Now that the Holiday season is over, looks like we can refocus on our goals for growing the Michigan District of Kiwanis. Since October 1, we have added over 50 new members and are in the process of starting several new clubs. Let’s keep up the momentum. I am here to help when I can and please contact your Lt. Governors in your Divisions for help. Our focus now should be not only building new Service Leadership Programs, but interacting with the parents involved with the students. A recommendation that I am suggesting is to contact your PTOs and PTAs and talk about the BUG Program and Terrific Kids. If you need more information on these topics, contact your Lt. Governor or go to the International Kiwanis Website. Find opportunities to speak to administrators and parents about Kiwanis Kids.

Getting ready for Kiwanis One Day: April 14, 2012

With just a few easy steps your Kiwanis club can make a big splash for Kiwanis OneDay on April 14, 2012. Each of us-- and each of our clubs can be part of the solution to solve a community problem. Please use the Community Analysis sheet for your Club’s findings which is found on the Kiwanis International website or use the simple 1-2-3-4 check list below.

I am happy to help you complete this analysis--or you can ask your Lt. Gov. to help you.

Please contact me at fyipatti@yahoo.com or 810-239-2765.

Our District Gov. Liz is very excited about bringing hands on community service projects to all of our clubs. Gov. Liz will make available her newly designed lime green Kiwanis One Day t-shirts for all of us to wear--Growing Michigan through Kiwanis. And it isn’t hard to do. Contact her for sizes and prices.

Use these simple and effective steps to find a project that all your members can be a part of:

1. Complete a Community Assessment. Many of you are familiar with this activity. A simple way to do this is to contact 4-6 community leaders in your area and ask them to be a speaker or be part of a panel for one of your programs. You may have these leaders in your club. Ask them to speak for 10-15 minutes and collect the information they give you. Sample questions are:

   • What organizations impact the lives of children?
   • What organizations need additional support to fulfill their mission?
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Al Dailey  
Executive Director

From the Executive Director

Last issue I expressed some concern about a perceived communication and philosophical disconnect between Kiwanis International Leadership and each of us as club members. Recognizing that there may also be more local “disconnects” I suggested that space in the Builder be dedicated to a Letters to Leadership where any of us can comment on or question issues related to our business of Community Service.

At first I was disappointed that only one member responded with a comment (see page 14). I now believe that even a slow start can build into a more anticipated publication and will continue to solicit your ideas, questions and comments. Let’s hear from more of you in the next issue (deadline is March 9).

Several of us have just returned from an extended meeting in New Orleans attended by Past International Presidents, Current International Officers, District Secretaries, KI Staff, KI Foundation Board, Key Club, Circle K, and District Governors from all around the world. The meeting (“Kiwanis International Council”) is called every few years with the purpose of addressing issues that will help sustain the organization and direct future leaders in the areas of governance, strategy, service, growth, and training. New Orleans was chosen since many of these same leaders will return for the International Convention in June and we will all be more prepared to assure a successful event with value for all Kiwanians who will attend.

I am happy to say that many of the issues discussed are long overdue, and that the outcome of issues decided at Council will go a long way to simplifying club management and improving the education provided to those who step up to club, division, and district leadership.

Of course I can assure you that several Agenda items will provide active and heated discussion prior to voting by the delegates at Convention. There will be much to savor this year as we celebrate Project Eliminate, the 25th Anniversary of Women in Kiwanis, elect new leaders, and come home with many ideas for service and fundraising, and recognition.

The deadline for late registration has been extended until March 20, so make sure your club is represented in New Orleans.

David Babbage  
Governor-Elect

From the Governor-Elect

I am always amazed by the generosity and passion exhibited by our Kiwanis members. The Kiwanis Family does not only show concern for their communities and its citizens during the holidays, they show it all year long.

Kiwanis is truly the vehicle that our members recognize as the gift that keeps giving. Think of all the amazing service you and your fellow members have provided to your community during the holiday season – the ringing of the bells for Salvation Army, the stocking of food banks, gifts and clothing for the homeless, presents for the less fortunate children – the list goes on and on.

Now that the holiday season is over let us step up our efforts to help others. Get involved in projects and service programs such as: Kiwanis Kids, Builders Club, Key Club International, Key Leader, K-Kids, Bring Up Grades (BUG), and Terrific Kids, Circle K International, and Aktion Club. If you are not aware of what these programs are, check them out and get involved. You will be overwhelmed by the many opportunities to help others that various Kiwanis groups have spearheaded.

