In our last Builder I encouraged all of our members to “Commit to Service” starting with January 2016. By choosing the service projects that speak to our hearts, we are able to accomplish great things in our local and world community and encourage others to be a part of the fun in service. I reminded you that if you invite others to do service projects with you BEFORE you invite them to be a member you may be surprised when they ask you first!

So – here are some suggestions to get this working effectively in your own club.

Consider a service hour competition. I recently visited the Detroit #1 club and was excited to hear that they have a great method for honoring service hours. Club President, Marian O’Higgins, talked about the clubs bronze, silver and gold awards for accumulated hours of service by members. They track the hours and service provided. This is something we need all clubs to do.

One of our district goals for this year is to increase service hours by 10%. It is a fact that membership growth is directly related to service. When your club is busy, others want to participate.

Does your club have a Signature Project? A Signature Project is a project that your community knows is carried out by your Kiwanis club. It is “That Project” that the community would surely miss if your club were to let it go. When people in your town talk about the project it always involves the word “Kiwanis” because the two are synonymous. Signature projects are important for the future of Kiwanis. They help to elevate awareness of Kiwanis in the local and world community, engage current members and remind them why they joined, provide valuable and needed service to a community, and maximize community resources. Additionally, signature projects can increase membership. Don’t forget to invite and involve potential new members in your club’s next signature project. Then – invite them to join.

Your Lt. Governor will be in communication with your club to track service hours, membership changes and other topics so that we know where our district is in accomplishing our goals for the year. Be ahead of the game and prepare to answer questions relative to our I PLAN Goals. Please don’t forget to work on the completion of your club pledge to The Eliminate Project, completing your own commitment.

I encourage you to share your ideas on service recognition in your club and about your signature project with me on my Facebook page or by email to governor@mikiwanis.org. If you are not on Facebook I encourage you to get involved. There are so many great ideas and amazing information shared that will benefit you and your club. Our marketing committee often shares information on your projects and ideas on the Michigan District Facebook page.

Lastly, if you are having a special event this year and would like District Leadership participation such as Greg, Dee or me, please let us know as quickly as possible. Our calendars are already getting very tight and we want to accommodate as many clubs as we can.

Have a great spring – it is coming, I’m sure. I’m looking forward to seeing you at your spring divisional in April.

– Governor Linda

P.S. What are you reading? Let me know. I am currently reading four books and rereading two others. By the time you read this article I am sure I will have completed most of them but they are: The Practitioner’s Guide to Governance as Leadership by Trower; Readmission Prevention by Luke; Muscle and a Shovel by Shank; The Art of Hearing Heartbeats by Sendker. Revisited books are: Leading Change by Kotter and Emotional Intelligence 2.0. Oh – one more – I am also listening to a book in the car which is The Witness by Dee Henderson.
Mark your calendars!

February
6 Circle K Love Pit
Hosted by Grand Valley
15 Deadline for ALL CLUBS
Filing IRS 990
Convention Planning Meeting,
East Lansing 9:30 AM
28 Club Boards select delegates
for KI Convention, Toronto

March
8 National IHOP / Children’s
Miracle Network Day
11-13 Key Club District Convention,
Grand Traverse Resort
18-20 Circle K District Convention,
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be sent as either .jpg or .bmp files. Video must be sent as .mpeg files.
Follow-up

In previous issues of the Builder I talked about some ways to add members to your club. One was in the October/November 2015 issue where I asked if your meeting is one visitors would want to attend. The other was in the last issue (December/January 2016) where I suggested wearing items with Kiwanis on them. Here are two examples of how those worked.

Set-Up: Over the past month I have contacted every person who has joined Kiwanis since October 1, 2015 to welcome them to the Kiwanis family. In the course of our discussion, I asked him/her how they heard about Kiwanis and why did they join their particular club.

STORY #1 - One man had actually joined the Lions club when he moved to his new community. After about a year he quit because he realized they were only interested in people who were from that community and had gone to high school there. So he checked out Kiwanis and was very happy with the reception he received and the opportunities to participate.

Moral: Don’t become like the Lions (service club).

