In 2015, Kiwassee Kiwanis of Midland’s Board of Directors voted to allow surplus project account funds be given to a Club-selected “Big Project”.

ACT serves the southwestern Sub County of Muko in Uganda, East Africa. Muko has approximately 39,000 villagers, and living conditions are indicative of the extreme poverty shared by children and families. Access to health care programs for individuals and communities is limited because regions such as Muko are isolated.

Kiwassee Kiwanis’s $5,000 grant provided startup costs for the first year, including salary for a HEAL Manager, stipends for 15 HEAL volunteer Health Promotion Workers, team training and materials.

The focus of HEAL is to provide organizational support while teaching villagers to make their own health decisions to improve individual and village living conditions. These decisions could be health specific (malaria, alcoholism) or social/behavioral-related (spousal abuse, child abuse, teen pregnancy).

Having a local mentor/organizer/leader for HEAL is critical to the success of the program. His job is to coordinate village dialogues and the other 14 volunteer Health Promotion Workers to encourage villagers to discuss, critique, organize, and implement, with their own village resources and support, the plans to improve the health of their villages. ACT Uganda’s programs are unique because of these input and decision making powers given to the local people.

Some of their successes that have been reported are:

- Villagers have started savings groups; sanitation is improved through toilet construction and boiling water for drinking; people now sleep under mosquito nets; villagers also now drink boiled water; Villagers have also started growing of local vegetables; soil erosion controlled through construction of water trenches.
Attention:

Looking for a Kiwanian to update our Michigan District History

The Michigan District of Kiwanis has a long and colorful history of 104 years. However, the last update to this history was done in 1990. So, we are looking for someone who has an interest in preserving and documenting the history of Michigan Kiwanis from 1990 to the present. Once this is done, we will determine how to archive this history whether in book form or electronic form or both.

If you are interested in helping with this, please contact Executive Director Greg Smith at the District Office. 517-676-3837 or executivedirector@mikiwanis.org.

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The book “Oh, the Places you’ll Go!” by Dr. Seuss is a favorite of our family. It is often purchased for graduating seniors as they think about life beyond high school or college. For those of you not familiar with this book, it addresses life’s up and downs while encouraging readers to find the success that lies within.

Our Kiwanis Clubs all have up and downs, successes and failures. As clubs, we celebrate our success, but we continue to evaluate what we do and if we can improve an event or fundraiser. Perhaps one of the ways to improve is to find partners.

Think of your club as the hub of a wagon wheel. Each spoke of the wheel could have partner ideas written in it. Spokes could say: Neighboring Kiwanis Clubs, Community businesses, Schools, Community organizations, The Chamber of Commerce serving your community, Church groups, Michigan District of Kiwanis, Kiwanis International etc. All the organizations could be chances to work together to improve your communities and help children.

In Michigan we also have partnership coordinator, Linda Paige of the Kiwanis Club of Grand Rapids North. For more information on these partners, go to the Michigan web page at https://www.mikiwanis.org. This year we have a new district chair position of Ambassador, Scott Greenlee of the East Lansing Kiwanis club, who is working with other service organizations in Michigan to see how we can work together to serve the children of our communities. One of the things we need to remember, we are not in competition with the other service organizations. We can all work together and support each other.

I have seen Kiwanis Clubs and community partnerships in action – I know there are clubs that help with runs, organize safety town activities, support touch a truck, package food for the hungry, caring for or building community parks, and supporting a school-sponsored reading program. There are many more examples of partnering with other groups in your community – and I am sure you can name some and have participated in many. You should always be looking for opportunities for your club to partner with other community organizations.

So, what are the advantages of forming partnerships? There are many. First, why reinvent something that is already working, get involved and help. Second, working with another organization provides more ideas and man/woman power. Third, it is a great way to become aware of other needs in your community – perhaps a new project or fundraiser will grow out of that involvement. Forth, if you have another organization to partner with, you can share the cost of the project. Fifth, you get the Kiwanis name into the community. Sixth, you may recruit more members for your club.

As Kiwanians we are dedicated to improve communities one child and one community at a time. Seek out ways your club can work with other community organizations to make a difference.

