Recently passed Michigan House Bills 5739 and 5740 have created a new “Kiwanis Fund Act” in the State of Michigan effective with the 2018 tax year. This gives Michigan taxpayers the opportunity to contribute $5.00, $10.00 or more of their tax refund to Kiwanis so it can “…provide funds for donation to any Kiwanis club or organization in this state to improve the world by making lasting differences in the lives of children.” This is a box that can be checked on the State Income Tax form.

“The money granted or received as a gift or donation to the fund is available for distribution upon appropriation to each county from which a contribution, gift, or donation was received.”

So by getting everyone you know in your community to do this, the money will come back to your club. Here is a way to help your club by just letting people know about this and the great things you will do with these additional funds.

However, this can be a limited opportunity. If we don’t get at least $50,000 donated state-wide per year for 2 years, we will be removed from the list.

So spread the word to everyone you know between now and April 15, 2019. This will bring clubs additional funds and increase awareness of Kiwanis in Michigan.
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sent as either jpg or bmp files. Video must be sent as mpeg files.
I am excited and honored to be your Governor for 2018-2019. As many of you missed a great convention, I thought I would give some excerpts from my speech.

I am currently a member of the Kiwanis club of Chelsea. Making a Difference Together we are going to have a great year!! I have a passion for Kiwanis and want to continue the work of the Governors before me to make Michigan a Distinguished district. I will be your Liaison between the Michigan district and Kiwanis International. I have had the privilege to travel to many other Kiwanis District, as “Eye of the Tiger” lead. It has given me the opportunity to see what other districts are doing, both good and bad.

As many of you know, my focus the last three and half years has been membership growth – through increasing membership in our clubs and opening new ones. As Governor, I believe this is the future of Kiwanis. I encourage all you to do the same. Two of my goals have their basis in the formula which will now be known as membership. Supporting clubs to make them stronger and opening new ones in communities that can support a Kiwanis club. I have flipped the order of these because I think we need to do a much better job in strengthening our clubs. Community service is something you do for your community without expecting any payment or recognition. Kiwanians know the value of community service! When I travel around and see all the different projects our clubs accomplish, it is very heartwarming! We have clubs who feed the hungry and help clothe the cold. We help kids bring up grades, we read to them, we encourage them in sports, we teach them good citizenship, we offer scholarships, we honor our school’s good students and we offer them opportunities to be good leaders. Those are just some of the things we do, but each club is individual, and do the things that need to be done, to accomplish their goals in their community.

When our clubs work together as a district, look at all the great things we accomplish – collecting shoes to finish our commitment for the Eliminate project, or contributing to, or working with, the 4 children’s hospitals in the district through the Michigan Foundation. Many of our clubs work with one or more of our Service Leadership programs – K- Kids, Builders Club, Key club, Circle K, or Aktion club so we continue to reinforce the fact that “Kids need Kiwanis” And, Kiwanians love Kids! I love the enthusiasm our clubs have and the smiles on Kiwanians faces at conventions and district events. The excitement is contagious!

I believe communication is one of the most important aspects of Kiwanis –We can learn from each other, support each other and appreciate all our successes as one Michigan District! As Governor, I will make communication a priority. Please call and let me know what I can do to help your club and invite me to your events and meeting. I will make as many as I can. Plan ahead.

Let’s serve the children and communities of the Michigan district and the world.

I have a great year……

Larry Memmer
2018-19 Governor
Michigan District
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Communicating effectively seems to come so easy for some people. They seem to always say the right thing, rarely waver over their words, and their tone is engaging. That person is not me!

A basic rule of communication is that we are supposed to communicate using the method (in person, phone, text, email, etc.) the receiver prefers. I struggle with this personally. I understand the rule, I understand why its valuable. So why do I struggle with it? I am not a fan of talking on the phone. I’m a multitasker, a fairly good multitasker. When I’m on the phone I need to stay focused on the call I’m on. I can’t type an email or respond to a text while I’m on the phone. Honestly, have you ever tried to do that? I have! And I end up typing what is being said on the phone call. I prefer written communication via email or text. I can multi-task while doing it. I can refer later if I’ve forgotten what was said. I can easily reach numerous people with one communication. Does that mean that I should never use the phone? Absolutely not! There are times when it’s best to speak on the phone or face-to-face because you need to talk through something complicated, or you don’t want tone to get lost in written form. So, while it is not always convenient, it is necessary sometimes.

