As Kiwanians, we choose to make a difference through our service. Let’s share our passion for service and leadership by inviting others to join us on this journey.

As a Kiwanis member, you have an opportunity to improve the lives of children and our communities. You also have opportunities to inspire and motivate leaders. Igniting the Leader in You is our replacement for Midwinter Growth in 2018. This is a completely new approach, and a departure from the way we conducted conferences in the past. Encouraging club members to attend will help us get them and keep them engaged, and gain their feedback, and more importantly, it will help us increase exposure for Kiwanis, and ultimately our membership growth. This conference is suitable for anyone from a teenager to a senior, and it is especially relevant for prospective members, friends or associates, coworkers, and more.

This is a great opportunity to invite people that you believe would make good leaders for your club, your division, or even your community, schools, or colleges. Please invite any local partners or associates of your club as well. Frederick Douglas once said, “It’s easier to build strong children than repair broken men.” Let’s build strong children together.

If you have questions, please contact our District Education Chair, Preston Abadie, at 734-752-1015, or via email at plabadie@comcast.net

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Are you on target to accomplish these goals?

As we are entering the fifth month of our new Kiwanis year, let’s look back and see what you have accomplished since October. As I visit clubs I hear passion within the clubs and goals set to reach within this year. Some things I hear are about more members; getting more active in the community; helping more children and families, and much more. Are you on target to accomplish these goals? Do you need some help in achieving your goals?

Please seek the assistance of your Lt. Governors, District Chairs, Greg Smith at the District office or myself, Larry or Dee. We are here to help each club achieve success and shine in your community.

Many activities are coming up in the next few months to get you involved. First is our Leadership Mid-Winter Growth Event held in Troy. Register online at the Michigan District website. It is open to EVERYONE (you do not have to be a Kiwanian to attend). Look on the website, ALL are experienced speakers who will share how everyone can be a leader in your club, community, etc.

Key Leader Registration opens in early February, look for the flyer coming to your club. Registration procedure is a little different this year.

Spring Divisionals will start in March and continue through April. We will share and award members of each club for all you do. Send lots of members and make it a special day for your club.

Locally, your Lt. Governors have divisional meetings with news and updates. These meetings are open to all members so you are welcome to attend.

Send or call your ideas/suggestions in to us. We are here to serve you and want to hear from you.

The International Pancake day is February 27. Time is to sign up at your local IHOP to help our children and the Children’s Miracle Network.

MARCH 3rd is our first Michigan District Service Day. Your Lt. Governors are working to develop a service project on March 3rd for all Kiwanians to work together in your Division. I am asking EACH Division to send pictures and a short review of what you did, the families you helped and how it helped your community. Let us share with the clubs in our Michigan District. I would like everyone to be recognized for all they do.

Think: Spring, Service, Members, Trainings and Awareness in our Communities. I appreciate all that each member does for Kiwanis. Thank you for your Service!

Governor Marian
Presented by Michigan District of Kiwanis:

Igniting the Leader in You!

There’s a difference between a leader, a manager, and a boss. We all have the potential to be leaders. Leaders help inspire and motivate people to achieve success, whether it’s in school, your community, your job, and more importantly, your life. Join us for encouraging ideas, thoughtful presentations, and ideas that will help ignite the leader in you to become more engaged, more effective and elevate your personal growth.

Saturday, February 17 @ 9 AM to 1 PM
MSU Management Education Center, Troy, MI

Register today at Mikiwanis.org

Robert McKenzie
Robert is a certified member of the John Maxwell Team and an award-winning speaker who is committed to empowering people every time he steps in front of an audience. Robert’s diverse education, career path, and world travels allow him to relate to a wide range of people that is both personal and entertaining.

Kristie Stocker
Kristie offers thought-provoking perspectives on leadership team harmony, time management and defining personal purpose. As CEO and founder of Kinetik Edge, a coaching and training organization, she offers a unique message on how to bring harmony to one’s personal and professional life.

