitting and talking with others from a foreign tribe. They need to come to this gathering with an attitude of sharing and helping others. A cornfield will be strong and productive if the cornfields around it are strong as well. And if many members from a tribe attend this gathering, this provides many more opportunities to learn from other tribes. Which leads to the third element...

**ELEMENT #3 - “O”** This stands for Opportunity. Not only are there opportunities to learn from other tribes, but the leaders who were elected at the last year’s gathering have put together many sessions and councils which impart information. This information ranges from how to improve the tribe to how the tribe can help the village to how the tribe can increase in size. The more members who attend these sessions, the more information can be gathered. Attending these sessions will help members gain the knowledge and attitudes to take back and share with the tribal members who did not attend the yearly gathering. The sharing of this information leads to the fourth element...

**ELEMENT #4 - “N”** This stands for Network. Knowledge not shared is knowledge wasted. This final step in the process is what makes the process work. This knowledge must be shared with all the tribal members and villagers. It’s what will help the tribe grow stronger and contribute more to the village. Each member must become comfortable in sharing this information and excitement about the tribe’s new knowledge and accomplishments within the village and greater community.

After uncovering and studying this process, it becomes apparent there is some sort of magic that happens when the process of DCON comes together with an individual. It can be a magical formula that will make a difference in you and your club. The first part of the magic is there and waiting at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing on August 26 & 27. We will be waiting on the second part for the magic to show up and for the formula to succeed.

What will you decide?
We have an exciting event coming up that your club needs to put on their calendar! The week of August 8, 2016 is Blitz week. More specifically, Membership Blitz. During this week your club should pick a day to conduct a membership blitz. And to help you along here are some suggestions. Don’t feel limited by these though, if your club has some original ideas – try it – share it. In fact, share your ideas and results on social media; your clubs Facebook page, District Facebook page, Twitter or Instagram.

Suggestions for Membership Blitz – August 8 – 14: Kiwanis Club Membership Blitz

• First join the chamber of commerce if you have not already done this.
• Get the chamber to promote, on their website and Facebook page, your Club and the event.
• After joining, ask if you can talk about Kiwanis at a chamber board meeting.
• If you cannot join the chamber, you can get the list of chamber members from the chamber website and use this to identify members that would be likely Kiwanis members.
• Meet with your communities DDA and see if there are projects that your club can help with to service the community.
• Contact the schools Superintendent to talk about SLP (K-Kids, Builders, Aktion, Key clubs) in the district and Key Leader. The schools will not be in sessions during August, but you can get a feel for what SLP’S would fit into the school district.

• Using the chamber directory, select those organization or members that would be good Kiwanis members that are not currently members of your club.
• Look for companies that could be a good Corporate member.
• Ask members of your club to give you names of people that they know would make good Kiwanians.
• Put together the list of potential members to contact.
• Call and make appointments to talk with people about Kiwanis and why they should be a member of your club.
• Put together a couple of teams of 2 to make the calls:
  o Have your one minute or elevator speech ready.
  o Talk about your club and what it does to do service in your community.
  o If applicable, talk about a corporate membership and the advantages of this type of membership.
  o Close with asking them to fill out an application or ask them to visit your club as a guest or come to a service project to see Kiwanis in action.
  o Leave contact cards and ask to follow-up if they need time to think about joining.
• Consider making some cold calls to businesses that could make a good member, but you could not make an appointment with.

The idea of this event is to spread the word about Kiwanis and increase your club’s membership to better service the children and your communities.

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25-27 AUGUST 2016

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

HOUSING REQUEST INFORMATION

For on-line booking:
- Go to www.kelloggcenter.com
- Click on the “Reservations” link at the top of the page
- Select “Check availability and book now!” link
- Enter arrival, departure, rooms, & number of adults & children
- Select “Click Here for Special Rates” and enter your Group Code: MDK082516
- Click “Check Availability”. Or go to District Website for URL link.

ROOM RESERVATION DEADLINE IS August 5, 2016

Room Rates: All single, double, triple and quad rooms $104.00 per night plus tax.

