Remember to mark your calendar for September 7 – 10, 2017 for this year’s District Convention at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville. Plan on a convention like you have never had before. In addition to the regular informational/training meetings we are planning a host of fun filled events that Crystal Mountain has to offer. Golf on your own Thursday afternoon, a celebration of women in Kiwanis luncheon. Plan on attending a Friday night bonfire with a cookout with good food and beverages and plenty of activities for the family. The whole family can enjoy the water park, pools, spa, bicycling, nature walks and much, much more. You will not want to miss this year’s convention, so plan on joining us for a fun filled family weekend.
My first experience at Key Leader

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Membership Growth and Service in Michigan!

I am thrilled to report to our membership that we are on a positive roll to achieve our goals this year!

As of May 24th we have 456 new Michigan Kiwanis Members this year which is 60% of our goal of 795, along with 4 new clubs chartered to date, another one is in process, and there are two new clubs we began to open the week of May 22nd. This is due to the leadership of our Formula Chair, Larry Memmer, his wife Nancy, and his Vice Chairs, Rosemary Robinson and Kelly Dougherty.

Due to our huge team effort we will achieve our goal of seven new clubs for this fiscal year, and we will also achieve our goal of increased service to all of our communities.

During the last couple of months I have been blessed to have had the opportunity to visit, work with, and consult with the Governors of other Districts as well as our International President, Jane Erickson. Our international leadership team has been in communication with our district about how we are addressing and achieving the issues of growth within our existing clubs that are struggling to grow, along with how we help bring Kiwanis to communities that we are not currently serving.

I am aware that you have heard, and will continue to hear that Michigan has been leading the Americas with growth of membership and new club openings. Our Formula Team has been receiving inquiries from around North America to assist other districts to emulate our model of growth. This past week it once again was the topic of discussion in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada (the Eastern Canada and Caribbean Kiwanis District). I was fortunate to have been invited to attend their convention, and to meet with their leadership along with Jane Erickson, our Int’l President, and the Governor of the Illinois Eastern Iowa District to discuss our method of growth and our format. They have 6,000 members and due to the vastness of their geography, struggle to grow due to expenses and logistics of travel, etc.

I am grateful we were able to give them some information they can use regionally, and perhaps enable them to move forward and be successful in their growth program. Their largest group of Kiwanis Clubs in the Caribbean is Jamaica with seven Clubs! So, if you travel to Jamaica this coming winter, you should be able to find a Kiwanis Club you could visit and inter-club with.

When we returned to our District, I am excited to inform you that we were accompanied by our International President, Jane Erickson, and her husband, Gus. Jane offered to attend and help us with our new club opening event in Grand Blanc and Clarkston. She went out with former Governor Liz Wilson to recruit new members. Our International Trustee, Bert West, was also in attendance at our new club opening events, and all of us attended the Charter Night of our newest club Greater Gibraltar. The Gibraltar Club was very excited and happy to have Gus, Jane and Bert present at their Charter event.

The Michigan District has been successful this year with many areas of our membership, including our Service Leadership Programs and especially our Key Leader camp in April. We had a full camp, and once again we had so many campers leave Sunday at noon with a new passion for leadership, and with new found friendships they will carry with them through their high school years. These students expressed deep appreciation for their experiences to their sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs, and several of these non Key Club students told the adult advisors they want to go home and start a Key Club in their High School. What better recommendation could any Kiwanis activity have than that?

I am hopeful to see members from every club in Michigan at our District Convention September 8th.
I am very proud of your achievements, and I know we will see many more before September 30th.

Dee Hudson
2016-17 Governor
Michigan District
governor@mikiwanis.org
This is an exciting time to be a Kiwanian. Many new endeavors, ideas and activities are bringing Kiwanis to the forefront in our world, district and immediate communities. Let all of us start thinking about developing new awareness in our communities. How can we do this? Talk to individuals wherever you go about Kiwanis and what you and your club do for your community. Is it a signature project? Is it a special school project with your Key Club, Builders Club or K-Kids? Does your Aktion Club have something special planned?

Now that you have all your special service and activities planned, what next? Notify your local paper, news station, any public awareness available to you in your area. As Kiwanians, we do so many wonderful things. The next step it to attach our name as a service organization to the service we accomplish.