Laura Kozlowski
Laura is a senior at Henry Ford II High School. Last year, she served as the president of her home club and currently serves as a Lieutenant Governor of her Division for the Michigan District of Key Club. Laura plans to attend the University of Toledo to study Business Management in the Fall.

Dawn Hetzel
Dawn served as 2017 JCI (International Jaycees) President of a Kiwanis International partner organization. She received her BA from Purdue University in 2000 and her JD/MBA from Indiana University in 2009. She was admitted to the State Bar of Michigan in November 2009 and worked as an Assistant Attorney General for the Michigan Attorney Generals office from 2012 to 2016.

Crystal Farmer
Crystal attends Detroit Public Schools and was known for her outspoken and entertaining nature. Crystal’s goal is to reach the hearts and minds of everyone she gets the opportunity to inspire. In a world so full of despair, she hopes to be a beacon of light. A light that will lead, guide, and provide hope to all she encounters.

Michael Kole
Mike is an Executive Coach who partners with CEOs, Entrepreneurs, and Executives developing leadership skills while focusing on a balance work-life. With over 30-years in the field, Mike knows what increases personal and professional growth, employee engagement, and effectiveness.
New Year’s is the time to reflect!

As this is written, 2018 is still very new. If you watch T.V. or listen to the radio, all the ads are about diets, exercise equipment, investment opportunities, etc. We seem to use New Year’s as a time to reflect on every weakness we have as individuals, and all the things we need to improve to be a better person. It is sad that this is a New Year’s tradition. I recently heard someone on the radio say that “should” is the most dangerous word in our vocabulary. It makes us feel guilty and that we have failed, and should have done something in our lives differently.

So, with these thoughts in mind, I would like to have us all think about the positive things each of us have done in the last 4 months, since the beginning of the Kiwanis New Year. What new activities has your club done? Have you invited someone to a meeting or an activity your club works on to show them the Kiwanis Spirit? Are your club meetings fun, interesting, and informational? Are you proud to be a Kiwanian? Do you help your club? What are the positive things you currently do, or will do this spring or summer for your club?

When I visit clubs, and hear about the wonderful things that are being done in the communities in the Michigan district, it makes me very proud of our district and all the hard-working members we have. The Michigan District is respected by Kiwanis International. We have shown growth in the past couple of years, have had good leaders, and show good participation in our communities. These are important attributes to Kiwanis International, and we should all applaud ourselves for our good work in our communities! We are making a difference together.

We are all busy – Kiwanis is only a part of our life. We all have families, church activities and responsibilities, other civic groups, jobs, leisure activities, and other ways we help our communities. But, the Kiwanis goal to improve the lives of children one child, and one community at a time is alive and well in Michigan. I have traveled to other states the past few months to help to open clubs in those states. When I call on prospective members, I use some of the projects from Michigan as examples of community service. It is hard to argue with positive results!

Starting in February Kiwanis gears up full speed ahead – we have some leadership opportunities, there will be counsel meetings for your division in February or March, and the Spring Divisionals begin in March. I would like to challenge every club to send 1-2 members to your Spring Divisional. Spring Divisional is a good time to meet Kiwanians from other clubs, share our ideas, and honor the clubs for their hard work and successes in 2017.

On February 17th, there will be a Midwinter growth leadership event. The theme is “Igniting the Leader in You”. This an opportunity to learn more about being a leader or improving your skills with fresh new ideas. There is still time to register for the event at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy. Go to the Kiwanis Web page to register. This is open to Kiwanians, Circle K, Key Club and the public.

In April, Kiwanis presents Key Leader Training in Grass Lake, MI. The weekend runs from Friday night to Sunday Afternoon. Wouldn’t it be wonderful if every club could send a young student, or two, from the area schools? The best candidates are 8th grade through 10th grade, but that doesn’t have to limit you. Has your club let the Key Club you sponsor know about this event? Do you have a neighbor, grandchild, niece or nephew who would benefit from this weekend? Ask your club to support them to go to this outstanding weekend! This training has literally changed the lives of the youth who have attended in the past.