STORY #2 - One woman had joined another service organization in her community but after a while she quit because it didn’t fit into her schedule. Several months later she was shopping at a store and saw someone with a Kiwanis jacket on. She started talking to the Kiwanian and found out their club met at a time that could fit her schedule and her interests in serving. She is now glad she approached that Kiwanian.

Moral: Kiwanis items are fashionable, too.

Follow-up

You talk to someone about Kiwanis. What is the best thing you can do after that?

Follow-up...You bring someone to a Kiwanis meeting. What is the best thing you can do after that?

Follow-up...Someone joins your Kiwanis club. What is the best thing you can do after that?

Follow-up...Every new member I talked with over the past month was excited to be part of Kiwanis and is looking forward to helping our organization. They were very appreciative of the welcome to the Kiwanis family. They want to pitch in and help.

Follow-up...Talk to them, find out what they want to do, assign them something, find out if they have ideas for new service projects or ways to help the club, engage them. They are the new energy your club is looking for. Don’t miss the opportunity to follow-up.

I want to hear from you!
You can reach me at governor-elect@mikiwanis.org.
Brokenness abounds. You see it at every turn, for it has many faces. It comes as grief in the face of loss. It might look like illness or disability. It’s at the heart of racial tension.

Hunger? In such a prosperous nation, how can our systems be so broken that so many are in need of food?

Brokenness shows itself as mental illness and emotional anguish. Depression, anger, shame, guilt, low self-esteem, fear, and loneliness are a few of its symptoms.


These are the indicators of brokenness. They are also signposts for the work of Kiwanis, especially as they relate to children.

My first thought when I was asked to become chair of the Michigan District Human and Spiritual Values Committee was “what is our mission?” I wanted to define our work in a way that would encourage each club to elevate the value of HSV committees and to leverage the good that they might accomplish.

My reflections about the mission of HSV Committees can be summed up in two short phrases:

Identify brokenness. Stimulate healing.

My club defined it this way:

The Human and Spiritual Values Committee (HSV) identifies places of brokenness in our community in order to stimulate healing and wholeness that allows children to excel.

We will leverage the values of compassion, generosity, love, hope, beauty, community, faith, goodness, sacrifice, respect, creativity, excellence, humility, kindness, service, and many more, in order to accomplish our mission.

While the committee is focused on the children of the community, it might also want to address the needs of club members and their families when they experience brokenness and breakthrough.

Ways we can impart healing and wholeness within our club might include prayer, celebration and recognition of significant achievements and life events, helping with transportation of club members to/from meetings and events, or help and support when members experience bereavement.

Does your club have a HSV committee? If not, start one soon. If you do, articulate your mission and consider some new goals that release the values we represent.

There are people and places near you that need the light of hope, compassion, and kindness to overcome their brokenness. Find them. Remember their faces. Go to work breathing light in them until healing comes. The result will take your breath away.

Jerry is the chair of the Michigan District Human and Spiritual Values Committee. He is also Vice President of the Kiwanis Club of Utica-Shelby Twp. He welcomes your conversation about this article. Email him at hsv@mikiwanis.org.
Marian O’Higgins and Richard (Dick) Hitch
Announce candidacy for Governor

I am excited to announce my candidacy for Governor – Elect for 2016-2017. My appreciation goes to my club, Detroit Kiwanis No 1 and Division 1 for their support. The past number of years have had me very involved with the Kiwanis Family and my mission is to continue this at the Michigan District level.

The first experience in Kiwanis was a service project, “Books for Kids”, my club’s signature project. As I watched Kiwanis members applying stickers and sorting books for the children in Detroit, I became excited to see that the children of Detroit receive free books because I know many children may not even have even one book at home. I was thinking that this is the right service organization for me to join. I checked the Kiwanis website to find out more about Kiwanis and their mission statement, finding it to be “Dedicate to improving the world, one child and one community at a time”. This is the same focus as career as an educator. It’s been focused on children and families. I truly understand that the foundation of everyone is the family, and Kiwanis was the perfect fit for me.