Every club should have a public relations chair (PR) whose primary job is to bring what you do to your community. You can even take pictures and write an article and take it to your local paper to see if they will put it in the paper. Invite your local radio station to your planned activity. Better yet, invite these people to your club meetings and ask them to join.

Wear your Kiwanis hats, shirts, pins, whatever attire you have out in the community not just to your meetings. Almost every day I have someone asking me about what my pin stands for or what Kiwanis is? Be prepared to tell them about your club and all the special things you do (AND All clubs do!!!). You will be amazed to hear what service some people do without being a member of Kiwanis. What a perfect opportunity to ask them to join the Kiwanis Family and do these activities together with us.

Remember when you joined? What enticed you become a member? Was it just a simple come to a meeting and see what we are all about? Try it and see if you can grow your club and our Kiwanis Family and have fun and serve your community all at the same time.

I want to hear from you!
You can reach me at governor-elect@mikiwanis.org.

Marian O’Higgins
2016-17 Governor Elect
Michigan District
governor-elect@mikiwanis.org
100th District Convention
Crystal Mountain Resort

September 7-10, 2017 | Thompsonville, MI

Located 28 miles SW Traverse City, 20 miles SE Frankfort and Lake Michigan

Kiwanis Michigan District Convention Highlights
- Friday Family Fun night BBQ
- Relax with a bonfire, roasting marshmallows and smores
- Educational/informational Workshops
- Silent auction for Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation
- Exhibitors tables include The Michigan Foundation’s hospital representatives, The Formula and much, much more.

Crystal Mountain—on-site
- Crystal Coaster Alpine Slide
- Crystal Spa
- Edge Adventure Course
- Michigan Legacy Art Park
- Mountain Ridge Golf Course
- Water’s Edge outdoor pool & water playground

Crystal Mountain—off-site
- Benzie Area Historical Museum
- Betsie Valley Trail
- Iron Fish Distillery
- Liquid Flight Flyboarding
- Rockin R Ranch
- St. Abrose Cellars
- Sleeping Bear Farms
- Turtle Creek & Little River Casinos
- Twisted Trails Off Road Park

REGISTRATION INFORMATION INSIDE THIS BUILDER AND ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE
Local Attractions

**BENZIE AREA HISTORICAL MUSEUM**
6941 Traverse Avenue, Benzonia, MI 49616
(231) 882-5539

**BETSIE RIVER CENTENNIAL LILY FARM**
17745 Moore Road, Thompsonville, MI 49683
(231) 864-3991

**BETSIE RIVER PATHWAY - PERE MARQUETTE STATE FOREST**
King Road & Longstreet Road Thompsonville, MI 49683
(231) 922-5280

**BETSIE VALLEY TRAIL**
Beulah, MI 49617

**CRYSTAL LAKE ALPACA FARM & BOUTIQUE**
4907 River Road, Frankfort, MI 49635
(231) 920-7085

**ELIZABETH LANE OLIVER CENTER FOR THE ARTS**
132 Coast Guard Road, Frankfort, MI 49635
(231) 352-4151

**FRANKFORT GARDEN THEATER**
301 West Main Street, Frankfort, MI 49635
(231) 352-7561

**GWEN FROSTIC PRINTS, LLC**
Benzonia, MI 49616
(231) 882-5505

**HONOR CANOE RENTAL**
9889 Honor Highway, Honor, MI 49640
(231) 325-0112

**IRON FISH DISTILLERY**
14234 Dzuibanek Road, Thompsonville, MI 49683
(906) 360-4414

**LAKE ANN PATHWAY**
Reynolds Road, Lake Ann, MI 49643
(231) 941-3400

**PLATTE RIVER STATE FISH HATCHERY**
US 31, Honor, MI 49640
(231) 325-0112

**POINT BETSIE LIGHTHOUSE**
3701 Point Betsie Road, Frankfort, MI 49635
(231) 352-7666

**RIVERSIDE CANOE TRIPS**
5042 Scenic Highway, Honor, MI 49640
231-325-5622

**SLEEPING BEAR DUNES NATIONAL LAKE SHORE**
9922 Front Street M-72, Empire, MI 49630
(231) 326-5134

**ST. AMBROSE CELLARS**
841-971 South Pioneer Road, Beulah, MI 49617
(231) 383-4262

**STORMCLOUD BREWING COMPANY**
303 Main Street, Frankfort, MI 49635
231-352-0118

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$1000 Level
- Exhibit Tables (2) in a corner
- Full Page Ad in the Convention Program
- 2 Meal Tickets to the Friday Lunch
- Recognition at the Friday Lunch
- Include brochures and/or flyers on the tables
- 2 Meal Tickets to the Friday Fun Night
- Recognition at the Friday Fun Night
- Include brochures and/or flyers on the tables
- Full page Ad in the Builder two times
- Page and link on the Michigan Kiwanis Website for 6 months