Mark your calendar – we are already working on the convention for Sept 7-9, 2018. It will be at beautiful Boyne Mountain. The Boyne Club is working on some interesting activities around Boyne City for Friday night. There will be a wonderful meeting space and exhibit hall, good food, and reasonable pricing. There will be an opportunity to play golf at a reduced rate on Thursday for all who are interested. The convention is an important part of our year. We will elect a new Governor elect, have educational sessions, have district awards, and meet Kiwanis members from all over the state. This is when many new friendships develop. Many of our Northern Clubs will be there to host the various meals, and show us their Northern hospitality.

Many of my articles in the past have centered on growth of membership - opening new clubs, and increasing membership in our existing clubs. I just can’t write an article without reminding you how important increased membership is to club development. When you add a few new members, you bring in new enthusiasm, possibly new projects, more help, and renewed commitments. This is vital to our clubs to keep them fresh and active. Every Kiwanian joined because someone asked them to join - Please invite someone to join your club this week!

I hope to see many of you this spring and summer at the district meetings! Let me know if there is any way I can help you.

Larry Memmer
2017-18 Governor-Elect
Michigan District
Governor.elect@mikiwanis.org
One area of focus this year for Michigan Kiwanis is to identify, develop and hone leadership within the district. Our leadership pipeline needs to grow at all levels—club, division and district. Wouldn’t it be wonderful for there always to be competition for club leadership, Lt. Governors, District Committee Chairs and Governor? Competition helps us all want to do a better job and become creative in how we approach our positions.

The first way we are emphasizing this focus comes in the form of a Leadership Conference on February 17 in Troy. It revolves around “Igniting the Leader within You”. From 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the MSU Education Center 811 W. Square Lake Rd, you will hear from six leadership professionals presenting areas of leadership such as:

“Spreading the Passion”, “Keeping an Open Mind”, “Living a 5-Digit Life”, “The Power of Questions”, “Manager or Leader? Learn the difference and choose wisely.

The cost is only $30 and includes refreshments. You can register on the Michigan District Website at www.mikiwanis.org. It is listed under Conventions and Event Registrations. But hurry, because the price goes up to $50 after February 9. You can also invite non-Kiwanians to attend this event.

Later this year we will focus on Leadership in other aspects of training. The 2018-19 Lt. Governor training in May will be more of an emphasis on leadership for the position rather than how to fill out reports. The Club Leadership Education sessions scheduled for July where the 2018-19 Club Presidents and Secretaries are trained will also cover more of the Leadership aspect of the position in the club.

Finally, our Keynote Speaker for our District Convention at Boyne Mountain in September will be Tony Rubleski. He is the creator of the “Mind Capture” book series and has been featured in various media outlets from Fox TV Network, ABC, CNN Radio, NPR and the Detroit Free Press. You can check out his website at www.mindcapturegroup.com.

I am excited about 2018 and the possibilities for Michigan Kiwanis. I want you to be excited as well. But you have to participate to take full advantage of these opportunities to improve yourself, grow your Kiwanis club, strengthen your Kiwanis division and help lead your Kiwanis district.
Kiwanis International President Jim Rochford and his wife Deb were in Detroit to celebrate the 103rd birthday of Kiwanis. While the Christmas season was still fresh in our minds, Jim said it was a good idea to think of what the world would be like if there had never been a No. 1 Club, much like the movie "It's A Wonderful Life." He noted that the millions who had become Kiwanians over the years and the millions of lives that had been saved by our worldwide projects. Jim also said that all of Kiwanis owed a debt of gratitude to those brave men who in 1915 believed that Kiwanis could become a great philanthropic organization and provide a safety net to children where none existed.

Jim pointed out that Lions and Rotary have nearly doubled the number of their members, are still growing and have endowments approaching $1 billion. Kiwanis, on the other hand, has seen our numbers decrease in all but three years in the last 30-plus years. "Our problem," he said, "is that we grew complacent and forgot how to tell the Kiwanis story to others. To accomplish great things, we need members and that is the greatest challenge we face." President Jim explained how his Eye of the Tiger team was opening new clubs and helping existing clubs keep members. He was very complimentary of our first joint membership drive held before the birthday party as a way for existing clubs to grow and share our recruitment talents.

