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**Monthly Calendar**

**June 2019 & Officers**

**June**

1* Deadline for filing Annual Report of Club Elections
22* Deadline for Club Proposed Amendments & Resolutions to District Office
28* 2019-20 Club Presidents have Committee Chairs selected
26-29 Kiwanis International Convention, Orlando, FL
26-29 Circle K International Convention, Orlando, FL

**July**

4-5 INDEPENDENCE DAY – District Office Closed
3-7 Key Club International Convention-Baltimore
5* Club Chairs to set Budgets & Projects for 2019-20
8-12* Fellowship of Christian Athletes Camp, Albion College
20* Club Leadership Education (CLE), Troy
21-26* State Police Student Law Academy, Lansing
27* Club Leadership Education in Kalamazoo

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Observations from the wife of the Governor

However, this month he has offered to share this space with me, Nancy Memmer. As the wife of the Governor, I have had many opportunities to see Kiwanis in Action in the district.

People often ask, “What is it like to be the spouse of the Governor?” Today I would like to chat about some of my observations.

One of the common questions I hear is, “How does the Governor know what to do for the district.” That is easy. The governor is the head of the district, but there is a whole team of people helping to make decisions. The district has a strategic plan that has been in place and is constantly being revised to keep it relevant. Also, each International President has a focus for the year. International President Poly, had several expectations – increase the number of service hours reported in the district, increase members, and follow the International Strategic plan. (Which is slightly different than the district plan.) That sounds fairly simple, but the execution of those expectations is not always easy!

His job is to help the district submit reports to Kiwanis International on time, visit clubs, work with the SLP’s, lead the Lt. Governor’s to help their clubs in the divisions, hold board meetings, and trouble shoot problems in the district. Some months that amounts to many phone calls, emails, and hours of work. Larry’s goal was to get out in the district and visit clubs, attend many functions, and encourage members to take on leadership positions. The hours he puts into Kiwanis each month is almost a full time job, but I have to tell you, it’s his choice. (Each Governor decides on the number of hours he/she is willing to devote to the role of Governor.)

The biggest reward of being the spouse of the Governor is having a chance to visit many clubs, and Kiwanis events. I wish I could compile a list of all the terrific projects that are happening in this district- many of you would be shocked! I walk away from meetings with so much respect for the ways the clubs are serving the needs of the children of Michigan. The size of the club doesn’t seem to make a difference when it comes to service and passion. At the spring divisional meetings, we celebrated all the awards each club earned in 2017-2018. There were many clubs that earned Distinguished and Outstanding recognition, both from Kiwanis International and the district. Congratulations.

Although we all groan when we hear about increasing membership/opening more clubs, it really is the backbone of keeping Kiwanis alive and growing. No one in this district hears about that mantra more than me, because I live with Larry. He believes in increasing membership, not because it makes us look good – but because it truly is important! In May, the Michigan District opened 8 new clubs. Jim Rochford, and his Eye of the Tiger team came in to help. Also, other Kiwanians from all areas of North America came to Michigan to learn and to offer assistance. But, being very honest – none of those clubs would have opened if we didn’t have a dedicated army of Michigan Kiwanians working on membership! Larry, the Lt. Governors, and our membership team decided where to open these clubs. The Michigan Kiwanis members made phone calls, went door to door selling Kiwanis, planned the meeting places, entered new members into the computer, showed our enthusiasm, and welcomed the new clubs to the district. The Michigan Kiwanis Members will be the ones to nurture and encourage these clubs to grown into strong, community serving clubs.

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Larry Memmer | 2018-19 Governor | Michigan District
Governor@mikiwanis.org

June/July2019
A few months after I joined Kiwanis, I took the leap and registered for convention. I honestly thought it was going to be corny, lame... maybe even a waste of time and money. However, everyone told me it would improve my leadership and I HAD to go if I wanted my club to be a big success.

THEY WERE RIGHT! When day convention ended a fellow Kiwanian asked, “so kid, what did you think”. I answered that I had TONS of fun, picked up tons of NEW service projects, and LEARNED. I learned amazing tips and tricks for my club but most importantly I learned about the true beauty behind Kiwanis. I left convention more determined, more informed, and ready to ROCK... which, I did!!