$500 Level
- Exhibit Tables (2) in a corner
- Full Page Ad in the Convention Program
- 2 Meal Tickets to the Friday Lunch
- Recognition at the Friday Lunch
- 1/3 page Ad in the Builder two times

$300 Level
- Exhibit Table
- ½ Page Ad in the Convention Program
- 1 Meal Ticket to the Friday Lunch
- 1/3 page Ad in the Builder 1 time

$100 Level
- Exhibit Table
- ¼ page ad in the Convention Program

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**Places to Eat**

**Geno’s Sports Bar & Grill** (Thompsonville)

**Rosie’s Country Cafe** (Thompsonville) - Breakfast and lunch diner.

**Papano’s Pizza** (Thompsonville) - Home of the Perfect Pie. Pizza, subs, salads, chicken wings.

**Laughing Horse Saloon** (Thompsonville) Bar and Grill.

**Port City Smokehouse** (Frankfort) - Savor the North Country’s finest flavors, including great take-out eating that features an everyday Great Lake's fish fry of perch, whitefish, smelt and walleye.

**The Fusion** (Frankfort) - Brings you wonderful tastes from around the world. The casual bistro menu features everything from chicken satay to gyozas. Come in and join us.

**The Scoop of Frankfort** (Frankfort) - Serving locally-made Moomer’s ice cream, our own homemade gelato, dairy-free sorbetto, and Italian ice. Locally-made rootbeer. Check out the new candy shop too!

**Villa Marine Bar & Grill** (Frankfort) - Great FOOD, Great FUN, Great VIEW. Located on Betsie Bay Harbor a block from beautiful Lake Michigan, with a waterfront deck and full service bar.
Support the MICHIGAN DISTRICT OF KIWANIS with your Ad or Message to appear in the Program Book to be distributed to all attendees at the 100th Annual Convention, to be held at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville, MI……………September 7-10, 2017

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Send ads in by August 4, 2017
Following is information to obtain a room at our convention rate. Rooms in our Kiwanis block cannot be booked until June 1, 2017. Housing requests are not to be sent to the District Office. In order to obtain a room, housing requests may be made by phone to: 1-855-520-2974. You must mention Kiwanis Annual District Convention and group code 45W9O3 when reserving your room to receive our group rate. Be prepared to guarantee your room with a credit card. Our Kiwanis Convention rate is guaranteed for 2 days before and after the Convention. Cancellations must be made at least 24 hours prior to arrival to avoid charges. We have obtained a special rate and the District will be held to penalties for rooms not used – so we encourage you to book within our block.

**HOUSING REQUEST INFORMATION**

Reservations may be made by calling 1-855-520-2974, or by booking online at Book Online Here, this is a direct link to the Crystal Mountain online booking system with your group code. If the group code (45W9O3) does not populate into the online booking system form automatically, it is possible your organization’s security settings may be blocking this. In this case, after you click the link and get to the online booking system, you may need to click on the “Have a Special Code?” link and key in your group code (45W9O3) manually to view the selections for your group.

**ROOM RESERVATION DEADLINE IS August 8, 2017**

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**SHUTTLE SERVICE:** 24 Hour availability from all housing locations to convention meeting site locations
# 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 2017-18: ___________________________________ |

Check all that apply:

- [ ] First timer
- [ ] Legion of Honor
- [ ] KMF Staiger Distinguished Kiwanian
- [ ] 50 Yr. Kiwanian
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- [ ] KMF J. D. Alexander
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There must be a registered person on this form for every ticket purchased.