Larry Memmer
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One of the most effective ways to strengthen and grow your club is through partnerships. You get free advertising to new demographics, but you also provide more value to your existing members through partnerships.

Let’s take for example the partnership made with Uber and Spotify. It allowed the music streaming service an additional avenue to reach customers who may not have heard of it. It also gave Uber something that no other ride-sharing company is offering their passengers- the ability to control the radio during their ride. Let’s apply that to Kiwanis. Let’s say your Downtown Development Authority (DDA) has a large event coming up but does not have any concessions stand. Your Kiwanis club works with the DDA to arrange Kiwanis to host the concession stand at the event. The event is a success and you’ve now begun to form a partnership with the DDA. Next time they have an event coming up, they know they can count on Kiwanis to provide their concessions (and perhaps other needs) and Kiwanis gets exposure to a new audience and a fundraiser.

So how do you decide who to partner with?

- **Goals**: Make sure your club knows what you are working towards. Is it more exposure in the community so you can attract new members? Is it raising funds for a specific project?
- **What you offer**: Consider things you have to offer the partner like energy and excitement, deep understanding of an issue, volunteers, your relationship with others, etc.
- **Potential Partners**: Make a list of community organizations and businesses that might have an interest in your goals. Jot down next to the potential partners name what they can bring to the table (see a sample chart below).
- **Spokesperson**: Select a spokesperson from your club to talk with the potential partner. It helps if the person you choose has a relationship with them already. For example, if you’re hoping to partner with a school, you might choose a parent whose child attends the school.
- **Practice, practice, practice**: Practice your “pitch” at meetings. Allow your spokesperson and other members to feel confident going out and selling Kiwanis.
- **Consider your partner as a part of your team**: You are not in competition with each other. Whether it’s the Rotary Club, PTA or a local business you are all after one common goal- improving your community. When one of you have a success, you all have a success.
Why Partnerships are Good for Your Kiwanis Club

Over the past several years there has been more talk about our Kiwanis Clubs partnering with other organizations and businesses. I first mentioned it in my February 2015 Builder article.

There are many reasons and benefits to your club in developing these partnerships. Listed below are some of the benefits in the form of an acronym using the word PARTNER

**PROJECTS.** Partnering allows your club to do more of a variety of projects and larger projects because of the increased number of people participating. More volunteers = more ideas = more impact

**AWARENESS.** Along with more impact comes a greater awareness of Kiwanis. Perhaps the organization you are partnering with is more well known in the community than Kiwanis. They can help you spread the Kiwanis name while using the benefit of Kiwanis hands-on help.

**RELATIONSHIPS.** As long as the partnership is not a one-time event, as time goes on a solid relationship and trust is built. This can lead to more synergies between your club and partner and possible new members as your partners become more aware of the Kiwanis mission.

**TOGETHER.** More hands make for bigger projects and sustaining your existing service and fundraising projects. You don’t have to give up that pancake breakfast or flag project or backpack program just because you have lost some members. Utilize your partner’s members/employees/volunteers and share the event.

**NETWORKING.** We would all like to know more people and tell them about Kiwanis. You can duplicate yourself through your partners. As they get excited about working with Kiwanis, they can talk with their sphere of influence which could be entirely different than yours. Suddenly, more people know about Kiwanis without you personally knowing them. Plus, board members of some of the non-profits in town are the movers and shakers in the community.

**ENTHUSIASM.** How exciting is it to know that the same 10 people in your club don’t have to do everything? You now have partners to help share the brainstorming, planning, logistics and hands-on for your club’s events. A new energy is created in your club with the lessened load and possibility of new members.

**REVENUE.** You can look for partners who may help your club get more non-dues revenue for your administrative account. Or create events with partners that will raise more money for your service account than you have ever raised before. This can be because of the size of the event is larger or because people will give more money to the organization you are partnering with. (This can be an organization you were already donating to).

This whole issue of the Builder is about creating and building Partnerships. Try it, have fun with it and send in articles to the Builder telling us about your success stories.

Greg Smith
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From your friends across the Michigan District of Kiwanis:

season's greetings

Kiwanians listed below have made a contribution to the Program to wish you and your family happy holidays and to ensure a better holiday season for hospitalized children around our Michigan District.