Parking: Is complimentary for hotel guests and is next to the hotel. Guests attending just for the day will be charged $1.00 per hour or $8.00 for the entire day.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25th

3:00 PM TO 6:00 PM REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS South Lobby
- EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS SET UP ONLY- Lincoln

6:00 PM MICHIGAN FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING 103 A/B

8:00 PM 2015-16 DISTRICT BOARD MEETING 105 A/B

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26th

7:00 AM KMF HOSTED BREAKFAST Big Ten C

7:00 AM TO 6:00 PM REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS South Lobby

8:00 AM TO 2:00 PM EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS Lincoln

8:00 AM HEARINGS ON RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS (See program book for locations)

9:15 AM TO 10:00 PM WORKSHOP PROGRAMS (See program book for locations)

10:15 AM TO 11:15 AM GENERAL SESSION Big Ten A

11:30 AM CONVENTION KICK-OFF LUNCHEON Big Ten B & C

1:15 PM TO 2:00 PM WORKSHOPS (See program book for locations)

2:15 PM TO 4:00 PM CLE MAKE-UP SESSIONS

4:00 PM TO 7:00 PM BLOOD DRIVE 105 A/B

2:00 PM TO 7:00 PM FREE TIME

7:15 PM TO 9:30 PM FUN NIGHT Auditorium

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27th

7:00 AM TO 3:00 PM REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS South Lobby

7:00 AM PAST LG COUNCIL HOSTED BREAKFAST Big Ten C

8:00 AM TO 1:30 PM EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS Lincoln

8:15 AM TO 1:30 PM WORKSHOP PROGRAMS (See program book for locations)

11:30 AM HONORS & AWARDS LUNCHEON Big Ten B & C

1:45 PM DELEGATE SESSION & DIVISION CAUCUSES (Voting Bylaws and Candidates) Big Ten A

4:00 PM MEMORIAL SERVICE Auditorium

6:30 PM PRE-BANQUET RECEPTION (CASH BAR) Big Ten C

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<td>Women At Risk, Intl. seeks to reach out to women in all risk areas of life and bring circles of protection and support into their stories. One of these risk issues that is growing expeditiously, domestically and internationally, is human trafficking. Human trafficking is the fastest growing organized crime and it is not just an &quot;over there&quot; issue. We will discuss this issue and how it has become a carnage of the innocent here in our own country. Helpful information and insights will be shared so that we can better protect our children and be aware of this heinous assault on humanity.</td>
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<td>Committee Chair Training</td>
<td>Committee work doesn't happen by accident. You need a plan and a plan needs a leader. This session will educate committee chairs, co-chairs, vice-chairs and future chairs on the most effective means of leading your committee and accomplishing your goals all with great communication and recognition. If you want to be effective - you will want to attend this session.</td>
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<td>Larry Memmer &amp; Lanton Lee</td>
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<td><strong>International Foundation</strong></td>
<td>Nels Haan</td>
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<td>Sarah Kew &amp; Kelly Dougherty &amp; Cindy Clissold</td>
<td>PR, Marketing and Social Media are essential to the growth of Kiwanis. This seminar is an overview of social media, PR, and marketing. There will be tips and suggestions regarding all three of these areas for club promotion and growth. This seminar will also be a platform to learn more about how we can help clubs in these areas. Come prepared to learn and bring questions and success stories that you would like to share! #KidsNeedKiwanis</td>
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<td><strong>Parliamentary Procedure, the Sometimes Confusing, But Always “Proper” Order of Business</strong></td>
<td>Liz Peters</td>
<td>Have you ever wanted to ask a question but were afraid to raise your hand when Robert’s Rules of Order controlled? Confused about how to make a motion, amend a motion, or simply when to discuss a motion at a business meeting? When does a motion need a “second,” or does it? If you think that parliamentary procedure should only apply in the British Parliament, then this presentation is for you! Come hear District Resolutions, By-Laws, and Policies Chairperson, Elizabeth Peters, explain the basics of Robert’s Rules, in her “fun and infortaining style” so that you may be properly “in order” at the Michigan District’s delegate assembly and a more efficient leader in your future business meetings.</td>
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| **Foundation: C.S. Mott & McLaren Northern Mi Hospital** | Dan Fischer & Anne Heier | • Dan Fisher, from Mott Hospital, will explain the many ways his staff uses our Foundation money to pilot new programs.  
• Anne Heier, from McLaren Northern Hospital, will explain her role as the Child Life specialist. | 9:15 - 10:00 am | 105 A/B | Overholt |
| **Club Secretaries II Gathering** | Joan Wilson | Do you need help with being an effective and outstanding secretary for your club? What you need to do, who to contact and how to get things done right? Questions about the Kiwanis Connect the online member management system? Attend this “let’s talk” gathering to get answers and share your interests with other secretaries! | 9:15 - 10:00 am | 103 A&B | |
| **District Updates and Projects** | Greg Smith/Jeff Lawther/ Dee Hudson/ John Steele | Get informed about what’s on-tap for the Michigan District over the next year. Also get up to speed on our Eliminate Fulfillment and what’s ahead for our newly approved Strategic Plan. | 9:15 - 10:00 am | 104 A&B | |
| **Formula Vision (Formula Team)** | Larry Memmer & Lanton Lee | Come help to develop the Formula vision and plan for next year. Your input is needed to develop our strategic vision for the future. | 10:15 - 11:00 am | 106 Kiroff |
| **Foundation: Mary Free Bed & Detroit Children’s Hospital** | Maria Besta & Therese Quattrococchi-Longe | • Maria Besta, from Mary Free Bed Hospital will explain their very unique program.  
• Therese Quattrococchi-Longe, from Children’s Hospital of Michigan will tell us about their art therapy program. | 10:15 - 11:00 am | 105 A/B | Overholt |
| **Feedback Session** | Greg Smith/ Linda Lawther/ Dee Hudson | Opportunity to ask questions and get information from the District Leadership | 10:15 - 11:00 am | 104 A&B | |
| **Law Academy** | Liz Wilson | The history of the Law Enforcement Academy with the Michigan District and the benefits of the program to our youth. | 10:15 - 11:00 am | 103 A&B | |
99th Annual Kiwanis of Michigan District Convention  
August 25-27, 2016 **** Kellogg Center East Lansing, MI

CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM  ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER AND RECEIVE A BADGE

Guest Name: ________________________________  Member Name: ________________________________

Badge Name (if different): ______________________  Kiwanis Club of: ______________________________

Daytime Phone: (    ) __-____  Email Address: __________________________________________

Club Officer Position 2015-16 ___________________________________

Check all that apply: □ First timer  □ Legion of Honor  □ KMF Distinguished Kiwanian
□ 50 Yr. Kiwanian □ Life Member District □ Life Member Ki □ KMF Trustee  □ KMF J. D. Alexander
□ Current District Chair □ Past Governor □ Lt. Governor 15-16 □ Lt. Governor 16-17

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INSTRUCTIONS:  Do NOT mail or fax this form after August 11….Late Registration is handled at the walk-in registration in East Lansing. Online registration will remain open until August 15.

Hotel Reservations end August 5

Dress code for the convention is casual except for the Delegate Session which is business casual and the Governor’s Banquet which is Business Professional.

Everyone (Kiwanians and non-Kiwanians) must register if you are attending any part of the convention. At a minimum, include your full Name and Club Name. No paper registrations may be submitted after August 11. After that date only onsite registration is available and the late fee will apply.

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

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

If you are registering children under 18 (no registration fee but must pay for meals), list their names and age(s):
__________________; _______________; _________________

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

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Name on Card__________________________________Signature_______________________________
Representatives from Kiwanis clubs worldwide convened in the House of Delegates at the 100th Annual Kiwanis International Convention and elected the following officers and new trustees to the 2016–17 Kiwanis International Board:

**President:** Jane Erickson

**President-elect:** Jim Rochford

**Vice president:** Florencio C. “Poly” Lat

**Executive Director**
Stan Soderstrom

**US and Pacific Canada Trustee**
M.A. “Fred” Dietze
Peter J. Mancuso
Bert West

**Asian Pacific Trustee**
Chian, Chu-Ching

**Canada and Caribbean Region Trustee**
Gary Levine

**Trustee (Europe)**
Paul Inge Paulsen

Delegates considered nine proposed amendments to the Kiwanis International Bylaws, with the following results:

**APPROVED**
- No. 1: Auxiliary Bodies
- No. 3: Kiwanis International Affiliates and Subsidiaries

**APPROVED AS AMENDED**
- No. 2: Use of Kiwanis Name and Marks

**DEFEATED**
- No. 4: District Treasurer
- No. 5: Annual Adjustment Option for Kiwanis International Dues
- No. 6: Secure Web-based Voting for Kiwanis International Business
- No. 7: Tiered Dues

**FAILED FOR LACK OF MOTION**
- No. 8: Members Who Belong to More than One Club
- No. 9: Life Membership Status Fee

**WITHDRAWN**
- No. 10: Foundation, Charitable Funds and Other Affiliated Entities
- No. 11: Delegate Verification Process for Electronic Balloting

**HOW ABOUT THIS?**
Applying for a grant? Download the scoring rubric to make sure you include the information the foundation needs when reviewing grant applications. The next round of applications is due November 15.

At its meeting this past April, the Kiwanis International Board revised the policy on criminal history background checks, effective October 1, 2016, to require:
- a clear check for district risk managers and youth protection managers within North America;
- a clear check for all district chairs and committee members (not just assistants) for all Service Leadership Programs;
- that checks for SLP club advisors are required and must now be conducted and verified by Kiwanis International. Note that this requirement will be delayed until October 1, 2017, for SLP club advisors in Asia-Pacific and Latin America.
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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Key Leader Chair
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Email: keyleader@mikiwanis.org

Key Leader

It’s time to plan your budget for Key Leader Camp 2017.

- Where: Camp Faholo, Grass Lake
- When: April 29-31, 2017
- Cost: Key Club: $225.00  Non Key Club $250.00
- Who can attend? Any student 14 through 18 years

Students follow a curriculum developed by Kiwanis International and covers: Personal Integrity, Personal Growth, Respect, Building Community and the Pursuit of Excellence. Saturday afternoon the students experience an Initiative Course with Trust Building Activities. And have time for fun, making friends and develop lifelong skills in leadership.

The lead facilitators are trained each year at Kiwanis International (KI) and have many years of experience teaching and relating with our youth. They pull the whole program together to ensure the success of each student.


*See our table at District Convention.

Call Marian O’Higgins, Chair, with any questions. 586 801-6706.

Hello Kiwanis! This month is very exciting for us Key Clubbers! Our International Convention was held from July 6th-10th in Atlanta Georgia with our Michigan District tour lasting from July 5th-12th. Some of the sights we get to see include CNN Studios, and the Coca-Cola factory! On behalf of all attendees being sponsored for this life-changing convention, we would like to thank all Kiwanis Clubs who have or are sponsoring Key Club members with the opportunity to attend events like this. Whether it is ICON, Key Leader, or anything similar, every little thing adds up to change a Key Clubber’s life and influence them towards a membership in Kiwanis later. We appreciate all that you do!
Walk in My Shoes and Save Lives!

Research shows that 20 billion shoes are produced each year. In the United States alone, each individual (children included) buys more than 7 pairs of shoes each year. If we are a country that promotes recycling, then why do we have 600 million pairs of shoes being disposed of in our landfills? Did you know a pair of athletic shoes takes 1,000 years to breakdown?

Ask yourself, how many pairs of shoes are in your closet(s)? How many shoes do you trip over at the door? With shoes in mind, multiply the number of shoes you have by the number of houses on your street. You will be doing your neighbors a huge favor by helping them clean their closets and disposing of the shoes responsibly by recycling the gently used and/or new shoes.

Walk in my Shoes …

To reach our goal of $1.4 million for Project Eliminate and save 775,000 babies lives, it will require Kiwanians to reach out to our communities. Our Michigan District Shoe Drive is one way to reach our goal without asking people for additional money. We have collected over 10,000 pairs of shoes in the last 6 months and are looking forward to collecting more and we need your help.

To help us reach our goal, Kiwanis Michigan is working with Funds2Orgs, the leading shoe drive fundraising social enterprise in North America. Share with your communities the following website: http://funds2orgs.com/kiwanismichigan

For every 25 pairs of shoes collected, we receive approximately $10 or 40 cents per pound. With our UNICEF partnership that money provides maternal neonatal tetanus shots and saves 5 babies lives.

