We have several exciting changes to this year’s District Convention including a whole new format. The best part is all workshops, general sessions and delegate sessions are free to any pre-registered Kiwanians. The only expense to attend this year’s convention is for meals and lodging. (Check out our special meal package pricing)

Education tracks allow clubs to send committee chairs and members to a specific set of interactive workshops to help expand their knowledge and to share ideas. These tracks include: Change your club, The formula, Youth protection, Marketing your club, The foundations, Service Leadership, Info to know, Feedback panels.

There are 15 scheduled for Friday morning and 15 for Saturday morning. See the whole schedule on page 9 in this issue of the Builder.

We have several inspirational speakers this year. Charlie Kadado; a best-selling author, Kevin Dean; our 2015-16 International Counselor, Brian Calley; the State of Michigan Lieutenant Governor and our very own Sue Petrisin, the 2015-2016 International President.

There are several service activities planned as well such as a Youth Fishing Derby on August 25th and a Kids Against Hunger packaging on August 28. Join your friends for a Dessert Cruise down the Detroit river or for the young professional’s mixer. We hope to see you and your family there, in record numbers, to enjoy celebrating a century of fun, fellowship and service.
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Governor’s Message

Take a moment to think about why you began to volunteer with Kiwanis.

It is hard to believe that this is my last Builder article as your Governor. This year has been a wild ride. It had its ups and down, some twists and turns, several laughs and some moments that just make you say, “hmmmm”. Most importantly I would not change a moment of it.

As our Kiwanis year comes to an end I think it is important that we continue working towards our goals. We all volunteer because we want to make a difference in our communities, this could mean our local city, our county, our state, our country or around the globe. We all define the word “community” differently but one thing remains constant; Kiwanis gives us the opportunity to help improve the lives of others. It’s our hands on service, our caring hearts and our ongoing smiles that make the difference. The truth is our organization would not exist without members like you!

Take a moment to think about why you began to volunteer with Kiwanis. We all love the “warm-fuzzies” we get from volunteering but beyond that why are we Kiwanians? Did you originally join because you had extra time on your hands? Did you want to share your talents or learn new skills? Did you simply just need a platform that allowed you to make a difference? Now share that motivation with others. We cannot grow and thrive as an organization if we do not ask others to join us in our mission.

Find an effective way to communicate your Kiwanis experience with others. If you love what you do you will share what you do. Communication is the most effective way to engage new prospective members and how to motivate our members who have taken a step back. This helps you express your expectations for your club’s members and what your club member’s expectations are from Kiwanis. We should always welcome suggestions and feedback as a constructive way to improve our experiences.

Sometimes, as volunteers, we forget to recognize other’s achievements. It is important to always show others your appreciation both personally and at the club level. Often this is as simple as a hand written thank you card or a round of applause at a meeting to let our volunteers know that you see their contributions and they are valued. There are several times our members go above and beyond in their altruistic service. We have recognition programs through the Michigan District and through Kiwanis International for these individuals as well. Show these people that they are making a difference and that it is not going unnoticed.

Long story short our Formula Motto:

As Kiwanians we love what we do so we share what we do and when we share what we do we live our Kiwanis experience out loud.

Thank you Michigan Kiwanians for an amazing year and entrusting me to serve you as your 2014-2015 Michigan District Governor. Thank you for all of your support, advice, feedback, questions, suggestions, talents, motivation, determination, excitement, generosity, smiling and warmhearted service. I cannot wait to see what the next 100 years has in store for us!

Yours in Service,

Rebekah Hildreth

I want to hear from you!
E-mail at governor@mikiwanis.org
Subject line ‘Summertime Kiwanis’
...and time for our District Convention. I am very excited for all the programs and offerings that will be available for our Kiwanis members and our extended Kiwanis families.

After arriving back from International Convention and comparing the planned education for our District Convention, I hope you will join me in seeing opportunities for a very high level of training from experts in their fields. We have a few speakers from Kiwanis International who will help take our district to a higher level of not only growth but in strengthening our clubs and building our community service projects to new heights. As we move into our next 100 years, we want to be educated and armed for the future.

One area that is of monumental importance is our engagement with the whole Kiwanis Family. You will hear and see many opportunities and encouragement to be aligned and collaborating with all segments of Kiwanis. K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club – If you are not familiar with ANY of these, please feel free to ask me directly and I will happily offer a meaningful orientation. These Kiwanis family members are the future of Kiwanis. Throughout each of our lives we look for ways to engage young people, aiding them in their growth but also to secure our future. We have programs in our schools, in our faith communities, in our work places and in our homes. We instill values. The K-Family is no different. Without the infusion of youth in our K-World, it will cease to exist.

Over the next couple newsletters, I will introduce you to our fellow District Governors for the 2015-16 Kiwanis year. The Aktion club Governor will be elected at their camp-convention in September. I will introduce you to our new Key Club Governor, Sahara Harikrishnan, in the next newsletter. But this time, I would like to introduce you to our new Circle K Governor, Steven McCarty.