Not only is the method we communicate in important, but also the timeliness.

For me personally, if someone calls and I’m not available to answer the call at that moment, it can take me some time to return that call. As we mentioned earlier, I struggle to multi-task when on the phone. So, I have to set aside time that I don’t have 50 other things to do, so I can return those calls. Whereas, a text message or email I can respond to quicker because I can multi-task. I struggle with my turn around time on returning phone calls, however, it is something that I’m aware of and actively working on. Daily I communicate with people who prefer phone calls over texts. I drive them crazy! That doesn’t mean we can’t or shouldn’t work together though. In fact, I’d challenge the opposite. We NEED to work together. Because those differences in preferences speaks to the diversity in us as leaders and Kiwanians.

From the first year that I served as District marketing and public relations chair I’ve heard from across the district about our communication breakdowns. I challenge that perhaps we are not using the most effective method of communications for our members. Perhaps we are not getting information out in a way that meets the time expectations of our members. These are issues that can be resolved, it will take time though. It’s not something we can wave a magic wand over and have it instantly fixed.

I’m dedicated to working on this and hope you will assist. So, please send me an email (SarahKew@Ymail.com) and tell me:

- What frustrations do you have in the way we currently communicate as a district?
- What method(s) of communication do you prefer for Kiwanis information?
- What are your expectations for timing of communication?
Executive Director

This issue I want to look at last year and next year from 3 aspects:

**Leadership** - This past year we emphasized developing the Michigan Kiwanis leadership pipeline. We did this in several ways:

- February Leadership Conference in Troy
- Aspects of Leadership in Lt. Governor training, District Chair training, Club Leadership Education and the District convention

We still need to build the leadership pipeline at all levels of Michigan Kiwanis: District, Division and Club.

I hear people say they are not happy with the leadership in Kiwanis. Then they say that is the reason they are not going to participate. Wrong! Every leadership position in Kiwanis can change every year including mine. So jump in at any level to start making a difference and make the changes you want.

For the year 2018-19 I ask you to look around at the leadership abilities of people and encourage them. We are looking for 16 people to attend a John Maxwell Live2Lead session in October. We will have 2-3 more Leadership conferences in 2018-19. By stepping up, you can help Kiwanis and yourself.

**Non-Dues Revenue** - We are continuing to look for ways to supplement dues income in District. Our District Strategic plan calls for at least 25% of total revenue for district to be non-dues by 2021.

This past year we have used a Foundation/District Raffle and got a District Charity Poker license. Other ideas include Wild Game Dinner, using the shoe project, License Plates, more District Store items, re-launching the Office Depot program.

However, we need help with to come up with other ideas and to help to staff Charity Poker. It has been asked what this money will be used for. The money raised will be used in the following areas:

- Webinars and education of clubs and leadership
- Supporting clubs in membership efforts
- Creating Kiwanis Awareness and other marketing efforts in Michigan

**Kiwanis Awareness** - With everything we have done this past year and plan to do in the coming year will have an aspect of creating Kiwanis awareness in the State of Michigan. This past year the Leadership conference was open to non-Kiwanians and more partnerships with businesses and organization will lead to increased awareness.

Going into 2018-19 there will be Kiwanis check off box on 2018 Tax Form. Look for an article in this Builder for more about that. Other efforts include a possible Michigan Kiwanis License Plate. At the District Convention our Key Note Speaker Tony Rubleski’s speech was open to non-Kiwanians. Also at the convention we did a St. Baldrick’s public fundraiser in downtown Boyne City that drew quite a crowd. Another step we are taking is every new Kiwanis club joins their local chamber. However, we need more ideas about how to get the word out. Here are some possible ideas:

- More networking, after 5 chamber events
- More partnerships and events that are not only Kiwanis sponsored
- Everyone join Toastmasters
- Wear more Kiwanis items. Be a walking, talking advertisement for Kiwanis
- Open more clubs to create more widespread awareness

We have a bright future but need more people and visibility to make a greater impact. So put your thinking caps on, keep your ears open and make your voices, ideas and opinions known so we will become the service club everyone wants to join.