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- **Friday, September 8**
  - CLE Make-up Registration
    - **Pay Online**
    - $XX
  - Past Lt. Governor's Council Breakfast
    - **Allergy Type**
    - $20.00

**Meal Packages**

- **Thursday, September 7**
  - Women's Luncheon
    - **Allergy Type**
    - $25.00
  - Meal Package Price (Includes All Meals Except Women's Luncheon)
    - $175.00

- **Friday, September 8**
  - Kick Off Luncheon
    - **Children's Meal (Ages 3-12)**
    - $8.00
  - Fun Night Dinner
    - **Children's Meal (Ages 3-12)**
    - $12.00

- **Saturday, September 9**
  - Kiwanis Michigan Foundation Breakfast
    - **Children's Meal (Ages 3-12)**
    - $8.00
  - Honors Luncheon
    - **Children's Meal (Ages 3-12)**
    - $10.00

- **Saturday, September 9**
  - Governors Banquet (Business Professional Dress)
    - **Children's Meal (Ages 3-12)**
    - $16.00

- **Sunday, September 10**
  - Memorial Breakfast
    - **Children's Meal (Ages 3-12)**
    - $10.00

**TOTALS**

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**INSTRUCTIONS:** Do NOT mail or fax this form after August 23....Late Registration is handled at the walk-in registration at Crystal Mountain. Online registration will remain open until August 28.

Hotel Reservations end August 8

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 23. 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): ______________________________________

Both Registration and Payment are available Online: [www.mikiwanis.org](http://www.mikiwanis.org) or fill in and mail this form.

**Return Form to:** Michigan District of Kiwanis, P.O. Box 231, Mason, MI 48854

Name on Card__________________________ Signature__________________________
Club Leadership Education (CLE)
Registration Form......................... July & August 2017

Please register the following KIWANIS CLUB for CLE Session at: (check one date box only)
(Note: There will be a session for Presidents, for new Secretaries ((0-3 years)) and for advanced Secretaries)
(NO PHONE REGISTRATIONS)

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Club Name: Kiwanis Club of ____________________________

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

Attendees Title in October: ___ (2017-18) Club Secretary (Please bring your laptops with you for training)
___ (2017-18) Club President       ___ (2017-18) Other

Charge total to Credit Card (check one below)

| VISA | Mastercard | Discover |

Account Number (16 digits)

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TO REGISTER and PAY ONLINE: www.mikiwanis.org at the Event Registrations tab
(Opens June 1, 2017)

Kalamazoo Session is for 2017-18 Divisions: 11; 12; 13; 14; 16
Troy Session is for 2017-18 Divisions: 1; 2; 3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 17; 18
Grayling Session is for 2017-18 Divisions: 10; 19; 20; 21
Make-up Convention Session time on Sept 8 is 1:15pm – 3:00pm

All Sessions begin with check-in at 8:45 with training to begin promptly at 9:15 AM. Content is designed to assist the incoming Club President and the Club Secretary. The program should end at about 1:00 and includes your first Division Council meeting (try to attend location for your Division).

22-May-17
Why Would You Want to Attend?

**You’ll:** Come home with a game (action) plan to move your club forward. Meet with resources from the district and international. Know where to find resources online or who to contact for information. Network with other clubs with similar situations. Work with a trained club counselor to identify directions to take. Receive an assigned counselor to work with your club going forward.

**FYI:** Overnight lodgings and meals will be provided. Transportation will be reimbursed at the designated Kiwanis rate.

**Clubs attending must be willing to:**
- Send 3 of the following people: President, President Elect, Secretary, or Membership Chair
- Speak with Larry or Rosemary about any exceptions
- We will start with dinner on the 23rd to allow people to finish work on Friday
- Complete the Member Satisfaction Survey
- Fill out the enclosed application and return to Larry or Rosemary

**SPACE IS LIMITED TO 4 CLUBS SO APPLY TODAY!**

**Questions????**
Contact Larry or Rosemary

**Larry Memmer-District Chair**
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WOULD YOUR KIWANIS CLUB BE MISSED BY YOUR COMMUNITY IF YOU CEASED TO EXIST?

Unfortunately, too many communities are missing their Kiwanis club today. To solve that problem, the Formula Program was put into action by Kiwanis Districts around the world to help strengthen our existing clubs. Here in Michigan, Kiwanis will be hosting a club counseling strengthening summit on June 23-24, 2017 in Lansing and your club is invited to apply.
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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Start planning now for Aktion Club’s annual event—it’s open to all members, advisors and friends of the program.