Steven and I, along with other Kiwanis and Circle K International (CKI) leaders have been working on an exciting opportunity for Kiwanis and CKI to work together – literally. Steven has provided the information below to help get the program started.

What excites me about this program is my passion for mentoring. This program will open up doors for not only service partnership but job shadowing and internships as well. As Gov. Steven says, there is much more information to come but your first opportunity to show your support will be at our District Convention. Circle K will have a booth in the exhibit area. Be sure to stop and talk with Circle K and Kiwanis members about this program. It is important to note that it does not require that your club be a CKI sponsor to participate. Remember that these students are from all over the state (and elsewhere) and will be looking for an opportunity to learn from you as well as share what they have learned and can offer. I am very excited about this new program. Ask me...

Please register NOW for the District Convention. We do hope that you will plan to stay over at the Convention Hotel and enjoy the complete sights and sounds of the event. It is also a great chance for a late night snack and conversations with Kiwanis members you only have the chance to connect with once a year at convention. Plan shared hotel rooms to keep costs down while building friendships and having fun.

Jeff and I look forward to seeing you all there!
There are 3 parts to it.

**LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.**

Loving it and Living it are the parts where it’s all about who we are as a person and a Kiwanian. We can go about our daily lives and everyone can see what our values are and how we live them. The Sharing it is another story. This involves talking to other people about Kiwanis and asking them to A.) Find out more, B.) Come to a meeting, C.) Join the club, D.) Help out with a service project, etc. For many of us, it’s not something we do on a regular basis. In my last article in the Builder, I talked about places to go and ways to meet people. This month I want to share some tips about how to more effectively get people interested in Kiwanis in those situations.

**TIP 1**
Arrive early or on-time to the event.

**TIP 2**
Don’t sit down. Move around the room so you can meet as many people as you want. People will not come up to you and talk if you are sitting down.

**TIP 3**
If two or more of you are at an event, split up.

**TIP 4**
Be the one with a great handshake.

**TIP 5**
Don’t think about “What can I get out of this?”
Think about “What can I offer?”

**TIP 6**
Keep in mind that you need to be genuine and authentic. You need to build trust and relationships and find out how you can help others.

**TIP 7**
Ask easy, open-ended questions in conversations.

**TIP 8**
Find out what their passion is and the kind of service they like to do before you mention some of the things Kiwanis does. Only talk about Kiwanis and how it ties to their interest. You may find there is no connection. However, you can help them meet someone who shares their interest and that is part of “What can I offer?”

**TIP 9**
Make other people feel special through eye-contact, repeating their name, really listening to what they have to say. Don’t hijack the conversation and tell them everything you know about Kiwanis. Be a conversationalist, not a talker.

**TIP 10**
Have a clear understanding of what Kiwanis is, why you love it and what makes it special. Developing a one-minute speech will help with this whether you say it word for word or not. Share your passion and smile.

**TIP 11**
The goal should be to create some initial interest in Kiwanis, not sign them up as a member that evening. Many times the next step is an invitation to a meeting or getting together at another time to talk more.

**TIP 12**
Follow through quickly and efficiently when someone asks you to contact them.

**TIP 13**
Don’t just connect or get a business card. Work on building relationships.

I’m sure you can think of other tips. There will be a workshop at the District Convention on this topic I urge you to attend. The more effective you are in letting people know about Kiwanis and helping your fellow Kiwanians in this area, the better we can fulfill the Share It part of The Formula. And that will lead to more members in your club.
Fellow Kiwanians,

There has been much discussion about divisional realignment. Some conversations have been positive and some not as positive. However, as you may know, your District Board has voted to halt this process and has asked the workgroup to reconsider the timeline and the process for realignment.

The District team admits that the process was flawed but is working very hard to remedy the situation. At this point the topic of realignment has been stopped through the remainder of this Kiwanis Year. Throughout the 2015-2016 Kiwanis year the realignment workgroup will be opening up discussion on the realignment plan. This will be done through various avenues including Divisional Council Meetings and other opportunities for small group discussions. Members from the work group and executive team will be taking on this task along with your Lieutenant Governors.

This period of discussion and input will give our clubs the opportunity to understand more clearly the ‘hows’ and ‘whys’ of the process and for their thoughts to be heard and questions to be answered. We will take this time to strengthen our membership base. After a time of discussion the Board of Directors, your Lieutenant Governors, will be able to bring their club’s wishes to the entire board to vote on a realignment plan, based on a redetermined timeline.

For the health and the wellbeing of the Michigan District of Kiwanis, the District team must look at a realignment option to help strengthen our membership base as a whole and to help stabilize our financial situation. We are asking for your patience and cooperation as we work through this process together over the next Kiwanis Year.