I hope you had an opportunity to participate in one of the Celebration Weekend events. We posted photos on social media of our successful action-packed weekend. Sejla Kulaglic had our Circle K friends turn out for the Pistons' game which President Jim talked about all weekend. Lena and Mike Webb, along with Karen Walker and Joe Lentine, Sr., had the warehouse organized and humming along so that President Jim and his wife Deb could get a hands-on experience stickeriong books and meeting teachers from Detroit Public Schools.

The birthday party itself was as billed - fun, with good attendance from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Ontario. Thanks again to our own Michigan District Governor Marian O'Higgins, who sponsored the outstanding entertainment.

What was unsaid and hidden in plain view this weekend is that when you get to know someone all our differences melt away. We had people from all walks of life having a fantastic time eating and dancing together. Someone should have asked me, if this was heaven, to which my reply (aka Kevin Costner in Field of Dreams) would have been, 'No, this is Detroit'.

I challenge each and every one of you to think of a friend or co-worker and invite them to help us help a child. Kids need Kiwanis. We know we have a remarkable story to tell. We must remember to tell it. As my grandmother used to say, "Time waits for no man." So we better get going.
Kiwanis partner IHOP® Restaurants will host IHOP National Pancake Day on Feb. 27, 2018, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., with some locations offering free Buttermilk short stacks until 10 p.m. Kiwanis club members are encouraged to volunteer to put purpose behind pancakes and help raise money for Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals (CMNH).

“Every year, we ask our Kiwanis club members to support our partners – IHOP and CMN hospitals – on IHOP National Pancake Day,” said 2017-18 Kiwanis International President Jim Rochford. “IHOP serves free pancakes and seeks donations to support the work at CMN hospitals and other local charities. We ask our Kiwanis club members to tell the CMNH story and accept donations for the hospitals.”

Volunteers can sign up for a two-hour shift at their local IHOP and know that they are helping kids. Funds raised will help keep children at our local children’s hospitals.

What should we do leading up to national pancake day?

There are many things to do:

- Build your pancake team. Recruit members of your club to fill the time slots.
- Invite your SLP clubs to join your club and volunteer.
- Move your club meeting to your local IHOP in February (of course, not on NPD). Enjoy the fellowship while eating pancakes and making a donation.
- Place the printable and fillable fliers and postcards in local businesses. Not only does this help promote NPD but it can tell prospective members more about your club.
- Use these assets to promote volunteer opportunities with National Pancake Day.

- Training video for members to understand what their role is on National Pancake Day
- Promotional videos (video 1, video 2) featuring the Kiwanis International president to use on social media
- Ready to run articles for your club or district newsletter and a media release for the local media
- Suggested scripts for talking to IHOP patrons
- Host a club meeting at IHOP and advertise it with a flier (full page) or postcard (half page). Check with the IHOP manager first.
- Social media squares to use on Facebook, Twitter, emails, newsletters and other communications to promote a club or individual’s involvement National Pancake Day.

For more information, visit www.ihoppancakeday.com/, CMN or the Kiwanis web site.

Deadline to register is Feb. 20.
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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Hello Mighty Michigan!

I’m back! I am returning to you as Circle K’s District Convention Chair and we at Circle K are off to an awesome and busy New Year. The months ahead will be jam-packed with Circle K Club events all over the state, as well as two district events. Our first district event of the year is LovePit of Service. This is such a great event because it combines all aspects of what Circle K stands for. Service, Leadership, and Fellowship. One of the pillars of the Michigan District, Grand Valley State University will be hosting the event. It will be February 4th starting at 10 a.m. We will kick our day off by playing a few fellowship games and getting to know our team members for the day, then as teams we head to our various service projects and serve the community that hosts us! If you are available please contact District Governor Sean Nauss at snauss14@gmail.com and join us for the service part of our day so you can serve alongside these fantastic future Kiwanians!