So, before you count out convention, ask questions, seriously consider what you want from Kiwanis and think about what it would do for you (and your club) if you attended. Anyone can go to convention. I have had several messages recently where people didn’t realize that convention is for ALL members and ALL clubs, not just the leadership.

Our host club, Ann Arbor has put together an exciting line up for us of events! Thursday has some fun events planned around the Ann Arbor area. Friday will be full of some great, never seen before workshops, FUN, CEO of Jiffy Mix speaking, and time to explore downtown AA. Saturday more exciting workshops, FUN, elections, silent auctions, Governor’s banquet and AA community jazz band. Sunday, we wrap up our exciting weekend with breakfast and installation of our new board. Will you join me in Ann Arbor August 22-25, 2019?
The last two articles in this series focused on the internals of your club: How things were run, how welcoming you were, what new members were given to do once they joined, etc. Your club atmosphere, club purpose and club fellowship needs to be in order before you can expect anyone to want to join and remain a member.

This issue we will step out of the club a little and into the community to help create awareness of what Kiwanis is and what it means to the community as well as some reminders for when people decide to come to a meeting.

3 AREAS OF FOCUS FOR YOUR CLUB
(assuming you want to grow your club)

- Go out in the community and talk to people about Kiwanis.
- Be proactive. Don’t wait for people to read about Kiwanis or stumble onto your website. Go out and network with various groups and possible service partners. At one of the Chamber events, talk about Kiwanis instead of your business. If you have the time and can afford to do it, join a networking group and represent Kiwanis. Approach other non-profits, churches, schools, etc. and brainstorm on projects you can work on together. When I am at networking events, I get a lot more interest representing Kiwanis than I ever did wearing my business badge. Remember, you want to find out what their interests are before you let them know about Kiwanis. Then if it is appropriate, invite them to join you at a meeting or a service project.
- Make sure your meeting is one that people want to attend.
- When visitors arrive at your club are they greeted by multiple people, not just one or two? Are they made to feel welcome? Are your meetings fun? Are they just about business? Are there too many inside jokes and sarcastic remarks that you may understand, but visitors would not? Imagine if you were a visitor to your club, would you want to join? Are you proud of your club?
- I can’t believe I have to say these things, but my experience at several clubs and observing how visitors were treated at other clubs leads me to acknowledge we all need to do a better job of being welcoming clubs. We can all give excuses and reasons related to the economy, environment, today’s attitudes, etc. as to why people don’t show up to our meetings. But once they are at the meeting, it is all our responsibility what happens next.
- Once someone joins your club, give them something to do.
- Don’t wait for them to decide, assign something. They are not familiar with everything your club has to offer or what Kiwanis is all about. Find out their passion and get them working in that area.

Your District Leadership and Membership team is committed to growing Kiwanis in Michigan this year. We need Kiwanis members and clubs to help so we can attract visitors, show them a great Kiwanis experience and keep them as members for many years to come.

Next issue (Part 4) we will discuss ways to advertise Kiwanis in your community.
District Convention

District Convention at a glance

ROOM RESERVATION DEADLINE IS August 7, 2019
CONVENTION REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS August 12, 2019

THURSDAY AUGUST 22ND

9:00 AM  GOLF ON YOUR OWN - (KIWANIS PRICING)
12:00-5:00 PM  EVENTS AROUND ANN ARBOR
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM  REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS
5:00 PM  SHOPPING AT ANN ARBOR THRIFT STORE
6:00 PM  DINNER AT ANN ARBOR THRIFT STORE
8:00 PM  2018-19 DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

FRIDAY AUGUST 23RD

7:00 AM  PAST LG COUNCIL BREAKFAST
7:00 AM - 6:00 PM  REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM  EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS
9:00 AM  HEARINGS ON RESOLUTIONS & BYLAWS
(See program book for locations)
9:30 AM - 11:15 AM  GENERAL SESSION
11:30-1:00 PM  CONVENTION KICK-OFF LUNCHEON
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM  WORKSHOP PROGRAMS - (See program book for locations)
3:00 PM  TOUR OF BIG HOUSE
5:00-11:00 PM  EVENING IN ANN ARBOR