Yours in Service,

Rebekah D. Hildreth
Governor
Michigan District of Kiwanis

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Executive Committee and Realignment Workgroup
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 2015–16 Kiwanis International Board:

**President:**
Susan A. “Sue” Petrisin, Lansing, Michigan

**President-elect:**
Jane M. Erickson, Bellevue, Nebraska

**Vice president:**
James M. Rochford, Peoria, Illinois

**Trustee (US and Pacific Canada):**
John E. DeVilbiss, West Alexandria, Ohio

**Trustee (US and Pacific Canada):**
Lance M. Incitti, Denville, New Jersey

**Indiana Trustee (US and Pacific Canada):**
Terry A. White, Evansville, Indiana

**Trustee (Europe):**
Daniel Vigneron, Howald, Luxembourg, was elected during the Kiwanis International-European Federation convention, June 3–6.

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Delegates considered one administrative resolution with the following result:
Discontinue company-based clubs.

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**APPROVED**

- Allow greater flexibility in club meeting frequency and clarify provisions regarding club satellites.
- Provide that, if a governor cannot attend a council meeting, the district may select any district officer to attend in the governor’s place.
- Provide that the final date for district conventions will be September 25, rather than September 15.
- Allow district vice governors to be delegates-at-large at Kiwanis International convention.
- Permanently adopt corporate membership.

**DEFEATED**

- Provide that voting for Kiwanis International business (elections, amendments, resolutions) will be conducted online rather than at the Kiwanis International convention.
- Provide that Kiwanis International dues may be adjusted annually by no more than five percent (5%) of the previous year’s amount (effective Oct. 1, 2016). Get details.
- Provide that Kiwanis International will approve and oversee foundations, charitable funds, and other entities affiliated with Kiwanis International.
27-30 AUGUST 2015

DISTRICT CONVENTION

...at a glance

THURSDAY, AUGUST 27th

3:00 PM to 6:00 PM
REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS
Ontario Foyer

EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS
Ontario West & Foyer

8:00 PM
2014-15 DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
Marquette A

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28th

7:00 AM
PAST LG COUNCIL HOSTED BREAKFAST
Ontario East

7:00 AM to 6:00 PM
REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS
Ontario Foyer

EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS
Ontario West & Foyer

8:00 AM
HEARINGS ON RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS
Duluth A & B

8:15 AM to 11:00 AM
WORKSHOP PROGRAMS
(See program book for locations)

11:30 AM
CONVENTION KICK-OFF LUNCHEON
Ontario East

1:15 PM to 3:00 PM
CLE & FEEDBACK SESSIONS
(See program book for locations)

4:00 PM
GENERAL SESSION (OPEN TO EVERYONE)
Ambassador 2 & 3

7:15 PM to 9:30 PM
DETOUR RIVER DESSERT CRUISE

8:00 PM
YOUNG PROFESSIONALS MIXER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 29TH

7:00 AM to 3:00 PM
REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS
Ontario Foyer

7:00 AM
MI FOUNDATION HOSTED BREAKFAST
Ontario East

8:00 AM to 2:30 PM
EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS
Ontario West & Foyer

8:15 AM
WORKSHOP PROGRAMS
(See program book for locations)

11:30 AM
HONORS & AWARDS LUNCHEON
Ontario East

1:45 PM
DELEGATE SESSION
(Voting Bylaws and Candidates)
Ambassador 3

3:00 PM
Division Caucuses

4:00 PM
NON DENOMINATIONAL CHURCH SERVICE
Richard A & B

6:00 PM
PRE-BANQUET RECEPTION (CASH BAR)
Ontario Foyer

6:30 PM
GOVERNOR’S BANQUET
Ontario East
Post Banquet
ENTERTAINMENT & DANCING
Ontario East

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30th

7:30 AM
PRAYER BREAKFAST & MEMORIAL SERVICE
Ontario East

9:15 AM
CLOSING SESSION
Ambassador 3

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**2015 District Convention Workshop Summary**