My Kiwanis experiences have taken me from sitting on our Club’s and Foundation Boards to the role of President. I also have been Lt. Governor of Division 1. I have been active in Key Leader for 5 years and now Chair this Program for the Michigan District. It has extended my passion for students from the very young through high school and college level. My commitment to build new clubs had me work with helping to start our first Young Professional Kiwanis Club in Michigan and be a Formula Club Counselor. My Kiwanis experiences have taken me to many International Conventions (including being a presenter at the Japan convention) and state conventions where I have been a delegate for the past 4 years. My experiences at the Key Club and Circle K conventions and activities find my enthusiasm growing even more at each experience. I also delight in spending time with our Aktion Club and seeing the members proud of all their accomplishments.

Other Kiwanis experiences include working with Kiwanis International on our 100 Birthday Celebration at the Renaissance Center with over 1,000 in attendance; and co-chairing the 100 Years of Kiwanis 3 month exhibit at the Detroit Historical Museum with over 10,000 community people viewing the exhibit to heighten the awareness of Kiwanis. I also served as a committee member for our MI District 2015 Convention.

Kiwanis has served our community and world for over 100 years. My commitment in this next century of Kiwanis is to focus our organization in sustaining and building membership, serving our communities where all the individual needs are, letting everyone know about Kiwanis and our commitment to the children and families in Michigan and becoming recognized in our communities as an organization that is present and proud to serve and support children and their families.

I would like the opportunity to work and support each club and its members to make us a viable organization and succeed in making our Michigan District of Kiwanis well-known for everything we do to help our children and communities. Please contact me with any questions you may have. Thank you.

Marian O’Higgins

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I joined Kiwanis 36 years ago with the encouragement of my employer. I didn’t know it at that time but it was one of the best things that has ever happened to me. Over the years, I have met hundreds of Kiwanian’s and worked on countless projects that have had significant impact on the people around us. I learned that the thing that separates Kiwanis from the other service clubs is that we seem to have more fun.

The goal of every Kiwanian should be to strengthen Kiwanis by adding more members. The more members we have the more that we can get done. While working and having fun in Kiwanis I have learned the importance of leadership, not the least of which is to choose good people, point them in the right direction and step aside so that they can achieve their goals.

I have been a distinguished President of the Kiwanis Club of Jackson and a distinguished Lieut. Gov. of Division 11. In 2012 my club honored me with a Hixson. It is my intention this year to run for the office of Governor Elect of the great Michigan District of Kiwanis. I would appreciate your support in this endeavor.

Richard (Dick) Hitch, Kiwanis Club of Jackson
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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**Five Year Strategic Plan**

Two months ago, I was invited by Kiwanis International-Indianapolis to be part of the “Five Year Strategic Plan” for Key Club International. Individuals from around the world (Barbados, Denmark, St. Louis, California, Florida, etc.) were strategically invited to be part of this “Five Year Strategic Planning” conference. Individuals were chosen according to their involvement with their club, recognitions, awards, etc. I was the only one representing Michigan and the many different Key Club districts. This was a humbling experience and one that I will never forget. Many individuals had never encountered an Arab-American female who wears the hijab (head scarf). So before the initial conference and planning began, I gave a mini-lesson on my religion and culture and answered many questions that individuals had.

During the conference weekend (December 11-13), 12 individuals including myself started to work up a strategic plan for the international organization – disciplined effort to produce fundamental decisions and actions that shape and guide the organization. As we discussed the core value of our culture to build leadership, character building, caring and inclusiveness, we had to keep in mind that we needed to look at the greater good of the organization as a whole and be an ambassador for the community and its efforts. Furthermore, to also be respectful of the past – its leaders, its past progress, past obstacles, failures, etc. and to be courageous. Moreover, we decided that Key Club International should focus on the following headliners of: Growth, K-family relations, Service, Leadership, and Membership experiences. The above focus areas were drafted and put on hold for our next meeting which will be coming up some time in February or March. The main objective for the “Five Year Strategic Planning” is to lessen the gap between Key Clubs and the Kiwanians. The plan also is geared to allow for longevity of the largest and oldest student-led organization. With the gaps in place, many feel that Key Clubs around the world will not flourish properly.

Coming together with individuals from different parts of the world with different experiences yet the same goal has opened my eyes to hopefully creating, maintaining and increasing righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill. Working together and coming up with a plan to help bridge the gap and communication between Key Clubbers and Kiwanians will help our clubs maintain the status of the largest student-led organization focusing on service!