Let’s all continue to have fun while we are working together on our projects and goals.
Congratulations Kiwanians as we celebrate 97 years of service in the birthplace of Kiwanis!

It all started in Detroit on Jan. 15, 1915, with what today is Kiwanis Club of Detroit #1. It began as a men’s only business organization which four years later became a service organization.

This year we celebrate 15 years of women joining the ranks of Kiwanians. Yes!

We currently stand at 600,000 men, women, boys and girls worldwide!

And most recently we have partnered with UNICEF in our biggest endeavour to date - Eliminate Project. Eliminating maternal neonatal tetanus. The goal $110 million. We can do it! Let’s continue the great service that started so many years ago!

Boyne Highlands 2012

Mark your calendars now and prepare your club delegates for the 95th annual Convention of the Michigan District of Kiwanis. We expect a great time at our first visit to Boyne Highlands Resort near Harbor Springs and Petoskey.

The dates are August 23rd to the 26th and there will be something to satisfy every attendee at this beautiful location. Details will be coming in the next issues of the Builder and also mailed to each club. Registration will be available beginning June 1.

Spring Divisionals... the Governor is coming

Each weekend in March and April (with the exception of Easter) will provide an opportunity for the Governors’ official visit. These luncheon events will be hosted by paired Divisions to allow as many Kiwanians and Club officers as possible to enjoy fellowship, food, and most importantly, recognition for all the wonderful service efforts provided by the clubs. Hundreds of well deserved awards will be presented, so bring an Interclub and celebrate the successes of 2010-11. Invitations will be arriving soon from your Lt. Governors. See calendar on page 16 for exact dates in your Division.

Club Excellence Reminder

It’s not too late. Space is available at both Novi and Mt. Pleasant. You can register and pay online by using the registration links on our website at www.mi.kiwanisone.org

We cannot accept walk-in registrations, so act now. See the web for details of the sessions and times. Offerings will be in Novi on Saturday, Feb. 11, and Mt. Pleasant on Saturday, Feb. 18.
A gathering of Kiwanis International officers, District Governors from around the world, Past International Presidents, and District Secretaries, met in New Orleans during the second week of January to preview the International Convention to be held in June, and also to discuss many strategic issues that will affect the future of our nearly 100 year old organization.

Some of the items that will flow naturally to the Delegates at the Convention include:

**Candidates for Governor-Elect...**

![Harold “Ozzie” Oswald](image1)

![Stan J. Nelson](image2)

Two very dedicated Kiwanians have so far placed their names in contention for the office of Governor-Elect 2012-13. The Executive Director has received letters of endorsement and support from the Kiwanis Club of Lakeview-Urbandale and Division 12 for Harold “Ozzie” Oswald and the Kiwanis Club of Alpena and Division 20 for Stan J. Nelson.

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**The Eliminate Project Luncheon**

**Legends: A concert with Aaron Neville and Branford Marsalis**

In New Orleans - 2012 Convention

World-renowned saxophonist Branford Marsalis will entertain Kiwanians and guests in New Orleans during a special ticketed concert Friday, June 29, also featuring Aaron Neville.

New Orleans, here we come!!! June 28 to July 1 will see several thousand Kiwanians from around the world, gathered for education, fun, Kiwanis business, food, tours, entertainment, exhibits of all kinds to help clubs with fundraising, community service and organization, and selection of leadership.

The processes of Convention registration, Hotel reservations (MI is assigned to the Westin Canal), and Delegate certification are all separate processes. Using the link on the Kiwanis International website, you can register now.

The District caucus will be scheduled for Friday, June 29.
This is a special convention year. Kiwanis, Circle K, Aktion Club and Key Club alumni and CKI alumni are all in New Orleans at the same time to recognize another great year of Kiwanis-family service. And we’ll be doing service as well. CKI members will take part in the annual Large Scale Service Project and Kiwanis members will have several options for service during convention, including ones with other Kiwanis-family members. Check back often for updates.

So come be a part of the big crowd that’s expected in New Orleans for convention! Experience the workshops, entertainment, business and celebration of 25 years of women in Kiwanis. Together, let’s recognize our successes and make plans for the future.

Stimulate your senses in New Orleans, June 28-July 1!

Register today!