SATURDAY AUGUST 24TH

7:00 AM - 3:00 PM  REGISTRATION & CREDENTIALS
7:00 AM  MEMORIAL BREAKFAST
8:00 AM - 1:30 PM  EXHIBITS & DISPLAYS
8:15 AM - 11:15 AM  WORKSHOP PROGRAMS - (See program book for locations)
11:30 AM  HONORS & AWARDS LUNCHEON
1:30 PM - 4:30 PM  DELEGATE SESSION & DIVISION CAUCUSES
(Voting Bylaws and Candidates)
6:00 PM  PRE-BANQUET RECEPTION (CASH BAR)
7:00 PM  GOVERNOR’S BANQUET
9:30 PM  ENTERTAINMENT

SUNDAY AUGUST 25TH

8:00 AM  KMF HOSTED BREAKFAST
9:30 AM  CLOSING SESSION
PRIZE DRAWINGS  (Must be present to win)

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The Ark Show - Friday Night Fun Night

The Ark's capacity is only 400 and as this is a popular and well sold show, we encourage Kiwanis convention attendees not to wait until arriving in Ann Arbor to purchase tickets.

They go on sale to the public May 24

**FUN NIGHT IN ANN ARBOR**

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We have arranged to hold a block of tickets for our convention. Kiwanians may call The Ark’s business office at (734) 761-1800; upon mentioning Kiwanis Convention, their ticket order will be processed by phone with no service fee.

**$25 General admission tickets**
**Convention Registration Form**

102nd Annual Kiwanis of Michigan District Convention  
August 22-25, 2019 **** Ann Arbor, MI

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM  ALL ATTENDEES MUST REGISTER AND RECEIVE A BADGE**

Guest Name: ________________________________  Member Name: ________________________________

Badge Name (if different): _____________________  Kiwanis Club of: ________________________________

Daytime Phone: (      ) ____- _______  Email Address: __________________________________________

Club Officer Position 2018-19 ___________________________________

Check all that apply:  ☐ First timer  ☐ Legion of Honor  ☐ KMF Distinguished Kiwanian  
☐ 50 Yr. Kiwanian  ☐ Life Member District  ☐ Life Member KI  ☐ KMF Trustee  ☐ KMF J. D. Alexander  
☐ Current District Chair  ☐ Past Governor  ☐ Lt. Governor 18-19  ☐ Lt. Governor 19-20

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**INSTRUCTIONS:**  Do NOT mail or fax this form after August 7….Late Registration is handled at the walk-in registration at the Sheraton. Online registration will remain open until August 12.

Discounted Hotel Reservations end August 7

Dress code for the convention is casual except for the Delegate Session which is business casual and the Governor’s Banquet which is Business Professional.

Everyone (Kiwanians and non-Kiwanians) must register if you are attending any part of the convention. At a minimum, include your full Name and Club Name. No paper registrations may be submitted after August 12. After that date only onsite registration is available and the late fee will apply.

If you are a Delegate…..make sure your Club has submitted the Certification Form to enable you to vote.

You may Pick Up your Tickets during Registration Hours (they are included with your Registration Materials).  
ALL EVENTS are Pre-Order Only. See On-Site Registration desk for any available tickets at Convention. Only registered attendees may receive a meal ticket.

If you are registering children under 18 (no registration fee but must pay for meals), list their names and age(s):  
________________________________________:  ______________;  ______________;

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Grateful and proud for his contributions to our district

Former Executive Director of the Michigan District of Kiwanis passed away on March 29, 2019. He was a longtime leader in the District and the Michigan Foundation J. Douglas Alexander Award is named for him. To date, that recognition award has raised over $98,000 for the Foundation.