What happens with the shoes we donate?

Funds2Orgs ships the shoes to 25 countries and the gently used shoes create sustainable income opportunities in developing nations.

The Eliminate Project

Kiwanis International’s Global Campaign for Children, will save or protect millions of mothers and their future babies. In partnership with UNICEF, Kiwanis is eliminating Maternal Neonatal Tetanus (MNT), a disease that kills one baby every 11 minutes, by immunizing women of child bearing age. UNICEF and its partners have already eliminated MNT in more than 30 countries, and Kiwanis’ pledge to raise US$110 million will help fund the elimination of the disease in the countries that remain at risk.

Give the shoes you collect a second life on someone else’s feet and help us save a baby’s life.

For more information or to share your ideas, events, and progress with other Kiwanians contact the writer at 586-491-0720, email CollectingShoesforCharity@gmail.com or visit our facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/CollectingShoesforCharity/

Linda-Ann Heldt
Kiwanis Michigan District
Program Chair for Project Eliminate Shoe Drive
For the past thirty-nine years, each spring the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven presents an annual Youth Citizenship award to a student in the highest grade in both our local School Districts. Each student being recognized receives a framed certificate. More importantly, they receive a book to be placed in their elementary school library. The book has a book plate commemorating the student’s achievement and helping to set a goal for younger children to strive to obtain. Placing a book in school libraries also supports Woodhaven Kiwanians goal of early childhood literacy.

This is not an academic award, but rather an award for the student who is a leader, and has provided service to their school or community. We ask the schools to look for students who possess the outstanding personal characteristics we would like all youngsters to emulate. Each school chooses their own winner.

The Shower was a Huge Success!

As part of Michigan Kiwanians’ ninety-year relationship with the Child and Family Life Department at C. S. Mott Children’s Hospital, the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven held their annual shower on May 11th. Woodhaven Kiwanian Louisa Elsey hosted the very first shower for 32 guests at the Woodhaven Community Center in 2007. Ten years later, with Maddie Pawelczyk as her inspiration, Elsey continues to host the annual Woodhaven shower. This year, over 280 guests raised $8,848 in cash and gift cards for the ill and injured children who visit C. S. Mott this year.

Club President Rosemary Robbins said, “A visit to the hospital can be an extremely stressful experience for both the child and their family.” The Child and Family Life team works together with doctors, nurses, and other hospital staff to meet the emotional needs of children. It could be art therapy, music therapy, a holiday party for children hospitalized during a birthday or other holiday. The wide variety of needs met by the Child and Family Life Department are not reimbursable through health insurance. Help for families comes in many forms. It could be a colorful pillowcase, a gas card for a parent to get to the hospital, or a family activity. Parents and siblings play an important role in a child’s recovery.

A very special thank you to C. S. Mott Child and Family Life Director, Dan Fisher, who faithfully attends and supports our Shower each year. This year five members of his staff who worked with Maddie Pawelczyk attended the shower with Fisher.

If you missed the shower, and would like to support Child and Family Life, please send your check or gift card to the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven, 22019 Crestwood, Woodhaven, MI.
GoVERNOR

Why vote for me?

Knowledge, Experience, Passion, Enthusiasm, Follow Through.

I have a Mission and Goals to move the Michigan District forward into the next Century!

• Sustain Kiwanis as a Service Organization
• Grow membership in our existing clubs and open new clubs
• Increase meaningful Service
• Brand Kiwanis in ALL our communities
• Make Kiwanis financially sustainable
• Incorporate our Kiwanis Family in all we do: Kiwanis, Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids, Aktion Club and Young Professionals

Experience:

• Detroit No. 1 President
• Past Lt Governor – Division 1
• Formula Club Counselor
• Sponsoring of 1st Young Professional Kiwanis Club in Michigan
• Detroit No. 1 Foundation and Board member
• Co-Chair of 100 Years of Kiwanis Exhibit at Detroit Historical Museum
• Committee member with Kiwanis International planning 100 years celebration
• International and District Convention attendee and delegate 5 years running
• Attended Circle K and Key Club Conventions
• Key Leader Chair and adult member with full camp

Education:

• Bachelor’s in Elementary Education; Master’s in Early Childhood
• Over 35 years teaching, administrating, mentoring, coaching at-risk children and their families
• Provide trainings
• Leadership roles throughout career chairing committees at district and the Intermediate School District levels.