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In Memory of Art Koester
In Memory of Past First Lady Donna J. Rutledge
In Memory of Warren member Jerry Celeskey
Carolyn Jackson, Past Lt. Governor
Let's get STARTED!

FUNDRAISING – PARTNERSHIPS go hand in hand to help a Kiwanis Club raise funds by reaching out to our Partners. So, let’s get started to see how a few of our Fundraising programs can be shared by using our Partners.

A new MI District supported Fundraising Partnership company is Platinum Royalties. This fundraising partner has a “discount card” program that allows each club, with their own special code to go out and sell a card for ONLY $20, and the club keeps the following:

- $3 goes to the Club
- $4 goes to the SLP
- $2 goes to MI District
- $1 goes to help the Lt. Governors
- AND – the CEO Lynne is also donating a $1 of her funds to the Eliminate Project

Simple program to execute – you send your “wish list” of different kinds of vendors in your city that you would like to be included on the card, then Platinum Royalties will hit the streets and get them on board, offering whatever type discount they would like to give to support Kiwanis. You sell the cards for $20 and get your “fundraising” amount for your club. So simple…. For more info you can go to: plantinumroyalities.com or email Lynne at: Lynne Fialkowski, CEO, Michigan at: lynne@platinumroyalties.com, or give her a call at: 248.240.4630.

Have you heard of Kiwanis Dollar Days? It’s an online super huge “Dollar Store” set up where you can buy in bulk for a big service project you might be planning, or if you were doing a Fundraiser and needed supplies for it like, plates, utensils, decorations, etc. You can go online and buy in bulk at a huge discount, thereby saving money which helps the bottom line for your Fundraiser. All you need to do is go to: Kiwanis.dollardays.com. Frank Albanese is our Kiwanis representative and he can be reached at: frank@dollardays.com. A great partner to work with.

So, you have your Fundraiser all planned, but you now need to make a ton of flyers, invitations, or perhaps a banner. Another great Kiwanis Partner is Office Depot/Office Max. They offer a great discount on printing, along with discounts on all items in the store. If you would like the mobile application to have handy when shopping just TEXT: “MIKiwanisSPC” to 555-888 which gets you the store purchasing card to save to your phone. If your club would like the actual card, just email me at: reneaewi@gmail.com and I’ll get you some cards.

So, hope you look into these Fundraising opportunities by using a few of the many partnerships that are available through Kiwanis. If you would like some Fundraising ideas, just send me an email and I’ll get some out to you.

Wishing you much success in your Fundraising endeavors.

Renea Callery | MI District Fundraising Chair
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This month, a lot of our articles are focusing on building partnerships with other businesses and organizations and it made me think about another kind of partnership that we could really build on – Interclub Partnerships.

Recently, our club was brainstorming about new fundraising events and I was telling one of our new members about Morenci’s Soup and Pie day. She thought about it for a second and said, “What if we celebrated Pi Day with our club and all of our SLPs? We could sell fruit pies, pizza pies, pot pies…” (For those who might not be aware of Pi Day, it has become an annual celebration in many schools that takes place on March 14th in honor of geometry’s $\pi$ – 3.14.)

I thought that was a great way to take another club’s project and make it our own, plus we would be able to work on it with all of our SLPs! In fact, I liked the idea so much, I was telling the president of one of our neighboring clubs about it. He loved the idea too, but thought he might be stepping on our toes if he did the same thing. To the contrary, I say, the more the merrier!

By combining our club’s efforts, we actually bring more help to the event for figuring out all of the logistics and making the plans. Also, since we share our local paper, we have an increased chance of getting coverage for our event and can cut down on advertising costs. It’s a win/win!

That led me to think, what if we could get our whole division to celebrate with us? What if we could get the whole Michigan District to celebrate with us?

If you think your club might be interested in celebrating Pi Day with us this year, please let me know. Like I said before, the more the merrier!