Doug joined the Kiwanis Club of Holt and served as its President in 1967. He remained a member of the Holt Club until his passing. In 1975 he was named the Executive Director of our Michigan District. During this time, the District grew by 12% in membership as well increased the number of clubs. When he started, the District had 8400 members and 204 clubs. During the 1980’s he put together a policy book and job description of all officers. None had existed before then. He also put together notebooks on how to handle District events including the convention.

It was during his tenure that the red jackets were adopted for the district. Money in the bank went from $4800 to nearly $100,000. A District Life Member category was added. The Past Governor’s Council awarded Doug the status of “Emeritus” and made him an honorary member with all privileges.

Other changes and concepts added during Doug’s tenure were:

- Training programs for District Officers and Club Officers were developed
- State Police Law Academy became a District event
- Support for Fellowship of Christian Athletes was bolstered
- Round Robin Award begun
- District History book updated through 1991
- Permanent office site and building proposal started

Many of the programs, systems, training and policies that were implemented during Doug’s years are still in place today. All of us in the Michigan District of Kiwanis are grateful and proud for his contributions to our District and for devoting so many years of his life to the organization we all love.

J. Douglas Alexander
Michigan District of Kiwanis
Executive Director 1975-1991

Grateful and proud for his contributions to our district

To: John Fisher
Message: Welcome to the Downriver West Club John! We are excited to have you join us!
From: Barb Duran- President of Downriver West Kiwanis

To: Pete Caldwell
Message: Thanks for handling the treasurer duties these past 2 years. We appreciate you!
From: Barb Duran- President of Downriver West Kiwanis
First and foremost, we had the honor of being one of the divisions participating in the fabulous Michigan Mega Blitz. Three days of intense, concentrated, outreaching contact with the people and businesses in eight locations in southeastern Michigan.

We welcome the very new Kiwanis Club of Macomb. The organizational meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 resulted in choosing a name, a meeting place, Hamlin Pub, 25 mile rd. and Van Dyke, meeting times, 1st and 3rd Wednesdays at 6:00 and new officers. What a group of enthusiastic, motivated people! Division 3 sends a warm welcome to the ninth club in our division.

In addition to the new club, we had a very busy month in the Clinton Valley Club. On May 16th, 2 $1000.00 scholarships were presented to two deserving seniors in the Clintondale School District. Two scholarships for $1000.00 were awarded to Seniors in the Fraser Schools as well.

May 21st was the day a book fair was held at Mark Twain Elementary School in the Fraser School District. In partnership with Scholastic Books each child in the building had the opportunity to choose any two books, grade level appropriate, to take home and keep. No charge to them, entirely covered by Kiwanis. Another book fair was held at the Rainbow Elementary School on June 5, 2019. Clinton Valley started this program after learning how the lack of reading material in the home causes children to fall behind their peers at an alarming rate. These children end falling so far behind, they drop out of school. We hope that our small contribution helps them keep the reading skills that will help them succeed in life. The program will continue each year, rotating through both school districts. KIDS NEED KIWANIS and Kiwanis helps kids.

Clinton Valley will be continuing their flag project by installing 200 American Flags along Gratiot Ave. in Clinton Township. This fundraiser raises the money so we can do service like the Books for Kids.

Clinton Township Club, Satellite club is planning fundraisers to support the new Police Dog in town. The police dept. has a dog, she needs specially equipped transportation it costs $68000.00. Kiwanis Club of Clinton Township is stepping up to reduce the cost in support of the police dept.

The Shelby Golden K Club is leading the way in fundraising to build an all-inclusive playground in the Whispering Woods park. First playground equipment will be installed this fall.

Bay Area Club is excited to announce their first annual fishing tournament to be held on July 27th, 2019. There will be $1000.00 Prize for each of four species of fish. Plus $1000.00 for total length of catch. We are still looking for boats to sign up. Check us out and register on line. It is going to be a great event!