– Zinab Zriek, Key Club Faculty Advisor at Fordson High school.

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**K-Family Committee Year in Review!**

Our committee really focused on great communication between all of the branches of the entire K-Family. This year as the K-Family Relations Committee, we established new interclub events such as how to make a tied fleece blanket, how to organize a park clean up, and how to organize a Kids Against Hunger food packaging event. This past year we held a Kiwanis Family week which was held in October. It was a great success with all branches of the K-Family participating in interclub and service projects together. As a committee we have created a letter that we sent to all Kiwanis Clubs that listed our goals and what we have done this past year and things that they can look forward to next year. Thank you to the entire K-Family for an unforgettable year and all the successes we have accomplished together.
Hello Michigan Kiwanis!

The Michigan District of Circle K has been working tirelessly the past nine months to reach our aggressive goals. Thanks to your help and support, we have hit record service hours, K-Fam, and inter-club monthly totals! Our district is on track to experience its most successful year in its history for club building and our district is extremely close to reaching its membership goal for the first time in years.

We still need your help! Visit your local chapter. Sign up to volunteer with us or attend one of our district events. Head to www.micirclek.org to register for our district events under the events tab or sign up to mentor a CKI member under our Professional Development tab. Join us for our LovePit Day of service or our District Convention where Kiwanis International President Sue Petrisin will be delivering the Keynote address! We’d love to see you!

Feel free to contact Governor Steven McCarty at mccartys@umich.edu with any questions.

Pillowcase Project

The Woodhaven Kiwanis Club recently participated in the one million pillowcase challenge. Woodhaven Kiwanians and their friends sewed 28 pillowcases for McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey. The pillowcases will be given to children admitted to the hospital to brighten up their “hospital style” rooms. After their stay in the hospital, youngsters take their pillowcase home. These pillowcases become a meaningful part of the kid’s hospitalization. Club President and retired nurse, Rosemary Robbins, taught Kiwanians how to sew the pillowcases.

Ann Heier, McLaren’s Child Life Specialist, stated that one child used his pillowcase to go Trick-or-Treating, and another to make her doll a sleeping bag.

The pillowcases comfort the children and, in a small way, aid in their recovery. So far, 650,396 have been made. They are easy to make and any Kiwanian can contribute.

To learn more about the challenge and to see how they are made visit www.allpeoplequilt.com. President Rosemary Robbins

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Leadership - Community - Excellence
Personal Growth - Integrity - Team Building

Grand Rapids North

Every year the Grand Rapids North Kiwanis Club helps local families to have something under the Christmas tree or on the dinner table for the holiday. This is one of the projects where virtually every member participates. This award winning project has seen many changes over the years to better define the needs of the community. In 2015, the club took the next step toward bringing smiles to the faces of children in Grand Rapids with “Kids at Christmas”.

The club already partners with several schools for the Kiwanis Terrific Kids program. After contacting a few of these schools, the faculty nominated children who may not have any, or very few, presents to open on Christmas morning. The club members worked with the parents or guardians to purchase gifts worth more than $3,000 dollars. Kiwanians then wrapped them for delivery, and after the regular meeting, members fanned out like elves making Christmas brighter for more than 40 children in 14 families in Grand Rapids.

Register for Key Leader

COME JOIN US for a Kiwanis Leadership Experience!

• Where: Camp FaHoLo, Grass Lake, MI
• Who can attend: Any student (Key Club or Not) 14 years – 18 years
• Registration: Key-leader.org

Questions? Call Key Leader Chair Marian O’Higgins 586 801-6706 or email: keyleader@mikiwanis.org

Woodhaven

Pillowcase craft project with children.
Old Fashion Salvation Army Bell Ringing

In the past, often the Salvation Army Band was playing Christmas Carols, while someone rang the bell to collect for the Salvation Army. This year the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven put a new twist on the past. On Saturday, December 12th, the Woodhaven High School Marching Band, played Christmas carols as Woodhaven Kiwanians partnered with members of the Woodhaven High School Cross Country Team to collect for the Downriver Salvation Army.

