THE FORMULA’S NEW KICK START PROGRAM IS ALL ABOUT MOTIVATING MEMBERS TO START THE NEW KIWANIS YEAR OFF STRONG.

What it takes

Any Americas Kiwanis member who sponsors a new member into a new or existing Kiwanis club between October 1 and November 30, 2016, will automatically receive one entry in a drawing to win two round-trip tickets.

Eligibility & How to Enter

In order to receive credit for sponsoring a new member:

- **In an existing club:** the sponsor name must be properly recorded in the club secretary dashboard or through member services.
- **In a new club:** the sponsoring member must be reported in the club opening tool or through member services.

Americas Kiwanis members receive one entry for each new member they sponsor with no limit to the number of entries.

Prize

Two round-trip tickets. Drawing takes place on Friday, December 2, 2016 by an independent party. Ticket value may not exceed US$500 per ticket (US$1,000 total).

For official rules, eligibility and terms and conditions, please visit [kiwanis.org/kickstart](http://kiwanis.org/kickstart).

**DON’T FORGET.**

Invite potential members to your Kiwanis One Day event on Saturday, October 22nd.
Fall Leadership Education Sessions

Now is the Time for Training!
Find out resources and tips on how to increase the membership in your club and to retain the members you have!

October 15, 2016
Place - Mason District Office
Time - Registration 8:30 am
Class - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Cost - $15.00
Limit is 50 people in each room.

Attention Club Membership Chairs and anyone interested in helping grow their club

A club registration form is available online at the District website at www.mikiwanis.org. Please submit only one form per club, indicating the names and number of attendees from your club. Registration deadline date is October 12 and capacity is 100 total for this session. No refunds after October 12. Session registration includes: training materials and refreshments at the break.

Session 1 9:00 – 10:50
• Attracting & engaging Young professionals
• This session will deal with how to open a Young Professional Club
• How to engage young Kiwanians in existing Kiwanis
• Opening Golden K Kiwanis Club
• Attracting and organizing a Golden K Kiwanis Club

Session 2 11:00 – 12:00
• Open Forum discussion - Exchanging ideas and networking
  Share issues, problems and ideas and work together to come up with solutions

Session 1 9:00 – 10:50
• How to Revitalize your Kiwanis club
  Practical tips on how to re-energize your Kiwanis club Available Kiwanis resources Hands on exercises on “inviting members to join Kiwanis”

Session 2 11:00 – 12:00
• Open Forum discussion, exchanging ideas and networking. Share issues, problems and ideas and work together to come up with solutions
October

1  Kiwanis MI Foundation Board, 9:30 AM Mason
7-9  Circle K Fall Rally  Waters Edge Howell
15  Fall Leadership Education, Mason
22  Kiwanis OneDay (District Wide)
25-27  Club Opening Event (Trenton & Gibraltar)
29  Fall Leadership Education Overage, Mason

November

5  Circle K Snowpia  Ferris State
5  Past Lt. Governor’s Council, 9:30 AM, Mason, Governor-Elect Training, Indianapolis
12  Key Club Fall Rally
16-17  1st Convention Planning Meeting - Manistee
24-25  THANKSGIVING--District Office Closed

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Attention: Club Presidents, Secretaries & Bulletin Editors; Lt. Governors and District Chairpersons. Submit all articles, photos and video to Thebuilder@mikiwanis.org. All photo and artwork must be sent as either jpg or bmp files. Video must be sent as mpeg files.
When the New Year rolls in, we hear lots of comments about New Year’s Resolutions. We ask ourselves what can we do to improve ourselves, our homes, our surroundings, or in the case of Kiwanis, our communities. Well, it’s that time of year in Kiwanis where we try to figure out how and what we can do better, and how can we affect the lives of more children. How can our Image, Impact and Investment on the communities be improved?