Quick Facts:

When: June 28 - July 1, 2012

Hotel: Westin Canal ($125) -Michigan District Headquarters

Phone Reservations:
To reserve your hotel room via telephone, please contact 2012 Kiwanis International Convention Housing at 1-877-776-7607 (toll free in the U.S. and Canada) or 1-801-903-1766.

Registration:
Register by March 20
$195 (after $250)
Register online at https://www.kiwanisone.org/MemberResources/Convention/

Transportation
Gant Travel and Kiwanis International have worked together to provide special fares for travel to the 2012 Convention.

What do I get with my registration?

• Access to all sessions—Opening, Business and Closing
• Entertainment on stage, including shows and international celebrities, during the Opening and Closing sessions
• Training sessions and workshops
• Access to special ticketed events (at additional cost)
• Access to the convention exhibit hall (including exhibitors, Kiwanis Family Store, various Kiwanis-related booths, family lounge, etc.)
Warren

Brian Crabtree, Secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Warren was honored by his club in December with a surprise presentation of the J. Douglas Alexander Award. Pictured presenting the award is Mark Ott, Vice President of the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation, Brian Crabtree (center) and Wally Bieber President of the Warren Kiwanis Club. Among his other duties Brian is also a Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation trustee.

Hillsdale

December 15 the Kiwanis Club of Hillsdale chartered the K-Kids Club at Bailey Elementary School. The 52 members elected Madeline Moore President, Co-Vice Presidents Jena Carpenter and Drew Pitts, Secretary Brylee Boyd, Treasurer Josh Adams.

District chairs Gary and Beverly Surratt did the induction ceremony. The K-Kids have been very busy with service projects for their school and community including ringing bells for the Salvation Army. After the ceremony, cake and punch were enjoyed by Kiwanis members, parents, faculty and friends.

Dearborn Heights

TV Star and Korean War Veteran Jerry Macdonald flew in from Harrisburg, Pa to be the featured speaker at the Annual Kiwanis Club of Dearborn Heights Veterans Appreciation Dinner on November 10, 2011. Almost 200 citizens were in attendance to honor Dearborn Heights Veterans. The evening started with opening remarks from Kiwanis President Janet Badalow, followed by an emotional presentation of the colors by the Dearborn Heights R.O.T.C. with students from Robichaud and Crestwood High Schools, under the supervision of Master Sergeant John Coleman.

Over 30 Veterans were treated to a delicious complimentary dinner that would rival any holiday meal spread. Following dinner, Mayor Dan Paletko spoke about his personal experience losing three classmates from Crestwood High School in the Vietnam War. Vietnam Veteran Jim Stanish of the Kiwanis Club rose to recognize all veterans by era of service to resounding applause from the audience.

Aktion Club

Matthew Herman Receives Second Place Award in the Kiwanis Aktion Club 2010/2011 International Speech Contest. Michigan Aktion Club’s David Coulter, Administrative Advisor and Mary Ellen Kane, District Governor, present the Speech Contest Award and Medallion to Matthew Herman at the December 15th Ceremony held at the Kiwanis Activity Center in Ann Arbor.

Matt is a member and past president of the local WISD Aktion Club.
Discover new ways to raise funds and change the life of a child.

Onsted

The Kiwanis Club of Onsted held their annual winter coat drive for Onsted youth and sock drive for our county’s program for homeless children. 18 winter coats were purchased to give to elementary, middle school, and high school students in need. Several dozen socks were purchased for homeless youth in Lenawee County. Socks are not available through Goodwill, Associated Charities or other groups, so the club has purchased hundreds of pairs of socks for homeless children throughout the years.

Pictured: Frank Bolak, president; Penny Sweet, drive chairperson; Steve Head, Kiwanis’s member and teacher at Onsted High School.

Ypsilanti

This is the fifth year for our Ypsilanti Kiwanis Dictionary Project. We present a dictionary to each third grader in the Lincoln School District. There are four elementary schools that have third graders, and we average 360 dictionaries per year, so we have presented approximately 1800 dictionaries so far. Each dictionary has a nameplate with the student’s name in block letters. Judging from the “thank you” letters we receive, the students are thrilled to have their very own dictionary, and are eager to start using it.

Manchester

Trustee Jerry Humitz recently presented the prestigious Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation, J.Douglas Alexander Award to William (Bill) Chizmar for his years of service and volunteerism.