Kiwanis is my passion! I want each and every club to be significant and be recognized in the Michigan District for all you do in your communities.

Please give me your support by voting for me in August. Thank You!

Marian O’Higgins
Candidate for Governor Elect 2016-2017

Since deciding to run for the position of Governor-Elect for the Michigan District of Kiwanis, I have had the opportunity to meet with many Kiwanians and talk about the needs of Kiwanis. As you all know, the largest problem facing Kiwanis is the need for new members. Working with the Formula Team since its beginnings three years ago, I am currently a Club Counselor and I have worked at both of the opening events in Westland and Belleville. I am glad to say that they are well on their way to becoming new clubs. By the time this article appears in the magazine I will also have worked at the opening event in Birmingham. I am dedicated to making the Michigan District of Kiwanis grow as well as all of Kiwanis International.

At the Kiwanis International Convention in Toronto I attended both the day-long Formula event to improve my strengths as a Counselor and to spend time in a session with the President-Elect Designate Jim Rochford where he discussed his goals for his year as President. As you can imagine, Jim Rochford’s primary goal is growth. Jim’s goal is to open enough clubs and strengthen enough clubs so that Kiwanis International will have positive growth by September 30, 2018. I believe that this is an achievable goal.

As Governor-Elect I will work hard to achieve the goals set by Dee Hudson during her year as Governor.

I believe that all of our clubs need to work on being more open. I cannot remember ever meeting a Kiwanian that wasn’t a friendly person. However, there are some club cultures that are not as open to strangers as they should be. In order to attract more members we have to show people the good works that we do and how much fun we have. As I have said before, the thing that separates the Kiwanians from the other service organizations is that we have more fun.

Remember there is still time left this year. For every one of you to invite someone to join Kiwanis.

Thank you for this opportunity and I would appreciate your support so that I may become the next Governor-Elect of the Michigan District.

Richard (Dick) Hitch
Candidate for Governor Elect for the Michigan District
A Letter from your Michigan Foundation President

Traditionally, I mail Clubs our proposed Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation budget each summer and remind you of our Annual Meeting at the District Convention. This year’s District Convention will be held at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing. (August 25-26-27). Foundation by-laws only require some form of notification of the annual meeting. The specific time and location will be published by the Michigan District in convention materials.

We will not have a proposed budget for you until the convention. It is our greatest hope, we will have an operational surplus, at the end of the year. A surplus will allow us the luxury of maintaining this year’s level of support to the four Hospital projects. No longer, will we spend above the recommended 4% from our endowment to fund the operations of our Foundation. Unfortunately, spending 5, 6 or 7% from the endowment is self-defeating in the long run. I am sure you are equally aware it has been very difficult right sizing our Foundation as our Michigan District membership has decreased. (Paul says, “each of us need to take responsibility to help reverse this unacceptable trend.”)

To provide the required surplus, we need your Club’s support throughout the year.

- We need every Club to step up and fund the operations of your Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation with our requested $45/member gift. This can come for your activities or service account or be an individual gift from each member. Over 75% of Michigan District Kiwanians have already stepped up. Please remember the four hospitals provide Kiwanis “Child and Family Life” support to children living in all corners of our Great Michigan District.

- We are counting on the support of our Hawaiian Vacation Raffle. Tickets are available from your Foundation Trustee, Lt. Governor, Lt. Governor-Elect, Governor-Elect and yes, Governor Linda would be delighted to sell you a ticket.

- Yes, we would appreciate the help of you and your Club selling tickets. Please let me or your Foundation Trustee know, and Don Killion or I would be delighted to mail you a booklet or two of tickets!

Additionally, I would like to encourage you and your Club to take advantage of the many prestigious awards your Foundation offers. Also, we still have a couple of our $900.00 Frank O. Staiger Distinguished Kiwanian Awards. I am excited to report the sale of Foundation Awards is up this year. I would ask you to consider giving your President or Valued Club Member a Foundation Award this year…the award will have the extra value of supporting hospitalized Children….and isn’t that what being a Kiwanian is all about?