- Can we invest more time in service hours?
- Can we raise more funds to help more children?
- Can we donate more funds to the Michigan Foundation and the Kiwanis International Children’s Fund?
- Can we work with the Formula to grow our clubs and District?
- Can we get more publicity for the projects that our clubs provide?
- Can we make sure that our all of our clubs have a “Signature Project” so the community knows that Kiwanis is the organization that provides/sponsors the event that everyone identifies with the local club?
- Can we make sure that each club has an active Membership Chairperson and a Publicity Chairperson?

These are all things to consider as we approach our 2016 – 2017 Kiwanis year, and I do believe that each of these “Can We” questions can be answered with a YES! These are a few of the items in our Strategic Plan, and we need to be cognizant of our goals and with a positive attitude we can achieve great things this year.

Let’s all work together to have a fantastic 2016 – 2017, and help more children by offering a Helping Hand! #Kids need Helping Hands.
Thank you to all the members that attended our District Convention at the Kellogg Center. I appreciate your vote and support to be your Governor Elect 2016-2017 and look forward to working with all Kiwanians in the Michigan District to lead our district forward into the next century.

I am excited to have the opportunity as your Governor Elect this year to work with Dee Hudson, our Governor and the new Michigan District Team that includes our Lt. Governors and District Chairs and all Kiwanians in our District.

We have an important mission in our district: to sustain Kiwanis, grow and build new clubs, increase service in our own clubs, become financially sustainable and work with and be part of our whole Kiwanis Family. Each and every member of our family: Kiwanis Clubs, Golden K, Circle K, Key Club, Builder’s Club, K-Kids, Aktion Club, Young Professionals, and Key Leader are integral to our existence. Let us work and play together, help each other and do service together. Kiwanis is a unique service organization to have membership and involvement, at all age levels. When we plan our events this year, include and participate with our total family and invite our members from all our family units to participate.

What an opportunity lies ahead for us to develop leadership, friendship, service and extend our family to grow by joining our interest with other clubs in our division and in the Michigan District. It was wonderful to see all the interaction and friendships that were made at our convention. Let us continue this during our new year of Kiwanis. This will naturally make our family stronger and more united as we move to make our District stronger and bring awareness to all our communities of who Kiwanis is and make the name of Kiwanis known through all our communities.

Thank you again to all our Kiwanians for giving me the opportunity to lead us forward.

I appreciate your vote of confidence in me and will work hard to make each and every part of our Michigan District: Divisions, Clubs, SLP’s and each member a valuable part of Kiwanis!

Yours in service,
Marian O’Higgins

Governor Elect
governor-elect@mikiwanis.org

I want to hear from you!
You can reach me at governor-elect@mikiwanis.org.
**Time to Prepare and Repair**

It’s the start of a new Kiwanis year. And it’s time to assess many things. One area which has not been assessed in a long time is the District Office in Mason. Next year it will be 18 years old and is in need of maintenance just like any other building that ages. As membership has decreased over the years, many items in need of maintenance were delayed because the revenue was not available to cover the costs. We have started a sinking fund to address that, but it will be some time before sufficient monies will be set aside to handle everything on an on-going basis.

So, in the meantime, we are asking for your help. It would be great if we can fix up and spruce up the office prior to winter.

This can happen in several ways.

1. We can pick a day or two and gather at the office for an office fix-up and clean-up party.
2. You can let me know of people who can fix certain areas at a highly reduced or free fee. I can then work with them to handle the improvements in those areas.

Here are the areas which need repair:

- Electrical. The outdoor lights on the eaves don’t work and the light box in the foyer is not working properly. We may also need a complete inspection of the electrical to make sure we are up to code.
- The roof is 18 years old. Don’t know if a new one is needed now, but it should be inspected. Some shingles have come off.
- Some of the wood on the eaves is coming off and needs to be replaced.
- Painting the office would be a big plus.
- A thorough carpet cleaning would probably extend the life of the carpet.
- A lot of weeding and trimming would make the outside more attractive.
- Sidewalk repair in front of the building.