This year, you’ll help us celebrate the 30th anniversary of Aktion Club. Join us as we honor the past, enjoy the present . . . and keep making the future brighter.

Michindoh Conference Center
Hillsdale, Michigan

Michindoh is a professional conference facility located in a beautiful 250-acre setting. Enjoy the company of fellow Aktion Club members and volunteers—along with the trees, hills, wetlands and spring-fed lake that make Michindoh a popular group getaway.

Registration opens June 30, 2017
Fee: Early bird $99, with option to upgrade housing for additional fee. Early bird ends August 11 and rates will increase to $125

Registration closes August 25
Registration fees cover 2 nights stay, 6 meals, conference t-shirt, swag bag with souvenirs, leadership education, service project and much more!

If you can help with this fun packed weekend, please call Michigan District Aktion Club Administrator, Sue Devon at (517) 331-6256. Her email address is susancdevon@gmail.com
My first experience at Key Leader

It all started in January 2017, when I was asked by Marian O’Higgins, Governor-Elect for Michigan District, if I would be interested in replacing her as chair for Michigan District Key Leader. To be totally honest, I really did not know what Key Leader was all about. I knew it involved a camp weekend with teenagers.

My first step was to attend a Key Leader training session which was held in Indianapolis, with all the wonderful Kiwanis Key Leader Chairs and volunteers. They came from all over the United States, including Hawaii, and a couple were from Canada. I met some great people. After attending the training I was excited about Key Leader, but still was not sure what exactly took place. I found myself asking how can one weekend really change a young person’s life, as they were all telling me.

The weekend of April 28th – 30th, the Michigan District Key Leader Camp was held at Faholo Conference Center in Grass Lake, Michigan. This would be my very first Key Leader experience. Well, I must tell you, I was totally blown away. I wish all of you could experience a Key Leader weekend.

It truly does take a village… First, I must thank my Village of volunteers, Dee Hudson, our Governor and our mailbox photographer. Marian O’Higgins, Governor-Elect and my true mentor. Without Marion’s guidance, I’m sure it would not have been the huge success that it was. Gloria Smart, who is our Key Leader Coordinator, who was always the calm within the storm. Preston Abadie, my husband and our IT person, videographer and photographer, always there to catch the shot, and get a smile. Tom Wilson, who was our go to person. David Tran, Key Club Ambassador, and Linda-Ann Heldt who worked tirelessly to promote and recruit to fill our camp with 67 students. Linda-Ann also put together a great presentation of the entire weekend in time to show to the parents on Sunday. Lori Litz, our registration person, who made sense and organized the neighborhoods. She was always there with an encouraging smile. Sarah Kew, our Initiatives Course Advisor. She did the trust fall which showed the kids that she walks the talk. Rebecca Brinker, our Dorm advisor, always there to help and our smores queen. Kelly Dougherty, her first year at Key Leader, was able to chip in and become a true asset to the success of the camp. Robert Allen, our audio man and Dodge Ball Champ. Anthony Otto who was our Gym and Dorm advisor. Our Key Leader Facilitator, Greg Long, the knowledge and growth he delivered to the future leaders was phenomenal! What a GREAT team I had! They were all truly top notch!

The actual Key Leader program, is so amazing. I watched these kids come in from all over the state. On Friday, they looked a little apprehensive and reluctant, and some weren’t really making eye contact. Most of them didn’t know anybody there. Some belonged to a Key Club and some did not. They were very quiet and reserved. By Saturday morning, a true transformation had taken place. They were all laughing, they were engaged, they were eager to share their thoughts and present their ideas to the group. I was totally blown away. Some of the exercises that took place at Key Leader were so thought provoking and challenging. Greg Long, our head facilitator was able to reach these kids and really get them engaged with this program. It was an amazing learning experience. They all had fun, and they learned some of the key tenets of Service Leadership – Integrity, Growth, Respect, Community, and Excellence. There were so many invaluable activities, including lectures, breakout sessions, the initiatives course, free time, a camp fire with smores, and even a dance party that was totally lit. Tom Wilson, secured us a great speaker, her name was Emily Sherrard. She is a professional triathlete. She brought all her awards and medals for the kids to see. She spoke to them about her trials and how she overcame some major obstacles in her life and how nobody would believe that she would be able to achieve all that she had.