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For ten years Kiwanians in the state of Michigan have been actively helping foster kids who are living at Sunny Crest Youth Ranch. These boys have come to live here due to an abuse/neglect situation leading to court intervention. Every child here is in need of healing, hope and a future. It’s been a blessing the past three years as a Michigan Kiwanian to share about the boys at convention and as a club speaker. I am grateful for the many individuals and clubs who have donated, volunteered and advocated, Thank You!

We are grateful to join other wonderful nonprofits doing great work across the Mighty Michigan District!

I’d love to share some news from the boys with you.

A renaissance is described as an activity, spirit, or time of great revival in a culture or community. And while change can usher in daunting possibilities, a revival can mark a return to one’s roots; a re-affirmation of the qualities, principles, and activities which fueled the passion and focus from the beginning. It is my assertion Sunny Crest Youth Ranch is experiencing a renaissance of its own. Many things have changed and yet we find ourselves honing our focus on our vision and mission as an organization in your community. One such pocket of revival is in the area of vocations. This summer, we endeavored to recover elements of our farming/gardening program. We started planting a variety of vegetables and sunflowers in the spring and we have thoroughly enjoyed the fruits of our labor! And while growth and returns are important elements to celebrate, these would not be possible without the commitments and sacrifices of so many individuals, Kiwanis clubs, churches business and other foundations. Not only do you support with gifts to start and fund various projects, but you also continue your support by purchasing our vegetables, sunflowers, and pumpkins in the fall. It is my firm belief that no one ever achieves anything alone—we work hard to support our ranchers and you work hard to support our vision and mission. Thank you so very much for your kindness.
Engage your Service Leadership Programs as part of the Michigan Kiwanis Family

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

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2018 Aktion Club Convention

Our Michigan Aktion Clubs showed their Olympic spirit at their annual Michigan Aktion Club Convention this past September. The record breaking number of attendees made for a fun filled conventions(1,5),(996,990) with plenty of opportunities for exciting conversations and making new friends.

Keynote Speaker Justin Caine motivated all of us with his uplifting discussion about diversity and opportunity in his life. We all came away feeling motivated and ready to take on new challenges in our own lives.

Nine Club members from across the state ran for 2018/2019 Governor and Governor elect. Each member gave a campaign speech and then club members voted. Anya Woodcock from the Charlevoix Aktion Club was elected Governor for the upcoming year and Peckham Helping Hands’ Kristin McCort was elected as Governor Elect. Congratulations to Anya and Kristin and all our Aktion club leaders who campaigned for the positions.

DJ Nick provided us with excellent music and strobing lights for an exciting evening of dancing and amusement.

Our Aktion Club members showed their abilities participating in the Olympic game competitions. Talent show, and blanket service project.

Thank you for the support of the Michigan District of Kiwanis. We all enjoyed having Governor Marian O’Higgins, Governor Elect Larry Memmer, and District Executive Greg Smith in attendance. They did a great job judging our contests and participating in the events.

Our Circle K-Kiwanis Family members came out for the event and kept all our activities organized, fun, and running smoothly. It so much fun having Circle K at our conventions.

Special thanks to our planning committee, Susie Grizzle, Brook Lippert, Sid Lounds, Gordon Schleicher, and Marcy Waller. We couldn’t have done this without them. Our convention rocked this year thanks to all of you!!

We wish to thank Simone Taylor for her two years of excellent leadership with the Michigan District of Kiwanis Aktion Clubs. Simone is a member of Lansing Transition Central and serves as the club president. She is a passionate Aktion Club member with the Heart to Serve, the Call to Lead and the Courage to Engage! Thank you!
Bill’s PAVILION

Bill Marklewitz was a long time member of the Kiwassee Kiwanis Club of Midland and an AVID Michigan State University fan. Bill was so committed to the university that he would wear his green and white wool sweater year around.

Bill passed away two years ago, and as part of his estate, donated a substantial amount of money to the Kiwassee Kiwanis foundation.

In weighing ways of putting some of the money to community use while at the same time honoring Bill’s legacy, the club decided to purchase and erect a shade “pavilion” at a small public “spray park” adjacent to Longview School in Midland, a school that serves many of the less fortunate students of the greater Midland area. This project required the help and cooperation of several agencies and organizations: The Midland Public Schools; The City of Midland Parks and Recreation Department; Michigan State University, (as the club wanted to use the MSU “Sparty” icon on the plaque dedicating the pavilion) and finally, as Kiwassee was paying to purchase and erect the pavilion, the help of another club or agency to provide benches and tables for the pavilion. This need was quickly met by the Midland evening Kiwanis Club.