Our district has a great advantage of having an office where we can meet and be a central location of resources to benefit all Kiwanis members. With some office design vision, maintenance know-how and lots of hands working on this, the Michigan District of Kiwanis office will be one we can be proud of for the next 20 years.
Dear Michigan District Kiwanis Member,

As I sit down to compose my last Builder Article as your Governor, I am conflicted on the direction to go with my thoughts and the message I would like to leave with each and every member in the district.

I reviewed my past articles from the time I announced my intention to run for Governor-Elect right up until my last article when I wrote about the “Why”. If you have not read that one, you should.

I reflected on the goals of the district leadership, those that I followed and those who will follow after me, and I can clearly see that this District of passionate volunteers is moving in the right direction. While we have seen some clubs close their doors, we have also seen the excitement of a younger member population with a current view on how service may be rendered. It is indeed an exciting time.

So I guess my message is this – Don’t get stuck! Look for opportunities to change. It isn’t about the old adage “If it isn’t broke, don’t fix it.” It’s really about looking for new opportunities and considering new ideas from new people who do not see things the way we did before. Not that one is wrong and one is right – it’s just different. After all – we could still be in hoop skirts or zoot suits if no one had decided to try something a bit different.

Don’t get stuck looking in the rearview mirror. It is only for directional “guidance”, not to dwell on or get lost in. If we keep our eyes on the past alone, we will crash. We will not move with a forward momentum and we will not find our way to new places. We will only see the old. History is great, but I would rather not be stuck there.

Lastly, I want to say thank you – a million times – because it just cannot be said enough. Kiwanis volunteers are the best kind of volunteers in the world! You are selfless, relentless, giving, passionate, dedicated, amazing and sometimes stubborn. But the truth is that you make the world a better place. I am thankful to have shared a few years of my volunteer choices with you. If you are ever inclined, even so slightly, to consider leading our great Michigan District of Kiwanis (or even a small part of it like a club or a division), call on me. I would be glad to chat with you and answer your questions about this absolutely amazing opportunity to serve.

It has been my honor to not only serve the children of the world, but to serve every Kiwanis member in the Michigan District. #KidsNeedKiwanis and #KiwanisNeedsYou.

Merci' Linda

Linda Lawther, Michigan District Governor 2015-16
This year’s Michigan District Convention was another successful event filled with great fellowship, workshops and awards recognizing so much great work done all year long by so many dedicated Kiwanians. The workshop session feedback was extremely positive this year with many requests for them to be lengthened.

There was work to be done. The District Amendments to the By Laws were approved by the House of Delegates and the updated District Policies were approved by the District Board. Both can be viewed on the district web site by clicking here.

Now we look forward to next year’s convention! It will be held at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville, MI on Sept. 7-10, 2017. Please note the change in date this year. We look forward to kicking off Fall in style from atop the mountains of Michigan!
I am excited and proud to be the PR and Marketing Coordinator for the Michigan District of Kiwanis for this upcoming year! Some of you may remember me from my role at the Michigan Business and Professional Association (MBPA). In that position my role was to grow visibility for the District. While generating interest in the Kiwanis organization I was also learning so much more about the Kiwanis “culture”.

This year looks to be an exciting one! This past summer Kiwanis clubs held golf outings, displayed flags through various flag projects, hosted an annual car cruise, participated in a Kids day at the farm, and so many more wonderful community projects. While summer is vacation time Kiwanians were as busy as ever!