The entire weekend experience was moving and inspirational. I was humbled to be part of such an invaluable, rewarding program. The energy was immeasurable! Additionally, I am so proud of all the Kiwanis Clubs that sponsored a student. You have many reasons to be proud of that student! You made an investment in a young adult that will yield significant returns for years to come. This is the best investment you can make, improving their future and our communities.

There were so many positive and encouraging comments. They all had nothing but great things to say about their experience. We had three students who couldn’t wait to go back home and try and get a key club started in their high schools. We had students already wanting to come back next year as a student facilitator. We had parents who witnessed a positive change in their kids. I had a parent tell me that this is not the same kid that she dropped off. A parent asked if we had a Key Leader Camp in the summer so that they could send their son. They all loved the fact that they made so many friends. And the memories that they will take on their life’s journey are priceless!

Carol Abadie – Michigan Key Leader Chair
Helping-Out Aktion Club recently had a bowling event to raise funds for the Kiwanis International Aktion Club Project, Sleeping Children Around the World. Just as when they donated funds for the Eliminate Project, they said this cause was "all about helping others. That is what we are about."

Kiwanians as Citizens of the Year

Coldwater Chamber of Commerce recently honored two special Kiwanians as Citizens of the Year. The recipients, Terry L. and Deborah L. Tomlinson, are involved in the Kiwanis Club of Coldwater and serve their church, youth and community in a number of capacities. They were instrumental in starting a Kiwanis Key Club for high school students in Coldwater. Terry is now its club advisor.

Both of the 35-year Coldwater, Michigan residents are past presidents of the Coldwater service club and Terry is in his second year as Lt. governor for Michigan Division 12.

He is Coldwater Baptist Church pastor; and an executive official and assistant scout master for Boy Scout troop 433. Terry was formerly a member of adolescent health committee at Coldwater High School and a pastor for the Forgotten Man Ministry.

“My dad was a Wal-Mart employee for over 20 years and was known as the Wal-Mart minister,” said daughter Tiffany Tomlinson. “My dad didn’t ever stop preaching truth after Sunday service. He counseled and advised and prayed with anyone who came across his path.”

Deborah is Beginnings Care for Life and Coldwater Community School employee. She volunteers as Sunday school teacher, worship leader and chairperson for Coldwater Kiwanis Terrific Kids book program. She also homeschooled the couple’s five children.

“My mother is a rock,” said daughter Erin Tomlinson Minard. “She is a force of energy and creativity that has no equal, but her greatest strength lies in her sensitive spirit.”
Millennial mom chooses Kiwanis Club for volunteerism

MESICK — Twenty-seven-year-old Emily Jackson, a mother of three, was inspired to volunteer by the women she sees honored every June at the Celebrate Women luncheon. As she learned about the lives of area women who give so much to help others, she made it a goal to do the same.

Now she is an active volunteer in the Kiwanis Club of Cadillac. “Emily is a dedicated member of the Cadillac Kiwanis and very much involved in almost all of our activities,” said member Gaetano Talluto. “The president of the Kiwanis is one of our customers at Rent-A-Gardner, where I work, and he told me about the organization,” she said. “It sounded perfect, it’s exactly what I wanted to do, which is to help families and children.”

Jackson joined in November of 2015 and “hit the ground running.” Now she serves on the board of directors and joins in all of their causes. She’s worked on Project Christmas and volunteers with the Cadillac Area Backpack Program, where she helps sort food. She also enjoys working with the students from Cooley School who help out.

“I didn’t graduate,” she said. “I know what it’s like to go to an alternative school and not be with the rest of your classmates. I got my GED after I should have graduated. And then after that, I went to college. So to see the kids doing that, it means a lot to them.”

This year, Jackson headed up one of the group’s signature projects, giving a dictionary to every third-grade student in Wexford County — or just over 400 books. “The kids love getting them,” she said. “It’s something that belongs to them. And there’s so much more in there than the dictionary; all the planets, the states and state capitols plus all of the presidents.”

“I believe that the people in our community can’t do well unless we are all doing well,” she said. “I’m in a much better position than I was 10 years ago, and I love being in Kiwanis, I think it’s one of the best kept secrets in town. And we need members. Everyone there is great. We all want the same thing, which is for everybody to do well.”