Spiritual Aims Chairman, Mike Gyolai, said with the help of the Band and the Cross Country team, we raised over $1,757 to support the Downriver Salvation Army.

Kiwanian Paul Elsey explained, “Both the Marching Band and the Cross Country team utilize the Woodhaven Kiwanis buses for their activities and were looking for an opportunity to work together with Woodhaven Kiwanians. This project turned out to be the ideal project for all three groups to bring together their collective talents to support the underprivileged of our community. One of the great accomplishments of the day is the excitement, energy, and recommitment to community service all three groups go home with after working together for an hour.”

“Saturday was unseasonably warm,” explained President Rosemary Robbins, “and having the band playing Holiday music helped put shoppers in a more charitable mood!”

WoodHaven
Have you ever had a day where you felt a little off and simply wished for someone to come spend a little quality time with you? Many of my Third Grade students can relate to that feeling. With increased academic pressure placed on our youth, quality time is very limited for all educators unless it relates directly to an academic goal for a student. For the past few years, my classes have enjoyed the benefit of having some very special people spending quality time with us. Irma and Frank Moss are delightful Kiwanis Volunteers who help nurture and guide my incredible students. They spend about one hour each Wednesday morning reading or playing games with students. My students adore their time with Mr. and Mrs. Moss and are delighted to have the opportunity to enjoy the company of their Grand-Friends. Our community is rich because of people who choose to invest in others. Thank you, Irma and Frank, for sharing your gifts with our youth.

Rebecca Spitzer
Third Grade Teacher

Kiwanis Club of Okemos Satellite activities.

The Satellite of the Kiwanis Club of Okemos spends time with two classes at the Marble Elementary School of the East Lansing Public Schools. Each Wednesday we go to a third grade class taught by Mrs. Rebecca Spitzer and then to a Developmental Kindergarten class taught by Mrs. Kelly Strouse. This is our third year being the senior citizens in the classroom. We did this weekly project for a Kindergarten class last school year and the year before we participated in a pre-kindergarten class. The third grade picture includes the third grade teacher, Mrs. Spitzer, and Marble School Principal, Mrs. Sarah Scott. In the picture of the smaller children, Mrs. Scott is in the midst of the Developmental Kindergarteners with their teacher, Mrs. Kelly Strouse.

Irma and I enjoy the children very much. - Irma and Frank Moss

Kiwanis club contributed to hospital since 1949.

Records show that the Kiwanis club of Garden City has contributed to the Ann Arbor Children’s Hospital since 1949 and the MI Foundation up until the present time. When it was announced that the theme for this year’s Santaland parade would be Michigan, we saw an opportunity to advertise to the parade watchers our long term involvement and commitment to hospitalized children through the Kiwanis of MI Foundation. The Kiwanis float, which took second place, was created with that in mind. Our club has had a float in the parade starting in 1963, continuously for the last 19 years. Clowns pictured standing by the float are members. December is a very busy month for our club. Besides building the float, we ring bells for the Salvation Army, collect funds for the Goodfellows and with the joint involvement with the Garden City Rotary, put on a children’s Christmas party. The children are from families with mitigating circumstances preventing them from having an ideal Christmas. This year the clubs played host to 120 children. The two club Christmas party has been going on since 1983. The Garden City Key club participated in both events.

Pictures and article by Tom Jankowski, President Elect Garden City Kiwanis
Does your club struggle with its online presence? Do you want to be more active on social media, but you don’t know how? Michigan’s first Young Professional (YP) Kiwanis Club is here to help. Our club is offering a Social Media Management Program to any Kiwanis Club in the Michigan District. This program will give you a chance to get the social media outreach you want while taking the stress and hassle away from your own members because the young professionals will do it for you.

As a YP club, our group is very savvy with social media. Our club is active on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Meet Up and LinkedIn… just to name a few. Let us manage your online presence to help bring about more awareness of your club in your community and reach new potential members as a result.

So how does this all work? Our team will discuss with selected members of your club what you want to achieve. From there, we will provide you with a basic information sheet of things that we would hope to update on. This gives you a chance to tell us exactly what your club is doing and will be doing. We want to showcase your service projects, fundraisers, socials, etc. You tell us what your club is doing and we will make it known throughout your social networks. Your club will also have a main point of contact within our club so that you can send us additional updates as time goes on, such as new initiatives, photos from an event, progress on club goals, etc. We will also be happy to include some updates from Kiwanis International and the Michigan District to reach out to your members as well.