Sincerely yours,

Paul J. Elsey
President – The Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation
2016 Proposed By-laws Changes for the District Convention Delegates’ Consideration:

KEY to the changes:
Text to be deleted is crossed-out (crossed-out). Text to be added is underlined (underlined). The [NOTE: . . . .] are editorial explanations that will not be included in the final Bylaws.

AMENDMENT 1

Article VIII. Vacancies in Office

Section 4. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, the vacancy shall be filled as follows, regardless of the length of term remaining, the District shall notify the clubs in the affected division that a replacement Lieutenant Governor may be elected at a division meeting to be held within sixty (60) days from the date of the vacancy. In the absence of a replacement being elected by the division, a qualified member of a club in the same division shall be elected by a majority vote of the District Board.

a. If the term has one year or less remaining, a qualified member from a club in the same division may be elected by a majority vote of the District Board to serve the remaining term, or if the division requests otherwise:

b. Whether or not the term has more than one year remaining, the District shall notify the clubs in the affected division that a replacement Lieutenant Governor may be elected at a division meeting to be held within sixty (60) days from the date of the vacancy. In the absence of a replacement being elected by the division, a qualified member of a club in the same division shall be elected by a majority vote of the District Board.

[NOTE: This change consolidates a. and b. and allows the division to fill the Lt. Gov. vacancy regardless of the length of time remaining. If the division does not fill the vacancy, then the District Board will do so with a qualified individual from the Division. If this amendment is adopted, the provision will read as follows:]

Section 4. In the event of a vacancy in the office of Lieutenant Governor, regardless of the length of term remaining, the District shall notify the clubs in the affected division that a replacement Lieutenant Governor may be elected at a division meeting to be held within sixty (60) days from the date of the vacancy. In the absence of a replacement being elected by the division, a qualified member of a club in the same division shall be elected by a majority vote of the District Board.

AMENDMENT 2

Article VII. Conventions

Section 8. All officers, standing committee chairpersons, and past Governors of the District who are active members of a club in the District shall be delegates-at-large to all District conventions.

[NOTE: Standing committee chairpersons have historically been delegates at large. They were inadvertently deleted when the last By-laws were revised to adopt Ki’s Standard Form of District Bylaws.]

AMENDMENT 3

Article X Revenue

Section 1. Each club shall pay annual dues to the District for each active club member, subject to any exception(s) otherwise provided in these bylaws in an amount determined by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the District House of Delegates. Dues shall be based on each club’s annual membership report to Kiwanis International as of September 30 of each year and shall be due annually on October 1 and payable by November 30.

A club shall be relieved of any obligation to pay District dues for a former member of a Kiwanis International service leadership program (SLP) for two (2) consecutive years from the date the former KI SLP member joins the Kiwanis Club. The District will grant this exception only to the first Kiwanis club that the member joins.

Section 2. The District Board shall determine the amount of new member add fees that the District may charge, if any.

Any former member of a Kiwanis International service leadership program shall have their District new member add fee waived, one time only, for their first year of membership in any Kiwanis club in the District.

NOTE: Most Districts allow clubs a waiver of the new member add fee and dues for two years for former SLP members. The Michigan District has not done so. This would be a new incentive to obtain former SLP members as Kiwanis club members. The District Board approved adding the word “annual” in the first sentence of Section 1, above, as indicated in Ki’s Standard Form for District Bylaws and does not need delegate approval.]

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Adrian +5
Charlotte +5
Downriver West +5
Flint +5
Jackson Northwest +5
Lac Ste. Claire +5
Lakeview-Urbandale +5
Metro North-Troy +5
Monroe +5
Morenci +5
Sturgis +5

Net gain is from 10-1-15 thru 6-30-16 and includes clubs only with at least a net gain of +5 based on official membership numbers supplied by Kiwanis International.

Call with questions:
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2015-16 Governor’s MEMBERSHIP TROPHY

SLP MEMBERS

CLUBS PAID MEMBERS

K-Kids 14
Builders Club 44
Key Club 114 5189
Circle K 15 562
Aktion Club 27 661