Chizmar has been a Kiwanian for more than 39 years. He has served in every club officer position, and is a past lieutenant Governor.
Key Leader is AWESOME!

This is one comment that you would hear from the many young people who attended the 2011 Kiwanis Key Leader program. Since 2005, Key Leader has been reached over 16,400 high school students in a full weekend of leadership. Using service leadership as the foundation of the Kiwanis mission, Kiwanis has promoted close to 300 Key Leader conferences to date with 50 conference events taken place each year.

The Key Leader mission aims to be a life-changing experience for young people inspiring them to achieve their personal best through service leadership. The conference events are open to all students, from 8th to 12th grade. Students do not need to be part of the Kiwanis student group, such as Key Club, to participate. Kiwanis encourages young people to bring friends and/or other students – there is no limit on the number of participants from the same schools. It’s all about making new friends and having fun while learning important skills in service leadership.

The focus of a Key Leader weekend is based on personal growth and pursuit of excellence through large and small group activities. It’s motivational! Students gain a new perspective as a leader, while inspiring to serve others. A professional Key Leader facilitator leads the event through a mixture of lectures, discussions, presentations, and interactive activities. Trained adult volunteers from each Kiwanis district coordinate and supervise the events. Kiwanis volunteers have a direct and positive impact to the Key Leader event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact George Brown at gbrown37@sbcglobal.net

Sponsorship is one way for students to attend the Key Leader event. Key Leader is invaluable and raises the caliber of future leaders. Many schools, Kiwanis clubs, community organizations, religious groups or businesses are willing to sponsor students up front. Sponsors are recognized for their contributions. The Key Leader weekend cost $200 all-inclusive for each student. Kiwanis International is providing a $25 scholarship for each Key Club or Builders Club students who registers early. If you are interested in creating a future leader and sponsoring a student or students, please contact George Brown at gbrown37@sbcglobal.net

Take the lead! Key Leader is all about learning to make a difference in your community and in your world! The 2012 Key Leader conference will be on May 4th through May 6th at the Howell Conference Center in Howell, Michigan. Are you ready to transform yourself? To register for the 2012 Key Leader event, go to http://www.key-leader.org/Find-Key-Leader-Events/Register-Now.aspx for more detailed information and how to register for the Key Leader event.

Quick Facts:

When: May 4-6, 2012
Where: Howell Conference Center
Registration: www.keyleader.org
Cost: $200

Sponsor a Student Today!
Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation, Northern Michigan Hospital
Anne Heier, Child Life Specialist

I come to work every morning not knowing what awaits me on the other side of the large doors that lead into the Pediatric Unit here at Northern Michigan Regional Hospital in Petoskey. I just know that once I go through those doors my day begins usually before I even get my coat off! On a bright sunny day a few months ago as I passed the first patient room in the unit I heard the voice of the most precious, delightful, darling child.

Her voice was weak and quiet but much too wise for her young age of 4 years. I continued to my office with a smile on my face and the thought that I would go check out this little girl as soon as I could.

The nurses were clamoring to tell me about the “sweetest” child they had ever met and I “had” to go see her as soon as I could! What I soon found out was this extremely brilliant child was very sick with an infection and that she lived with her Grandmother. Her life up to this point had been less than perfect and she had suffered many losses, but here she was bringing all of us so much joy. Every question I asked her was answered in the most entertaining way. She truly had all of us looking for excuses to be in her room.

She was truly a “SPECIAL” child. We all wanted to make sure her experience here in our unit would be fun. The rest of the day was spent finding things for her to do that were fun and yet not too tiring.

We gave her a soft fluffy blanket that a volunteer made and dolls with curly hair, games and – I painted with her. We couldn’t do enough for this child! Because Kiwanis of Michigan has a constant presence in our Pediatric Unit we are in the local paper and our hospital wide paper. We get a lot of donations from businesses and from local Kiwanis clubs and private individuals. That day a HUGE, brand new white polar bear was donated. We all were in agreement that this bear would go to her.

The picture can not impart how small and precious this little girl really was that day. As sick as she was she wanted to participate in everything we were doing for her. She was so happy to receive that bear and all the other gifts and she was quite the “HAM” for the pictures. When I look at the pictures of her I still get the overwhelming feeling that I just want to hug this little sweet princess. That day she gave far more to all of us than we gave to her! Before I left that night she told me “this was the best day of my life”, now maybe Grandma prompted her to say that but I wished I could do more for her and I walked away with tears streaming down my face.