Our second and last district event of the Circle K year is our Annual District Convention. This is hosted by my home club of Oakland University this year and will take place in Clinton Township. It will be March 23-25th and just like every event that Circle K holds we will be giving back to the local community for that event! We will be serving the Metro Detroit community in a variety of ways, such as volunteering with a shelter for domestic violence victims located in Mount Clemens. If you or your club is interested in supporting our convention either with a donation or attending and serving alongside our members, please reach out to me at nwright2@oakland.edu

Yours in Service,
Nathan Wright | nwright2@oakland.edu
2017-2018 District Convention Chair
The Michigan District of Kiwanis has done it again. The 2016-17 year of support for the Kiwanis Children’s Fund has been great.

The support of your Children’s Fund has given each one of us much to be proud of.

We, the Michigan District surpassed the President’s goal of $45,509.00 by giving $57,043.00!

This put our district at a per member giving average of $13.27 and earned us 5th place in the International Presidents Giving Challenge. Southwest District finished first with $22.65. This enables our District to award one scholarship of $1,000.00.

The District is also eligible for a grant from the Children’s Fund of 15%. This means we will receive a check for $8,556.00 to use for children’s needs in the Michigan District. A committee has been selected to address this matter.

Sixteen of our Divisions also beat the Presidents Challenge. The Divisions are 1, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22.

At the Las Vegas Convention, Governor Dee, the 16 Lt Governors and the Kiwanis Children’s Fund chairman will receive appropriate recognition for their part in reaching this goal.

My goal for the current year 2017-18 is to repeat these achievements by reaching our new President’s challenge goal of $56,512.00 and to make both the District and the Children’s Fund be successful because Kids Need Kiwanis. There are many ways you can assist in making this happen. Feel free to give me a call. I am willing to assist you most any time. You may email or call me.

Kiwanis Advisors for K-Kids and Builders Clubs

Who are you?

The K-Kids and Builders Club Administrators are hoping to have much better communication with club advisors for the remainder of the school year. We would like to request Kiwanis secretaries to send us the contact information for both Kiwanis Advisors and Faculty Advisors for existing K-Kids and Builders Clubs.

Please send emails to either:

Mercia Foster ~ merciaj.foster@gmail.com for K-Kids Clubs
Nicole Gayney ~ nicole@grosseilekiwanis.org for Builders Clubs

We would also like to ask you to share our new website: kkbcmi.org. We are hoping this site will help clubs stay up to date with the latest K-Kids and Builders news.
Kiwanis International Convention

JUNE 28–JULY 1, 2018 // LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

EXPERIENCE THE CONVENTION

Engage and exchange with other Kiwanians. Gather tools you will use once you’re back with your club. And make sure your club has a voice: Vote for the future leaders of Kiwanis and weigh in on proposed amendments.

If you plan to be a delegate for your club, fill out the certificate of election of club delegates and alternates to the Kiwanis International convention.

Kiwanis conventions aren’t all about business. Experience inspiring speakers and entertainers, and purchase tickets for additional meal and fellowship events. Of course, fellowship is foremost during the convention. Come meet old friends and make new ones in Las Vegas!

REGISTER NOW

The convention will take place June 28–July 1, 2018 and includes exhibits, education and general sessions. All events will take place at the Paris and Bally’s hotels. These two separate hotels are connected.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

BASIC REGISTRATION

Early Registration: $150 | After April 6: $225 | On site after May 18: $300

PLATINUM PASS

Exclusive early admittance to general sessions and other ticketed events (if purchased), access to a VIP lounge, VIP session seating, VIP registration, 2 continental breakfasts Thursday & Friday

Ticket to High Roller, and a swag bag.

$150

(Ticketed events)

TICKETED EVENTS

The Eliminate Project Luncheon
Celebrate our successes and receive updates on our Global Campaign for Children.