Our club will be offering this service to other clubs for a suggested donation of $125 for 3 months of social media management. This will act as a great trial period to ensure you are getting everything you want out of this partnership.

Interested in finding out more? Please contact us at metrodetroitypkiwanis@gmail.com. Please note we will only be taking a select number of clubs at this time and will begin a waitlist once this is filled. You won’t want to wait to reach out to us on this opportunity.

To see more about our club please visit our website at: www.metrodetroitypkiwanis.org.

You can also find us on the following social media sites:

- Snapchat – MDYPKiwanis
- LinkedIn – Metro Detroit Young Professionals Kiwanis
- Meet Up – Metro Detroit Young Professionals Kiwanis
- Instagram – metrodetroitypkiwanis
- Facebook – Metro Detroit YP Kiwanis
What a great start to 2016! Two hundred forty Michigan District Kiwanians took advantage of the Foundation’s Thomas Oliver Greetings Program. Together, they contributed $11,100 to support our work at C. S. Mott Children’s Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital in Grand Rapids, McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, and Children’s Hospital of Michigan Foundation in Detroit.

The Kiwanis Club of Garden City recently participated in a parade in their community. I was delighted to see their float highlighting our four hospitals as an important part of their club’s program. Too often, our Foundation Trustees, do not visit their club regularly. As a result, I think many clubs feel our requested $45/member contribution is a tax rather than a program. Without you and your support, we wouldn’t have an active Foundation. The result would be a sick child and overburdened parents not receiving the support they so desperately need.

We need all clubs in the Michigan District to promptly submit the $45/member contribution to the Michigan District office. We also need you to take advantage of other opportunities to support the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation. In this issue of the Michigan Builder, you find a copy of our Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation Donor Card (see right side of page). Immediate Past Governor Rebekah Hildreth has also placed it on our new District Web Site. The idea is simple. Rather than sending flowers to a funeral, or to celebrate a milestone, you can make a contribution to support hospitalized children. Your generosity will result in a series of good things happening: Hospitalized children and their families will benefit from your gift.

The person you are acknowledging will receive a hand written card from the Foundation.

You will receive a tax deduction. What a great way to help hospitalized children. And, for your convenience, we accept credit cards.

We also have several Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation awards you can purchase for outstanding Kiwanians or community members you would like to honor. Some of our awards support the cost of today’s work with sick children. Others help us build our endowment, so our Foundation can carry on for a long, long time. For more information on our Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation Awards, please visit our District website. I would also like to remind you the first ten Frank O. Staiger Distinguished Kiwanians Awards are available at a discount of $900 due to a small grant we received. Step up now, and take advantage of this grant.

Please remember, it is our Foundation, NOT a foundation belonging to your eighteen elected Trustees! I would like to thank Division 9 Lt. Governor, Melissa Pilzner, for organizing a shoe drive in Division 9. While I don’t know much about a shoe drive, I understand Division 9 raised $1,000 for the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation. I would like to thank Division 4 Lt. Governor, Lisa Hicks-Clayton, for receiving an award of $1,500 and donating it to our Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation.

Thank you for helping us make your Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation a Kiwanis service project all Michigan Kiwanians can be proud of.
Improve a life – Improve your fundraising
The Michigan District of Kiwanis is launching a statewide service project. You can be a part of it – and help us reach our ELIMINATE goal. As many of you may or may not know, the goal we set in Michigan for ELIMINATE was $2.6M. While we were extremely successful in our fundraising efforts and have ELIMINATED Maternal Neonatal Tetanus in 19 countries we still haven’t reached the finish line. With this project – you and your club members can help us complete what we started and committed to five years ago.

How does it work?
We ask for gently used pairs of shoes (just one won’t do!). There will be scheduled pick-ups across the state at various Kiwanis events throughout the year.

What happens with the shoes we donate?
The gently used shoes create sustainable income opportunities in developing nations. They also reduce emissions by keeping shoes out of our landfills. This provides people with not just a way to make a living and provide for their families but a sense of self-worth.