My goal this year is to share the information about what our wonderful clubs will be doing. My approach is a “team” approach. We have a large number of clubs located all around the state. Please share your projects, successes, club information with either the Hubbell Group or myself and we will do our best to share the good word. The District has renewed our partnership with The Hubbell Group. The Hubbell Group is a group of students that attend MSU who are specializing in marketing and PR. They will do press releases, media mentions, and maintain media lists for various areas of the state. There is also capability to do various special projects at a very nominal charge. When we share one of your events or successes, we will be sharing at different locations in the state. I believe visibility is key so the more information we have, coming from various clubs and locations, the more we can spread our good word. The Hubbell Group has scheduled their first meeting for the year on September 20. At that time I hope to have more information to share. When I am given the contact information for our representative I will be sharing this information with the District. If you have any questions or would like to help the PR/Marketing team by being an extra set of eyes and ears please reach out to me. My information is listed below.

I want to thank Sarah Kew who has agreed to continue working with the Formula Team. And Kelly Dougherty who has agreed to continue to work on the social media for the Marketing and PR. Linda-Ann Heldt and Pat Wybo have both agreed to help by being eyes and ears in their communities and areas.

Here’s to a great year for Kiwanis! Success and prosperity to each of you and your clubs. I will look forward to hearing from you this year!

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IT’S A NEW DAY FOR ONE DAY!

Kiwanis One Day (of service) is now being celebrated on the 4th Saturday of October to align with USA Today Make a Difference Day.
Did you know the Kiwanis 6 Objectives parallel with the U.S. Army 7 Core Values? As we work to build and engage, there are exciting opportunities for our Kiwanis clubs. This is especially true for the Michigan District of Key Club and Circle K clubs. The U.S. Army offers several resources which can enhance students’ efforts in securing skills needed for career development and education tracks. Some offerings include presentations which feature multi-million dollar interactive assets. The Interactive and Adventure Semitrailers are high-tech, interactive exhibits surrounded by high impact graphics, realistic visuals and sound effects that offer a sneak preview into the world of technology. While some of the jobs are military oriented, most skills apply to the civilian sector. Some topics include culinary artists, police, musicians, journalists, air traffic controllers, legal assistants, medics and athletes. The Army is committed to helping educate students, while developing leadership skills. To request one of these education assets for your school, contact your local Army recruiter. To see a comprehensive list of Army education tools and learning resources available, visit armyedspace.com.

A great asset available to our Key Clubs is the March2Success. The Army can help with the ACT, SAT and more! Tests are increasingly becoming the end rather than the means. The world relies on tests to determine who graduates, get a job, receive a scholarship or find placement with civil service jobs such as police, fire or military service. How well you score on standardize tests can have an impact on your future. Many students under-perform on standardize tests, not because of lack of knowledge, but lack of good testing skills. The value of test preparation is impacted by paying for test preparation courses. The costs of the test preparation courses serve as a barrier for many deserving students. The Army has teamed up with the Peterson firm and offers test preparation at no charge. March2Success is a free, no obligation, Web-based program that makes high quality test preparation instruction available to any student.

The Course features a variety of selections and course, including:

- High School math and verbal skills
- Math tutoring in- Algebra, College-Level Algebra, Data Analysis, Geometry, Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus, Business Math
- High School science hub (earth science, biology, chemistry, physics)
- STEM studies- social sciences, Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Financial Accounting, Personal Finance
- SAT program // ACT program
- College planning tips-admission, financial aid, college success information
- College Readiness Online Course

This program is available to anyone over the age of 13 with internet access. Visit march2success.com. Your success is a key stroke away!

Submitted by Lisa Hicks-Clayton
Michigan District of Kiwanis, Division 4, Lt. Governor, U.S. Army-Michigan District of Kiwanis Service Partnership Coordinator
It was another great Michigan District Convention. Thank you to Gordon Schleicher for an outstanding job coordinating the 99th Michigan District Convention.

I hope you had time to touch base with your Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation at the Convention. It was great to have Past Governor Phil Rutledge and Jim WrucK, President of the Indiana Kiwanis Foundation, join us for our Board Meeting on Thursday evening. Both Governor Linda and Governor-Elect Dee joined us as well. It was a busy meeting for your Trustees as we held our quarterly review of our finances and projects.