Children who are sick are a mystery and a phenomenon, they have a strength that we as adults can not be compared to. I am very grateful to have the opportunity to work with sick children everyday because I learn so much from them.
Hello Michigan Kiwanians!

We hope that you have all had a great new year so far. The Michigan District Board has been busy planning our annual District Convention for the past few months and it is quickly approaching. This year’s Michigan District Key Club Convention is being held at the Radisson Hotel in Kalamazoo, Michigan on March 9 through 11. This year’s theme is “From the Sky to the Sea, Service is Key”. It will be a weekend full of workshops, activities, guest speakers, awards, contests, dances, meeting new people, and of course everything Key Club! It is a great opportunity for Key Clubbers and Kiwanians alike to learn about great service projects and ways to work together as the K-family. For more information on the District Convention, you can visit www.mikeyclub.org under DCON 2012 and download the information and registration packet. Our district convention also brings recognition to all of the service and dedication put in and the growth of leadership within every club for the past year; so we ask that you please support your sponsored Key Clubs by attending to celebrate their successful year.

Another wonderful experience of our District Convention is that each participant is able to attend a Kids Against Hunger food packaging session. We plan on packaging 30,000 meals, which will be distributed world-wide. However in order to make this possible, the Michigan District of Key Club needs to raise $8,000. If you or your Kiwanis Club are willing to make a donation to this cause please feel free to send checks made payable to “mdokci” to our District Administrator, Greg Smith at 4260 Sandy Creek, Shelby Twp, MI 48316.

As the Key Club year is coming to end, we wanted to take the time to thank you for all of your support this last year and all previous years. We are grateful to have wonderful people like your selves supporting our organization. All of the Key Clubs across Michigan could not exist and do what they love without the amazing support of our sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs. Thank you for an amazing year.

-The Michigan District of Key Club

Submitted by: Kathleen Hurley, Division 10 Lieutenant Governor

Key Club

Law Enforcement Career Academy

For the 37th year, students will have the opportunity to obtain “Hands on Experience” in what it takes to become a Police Officer and what a Law Enforcement Career can offer. The 2012 Academy will take place July 8th to 13th at the Michigan State Police Academy, Lansing Michigan.

Last year 46 students sponsored by 38 Kiwanis Clubs graduated. They came from as far as Alger County on the shores of Lake Superior to take advantage of this great 5 day program.

A typical day begins at 5:30am with approximately one hour of physical training. The week consists of training scenarios, classroom instruction, writing exercises, group activities and interaction with other students and staff. The program is run at paramilitary style and the day ends at 10pm with lights out.

Sponsoring cost per student is $390.00 payable to the Michigan District of Kiwanis.

In mid December all Kiwanis Club secretaries received a packet of information on registration, eligibility, housing and expectations. Deadline for registration is March 30, 2012.

This is your opportunity to provide an experience that can have a positive effect on a young person’s career choice and a great benefit to our communities.

Al Cotto
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bigpapi@sbcglobal.net
Since the kick off of The Eliminate Project last July in Geneva, we in the Michigan District have made great progress in achieving our goal. With the latest report our district made a total paid pledge of $294,942.25 toward a suggested initial target for the Michigan district of $2,611,472 by the year 2015. With this target goal we will have saved 1,450,817 lives toward the elimination of maternal, neonatal tetanus. MNT is easily prevented by a series of three vaccinations to women of childbearing age for a total cost each of $1.80. Without the vaccinations this disease kills one baby every nine minutes.

Along with the Ann Arbor club, the Utica-Shelby Township club has also become a 100K club with their pledge of $100,000. We give a big THANK YOU to these clubs for their generous gift. Your club might not be able to become a 100K club but there are many incentives for individual clubs and/or individuals to be recognized as a major donor to The Eliminate Project. Funding for this campaign will come from a variety of sources including individuals, corporations and foundations. However, the majority of the donations will be raised by and from members of the Kiwanis family or approximately 80% of all Kiwanis clubs will need to participate in the campaign.