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<td><strong>Hearing on Bylaws , Resolutions, Candidate(s)</strong></td>
<td>Liz Peters</td>
<td>This session updates delegates on all proposed amendments, resolutions, and candidates.</td>
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<td><strong>Youth Protection</strong></td>
<td><strong>Kiwanis Youth Protection</strong></td>
<td>Bryan Crenshaw</td>
<td>NEW REQUIREMENT - IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Does your club sponsor a Kiwanis SLP? (KKids, Builders, Key, CKI, Aktion clubs) Are you aware of the guidelines for Kiwanis Advisors working with SLP’s? Plan on attending this workshop to ensure we are protecting the youth we are working with to the highest standards. Clubs will have to ensure members and Kiwanis advisors are educated yearly on the club dashboard.</td>
<td>8:15 - 9:00 am</td>
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<td><strong>Marketing your Club</strong></td>
<td><strong>Talk to the Press</strong></td>
<td>Sarah Kew &amp; Dave Herndon</td>
<td>Learn how to talk to the press effectively! In this interactive workshop we will learn techniques that will be useful for interviews with reporters, learn how to write a press release, and learn how to find contact information for your local media contacts. Come prepared with information about an upcoming project fundraiser so we can write a press release about it! Dave Herndon, a reporter with the News-Herald will join as a Co-Presenter to give a fresh perspective.</td>
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<td><strong>Change your Club</strong></td>
<td><strong>Leading change</strong></td>
<td>Jerry Webb</td>
<td>Do you want your club to be healthier and more effective in achieving its mission? The Leading Change workshop will outline a clear pathway your club can use to identify and implement changes. This will increase your impact on the children and communities you serve.</td>
<td>8:15 - 9:00 am</td>
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<td><strong>Info to Know</strong></td>
<td><strong>Identity Theft</strong></td>
<td>Don Ferguson</td>
<td>Provides valuable information on how to reduce the risk of falling victim to the fastest growing crime in America and what to do if you become a victim</td>
<td>8:15 - 9:00 am</td>
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<td><strong>The Formula</strong></td>
<td><strong>Membership Committee Part 1 - I Love My Club</strong></td>
<td>Lanton Lee</td>
<td>This will focus on inviting members to your meeting/service projects, how to make your meetings and service projects welcoming to prospective members and how to get members excited about bringing guests to these events.</td>
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<td><strong>Youth Protection</strong></td>
<td><strong>CSI Community Seminar</strong></td>
<td>Don Ferguson</td>
<td>This presentation will briefly cover what the students see in their respective presentations. The seminar provides relevant research about how students are using technology and offers Internet safety tips and practical tools. Covers: 1) access to the Michigan Sex Offender Registry; 2) understand the impact of digital footprints; 3) realize the risk of sharing photos with embedded location information; 4) identify the possible privacy risks of different apps; 5) recognize the potential dangers and legal ramifications of sexting; and 6) identify cyberbully warning signs and develop a plan of action.</td>
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<td><strong>Marketing your Club</strong></td>
<td><strong>Market Me</strong></td>
<td>Sarah Kew &amp; Lori Litz</td>
<td>Flyers, brochures, buttons, shirts, totes, etc.: the possibilities are endless on the ways to market your club and your projects. This workshop will help you discover the ways that are most effective for the goals you are trying to accomplish. We will also provide you some cost-effective resources to assist with getting the materials ready. And lastly, show you how to create them without having a degree in graphic design! You do not have to be an artist to create something you can be proud of. Come to this workshop and let us show you how to Market your club.</td>
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<td>Richard A &amp; B</td>
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<td><strong>Change your Club</strong></td>
<td>Team Building</td>
<td>U.S. Army</td>
<td>Accomplishing the mission is crucial. In order to do this we must have trust and commitment among the team. We must have specific goals and we must have clearly defined roles and responsibilities. Everyone must know what’s expected of them. But if there’s no trust, we surely will fail. That’s why team building is so important. Join in safe team building exercises and games that builds trust.</td>
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<td>Info to Know</td>
<td>Children’s Miracle Network</td>
<td>Lisa Stewart</td>
<td>Come learn how you can impact the lives of thousands of children each year being treated at Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals. Specifically, Beaumont Children’s Hospital will let you know about service opportunities and how you can engage with the local kids to achieve healthy outcomes and save kids’ lives. We will share an overview of service projects including National Pancake Day, Miracle Jeans Day and Radiothon opportunities. This will also include a mini service project creating mini activity sets for the kids.</td>
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<td>The Formula</td>
<td>Membership Committee Part 2 - Strengthening Clubs</td>
<td>Lanton Lee</td>
<td>How to retain members and keep their interest, get them more active and excited and learn to share the excitement with other members of your club.</td>
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<td>Youth Protection</td>
<td>OK to Say</td>
<td>Katharyn Barron</td>
<td>We will discuss a student safety program that allows students to confidentially report tips on potential harm or criminal activities directed at students, school employees and schools. You will learn how it has been implemented and the positive difference the program is making in schools and communities.</td>
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<td>Marketing your Club</td>
<td>Dot Com World</td>
<td>Sarah Kew &amp; Steven McCarty</td>
<td>We are living a dot com world where Facebook, Twitter and Google are parts of everyday vocabulary. Allow us to walk you through the basics of what Facebook has to offer. We will talk about what your page should look like, what to post, how to schedule posts, how to track how your page is doing, how to run contests, how to build your fan base, etc. We will also discuss other social media venues like Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram and LinkedIn and if they are needed in your club right now.</td>
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<td>Change your Club</td>
<td>Essentail Tools for Kiwanis Clubs in a New Era</td>
<td>Amy Wiser &amp; Pam Norman</td>
<td>While the fundamentals of club building and management remain the same, the approach and tools Kiwanis clubs need to use for the next century may appear alien. This session will look at new paradigms of club operation and share why it is important to get your members on board and engaged in the activities that will shape a new era of community service.</td>