Friday, June 29

$70

REGISTER NOW
Kids Day at the Farm
at Wolcott Mill Metropark Farm Center, Ray Township, Michigan

Kids Day at the Farm has been sponsored for 21 years by Kiwanis Club of Lac Ste Claire. The annual event held the last Saturday in July serves the children in our local communities with a fun day at Wolcott Farm Center with education about the farm animals and history of the farm. Many of our children and parents have never set foot on a working farm or know where their food and fiber comes from. Horse drawn wagons travel through the crop fields of the farm and the children learn about the different crops raised on the farm, harvesting and where farm products are used once they leave the field.

Each year families join Kiwanis at the farm. In 2016 we had over 600 children visit the farm with their families which was double from the previous year. The first 500 children registered received a KIWANIS FUN DAY AT THE FARM T-SHIRT. Each child also was given a ticket for one of four bicycles donated by Tim’s Bike Shop in St. Clair Shores. Our 25-30 volunteers wear matching Kiwanis “Fun Day At the Farm” T-Shirts and all marketing materials contain the Kiwanis logo. Families donated 450 pairs of gently used and new shoes for our Kiwanis Shoe Drive to fund Project Eliminate.

Kids Day at the Farm has been supported by donations and/or volunteers from Kiwanis Clubs from Division 1: Detroit No. 1, Eastpointe, and Lac Ste Claire and Division 3: Clinton Township, Romeo, Sterling Heights, Utica-Shelby Township and Warren. We also had volunteers from SLC: Circle K from Oakland University and K-Kids from Joseph Steenland Elementary in Roseville MI.

The community partners involved have been the Metro Park Personnel, Ray Township Fire Department with their Fire Truck, Macomb Sheriff’s Aqua Team, Motorcycle, Canine, and Mounted Divisions. St. Claire Shores Council Members Candice Rusie coordinates the Craft Table with donations of toys from Dollar Tree and Ron Frederick donates the tents and chairs. The food, snacks and supplies were provided by the Del Taco Team, Schostak Family Restaurant, Blakes Orchard, Burger King, Dearborn Sausage, Aunt Millies, Tote Bags of Love, Women’s Life Chapter 911 Macomb Angels, Costco, Walmart and Sam’s Club. The Salvation Army brought in their Disaster Trailer to serve food and refreshments.

Entertainment was provided by Second Chance Fishing Adventures, Lakeside Fishing Bait, First Impressions Farm with Therapeutic horseback riding, Clowns, Face Painters, and Uniquely Charming Productions provided a special appearance by Elsa.

Special thanks to Allegra Printing for signage and Dave Kopke from Kopke Remodeling and Design in Sterling Heights for use of his trucks to transport food and supplies.

The total event costs about $2,600 to $3,000 and donations cover all expenses. The event is promoted by word-of-mouth, distribution of fliers, chamber of commerce, and local newspapers. Our social media was increased via facebook and people in the community and Kiwanis members shared the event.
Christmas Comes to Thomas Township

The Kiwanis Club of Saginaw - Thomas Township participated in the annual community service project to decorate and light the 98 light poles along the Gratiot Road Corridor for the holiday season. Russ Taylor, Thomas Township manager and fellow Kiwanian member heads up the service project each year. John Brady, Fred Gray, Mat McRae, Terry Rock, Dale Stroebel, Tom Radewahn, Marc Cesere, Jerry Willing, and Steven Witt were club volunteers who gave their time, along with community volunteers from St. Mark Lutheran Church and the Shields Lions Club of Thomas Township, to hang the lighted decorations on the corridor.

Thomas Township has a population of nearly 12,000 and about 30,000 cars drive the corridor daily from the surrounding townships and villages.

The community service project originated from years of renting costly Christmas decorations from a private company, who would hang them from the power line poles along Gratiot. But in 2012, the Downtown Development Authority installed new light and banner poles along Gratiot. The outlet’s low moisture tolerance caused the decorations to trip off with each rain or snow storm. When this happens township crews were forced to climb 20 feet to reset the electrical breaker switches on the effect poles.