This is just a little insight to the coming and goings of the Michigan Division 3 Kiwanis. Our Division is involved in such a variety of events and service, too many to cover all. We are proud of what we do. We welcome questions as to how we do our events. Spread the word.
LAPEER SUNRISE KIWANIS CLUB

The Lapeer Sunrise Kiwanis club was chartered in 2001, as the growth and enthusiasm for the Kiwanis mission in Lapeer area clearly showed that the community could support two clubs, the original Lapeer Kiwanis club which meets at noon, and the Sunrise club which meets in the morning. Lapeer Sunrise is the only club in Division 17 to sponsor an Action Club, which was chartered in 2011. This alone would be an endeavor that most clubs could rest on, but not the Sunrise Club. Understanding the significant financial limitations of many of the families in the Lapeer area and the need to ensure that children have the best chance to thrive, Lapeer Sunrise has made it their priority to provide supplemental food for 325 children through the Backpack Food Program. This program is administered through a partnership with the Lapeer Community School District and provides non-perishable meals and snacks for children to take home at week’s end, thus ensuring that the children’s nutritional needs are met outside of school time. Sunrise is not only a time-of-day in Lapeer, it’s another way of saying Kiwanis cares about kids.

KIWANIS CLUB OF LINDEN

Nestled in the southwestern portion of Genesee County, Linden is a bedroom community of approximately 4000 people who are rich in tradition. Part of the fabric of the Linden community is their love of the Christmas season, and in support of that tradition the Linden Kiwanis club has adorned the town with Christmas decorations since 1954. The Linden Kiwanis club through their fundraising efforts have purchased and maintained a large inventory of decorations that they display along the streets of Linden each year. Although strong in desire and motivation, but just not tall enough, the Linden Kiwanis club is thankful for the partnership with a local business, Ronald’s Tree Service who generously provides the use of their bucket truck for hanging the decorations. Another example of a community partnership between Kiwanis and a local business that helps bring some Christmas cheer to the community.

KIWANIS CLUB OF BURTON

The Kiwanis Club of Burton gets a running start when it comes to supporting its community, literally! For several years the Burton Kiwanis have participated in a Walk/Run Race series that brings people from all over the area to participate and support local groups like the Kiwanis. The Burton Kiwanis organize and sponsor one of the four races, the Hot Fudge Run 5k Walk and Run, which is geared toward competitive and novice walkers and runners alike. The event takes place each year on the Saturday after Valentine’s Day and attracts over 500 participants. So not only do the participants have to worry about warming the hearts of their sweethearts, they have to brave the Michigan winter in support of children of the Burton area. Money raised from the race goes to provide grants to the Bentley, Atherton, and Bendle School Districts for needed equipment and supplies, as well as academic scholarships for their students. The Burton Kiwanis through their fundraising efforts have provided resources that give Burton children a chance to participate in robotics, music, and sports programs at their school. When it comes to helping children, the Burton Kiwanis Club leads the race.
KIWANIS CLUB OF MOUNT MORRIS

The Kiwanis Club of Mount Morris has the bragging rights of being able to say they sponsor the longest continuously running Memorial Day parade in Genesee County. Community outreach is one of the priorities of the Mount Morris Club, be it the Memorial Day Parade, holding the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the local park, or being one of the founding organizations of the Mount Morris Unwrapped celebration held on the first weekend of December. The Easter egg hunt allows local children to hunt for hidden Easter eggs, get a bag of treats, and of course meet the Easter Bunny. The Unwrapped event partners the Mount Morris Kiwanis club with local businesses to offer a free evening of games, food, activities, and lots of fun for children ages 1-99, all the while helping to ring in the Christmas season. But it’s not all fun and games for the Mount Morris Club as their community support also provides academic scholarships to Mount Morris Schools students, supplies weekend meals to Mount Morris children through the Backpack Food Program, and offers gift cards to purchase shoes for children in need.

KIWANIS CLUB OF DAVISON

When it comes to supporting kids, the Davison Kiwanis club sticks with the ABC’s. The ABC program (A-Attitude, B-Basic values, and C-Character) was started in 1999 and is offered to Middle school, High school, and Alternative Education students. The Davison Kiwanis club took note that a great deal of effort is given in recognizing children who excel in academics or sports, but that doesn’t always tell the full story of what value a child brings to their community, be it inside or outside of school. The Davison Kiwanis Club wanted to “shift the focus and recognize good kids... [who] just do what’s right in or out of the classroom”. Nominations for the award are submitted by the faculty, teachers, and support staff of the Davison Community Schools. Recipients and their families are invited to a special luncheon meeting where the award winners are recognized individually as receiving the award. In addition, the student’s names are placed on permanent plaques located in each of the Davison School buildings.