Friday morning was our Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation Breakfast. For the sixty Kiwanians who got up early and joined us for breakfast, the Kiwanis fellowship was great. Division 20’s Trustee, Michael Pugh’s niece shared her heart wrenching story of her son’s experience and success at Mott Hospital. She highlighted the outstanding support her family received from the Child and Family Life Department. Child and Family Life Specials Ann Heier from McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital shared a story about her “Kiwanis Meals” program. She puts some of her Kiwanis money in an account to purchase meals for hungry siblings. Often times, a parent will bring an ill or injured child to the Emergency Room with two or three siblings in tow. Caring for the siblings often falls to Ann.

Foundation awards are an excellent way to acknowledge the outstanding leadership and effort of Kiwanians across the Michigan District and your elected Trustees whom you have choose to lead your Foundation. For the first time in three years we did not ask for a reduction in our grants to the hospital or an increase in Club contributions. This will be a difficult trend unless WE as Michigan District Kiwanians chosen to build the membership of our District. If each of us took responsibility to bring just one new member into Kiwanis next year, our ability to “serve the children of the world” would double!

Please consider rewarding a member of your Club or yourself with an Al Dailey award. An Al Dailey award is only $250 with the money going to build our endowment. Your Board of Trustees has set a goal of building our endowment to one million dollars. Your gift now will serve hospitalized children forever!

It is also time to think about Christmas and the Thomas Oliver Greetings program. For a contribution (of your choice) your name will be published in the December/January Michigan Builder with a happy holiday season to all your fellow Kiwanians across the Michigan District. Save yourself the expense of cards and postage and donate that money to Hospitalized Children so that their hospital stay may be more comfortable. With tax day following the Holiday season, you may want to make a serious contribution prior to preparing your taxes. The Thomas Oliver Greetings form has been included in your Builder. REMEMBER, all Kiwanians, and not just elected officials may participate in the Thomas Oliver Greetings Program.

Thank you for supporting your Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation and the hospitalized children we serve.

Paul Elsey
Engage your Service Leadership Programs as part of the Michigan Kiwanis Family

“Thank you for supporting your district Service Leadership Programs by your club gift of $3 or $5 a member which helps cover our travel and other expenses. And do invite us to be a program for your club meeting. We love to share how K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club, and Key Leader are providing service to local communities and building leadership skills.”

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Hello Michigan Kiwanis,

my name is Nathan Wright and I am proudly serving the Michigan District as the Circle K Governor for 2016-2017. One thing that I am innovating this year during my term is the Professional Development Program. This is an exciting opportunity for Kiwanians—such as yourself—to help out the next generation of leaders even more than you already do. This project is a mentoring program where Circle K members search for a Kiwanian that fits just right for their intended major in college or their intended career path. The program is designed so that the Kiwanis member and the Circle K member tailor the partnership to fit their individual needs. The program’s intent is to connect the two branches of Kiwanis and bridge the gap between Kiwanis and Circle K. When in this partnership you and your Circle K member discuss what would work best for you, whether it is job shadowing, an interview, phone calls, a luncheon, or whatever the partnership sees fit! Learn more and sign up at the Program’s website http://www.kiwanisxmas365.com/Online-Mentoring.html

Nathan Wright 2016-2017 District Governor
Michigan District of Circle K International
The school year has begun for 2016-2017 and we have 14 active K-Kids clubs in the Michigan District, carried over from last year. We Kiwanians are dedicated to serving the children in our own communities and around the world and we know that #Kids Need Kiwanis. As a former educator, it is my experience that the younger a child is when introduced to a concept or subject, the more proficient that child will become as they get older. For that reason, I believe that we need to not only serve the children, we also need to help them learn to serve others. As we support this desire and ability to serve others, we build young people who will lead lives of service and leadership. This is the best reason to sponsor a K-Kids Club in your area.