After testing many different types of decorative lights it was discovered that the only type of bulb that worked wasn’t available from the Christmas decoration supplier. So the township decided to make their own holiday decorations.

Rick Hopper, the Thomas Township Director of Public Works hand sketched some designs. With funds from Thomas Township Business Association, the industrial art students at Swan Valley High School turned rerod metal into the decorative structures. The National Honor Society students from Swan Valley High School covered the metal with tinsel and other finishing touches.

Then they were affixed to the township’s streetlights by the Thomas Township employees, the Saginaw - Thomas Township Kiwanis Club members, volunteers from St Mark Lutheran Church and Shields Lions Club.

Each decoration cost $25 to $50 to create, which saves the township about $7,000 a year from renting decorations. Now children of all ages admire the lights and decorations along the main thoroughfare in the township during the holidays. It is all because of a community working together.

Signature Project Contest Rules for 2018

All club entries will be submitted to the District and then one will be chosen to represent the District for the International judging. So the criteria and rules must be followed or a club’s entry will be disallowed.

1) All entries must follow the criteria for a Signature Project and contest rules (listed below with the links) and be submitted to the District (not International).

2) Use the submission form and provide all the information asked for but send it to the following e-mail address: executivedirector@mikiwanis.org.

3) All entries must be received at this e-mail address no later than 6pm EST on February 16, 2018 to be considered. We need them submitted by then so we have time to judge all of them and select the one we will enter to represent the District.

4) Any questions or clarifications will be addressed to Greg Smith.

Greg Smith | Executive Director | 586-530-5174 | 517-676-3837
The Metro Detroit Young Professionals Club is all about hands-on service. Each year the club initiates a winter wars with their membership to create a fun competition to increase service hours. The club started this initiative last year and saw big success. For the first year of the effort, the club had a competition between the general membership and the board of directors and officers. Whoever got the most service hours in the months of January, February and March would be victorious. While the general membership was certainly larger than the board, the board had recently been carrying a big chunk of the club’s service hours. The competition ramped up the general members and greatly boosted the club’s service hours. The membership trounced the board. What did they win? The board ran the next club meeting while wearing Halloween costumes in April.

This year, all the previous rules are thrown out the window and Winter Wars is taking on a totally new look. The club is looking to create a stronger bond amongst members, grow service hours and grow membership. At the January club meeting, the membership will be divided into two equal teams. The names will be announced live at the meeting for everyone to see who is on their team. Once the members are divided up, the teams will have time to create a team name and set up a plan for success. The teams will have from that meeting until the end of March to collect service hours. Each member will be able to earn 1 point for each hour of service they do. That's not all though. If they invite someone to join them for a service project, their team will get the points from those service hours too. As an epic added bonus, if that person ends up becoming a member, they will automatically join the team of the person who invited them and all of their service hours will count for double the points. This year, it's anyone's game.

With the new look comes new stakes. This year, the prize is even sweeter. The club will be hosting a happy hour potluck social at the end of April. The losing team is responsible for providing all of the food for the social while the winning team simply reaps the benefits. May the best team win!

Fresh twists are sure to make this year’s winter wars even better than the last. Fun competitions and events like this have brought the YP members closer together and continue to do so. A tight knit club wants to do more service together. A fun and welcoming atmosphere at meetings helps a club to grow. The Metro Detroit Young Professionals club has grown exponentially since it chartered in 2015. With more fresh ideas, the sky is the limit for 2018.

Looking to spice up your winter service and increase hours for your club? Try your own spin on this fun idea! For more information contact our club at metrodetroitypkiwanis@gmail.com.
Kiwanis Club of Cadillac Honors Longest Serving Member

The Kiwanis Club of Cadillac recently honored our longest serving member Mr. Jack Dillion for 50 years of continuous service. Jack received this recognition at our annual new officer installation dinner in October. Jack first joined the Kiwanis Club on October 1, 1967 and has served with distinction as club President, Division Lt. Governor and club historian among his many activities within the organization.