Highlighting another Signature Project

BAY-ARENAC

Personal Care Drive

April 3rd-9th, 2017

Volunteers will be collecting personal care items to distribute to individuals and families throughout Bay and Arenac Counties.
Kiwanis club honors academic achievements

One might wonder how grade point averages, a set of triplets and Haiti could possibly tie together, but on Monday evening at Midland Kiwanis Club’s 60th Annual Scholarship Honors Banquet, these three things created an event to be remembered.

And inspiring words from keynote speaker Mallery Neptune, a missionary in Haiti and a 2005 H.H. Dow High School graduate, made sense of it all.

The club is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people throughout the community and the world, with an emphasis on youth, and its purpose was relevant and on display Monday night. The event was hosted at First United Methodist Church and 96 students from Midland County were honored for making it into the top 10 percentiles of their classes, celebrating among family, friends and faculty.

Following an invocation by Pastor Wally Mayton and a dinner prepared and served by members of the church on a voluntary basis, opening remarks were made by the Chairperson John Anderson of the Kiwanis Scholarship Committee. Throughout the awards program, students from each school were awarded certificates for their high academic achievements.

Bullock Creek had 13 recipients, Calvary Baptist Academy had 4, Coleman High School had 4, Dow High School had 30, Meridian High School had 10, Midland Academy had 2, Midland Christian School had 2 and Midland High School had 31.

Among these remarkable, driven students were three sisters, triplets, who are recognized as the first ever set of triplets in memory to receive their certificates at the same time at the banquet.

Karleigh, Kassidy and Kennedy Zmikly are seniors at Meridian High School. Not only do they excel in athletics, but all three have received Summa Cum Laude awards this year for having 3.9 GPAs or higher. Only 4 students at Meridian High received this award this year and the Zmikly girls are 3 of those.

“I have been working with these young ladies for four years now,” said Amy Boxey, Dean of Students at Meridian. “They are all so thoughtful and hardworking. They do so much within the school. They are active in athletics, student council and the National Honor Society. I mean, these girls do it all.”

But honoring these young students was not the sole purpose of the banquet; encouraging them was also of importance. Enter Neptune, a Midland native who founded and directs the non-profit organization, Haiti Foundation Against Poverty. The organization primarily focuses on poverty, orphan prevention and childhood education.

Anderson’s introduction was succinct.

“I am pleased to have Mallery here to share some of her story and her secrets to success,” he said. “Especially because her commitment to the well-being of other people is something that Kiwanis really believes in and it is a strong commitment that we like to make in the community. And Mallery is making it (that commitment) all the way down in Haiti.”

She didn’t disappoint, and she was just as succinct.

“I want to share two important lessons with you that I have learned throughout my experience,” said Neptune. “The first is this: your education is a gift. Families all around the world have sacrificed meals and shelter trying to afford education for their children. Some children walk miles each day in ill-fit shoes to sit in mosquito-filled classrooms just to gain an education.”

“In 2007, in a village in Haiti, a community got together and pleaded for a school to be built in their community for their children. Even over food, they prioritized education. And then they explained that education was the key to change; it was the door to walk out of poverty. So that year, we enrolled 120 students and to them school isn’t just a routine, it is an honor and a privilege, not to be taken for granted.”

“You must value education to some degree since you are all receiving this award, so please never take it for granted. Even on the hard days when your minds are tired and you feel like there’s other things you’d rather be doing, please remember what a gift your education is,” she continued.

“The second lesson is this - the time to make a difference is now. Later may never come. You can always find a reason or an excuse as to why you’re not impacting the world around you. People in your community and around the world need you to step up. They need you to be not too busy to care and to offer your hand and your heart,” she said. “It is possible to care for both your own interests and the interests of others. Every person can make a difference every day.”

In closing, Neptune said, “Be doers. Be grateful. Your mind, your education and your time are all gifts. Use them wisely.”
Wednesday, March 22nd, the top fourth grade writers attended the weekly meeting of the Kiwanis of Woodhaven. With the dual goal of teaching both good writing skills and good citizenship, the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven sponsors a persuasive writing contest annually. Yearly, our topic is If I had $100.00 to donate to a charity, I would choose __________ because.....

At Wednesday meeting, the author of the winning essay from each school, along with their parents and representatives from the school, are invited to a Kiwanis meeting. Students read their essay and present a check for $100.00 from the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven to their charity.