When I was a teacher, I served as the faculty adviser to a K-Kids in one school system, and to a Builders Club in another school. In both schools these young people were looking for ways in which they could make a difference. When they heard about problems in the world, they wanted to help. Too often children are told they are too small or too young to help, and their ideas are ignored by adults. Kiwanis enables and even teaches these children how to effectively make changes to improve the lives of others. Not many organizations encourage members to begin doing service as young children and continue through adulthood. The Kiwanis Family has a way to develop the desire to serve and lead for an entire lifetime.

This year I am hoping to pay a visit to many of our K-Kids clubs in the District. I would like to learn what makes them tick, and what their strengths and challenges are. If you would like to share the successes of your group, problems that need to be addressed, or if you would like me to visit your club, please send me an e-mail. If we work together and share ideas, we can make all the K-Kids clubs in Michigan stronger and more productive, and maybe encourage other Kiwanis clubs to start a new club for the youngest members of our Kiwanis family.

Mercia Foster
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As we are planning our budgets for our new Kiwanis Year, please include a line item to send one or two students to our Michigan District Key Leader Camp. Cost is $225.00 for a Key Club member and $250.00 if they are not. ANY student between 14 and 18 years may attend. Think of students, family members and students in your communities who would benefit from this Kiwanis International Leadership Camp.

Registration begins mid-January, 2017
for our Camp at:
FaHoLo Conference Center
in Grass Lake, MI.
April 28-30, 2017

Go to: Key-Leader.org to get more comprehensive information and Register.

Amazing! Inspiring!
Life-changing!

2016
The Summer Board Meeting
was held in Mason, Michigan from
August 12th through August 14th.
Several topics were discussed such
as themes for this year’s Student Leadership Conference and Fall Rally. The theme for Fall Rally this year is Service Under the Sun, and at Fall Rally we will be revealing the theme for SLC. We also discuss common issues faced by Lieutenant Governors and chairs, and ways to combat these problems. In addition, every District Board member was assigned to one of three committees; decorations, workshops, or spirit. Each committee will play a vital role in the development and execution of SLC and Fall Rally. Overall, the board meeting was very productive and we are all looking forward to the next one.
The Golden K Kiwanis club of Grand Rapids started the event and had presided over it for twelve years. They named the outing in 2014 to honor Norm Ginebaugh, a dedicated Kiwanian and benefactor of Kids’ Food Basket. Starting in 2015 the Grand Rapids North Kiwanis Club began managing the event.

In 2016 the event took place on July 27 at the Scott Lake Country Club in Comstock Park.

The classic featured teams of golfers raising $12,136.54. This is 300 dollars more than last year. Sponsors donated approximately $6,000 in prizes and each golfer received a “goodie bag” and a steak lunch. Mary Kay Hoodhood, founder of Kids’ Food Basket, attended both the golf outing and check presentation.

New Buses for our unique community transportation program

Tuesday, August 30th was the big day for the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven. Our two new Kiwanis buses arrived just in time for field trips during the new school year. The new buses will replace a bus purchased new in 2000 and a second bus purchased in 2009. We began our Kiwanis bus project in May of 1987 with a fifteen year old Church bus we purchased for $900. Our project has grown to the point we are leasing two 2017 buses. During the 2015-16 Kiwanis year, the Woodhaven Kiwanis buses have taken 402 trips traveled 19,953 miles and carried 16,975 youngsters.

During the school year, we provide transportation for school groups going on class field trips, as well as, transportation for school sports teams. During the summer we provide transportation for day camps held by the Salvation Army, YWCA, Woodhaven Recreation Department and Champions. We also participate with our buses in both Woodhaven and Brownstown Police Department Safety Town Programs.

The Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven made a commitment to continue our unique community transportation program for another four years. To meet that commitment, we leased two brand new Kiwanis Buses. Our bus calendar for September and October is filling up. We already have dates scheduled through August of 2017! The buses are designed for 77 students or 49 adults.