Jack has a long and distinguished history in the City of Cadillac. He is a native of Cadillac, born and educated here. He was a member of the Champion High School varsity team of 1950 that went undefeated that year. After graduation Jack went on to Central Michigan University where he was a member of the ROTC. During this time, he met, fell in love and married Ardis Whaley in 1953. They were married for 51 years until her passing. Upon graduation he entered the U.S. Army serving two years and was discharged as a Lieutenant. Jack then joined the National Guard where he continued serving for three more years.

Jack was hired as a history teacher in Millington, Michigan. After one year he decided that perhaps he could do better in the insurance business. He then took a job with Auto Owners Insurance Co where he remained employed for 14 years. Then opportunity came knocking and in 1973 he entered into a partnership with Jan Blick and for the Blick - Dillon Agency in Cadillac. Over the next 20 years they grew their business opening offices in Traverse City, Manton, Battle Creek and Cary, Illinois. In 1993 Jack decided it was time to retire.

Then in 2005 Jack married Barb Becker and began building a new life together. Through all this Jack has been a loyal and dedicated member of the Kiwanis Family taking on a variety of leadership positions. Jack has taken on the role of Club Historian and proudly provides a history of the Cadillac Club to every new member that comes in. Congratulations Jack and we wish many more happy, healthy years as a distinguished member of Kiwanis and our community.

Kiwanis Club #1 Sharing the Holiday Spirit 250 Kids

Kiwanis #1 Club, second year of participation with “We Care” partnered with Hantz Foundation for a Craft Christmas program for 250 children at the Hutchinson Elementary School in Detroit. The craft was a fun ornament filled with snow and M&M’s® along with their own Christmas cards to give to others. Gift bags, face painting, Santa time, photo booth, fun and great support was all part of this special day!

Kiwanis Club of Mt. Pleasant Charter Night Event

Mt. Pleasant Kiwanis Club will be celebrating the charter of two new SLP clubs. Sacred Heart Academy in Mt. Pleasant now has a Key Club and a K-Kids Club to join their Builders Club. The clubs will celebrate together on:

Monday
February 19
at 7PM at the Sacred Heart Parish Center

For further information contact Mercia Foster

From left to right. Kiwanis Lt. Governor Gary Carlson, center is Jack Dillion and past president Pat Briggs
**Change Your 2017-18 Directory**

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Darrel Penix Refurbishes a Scooter for Nicole

When Nicole came to our weekly Kiwanis meeting, just after her most recent hip surgery, President Darrel Penix knew what he needed to do next. After six hip surgeries, Nicole, a Woodhaven High School Senior, didn’t qualify for a scooter as her condition is considered only temporary by the insurance companies. Darrel knew where a scooter was sitting unused. Being an outstanding handyman, Darrel got to work. After hours on the internet, hours in this workshop and a trip to Bridgeport, Michigan, Darrel had his Christmas gift for Nicole ready.

At our Christmas Party this past December, Darrel presented Nicole with the keys to her own scooter. The new freedom and mobility created by the scooter will help Nicole reach her three immediate goals. They are joining Kiwanis on her 18th birthday this month; under go another surgery to have a porcelain hip put in, and graduating from High School with her class in June. Hopefully, Nicole’s body will not reject the porcelain as it has her previous six hips.

Nicole has been a long time honorary Woodhaven Kiwanian. She has participated in Kids Against Hunger, Kiwanis Peanut sales, and our annual shower for C. S. Mott Children’s Hospital just to name a few projects and is a regular at our meetings as her health allows. Additionally, this past spring, Nicole coordinated Jay Towers’ Downriver Breakfast Cereal Drive to provide summer meals for children in need through Gleaners Food Pantry.

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The Teacher Shortage Goes Beyond the Classroom - Kids Need Kiwanis

SLP Members

CLUBS	PAID MEMBERS
K-Kids	13
Builders Club	42
Key Club	117	2116
Circle K	15	265
Aktion Club	24	68

Active Clubs............................................ 159
District Beginning Membership ............ 4246
Reporting Members Jan. 1, 2018............ 4362

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