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<td>Info to Know</td>
<td>The Art of Story Telling</td>
<td>Beth Philo</td>
<td>The art of storytelling lies withing the storyteller! Come find out what storytelling requires. Learn the mechanics of Storytelling. Identify your niche or style through the variety of ways stories can be told! This workshop offers a unique invitation to an Expanding World of Personal Growth, increasing imagination and Living History! Prepare to have some fun!</td>
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<td>Dick Hitch</td>
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<td>Chandra Howard</td>
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<td>Greg Smith</td>
<td>Spend time with the Michigan District Executive Director voicing your ideas, concerns, good news, etc.</td>
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<td>Linda Lawther</td>
<td>Spend time with the Michigan District Governor-Elect voicing your ideas, concerns, good news, etc.</td>
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<td>Feedback for General Members</td>
<td>Stan Nelson</td>
<td>Spend time with the Michigan District Immediate Past Governor voicing your ideas, concerns, good news, etc.</td>
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<td>Aktion Club Workshop</td>
<td>Gordon</td>
<td>Join us for some theatrical fun! 4th Wall Theatre Company presents a workshop on singing, acting and dancing through exciting theatre activities. Although primarily for Aktion Club members attending the convention, Kiwanians are invited to observe or participate in the fun. Learn about characters, performance and make new friends. Then put on a final brief performance. Let’s go on with the show!</td>
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<td>There will be a brief description of the International Foundation facts. Giving opportunities, recognition programs and Eliminate. You will also learn how to apply for a grant for a club project. Find out what is new with the Foundation and the new direction.</td>
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<td>Networking to Build Relationships</td>
<td>Cindy McCann</td>
<td>This session will give you information on networking in order to build relationships. When you have visitors or potential new members who visit your club, what is their experience like? Are you using the “3 foot rule” regarding networking? Do your family and friends really know what the Kiwanis organization really does. This session will help you with ideas on how to invite, engage and maintain members.</td>
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<td>Info to Know</td>
<td>Eric Sabree &amp; Marian O’Higgins</td>
<td>This session will discuss the history of Kiwanis Club No. 1, Detroit, revisiting some of the important events in the world’s first Kiwanis Club and remembering key Kiwanians from the club’s beginning. Also, many of the highlights of the early days of the Michigan District will be reviewed. This session will be interactive as many in attendance may be able to share additional information or different accounts of events.</td>
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<td>The Formula</td>
<td>What is a Club Counselor?</td>
<td>Lanton Lee</td>
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<td>Club Change</td>
<td>The Power of Partnerships</td>
<td>Pam Norman</td>
<td>Is your club looking for ways to increase impact with a signature project? What is a signature project? Could your club use more funding? Attend this workshop to learn how to source, create and maintain community partnerships to support signature projects and grow revenue for your club.</td>
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<td>Giving Recognition</td>
<td>Amy Wiser</td>
<td>More than polite: Why and how good recognition can fuel your club’s success. From new member introductions to thanking members for their hard work and more, recognition isn’t just about saying “thank you”. Learn how recognition strategies build positive relationships with members, volunteers and partners, create publicity opportunities and build great feelings affiliated with the Kiwanis brand.</td>
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<td>Katy, Rob, Rachel, Kelly</td>
<td>Hear from current young Kiwanians about the challenges they face as young professionals. Learn about what young professionals are looking for today and how your club can attract more young members. Four former Circle K members who made the transition to Kiwanis will lead a panel discussion about their experiences and answer your questions.</td>
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<td>As we continue the conversation of shaping a new era of community service and new paradigms of club operation, learn about the resources and tools that are designed to elevate your club’s impact through signature projects, public relations, new marketing channels, engaging community partners and creating new streams of revenues.</td>
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<td>Hugh McNichol</td>
<td>A look at Michigan’s transportation infrastructure evolved from a collection of footpaths, portages and game trails that began shortly after the end of the last Ice Age to the streets, roads and freeways we arrive on everyday. Along the way we’ll talk about some aspects of Michigan history you may or may not know, mention a few historical characters that you may have heard of and hopefully have some fun doing it.</td>
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<td>Leadership Development</td>
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<td>Joe Medrano &amp; Nelson Haan</td>
<td>Are you interested in finding out about District Leadership? What preparation does one need to an effective district officer? We will discuss the positions of Lt Governor, District Committee member, District Committee chair, Governor Elect and Governor.</td>
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This is great news from fellow Kiwanians throughout the world that we are saving over 50 million mothers and newborns from maternal/neonatal tetanus. With 20 million to reach our goal and to save over 11 million lives, these mothers still need our help. Although Michigan Kiwanians have achieved 45% of our share of $2.6 million and are saving over 646,000 lives, our help is still needed. One way your club can help is by presenting someone, either in your club or the community, with a Hixson award and the $1,000 pledge or donation will be credited to the Eliminate project. Not only are you recognizing someone for their success, your club would receive the recognition too. The Centennial award is still available through December 31, 2015 and for $1,500 this award too can be presented to a Kiwanian or someone in the community, and the Eliminate project will receive the credit. As mentioned in the last issue of the Builder regarding this project I stated the many ways that you and your club can participate in this worldly project. If you contact one of the Multi-Division Coordinators or myself we can show you how every $1.80 will save a life.