KIWANIS CLUB OF FENTON

Fenton Kiwanis Club members are all about children’s safety, and they’ve been teaching safe practices to Fenton area children with the use of their Safety Town program. This four day event is offered to Preschool and Kindergarten age children various aspects of safe living including: bike safety, safe walking in town, stranger danger, fire prevention, playground safety, water recreation safety, safety in the sun, and much more. The training includes specialized instruction from local police officers and fire fighters, school bus drivers, lifeguards, and even a dermatologist. The Fenton Kiwanis club enlists the Fenton Key club to help with this event, allowing the young Kiwanis members to gain the valuable experience of interacting with, and serving their community. When it comes to the children’s well being, the Fenton Kiwanis club believes you just can’t be too safe.
KIWANIS CLUB OF SWARTZ CREEK

If you want to see fine art there is no need to travel to the big cities. Partnered with the Swartz Creek Art Guild, the Swartz Creek Kiwanis club offers their annual Art in the Park event that showcases over 70 different artists who hand craft everything from unique items to wear to traditional hanging art. The Swartz Creek Kiwanis also use this event as a way to partner with other civic groups such as the Swartz Creek Women’s club who sponsor a silent auction fundraiser. And don’t think you’ll want for something tasty to eat at this event, as the Swartz Creek club will be there serving hotdogs from their famous Winnie Wagon, and as this writer will testify, their hotdogs are dog gone good!

KIWANIS CLUB OF FLINT

Chartered in 1917, the Flint Kiwanis club recently celebrated their 100 years of service. The Flint Kiwanis club is the longest chartered club in Division 17, and one of the oldest clubs in the Michigan District of Kiwanis. The Flint Kiwanis have a rich history of membership which has included three Michigan District Governors and 13 Lieutenant Governors, but they haven’t been one of the most successful clubs in the Michigan District just because of the movers and shakers that have been members, the Flint Kiwanis motto is “We build” and that’s exactly what they do in the many ways they support the Flint area.

The Flint Kiwanis club supports Area XIII Special Olympics, Boy Scouts of America Water and Woods Field Service Council, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Flint, Carriage Town Ministries, Toys for Tots, the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan, and the list goes on. The outreach and impact the Flint Kiwanis club has on the greater Flint area is unparalleled by any other service club in the area.

One of the passions of the Flint Kiwanis club is their recognition of student scholar/athletes each month from the Flint and surrounding areas. Acknowledging the efforts of great kids who work hard and excel in their academic and sports activities helps encourage and teach young people that hard work will be recognized and pays dividends in life.

KIWANIS CLUB OF LAPEER

Can you have fun while working, well the Lapeer Kiwanis club answers with an overwhelming YES! For more than 70 years the Lapeer Kiwanis club, commonly known as the noon club has put on the annual Kiwanis Kapers variety show. Whether you are looking for an evening of laughs, or wanting to hear some quality musical performances, the Kaper’s is the place to be. This three day stage show brings out all the talent that money can’t buy, but you can, and in doing so will be supporting many organizations in the Lapeer area. The money raised by the Lapeer Kiwanis Kapers help support local and regional organizations such as the Boy Scouts of America, the Children’s Miracle Network, Habitat for Humanity, Girl Scouts, Lapeer County 4H, and many more. In fact, the Lapeer Kiwanis club supports over 65 different organizations. When it comes to supporting the community, the Lapeer Kiwanis club says: “The show must go on”.

Alexis Roof
Kearsley High School
Brian Case
Davison High School
South Lansing Kiwanians
“ADOPT” A SCHOOL

It all started with a call to the Superintendent of the Lansing School District for an elementary school in the south Lansing area that could most benefit from some community support. She suggested Reo School — located on the south side of the city with a student population largely living in poverty and near the bottom in academic attainment.