Kiwanis International will honor and recognize both individual donors and clubs at various gift levels. For individual recognition there are: The Walter Zeller Fellowship with a donation of $1,250 either paid in full or pledged over a two year period; for a donation of $300 and you will save 175 lives; a donation of $625 and save 350 lives. A club would be recognized with a donation of $750 per member over a 4 year period and that club would become a Model Club. There are many more ways an individual or club can donate to the campaign now that we have Multi-Division Coordinators, and you may contact any of them or myself. These Multi-Division Coordinators are:

♥ Jeanette Harris for divisions 1,3,4,5,7,8 of the Detroit #1 club  
  Phone # 248.752.1747, e-mail: jharris48@yahoo.com

♥ Joseph Scheuring for divisions 10,11,12,13,14,16 of the Dexter club  
  Phone # 734.426.3586, e-mail: scheuring5@aol.com

♥ David Garland for divisions 17,18,19,20,21,22 of the Charlevoix club  
  Phone # 231.547.6707, e-mail: dgarland@sbcglobal.net

In Kiwanis We Serve,

Richard “Dick” Buttery
THE ELIMINATE PROJECT
MICHIGAN – DISTRICT COORDINATOR

Over a period of articles in the Builder I will provide frequently asked questions. For example:

1. WHAT IS HAPPENING WITH ELIMINATION EFFORTS AS WE PREPARE OUR FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN? UNICEF continues to carry out MNT elimination efforts in countries such as Cambodia, where MNT is on the brink of elimination. Funds raised by the Kiwanis family will fill the funding gap and allow MNT to be eliminated in the 38 countries where it remains a threat.

2. DO THE FUNDS GO DIRECTLY TO THE PROJECT? WHAT PERCENTAGE IS TAKEN OUT FOR FUNDRAISING EXPENSES? Approximately 10 percent will be used for fundraising-related expenses. This is a common, if not low, percentage for campaigns of this magnitude.
GET READY FOR KIWANIS ONE DAY! Continued from page 1

1. What are a few projects that could be planned in your community?
2. What are some of the unmet needs in your community?
3. What kinds of projects are working in your community?
4. Who can we contact to get additional information?
5. How do you think a Kiwanis club could help meet an unmet need?

2. A few examples of people to ask are--city/town administrators, media/newspaper reporters, human service agency employees, YWCA’s, chamber of commerce leaders or staff, key business owners, or key law enforcement officials. Ask each of them to answer the question “What are the needs and concerns in our community” or any and all of the questions above. If they cannot come to a meeting, have a group of your members call one community leader and ask for 5-10 minutes of their time to answer some of these questions.

3. After you have responses from 4-6 leaders tally their answers and make a list of their suggestions. From that list—which might look like, hunger, shelter, unemployment, health care for children or education issues—pick an activity that your club can do that will help solve the problem. Contact the not for profit organization that best fits your needs as a Kiwanis club. You may want to be part of a park cleanup, or a school play area make over, pack food at the nearby food bank or make dolls and blankets for kids in the hospital. You can plan that activity on April 14th—or if that is not possible anytime in the month of April. Then let us know at the District office what activity you did and send us a picture.

4. Make sure you utilize all your members effectively, and use your Builder’s clubs, Key clubs, or any of the Kiwanis service leadership groups in this process. Thank you for all that you do in your communities. Thank you for taking the time to complete a community analysis so that you know what the needs in your community are and know how to be part of the solution. Start planning today for a successful ONE DAY.

Let’s all Grow Michigan through Kiwanis.

**Kiwanis 20 Years Ago**

Skip Clack named Distinguished Governor by Kiwanis International; The District was awarded first place in District Administrative Excellence Award category; Gaylord led membership with +9; 231 clubs had a total of 9,048 members in MI
Letters to LEADERSHIP

This space is available to hear from you. Your Governor and Board look forward to hearing from you.

The next publication deadline is March 9. Send your Letter to Leadership as a word document to al.mikiwanis@sbcglobal.net

Dear Editor:

Your point is well taken regarding the flow of communications and obviously the Kiwanis population is no different than the general population in that we are focused mostly on our own issues unless there is a perceived major problem.

Personally I would love to hear more from both members and leadership since I have the desire to someday devote more time to efforts above the club level and should be informed better when I choose to do that.

I hope that your suggestion to members to send comments and questions to leadership takes hold.

Thanks, Member in Division 9

Response:

Thanks for being the first to take advantage of our offer. Anyone interested in learning more about Kiwanis can avail themselves of many opportunities including active Interclubbing, attending Division Council meetings, attending District Board meetings, and attending or participating in Club Leadership Training, Fall Leadership Sessions, and District Convention activities. Hopefully you belong to a club that will support a members interest in personal growth with some subsidy for travel and expenses to these opportunities.
Builders and Key Clubs.