The result of all of these groups working together? A beautiful facility that honors a great Kiwanian and his much loved University while providing pleasure and safety for the youth of the Midland community. A true win-win for all concerned!

FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

Counting the YEARS

For 60 years and counting the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has served as the “heart and soul in sports”. Reaching over two million people annually on the professional, collegiate, high school, junior high and youth levels, FCA uniquely uses the platform of sports to make a lifelong impact in coaches, athletes and communities. For many years in Michigan, FCA and Kiwanis have partnered together to make a difference and we look forward to expanding this opportunity. Here are some ways you and your club can connect with FCA.

• Each summer in Michigan, FCA hosts a weeklong sports camp at Albion College and many Michigan Kiwanis clubs use this as an opportunity to sponsor a local athlete to camp. These athletes learn leadership lessons, gain life purpose and return home with a desire to help others. Please consider sponsoring a local high school or junior high athlete to FCA Camp in 2019. Your investment in a young athlete through this camp will change their life!

• Our FCA staff would love to serve and speak to your club. If you would like to have an FCA staff person speak please contact me at tlucas@fca.org. By speaking at your club, we will bring an encouraging message and inform you of local opportunities for further involvement.

Thank you for what you do to make a difference! I look forward to hearing from you!

Tyler Lucas
Michigan FCA, State Director
Kiwanis members Kurt and Kelly Lang of Vibrant Life Chiropractic held their first ever Back-to-School Drive benefitting Palmer Elementary. With the help of patients, family members, friends and groups in the community, 5,350 items were collected and donated. The generous donations were provided by but not limited to: Kiwanis Club of Grand Rapids North, Casual Friday Networking Group, Forest Hills Central Varsity Volleyball Team, and numerous patients at Vibrant Life Chiropractic.

"Knowing that the kids [at Palmer Elementary] can benefit from the supplies to help them succeed in school and more importantly thrive academically is a rewarding feeling. Vibrant Life has a passion for kids and to do this drive was a display of their desire to see kids have the opportunity to reach their goals and dreams." Said one donor and project organizer.

Overall, the back to school drive was an overwhelming success and a shining example of the positive impact a community can have on one another when joining forces to help those in need. Vibrant Life Chiropractic looks forward to many service projects in the future as they strive to serve the community not only physically with care, but to uplift the community where needed.

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**Mt. Pleasant Club** Provides The Kiwanis Experience From 4th Grade Through Adulthood

Every Kiwanis Club is unique, made so by the personalities of its members and by the programs, activities, and projects that they engage in. So it is with the Mt. Pleasant club. Although always among the Division 10 leaders in such things as club visits and other measures of club activity, perhaps the most unique and noteworthy aspect of the club is the broad age group they serve through SLP’s and the number of Service Leadership Programs that they sponsor. In October they celebrated the opening of their FIFTH SLP, a K-Kids club in the small community of Weidman.

This achievement warrants a closer look at the way the club has extended its footprint by providing opportunities for “kids” of all ages to learn good citizenship and the practice of giving back to their community. Here are some interesting observations: at Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart Academy, students can literally participate in Kiwanis associated service leadership programs from 4th grade through 12th grade, as the school hosts a K-Kids club, a Builders Club and a Key Club, all sponsored by the Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club.

The recently chartered K-Kids club at Weidman is also worthy of a closer look in that Weidman, an unincorporated community north west of Mt. Pleasant consists of fewer than 1000 inhabitants*, yet they have been able to induct 31 students as charter members of their club and have enlisted three teachers who have volunteered their time to serve as club advisors.

Starting a Service Leadership Programs requires: a supportive school administration; Supportive Club leadership; one or more teachers willing to give of their time to provide guidance and leadership, and a person or persons within the Kiwanis Club willing and eager to initiate and steer the process. Fortunately, for the Mt. Pleasant club they have Mercia Foster, District K Kids administrator who along with help from past Lt. Governor Judy Unrath have been able to demonstrate what is possible through hard work and dedication.