We contacted the principal, Sarah Odneal. Her first request was for help with spring clean-up on the school property. Efforts had already been made inside the school to make the building brighter and more attractive to students. Now it was time to tackle the outside. South Lansing Kiwanis members responded by showing up to work with teachers, parents and staff to pick up leaves in the school’s yard and ended up building a new picnic table.

Kiwanis members also volunteered to serve breakfast to third-graders the morning of each of the MSTEP test days. What a treat it was to see the delight on those kids’ faces as we helped to prepare them for the day. We had so much fun; we did it again this year!

A visit from a representative from “Lansing SAVES” (a city program that encourages students to save for higher education – whether college or trade school) let us know that the students at Reo School were part of this program. Some, they told us, were so excited to be a part of that program that they brought small change to contribute to their “college savings fund”. We saw an opportunity to help in a small way by donating $1 for each child’s fund. The kids were so excited to have someone they didn’t even know make this small boost to their accounts.

We also contributed to help fund a field trip to the Hands On Museum in Ann Arbor and to teacher appreciation activities at the school.

This school year, we kicked it up a notch…we wanted to focus on reading literacy, so we asked the principal what would be most beneficial. She suggested “series” books – if you can get a child “hooked” on one book in the series, they’re more likely to want to read other books in the series. We donated money for her “wish list” and had an opportunity to make a formal presentation of the books at the school library.

Expanding on the theme of reading literacy, some of our members have also been working with third-grade students “on the bubble” of reaching their reading grade level, giving those students some one-on-one attention not always available in a classroom setting.

We’re excited to partner with one of our local schools. We don’t have test results yet, so we can’t yet brag about scholastic improvement, but we’re certain that both our club and Reo School are better for our partnership.

EATON RAPIDS

Kiwanis Governor Larry Memmer presents the club charter to Larry Weeks president of the Eaton Rapids Island City Kiwanis Club on Thursday May 2. Larry Weeks is also the police chief of Eaton Rapids and former president of the Morenci Kiwanis Club.

Eaton Rapids Island City Kiwanis members present for their chartering ceremony on May 2.
Club Leadership Education (CLE)

Registration Form................................... July & August 2019

Please register the following KIWANIS CLUB for CLE Session at: (check one date box only)
(Note: There will be a session for Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers at each location)
(NO PHONE REGISTRATIONS)

Check Box for the training you are attending:

☑️ July 20  Moceri Learning Center Beaumont Hospital 44201 Dequindre Rd Troy, MI 48085
   Deadline to Register: July 12

☑️ July 27  Fetzer Center at WMU, Business Court, Parking Lot 72F, Kalamazoo, MI 49008
   Deadline to Register: July 19

☑️ August 3  Ramada Inn and Conference Center, 2650 S. I-75 Business Loop, Grayling, MI 49738
   Deadline to Register: July 26

NOTE: THERE IS NO MAKE-UP SESSION AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION THIS YEAR.

Club Name: Kiwanis Club of _______________________________________________________________

Total Number of Registrants: _____ x $30 fee per person  Total Due: $ _________________
   No names required

Attendees Title in October:     ___ (2019-20) Club Secretary (Please bring your laptops with you for training)
   ___ (2019-20) Club President     ___ (2019-20) Club Treasurer or Other

☐ Charge total to Credit Card (check one below)  ☐ Check Enclosed: to Michigan District of Kiwanis

☐ VISA  ☐ Mastercard  ☐ Discover

Account Number (16 digits)

Name on Card: ____________________________________________ Expiration Date: ___/____

Return entire form with payment to: Michigan District of Kiwanis, P.O. Box 231, Mason, MI 48854

TO REGISTER and PAY ONLINE: www.mikiwanis.org at the Event Registrations tab (Opens June 1, 2019)

Kalamazoo Session is for 2019-20 Divisions:  11; 12; 13; 14; 15; 16
Troy Session is for 2019-20 Divisions:  1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 9; 17; 18
Grayling Session is for 2019-20 Divisions:  10; 19; 20; 21

All Sessions begin with check-in at 8:30 with training to begin promptly at 9:15 AM. Content is designed to assist the incoming Club President, Club Secretary and Club Treasurer. The program should end at about 1:00 and includes your first Division Council meeting (try to attend location for your Division).
Michigan MEGA BLITZ

During the week of May 5th, Michigan opened 8 new clubs in one week. The membership for these Clubs accounted for 148 new Kiwanis members and is still growing. This is a record of new clubs and members in a blitz effort for one week.