With the International convention over and the district convention to be held August 27th - 30th stop by the Eliminate table for brochures, pamphlets and give-a-ways, and let us help you make the decision to participate in the Eliminate project with your club’s help. Why not have your club become a Model Club for the district? We now have 16 clubs that stepped forward and committed to acheive this status. If becoming a Model Club is not in your finances then how about a Bronze or Silver award? Since the beginning of this campaign I have recognized clubs that made the commitment to become Model Clubs and I will do the same at our August convention. These are clubs that have made this commitment in the year 2014 – 15. I would like to recognize your club too. With a commitment this year you still have five years for completion even after the 20% match from an anonymous donor. Plus their will be other recognitions, such as a Centennial award, a Walter Zeller Fellowship award and others.

Thank you for saving lives from maternal/neonatal Tetanus (MNT).

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Last month, over 1,400 Key Clubbers from around the world traveled to Indianapolis for the 2015 Key Club International Convention (ICON). This event was unlike any other because 27 Michigan District of Key Club members were able to partake in the celebration of Kiwanis’s 100th Birthday and begin Key Club’s 90th year of service to our organizations, homes, schools and communities. From attending ICON sessions and workshops, to going to an Indianapolis Indians baseball game as part of Kiwanis Family night at Victory Field, to visiting the Indianapolis’s zoo, Michigan District Key Clubbers had the opportunity to do so much.

Not only were they able to take part in so many fun activities, but they were also able to witness Michigan’s very own Immediate Past District Governor Addison Clipfell elected by the House of Delegates as the 2015-2016 Key Club International Vice President! Kiwanis Delegates helped elect Kiwanis International President-Designate, Susan “Sue” Petrisin, who was the first female Governor of the Michigan District of Key Club, as the fist female President of any service organization worldwide. All in all, this years International Convention was a blast for the Michigan District of Key Club attendees!

Congratulations to the following 2014-2015 Michigan District of Key Club District Board Members for the following recognitions they received at ICON: Addison Clipfell, Distinguished District Governor; Natalie Taylor, Distinguished District Secretary. The following Lt. Governors were awarded the Robert F. Lucas Distinguished Lt. Governor Award: Bri Dixon, Sahana Harikrishnan, Kelsey McGovern, and Meet Patel.

Even though ICON and the school year are over, our clubs should still be working hard planning events and activities. Please reach out to the other branches of the Kiwanis Family during the summer—I am sure they would love hearing from you—and organize an inter-club event. If you can’t do so this summer, then be sure to do it at our Kiwanis Family week from September 20th-26th. Email me at kfamily@mikeyclub.org if you want a how to guide for four specific inter-club events you can organize during this week or if you have any general questions!

Also, be on the lookout for information on the 4th Annual Eliminate Ball hosted by the Michigan District of Key Club International. Key Club International has made a $30 million dollar pledge and the Michigan District of Key Club will do our part to help achieve this pledge goal! We hope to see you there and be part of this fun event!

Yours in Service,

**Charvi Chhatwal**
2015-2016 Kiwanis Family Relations Chair
James "Jim" Sharon was recently named Assistant Aktion Club Administrator.

A member of the Saginaw Kiwanis Club, Jim recently retired from Saginaw County Community Mental Health with more than 30 years’ experience working with the disabled. As assistant to district administrator Gordon Schleicher, Jim will be helping to strengthen existing Aktion Clubs and growing new ones. Members of the Capitol Area Aktion Club (Lansing) place American flags on graves of veterans in preparation for Memorial Day. They are sponsored by the Delta Township Kiwanis Club. Members of the Transitions Central Aktion Club (Lansing) pose with their advisors following their charter ceremony. They are sponsored by the South Lansing Kiwanis Club. Members of the Kiwanis Club along with their president Sandi Stevens, participated in the ceremony.