Safety Town

As the long carefree days of summer begin to come to an end, it is time for Safety Town® in many communities. Safety Town is a program for children that teaches safety lessons about fire, pedestrians/traffic, water, guns, and poisons/drugs. The Safety Town program was founded by Officer Frend Boals in Mansfield, Ohio in 1937 after a child was struck and killed by a car on his way to school.

Woodhaven Kiwanian and former Elementary School Principal, Paul Elsey, brings Kiwanis to Safety Towns sponsored by the Woodhaven Police Department and a second sponsored by the Brownstown Police Department. Paul teaches bus safety to the four and five year olds. The bus safety lesson includes understanding the yellow and red lights on the bus, how to cross safely in front of the bus, never to go under the bus, and how to sit safely on the bus. Next, Safety Town participants go into a local school building and learn about fire alarms and how to properly exit a school in case of a fire. Each group also used the Kiwanis bus for their field trip to the Oakwood Nature Center where they learned about safety around animals.
Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation

A ninety-five year tradition of Michigan Kiwanians stepping up and helping Children and Families cope with the challenges of childhood hospitalization.

Season’s Greetings

This Holiday Season, rather than purchasing Holiday Cards, purchasing stamps, writing notes, address envelopes, sealing envelopes for your Kiwanis friends you can participate in the 2016 Thomas Oliver Holiday Greetings Program.

Make a contribution to the Thomas Oliver Holiday Greetings Program, supporting hospitalized children, and your greeting will be published in the December/January issue of the Michigan Builder.

See your Division’s Michigan Foundation Trustee for more information. Our deadline is November 5th.

[ ] Cash Contribution, Amount $____________
[ ] Check made payable to Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation, Amount $____________
[ ] Charge my contribution of $______.00 to my: (Your Contribution must be at least $20ºº to charge it.)

[ ] VISA [ ] MASTER CARD (Sorry, we only accept VISA & Master Card)
Account Number ____________________________ Expiration Date ____________________________
Name as it appears on your credit card ____________________________ Zip Code __________________
Signature __________________________________________________________________________

Please complete this information for your Thomas Oliver Greeting to appear in the MI Builder
Your name and title as you would like it to appear in the Builder (Please Print)

Your Kiwanis Club ____________________________ Your Division ____________________________

Please complete the following information if you would like to receive a receipt.

Address ____________________________ City ____________________________ State _______ Zip _______

Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation, P. O. Box 231, Mason, Michigan 48854-0231
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**Hark how the bells, Sweet Silver Bells.**

The first line of that familiar Christmas carol will soon fill the airwaves. Whose version do you prefer? LeAnn Rimes? Pentatonix? Mannheim Steamroller? They all sound good to me.

Kiwanians are more familiar with a different carol of the bells. Each year many of our clubs stand on cold, snowy sidewalks ringing a bell to help the Salvation Army raise funds in order to serve "the least of these." People of all ages and backgrounds depend on them for some of their most basic needs. Whether poor, refugee, handicapped, or temporarily unemployed, thousands of people are blessed because of the money donated during the Christmas season.

Last year clubs in the Michigan district raised $172,458.79 in reported donation. More was given, but not able to be tracked. Members donated over 3000 hours of service time toward the effort.

**Let’s do it again!**

Your club can make a big impact in your community by volunteering to work with The Salvation Army. You are encouraged to make it one of your holiday projects.

The easiest way to get involved is to call your local Salvation Army Corp and schedule hours that your members can ring for them. Be sure to ask them if they can let you know the total your club raised. If you cannot locate a Salvation Army office, call Danielle at 248-443-5500 if you are in the eastern half of the state or 616-459-3433 if you are in the western half of the state.

Detroit Metro, Ann Arbor and Livingston area clubs can register at www.RingBell.org beginning October 1. After registering, you will be assigned to a local Salvation Army Corp that you can work with to make all the necessary arrangements.

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