Brook-Lyn Casey from Bates School wrote about the The Childrens’ Hospital of Michigan supporting Childrens’ Hospital. Aliya DeJesus from Erving School wrote about the Selective Mutism Foundation. The St. Vincent de Paul Society was the topic of Kate Chester’s essay from Gudith Schools. Her Grandmother was our special guest accepting her $100 check on behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Ashlynn Chapman of Parson’s School wrote about National Downs Syndrome. Ashlynn’s sister with Downs Syndrome accepted the check on behalf of the National Downs Syndrome society. Wegienka fourth grader, Lillian Boettcher, told us about the Romulus Animal Shelter. Cooper Roberts of Yake School wrote about the Every Child Ministry operated by her Great Uncle. Her Grandfather accepted the check on behalf of the Every Child Ministry.
2017 Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation

Hosted by Kiwanis Club of Howell

Golf Outing

Monday, August 14, 2017
Continental Breakfast/Lunch/Chicken Dinner/18-Hole Scramble

It's all for the Kids!
Event proceeds support area children's hospitals!

$110 Per Golfer
$30 Dinner Guest

Lakelands Golf & Country Club

8760 Chilson Road
Brighton, MI 48116

9:00am Check-In
10:00am Shotgun Start

Please visit golf4kids.org to register by Aug. 1st as an individual or as a foursome. Sponsorship Opportunities also available.
Round out your college experience by participating in other campus activities as well. You can have the best of two worlds, civilian and military, and get a college experience unlike any other.

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Gilbert Howard Zitzelsberger
Kiwanis Governor Passes

Gilbert Howard Zitzelsberger, 87, Bradenton, FL died May 5, 2017. Born December 14, 1929 in Buffalo, NY to John and Virginia (Van Auken) Zitzelsberger, Gil was proud of his hometown and had many beautiful memories of growing up in Buffalo and attending Pine Hill High School. Gil loved learning, as can be seen by his education: University of Buffalo, Bachelor Degree, 1952, Wayne State University (Detroit), Master of Education, 1954 and Detroit College of Law, Juris Doctorate, 1965. He was very proud of his service to our country with the United States Air Force, 1951-1954, serving in Cheyenne, WY and Mt. Clemens, MI.

Family: he married Evelyn Alma Rofot on April 6, 1951, in Cheyenne, WY. They then landed in Michigan where, together, they had 5 children: Paul (Anne) Zitzelsberger of Tigard, OR; Mark (Terrie) Zitzelsberger of Weidman, MI; Ruth (and the late Lawrence) Tresner of Boca Raton, FL; Joan Fairchild of Deland, FL and Gail (fiancé, Ron) Zitzelsberger, Troy Zitzelsberger, Zachary Fairchild, Blaine Fairchild, Allison Tresner and 2.5 great-grandchildren.

Gil married Nola Stoltz Brown in 2001 until her death in 2012. They lived in E. Concord, NY and Bradenton, FL. They were childhood friends who reconnected late in life.

He recently married Anne Stiles in 2017 so they could enjoy life together. They knew each other for years and became best friends. Anne resides in Bradenton, FL.


Career:
River Rouge High School history teacher (River Rouge, Michigan) 1954-1960
Seitz Middle School history teacher (Riverview, Michigan) 1960-1965
Sole Law Practice (Riverview, Michigan) 1965-1977
Municipal/District Court Judge (Riverview, Michigan) 1959-1977
International Secretary of the Kiwanis International (Indianapolis, IN) 1983-1986
Sole law practice (Bradenton, Florida) 1986-present

Achievements:
• Michigan Bar, 1965
• Florida Bar, 1972
• Approved to present courses before The Supreme Court
• Editor of the Kiwanis magazine, 1983-1986
• Private pilot - instrument and multi-engine rated
• Parliamentarian for many Lutheran Church
• Missouri Synod conventions
• Chairman of the Congregation for several terms – Christ the King Lutheran Church, Southgate, MI
• Board of Directors – Michigan District
• Luther Church Synod, 1968-1976
• Downriver Young Men's Christian Association, Wyandotte, Michigan, 1975-1983
• Board of Directors Executive Committee
• Boy Scouts American Crossroads of America,
• Local Kiwanis President
• Michigan District Kiwanis Governor
• Member of Hope Lutheran Church, Bradenton, FL

In Memoriam

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