Members of the newly chartered Ypsilanti Full Circle Aktion Club proudly show off their membership certificates. Their Kiwanis advisor Scott Virgo stands in the back. Members of the Ypsilanti Kiwanis Club, along with president Jeffrey Lawther, were on hand to congratulate the club members. Members of the Lenawee County Aktion Club meet at Hope Community Center in Adrian. Their service activities include sewing blankets and bags for Mott Children’s Hospital and raising fresh produce in a garden on their property to distribute to needy area residents and club members. They are sponsored by the Tecumseh Kiwanis Club. The Michigan delegation to fourth annual Aktion Club Training and Leadership Conference pose at the convention center in Indianapolis. The TLC was held in conjunction with the Kiwanis International Convention and attended by 140 Aktion Club members from the US, Canada and Jamaica. Standing left to right are Assistant Administrator Jim Sharon, District Administrator Gordon Schleicher, Lenawee County Aktion Club member Bryan, and Agency Advisor Dillon Miller. Bryan and Dillon were able to attend the TLC thanks to their Kiwanis Club sponsor.
The annual gathering for all District Aktion Clubs will be held Friday noon to Saturday noon September 25-26 at Storer Y Camp in Jackson Michigan. Kiwanis Clubs, this is the opportunity to send your agency advisor and members of your Aktion Club to a 24 hour fun filled event which includes two meals, a service project, theater workshops, poster/speech/club scrapbook judging, craft making, dancing, club sharing, governor election, awards and advisor training. The cost is $25 per person and registration packets are available from bgreenberg@peckham.org

Have you Shared the News recently?

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

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

**Articles:**
Provide the basic information that includes your club name, division, what was done, who benefitted, when it was accomplished, and how it was accomplished.
Narrative should be attached to an email in Word.

**Pictures:**
Send any pictures as attachments (not included in the body of a document) in highest resolution possible. Pictures downloaded from the web are generally not acceptable. Identify persons in pictures, and try and use action pictures rather than poses of acceptances, podium speakers, and groups in rows.

**Video:**
Send video clips, 1-3 min., as mpeg files. You can also send us a link to your Youtube video.

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Send your email and attachments to: thebuilder@mikiwanis.org Subject Line: Builder

**Deadlines:** for our six issues: Sept. 5, Nov. 5., Jan. 5, Mar. 5, May 5, and July 5.

**Be Inspired...**

Aktion Club member, Tim Harris was born in 1986 with Down Syndrome. Tim’s life has been defined by exceeding expectations and inspiring those around him. He had a dream as a young boy to one day open his own restaurant. Today he not only owns Tim’s Place, which is known for its hugs. Tim’s hugs have reached everyone from music legend Stevie Wonder to the President of the United States. Tim has given out more than 60,000 hugs and has received wishes from over 38 countries. Tims Harris has an exceptional ability to inspire.

Click here to watch the video and see for yourself!
Four Plymouth-Canton students have been awarded Student Citizenship Scholarships by the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. The students were recognized Tuesday at the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education meeting. Students are chosen based on their community involvement and volunteerism.

The honorees are:

- **Kavya Davuluri of Salem High School**, who has volunteered a total of 795 hours. Davuluri has clocked 630 hours at Annapolis Hospital Oakwood, with another 35 hours at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital and 40 hours at Detroit Children's Hospital. She is also a member of the school Key Club. She expects to attend Wayne State University.

- **Meng Ting Shi of Plymouth High School**, who plans to attend Wayne State University and has volunteered a total of 360 hours. Shi has put in 190 volunteer hours at Annapolis Hospital-Oakwood and is also a member of the school Key Club and volunteers with Open Door Ministries.

- **Erik Hyde of Starkweather Academy**, who plans to attend Schoolcraft College. He has volunteered for a total of 230 hours with the Open Door Ministries and Rouge River Rescue. He is also president of his school's Key Club.

- **Samantha Riga of Ladywood High School**, who plans to attend Grand Valley State University. She has logged a total of 236 volunteer hours as a soccer coach, with Connect US Livonia, St. Aloysius-Detroit, for which she served food for the homeless, and as a Ladywood student ambassador.

A raffle sponsored by a couple of Plymouth service clubs offers a chance to dine at a fine restaurant - or any restaurant - anywhere in the world.

The Plymouth Kiwanis Foundation, the umbrella organization for the fundraising and charitable work of two local Kiwanis clubs, is selling tickets for a drawing that will give the winner and a guest a meal at any restaurant in the world, with round-trip flights and a two-night hotel stay included.

Second prize is a night out for two at any restaurant in the U.S., while third prize is a meal at any restaurant in Michigan (travel is not included for third prize, but the hotel stay is).

“It’s kind of a unique thing,” said Jim Grutza, president of the foundation and a member of the Kiwanis Club of Colonial Plymouth. “Everyone who hears about it raises their eyes and buys one.” The Kiwanis Club of Plymouth is the second club involved.

The tickets are $10 each and only 5,000 will be sold. “People like their odds of winning,” Kiwanian Frank Ruggirello Jr. said.

More than 2,000 tickets have been sold already and the foundation is offering a bonus – a free 11th ticket – for the purchase of every 10 tickets.

When all tickets are sold, $50,000 will have been raised and the foundation expects to clear at least $35,000 after the winners’ expenses are paid, Grutza said.
We inspire children to be lifelong readers through the power of choice.

As Woodhaven Kiwanians, we help prepare and motivate children, to read by delivering a free book to children.