*Based on 2010 census
For 100 years, the Kiwanis Club of Jackson has been working to improve the Jackson community one child at a time.

A century of service is outstanding, but when you look at it in the broader context of what extrapolating that number means, it is nothing short of spectacular.

(Remember: The dollar amounts cited are approximations, and based on the actual dollars raised at the time. Those “older” dollars would equate to considerably more today.)

Kids are at the core of everything that the Kiwanis club does:

• Since 1939, the club has provided shoes and boots for Jackson children in need. Spending about $10,000 a year, that single program has purchased about $790,000 worth of footwear for children and teens.

• From its founding in 1918, the club has raised money for projects and other organizations in Jackson. Today, the club raises money through its Flag project; more than 1,200 flags are planted at residences and businesses throughout the area. Funds are also raised through the Chili Golf and Racing for Dollars events, Travel and Adventure series, and other smaller projects. Throughout its 100 years, about $3 million has been raised and donated to various causes in the area.

• It also has provided people power to scores of community projects. It is impossible to calculate the number of volunteer hours that have painted gazebos at the Girl Scout camp at Wampers Lake; ran a walking program at Wilson School; or tutored students in reading and math at McCulloch, Bennett, Wilson, Cascades and Frost schools – and much, much more.

• The club partnered with the city to renovate the Kiwanis Park a few years ago, transforming it from a little used space to one of the city’s most popular playgrounds. Every year, Kiwanis cleanup crews plant flowers, rake, repair picnic tables and generally insure the park is top-notch. The club also hosts a Halloween party at the park, providing parents and their trick-or-treaters with doughnuts and cider. This year, the club replaced the park’s playground equipment, thanks to its contribution and several grants.

• The club also was a major donor for the popular Splash Pad at the Cascades. It is the sole donor of the Disc Golf Course at Sharp Park, which recently opened.

• For 10 years, Kids Against Hunger has run a food-packaging event, involving thousands of students in service learning and creating more than 100,000 meals for distribution at area food pantries. The Jackson Kiwanis club has paid for the foodstuffs; organized the events, partnering with Jackson schools; and staffed the packagings with volunteers to work with the students.

• Kiwanis also runs a vibrant scholarship program, giving scholarships annually to high school seniors who embody Kiwanis values of leadership and volunteerism and plan to attend Jackson colleges.

• The club sponsors a Key Club for Jackson High School students and an Aktion Club for adults with special challenges.

• Southwest and Northeast Little League, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4H Sitting Tall, cribs distributed through Birthline, thousands of dictionaries and thesauruses given to Jackson-area students, summer and winter break movies at the Michigan Theatre, hundreds of meals cooked and served at the Jackson Interfaith Shelter, hours of ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. All of those entities – and more – have benefitted from the club’s volunteerism and largesse.

• The club has donated thousands of dollars to eliminate childhood diseases throughout the world through Kiwanis International.

Most importantly, the club has given thousands of men and women – from all walks of life – the opportunity for fellowship, giving and getting to know their communities through leadership, service and volunteerism. All united by their love for and dedication to kids.

Happy Birthday, Kiwanis Club of Jackson! Here’s to 100 more years of making a difference for children in Jackson!

Kiwanis Club of Jackson
CHARTERED: January 1, 1918
NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 84
MEETING: Noon Fridays for lunch at Cascades Manor House
Join Kiwanis Club No.1, Detroit, Kiwanis International, and the Michigan District as we celebrate Founders Day with International Kiwanis President, Poly Lat.

Those wishing to stay overnight may take advantage of a hotel block at Greektown Casino and Hotel ($199/night booked by 1/3) or the Hampton Inn, Troy ($99/night until 12/28).

**FRIDAY**

**Tickets are $14 for the Auto Show. Dinner is not included.**

**SATURDAY**

**Registration is $30 for adults, $10 for students**

**Participant Donation of $10 per person is requested.**

**Cash Bar**

**Cost:** $60/person

**SUNDAY**

**9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Leadership Conference** – Join us for a Continental Breakfast sponsored by Kids Against Hunger, featuring our Leadership Series Speakers and a Hall of Exhibitors.