THE CLUBS THAT WERE OPENED ARE:

- South Oakland Kiwanis
- Canton Kiwanis Club
- Greater Farmington Kiwanis Club
- Macomb Kiwanis Club
- Downriver East Kiwanis Club (Lincoln Park)
- Hamtramck Kiwanis Club
- Detroit Corktown Kiwanis Club
- Grosse Pointe Kiwanis Club

A great big thanks to Michigan Kiwanis and all the members who worked hard to make this happen. It is a record for new clubs opened and one that the district can be very proud of. It shows what a great team we have in Michigan. Let's keep up the great work of growing the Michigan District of Kiwanis. More members make for more hands to do service.
Engage your Service Leadership Programs as part of the Michigan Kiwanis Family

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

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Grand Rapids North Kiwanis Club chartered the Noorthoek Academy Aktion Club on March 20. Noorthoek Academy provides lifelong learning classes for adults living with “learning challenges and intellectual disabilities.”

Other Aktion Clubs chartered this year include the Forster Woods Aktion Club sponsored by the Williamston Kiwanis Club and The West Branch Aktion Club sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of West Branch.

Members of the Brighton Aktion Club at the 2019 Bowl-a-thon in Jackson Michigan along with Miss Teen Michigan. More Aktion clubbers from St. Johns. The Bowl-a-thon brought together five Aktion Clubs and raised $1,000 for the nation Aktion Club Service Initiative Sleeping Children Around the World. SCAW provides beds kits for needy children in third world countries.

Charlotte Kiwanian and advisor Pam Huffman pose with her Aktion Club the Eaton County Sunshine Crew at the Bowl-a-thon. This Aktion Club chartered last October.

Aktion Club Governor Anya promoted Michigan Aktion Clubs and her club over the radio in Charlevoix. The Charlevoix Aktion Club service projects support Dolly Parton books for new mothers, needy families at Christmas time, and a nursing home resident store.
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CLUB MEETING PLACE/DATE CHANGES

BELLEVILLE AREA, DIV. 4
Johnny’s on the Lake Bar and Grill, 146 High St., 2ND & 4TH Tues., 6:00 PM

INFO FOR ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS

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Current Lt. Governor Frank Palazzolo will continue

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Current Lt. Governor Susan Cox Grizzle will continue

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LT. GOVERNOR-ELECT, DIV. 14
Current Lt. Governor Stacey Garrison will continue

LT. GOVERNOR-ELECT, DIV. 15
Current Lt. Governor Julie Lanza will continue

LT. GOVERNOR-ELECT, DIV. 16
Current Lt. Governor Susan Devon will continue

LT. GOVERNOR-ELECT, DIV. 17
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Ann Arbor

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J. DOUGLAS ALEXANDER
Secretary-Treasurer - Holt

MAX L. BOTTOMLEY
Kwasssee, Midland

THELMA WOODRUFF
Lapeer

JAMES J. HOOPER
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RICHARD E. LAKE
Plymouth

BETTY J. DANNEFEL
Saline

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Net Gain +205 members

GOVERNOR’S
MEMBERSHIP TROPHY

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Ann Arbor +11
Showerood +8
Tri Cities, Gd. Hav.-Spr. Lake +8
West Branch +8
Detroit No. 1 +7
Lansing +7
Tecumseh +7
Woodhaven +7
Clarkston-Waterford +6
Shelby Golden K +6
Cheboygan +5
Downriver West +5

Net gain is from 10-1-18 thru 4-30-19 and includes clubs only with at least a net gain of +5 based on official membership numbers supplied by Kiwanis International.

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Circle K 13 390
Aktion Club 26 437