Key Leader is a great opportunity to get students involved and help them to build leadership and team working skills. The First Dude took Key Club on as his project for 2011-2012, assisting George Brown as the Site Coordinator and will be going for Key Leader training the end of this month. Tom says “This is the perfect opportunity for Kiwanis to aid young people in YOUR OWN families and Communities. The only requirement is that they be 14yr thru 18yrs old. They can be your children, your grand children, neighbor kids; the kid who mows your lawn, the list is endless. The 2012 training is being held the weekend of May 4-6 at the Howell Conference Center, in Howell, MI. The program will focus on Personal Growth, Integrity, Community, Respect, and Excellence. Start planning now to sponsor 1 to 2 youth to this once in a lifetime experience. It’s a great opportunity to approach the parents of your clubs attendees for membership or school counselors to contact students. “

Start thinking about Kiwanis One Day. There is a great article in this issue about preparing for Kiwanis One Day by Community Service Chair, Patti Higgins. Each club is encouraged to choose their own project. We have designed shirts that Kiwanians can purchase that we can wear in unison doing our projects to show our Kiwanis name in press releases. I will be setting up a Michigan Kiwanis One Day Facebook Page soon, where you can tell other Kiwanians about the projects you are setting up to do on April 14.

Keep in mind the deadlines for registering for International Convention in New Orleans. Information is available in the Builder and on the Michigan District Website. We are also getting excited about planning the District Convention that will be in Boyne in August.

Lots of activities to look forward and to keep us motivated. As always, if there is anything I can do, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Kiwanis Service

Gov. Liz and First Dude Tom

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**Golf Outing**

The District Golf Outing in 2012 is dedicated entirely to the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation.

On Friday, June 15, 2012 the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor will be hosting the Michigan District’s “Serving the Children of Michigan Golf Outing”. All of the net proceeds will go to the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation to support the Child and Family Life Departments at C. S. Mott Children’s Hospital, The Mary Free Bed Hospital, The Northern Michigan Hospital and Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

The outing will be played at the Stonebridge Golf Club, a premier golf course designed by Arthur Hills located just south of Ann Arbor. Registration for the outing will start at 9 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start. Lunch will be served at the turn or on the course and a dinner and program will follow completion of the golf round.

Hospital staff from Mott and possibly the other hospitals will participate. It is possible a patient who has experienced the care of the Child and Family Departments plus the extraordinary medical care provided by these hospitals will also be in attendance.

The cost is $100 per golfer and we are looking for 36 four person teams. Mark it on your calendar and plan on forming one or more teams. This is an opportunity to support the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation and enjoy a round of golf on a great golf course as well as enjoy fellowship with Kiwanians and others.

Registration and sponsorship information will be available shortly after January 22 and the information we will be available from each Foundation Trustee, the District web-site and Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor web-site, www.a2kiwanis.org. If you have questions contact Larry French at lefrench@comcast.net.

**In Memoriam**

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GOVERNOR’S MEMBERSHIP TROPHY

Lac Ste. Claire +5
Lac Ste. Claire +8
Wyandotte 1000 +7
Livonia Early Risers +6
Gaylord +5
Golden K of Gd. Rapids +5
Lansing +5

Net gain is from 10-1-11 thru 12-31-11 and includes only clubs with at least a net gain of +5 based on official membership numbers supplied by Kiwanis International.

AS WE GO TO PRESS

Active Clubs

175

Charter Suspended Clubs

0

District Beginning Membership

5325 members

Reporting Members Jan.1, 2012

5357

Net Gain

+32

February 2012

2 Convention Planning Meeting, Boyne Highlands
11 Club Excellence Session, Novi
15 Deadline for Club IRS 990 filing
18 Club Excellence Session, Mt. Pleasant
17-19 Circle K District Convention, Mt. Pleasant
25 Council of Past Lt. Governors, Mason

March 2012

3 Spring Divisional for Div 11 and 12
8-11 Key Club District Convention, Kalamazoo
10 Spring Divisional for Div. 13 and 14
17 Spring Divisional for Div. 4 and 5
24 Spring Divisional for Div. 16 and 18
31 Spring Divisional for Div. 1, 3 and 7