Woodhaven Kiwanians provides new, free books for children to choose from and make their own. The seeds of inspiration in these books have motivated children to follow their dreams and achieve their potential. Yes, it seems incredible for a book to launch a life, but it happens every day as hungry, inquisitive young minds reach out and grab hold of the new people, places, and ideas that books bring them. Pictured are youngsters from Bates School choosing their book to keep. A big Kiwanis thank you to Bates School Media Specialist Tish Rogers for her hard work in making our book distribution possible.
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.

CJ Wilmot - Bates Elementary School
Jacob Miller - Brownstown Middle School
Ariel Ray - Carlson High School
Zackary Sprinkles - Chapman Elementary School
Marissa Frye - Erving Elementary School
Anna Adanin - Gudith Elementary School
Adrienne Butler - Hunter Elementary School
Lauren Spano - Parsons Elementary School
Cole Robbins - Patrick Henry Middle School
Seth Walczak - Shumate Middle School
Madison Smith - Wegienka Elementary School
Sarah Sales - Weiss Elementary School
Riste Rabadziovski - Woodhaven High School
Emily Briggs - Yake Elementary School
In a time of difficult membership growth, many clubs are eager to find more young people to join Kiwanis. Unfortunately, some people have the misconception though, that young people just aren’t interested in getting involved. In reality though, the problem for many young professionals is finding a place to easily do service with other young people. That need has led our group of young people to start a new Kiwanis club: The Metro Detroit Young Professionals Club.

The new club is well on its way in the charter process. The initial club meeting in May set up the vision for this club: a club focused on hands on service work across all of Metro Detroit. The group members hail from across Metro Detroit leaving them with a desire to help communities all over southeast Michigan. The inaugural service project was a tree planting with Greening of Detroit. Greening of Detroit’s mission is to provide a greener tomorrow for Detroit and members felt there is no better place to start their service then within the city that brings them all together. 12 potential members came out for this first project and the group collectively planted six trees to help beautify a city block. The first project was a big success! They now have a half dozen more service projects on the calendar for the rest of the summer ranging from helping kids to serving food in a local soup kitchen.

Another big focus of the club is ensuring the members have fun in Kiwanis. They already have three club socials planned ranging from a club picnic to the young professionals DCON bar night they will be hosting for the District! The monthly club meeting’s at Lockhart’s BBQ in downtown Royal Oak will also be a great time for members to socialize.

Interested in coming to one of their meetings? They love having guests!

Check out more about the club and meetings online at: www.metrodetroitypkwianis.org or like them on Facebook: Metro Detroit YP Kiwanis.
The Michigan Business and Professional Association boasts a sphere of influence with one in three businesses in the State of Michigan. What differentiates our organization from others is our personalized approach with each member to create positive, memorable experiences for them.

We make your organization better.

The Michigan Kiwanis joined the BPA as a Business Champion in October 2014. The goal for the MBPA is to help grow Kiwanis visibility both as an organization and as individual clubs. MBPA membership is statewide, touching one in 3 businesses in the state employing approximately 300,000 people. Any current Kiwanis member can join the MBPA at a discounted rate. Please call me with any questions you might have…I am happy to fill in the details for you.

WELCOME BACK from National Convention! I am hoping many of you were able to attend and came home motivated with some ideas as to how you can better your clubs, membership, and the Kiwanis program overall. What did you learn from clubs that were struggling and turned their club around? What did you learn “not” to do from clubs that are struggling and seeing no results for their efforts to turn their program around?

Summer is traditionally a difficult time for folks to volunteer their time, especially to something new for them. I would suggest you utilize the 3 foot rule—just talk about the Kiwanis to anyone that is within ear shot of you. You will be planting seeds for interest in the Kiwanis program. Mention one of the fun upcoming summer events you will be hosting. Talk about the good things that other clubs are doing—grow the excitement and make folks want to learn more.

I have been meeting with many of your chapters and divisions and I am constantly amazed at the programs that I learn about. Each meeting I attend I learn something new and I share this information with the business community. Kiwanians have much to “brag” about and I love sharing your successes to folks I come in contact with. CONGRATS to the recipients of the Warren Kiwanis clubs scholarships. Job well done and fantastic job to the Warren Kiwanis group!!!!

I look forward to seeing you at the convention in Detroit at the end of August. Please look for me and say HI!!! Until then continued success to the growth of your clubs!

I would love to learn more about your chapter as well as individual members/businesses. Please feel free to reach out to me at cmccann@michbusiness.org or 586.808.2820.

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WESTSIDE KALAMAZOO, DIV. 13
Tues, 11:30 AM

SHIAWASSEE-OWOSSO, DIV. 18
D’mar Banquet & Convention Center,
1488 N. M-52, Wed., 7:10 AM

HOUGHTON LAKE, DIV. 20
Lizzie’s Lounge (Riveria Resort), 104 Hillside Ave.,
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District Beginning Membership 4659 members
Reporting Members May 1, 2015...........4846
Net Gain +187 members