- *Membership Blitz for Established Clubs*, Katrina Baranko, KI Trustee
- *First Impressions*, Crystal Farmer
- *Fundraising “The Harper Cruise,”* Sharon Gwizdowski & Carl Papa
- *5 Keys to Increase Your Membership Now*, Chris Holbert
- *Using Analytics in Membership Marketing & Recruitment*, Cynthia Padilla
- *15 Laws of Growth*, Robert McKenzie

**1:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Service Project Participation** – The Detroit Young Professionals Club and WSU Circle K have organized several service projects to choose from. A pizza lunch is included at each location. Projects include:

- Making Dog Toys for the Humane Society
- Decorating Christmas Cookies & Cards for Assisted Living Residents
- Plastic Mats for the Homeless
- Detroit No.1 Books for Kids stickering & distribution

**4:30 – 5:30 p.m. - Meet & Greet with KI President Poly Lat** – Sponsored by the Cosmopolitan & North Troy Clubs.

**6:30 – 10:30 p.m. – Founders Day Birthday Party** – Hosted by Detroit No. 1, this semi-formal banquet will include a buffet dinner and cash bar. KI President, Poly Lat will be our keynote speaker followed by entertainment by DJ, Carter’s Sound and Sight.

**9:00 – 10:30 a.m. – Governor’s Breakfast**

Get together at 555 Bistro at the Greektown Casino Hotel.

Free self-parking and valet available all weekend! Sponsorships still available!
**FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION**

January 18-20, 2019 at Detroit’s Greektown Casino & Hotel
Presented by Kiwanis Club No.1 and Kiwanis International Michigan District

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Main Street, 2nd Wed., 8:15 AM

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Indian River Golf Club,
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2010-11 William Kohier,
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In 2009 The Builders Club of Sacred Heart Academy, sponsored by Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis, received its Charter from Kiwanis International President, Paul Palazzolo. The students in that first group became Valedictorians, active leaders in the school and most are now college graduates. It was a joy to watch them grow and learn about their various philanthropic pursuits and interests.

The officers and members of the club since that time have been equally interesting and successful in many ways. But in the 2016-2017 school year, Emma Reid was the Club President, and she accomplished something new. Emma truly found her place in the Kiwanis family, and she refused to let it end after two years. She approached teachers, Kiwanis Advisors, and school administrators, and got permission and support from all of them to start a Key Club at Sacred Heart Academy. When the new group organized and prepared for elections, Emma ran for President of Key Club. She was not the only past President of Builders Club to join the new group, and she understood that the older students might not be inclined to vote for a Freshman to be their first leader. She ran for President anyway, and when she spoke about her dedication to the Kiwanis family, her schoolmates recognized her devotion and the strength of her determination and elected her as the charter president of the club.

Emma didn’t stop at being president, she began attending district events, including Fall Rally and SLC. Her presidency ended with her election to Lt. Governor of Division 3 in February of her Freshman year in High School. She has inspired others to be strong officers of the club, and 7 of her siblings and cousins were members, and officers of Key Club, Builders Club, and the new K-Kids Club of Sacred Heart Academy when they held their Charter Celebration in February of 2018. Emma attended Key Leader in the spring, to prepare for her new position, and then participated in the Key Club International Convention in the summer.

During the late summer of 2018 Emma was at a gathering of family and friends, where she shared her enthusiasm about the Kiwanis family. The next thing our club knew, we had the Weidman Elementary Principal interested in starting a new K-Kids club in her school. On October 24, Emma presided at the Induction of 31 students and Installation of Officers at the newest K-Kids Club in the Michigan District. Another of Emma’s cousins is a charter member of the new club.

No one had to tell Emma about the Kiwanis Formula, “Love It, Live It, Share It”. It just came to her naturally.

We don’t always know how we influence others, but watching Emma in action, is a true testament to the idea that “One Can Make A Difference”. We look forward to seeing how far her dedication to Key Club and Kiwanis will take her, as she continues serving her community, state, and the children of the world.

One CAN Make a Difference

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