Let’s save lives by raising funds to reach our ELIMINATE goal while simultaneously providing hope in developing nations.

Whose In?
For more information, clear bags (required) and marketing materials call the District office at 517.676.3837.

Send out emails, flyers, use social media and make a request for gently used shoes.
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**Club Meeting Place/Date Changes**

**ROSEVILLE, DIV. 1**
Scrambler Marie’s, 31946 Gratiot, 2nd & 4th Thurs., 7:30 AM

**SHELBY GOLDEN K, DIV. 3**
Marcus Grill, 55690 Van Dyke, Shelby Twp., 2nd & 4th Wed., 9:00 AM

**HAMBURG, DIV. 9**
Hamburg Coney Island, 9580 M-36, Tues., 7:30 AM

**ANN ARBOR MORNING EDITION, DIV. 10**
2nd & 4th Wed., 7:30 AM

**ST. JOHNS 707, Div. 18**
Agroliquid, 3055 W. M-21, Thurs. 7:00 AM

**INDIAN RIVER, DIV. 22**
Inland Lakes Schools Building, 4363 S. Straits Highway, Mon, 11:30 AM

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**Info for Additional Individuals**

**LT. GOVERNOR, DIV. 12**
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**Top Ten Reasons For attending the 2016 District Convention in East Lansing**

1. Only two days long, Friday and Saturday August 26 – 27
2. More affordable: rooms at Kellogg Center Hotel & Conference Center $104/night with free parking and internet.
3. Dozens of Greater Lansing attractions with time to enjoy them.
5. Exhibit Hall filled with fundraising, partnership and program ideas.
7. Meet and greet our Kiwanis International President Sue Petrisin
8. Fellowship with Kiwanians from across the district.
9. Get to know Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, and Aktion Club representatives and learn how they can help you do service.
10. Celebrate what Kiwanis has accomplished during the 2015-2016 year.
501(c)(3) Is Now an Option

As many know, Kiwanis International is a non-profit organization, however we are not a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. This means that donations to a service or project fund are not tax deductible. Many clubs have gotten around this by establishing local Kiwanis club foundations. The establishment of club foundations can be time consuming and complicated. Additionally, every day more regulations are being established that require stricter reporting to the Internal Revenue Service.

The Kiwanis International Foundation can be an alternative to setting up a foundation of your own. Your club can set up a donor advised fund. Just like having your own foundation your donor advised fund would receive donations and you would be in control of disbursement of those funds. To set up a fund you need to know the following information. You have to decide on a name for your designated fund, you have to have at least two advisors who can contact the Kiwanis International Foundation with your requests for disbursement and you must have a specifically described purpose.

To establish your fund you will need to deposit a minimum of $10,000. When your fund reaches $25,000 you can start making grants. A fund with the balance of $50,000 or more can make grants of up to 60% of the spendable amounts to Kiwanis causes and up to 40% to other charitable organizations. Currently the amount of the annual distribution is 4% of the funds value as of December 31 of the prior year. The Kiwanis International Foundation has an annual administrative fee.

By setting up a donor advised fund. You have the benefits of having your own foundation without the hassle that comes along with having your own foundation. To set up your fund, all you need to do is contact the Kiwanis International Foundation in Indianapolis and they will help you with any of your questions and show you what is necessary to establish a fund. The telephone number for the Foundation is 1–800–KIWANIS, ext. 254 or you can email them at foundation@kiwanis.org.

As we go to Press

Active Clubs ........................................160
District Beginning Membership ..........4548*
Reporting Members Jan. 1, 2016 ...........4576*

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+128 members

SLP MEMBERS

CLUBS PAID MEMBERS
K-Kids 14
Builders Club 45
Key Club 122 4104
Circle K 13 455
Aktion Club 31 319

In Memoriam

WENDEL C. GATES II
Battle Creek

ROBERT G. SMITH
Detroit No. 1

In Memoriam

DAVID L. BOLTON
GEORGE C. COPE
Golden K of Gd. Rapids

GORDON V. ROBINSON
Harbor Springs

LORAN L. HAMILTON
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