Greg Smith
Executive Director
Michigan District
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I have seen and heard much enthusiasm of Kiwanians throughout the Michigan District, and have seen a tremendous amount of service to help our children and their families.

I am honored and privileged to have been Governor for the Michigan District, for the 2017 – 2018 year.

MY GOALS WERE TO:
● develop Leaders,
● open and strengthen Clubs
● be an integral part of our Service Leadership Programs
● bring awareness in our communities, of who and what Kiwanis is, and
● and have more volunteering to serve more children in our communities

We used an IPLAN, which is a strategic plan, to help us achieve our goals.

Our first Leadership Program was in February, “Igniting the Leader in You”. A great many of Kiwanians attended and learned how we all are leaders and how we can all strengthen our own leadership skills.

We have opened new clubs and have worked to strengthen existing clubs, which is ongoing.

I have participated in our service Leadership programs and encourage members to try to find time to be part of our extended Kiwanis family. These programs are developing future leaders and need the support of us to encourage them.

I have seen many more Kiwanians wear their Kiwanis clothes, pins, and attire. This encourages people to ask us about Kiwanis and for us to share our stories of what we do to help children in our communities.

Michigan had our OWN first Day of Service on March 3rd. Your Lt Governor worked with their clubs to develop a Division Service Day, doing a Service activity with the members of all the clubs in your own division and with your SLP’s. Many clubs participated in this.

As a Team, Great things can occur, and have occurred! We are the Kiwanis Family!

Let us continue to work in fellowship, and have fun, while we serve our children with Meaningful Service.

I want to thank ALL the Kiwanians in Michigan for your support and belief in me this last year. AND THANKS TO EACH AND EVERYONE FOR ALL YOU DO FOR CHILDREN and KIWANIS!

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I will encourage open discussion and ideas based on community needs and increasing membership, and maintaining and educating existing members. As Membership Chair for MI District, I will help support and assist clubs in opportunities and joint club events.

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Cindy Padilla
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Develop and present to clubs a comprehensive leadership education program utilizing Kiwanis International materials adapted for our District and club needs. Encourage clubs to provide for continuity in leadership including the concept of succession planning and emerging leaders education to ensure development of future leaders.

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Tod Sorensen
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Young Children Priority One
Wendy Brys
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Young Children Priority One addresses the needs of children prenatal to age 5. This year we will be focusing on the First Ladies Project “Premie Pals”, quilted blankets for Mott’s Children’s Hospital NICU department.

Kiwanis Children’s Fund
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I am the link from the Michigan District to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund. I am your resource for information regarding Club and District Projects (grants), Service Leadership Programs, Disaster Relief and Iodine Deficiency Disorders.

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Lt Governor Div. 5
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Lieutenant Governor for Division 5, my focus will be on helping to strengthen our newer clubs, and help our established clubs grow and develop succession plans so we are prepared for the future. I will also focus on developing community partnerships with other service organizations, and start building corporate memberships that will help us deliver more service in our community. I appreciate constructive feedback, and will listen to your point of view. I believe we are not the same without you, and our strength lies in our passion to do good for others. Let’s make the future bright by sharing Kiwanis with others.

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My name is Kiwanis out to the general public.

Manager of Kiwanis Partnerships

member and the local clubs with their projects. I also plan to seek out new partnerships for the Michigan District.

The beginning of a new Kiwanis year brings a lot of excitement. We begin this school year with 16 K-Kids clubs in the district. We added Service Leadership Programs to three elementary schools last year, and we hope to match or exceed that accomplishment this year. If your club would like to bring this opportunity to a school near you, please contact me at merciaj.foster@gmail.com. I will look forward to working with you to make great things happen for our “kids”.

My primary focus is promoting the Key Leader Weekend. Key Leader is a weekend experience designed for high school students who immerses them in the principles of servant leadership. This position focuses approximately 70% on administrative work. Some of the duties are to recruit and train a team of approximately 10 adult volunteers who can chaperone the event, plan the logistics of the Key Leader event, secure location, handle registration, as well as run the activities during the weekend. Lt Governor Div 3

My primary goal as Lt. Governor of Division 21 for 2018-19 is to continue being the communication conduit between our northern clubs and the Michigan District. I want to encourage growth and connectivity so that Division 21 will have an even greater impact on our communities including adding another club to our Division by our next DCON. Together we can do it!

As The District Advocate for the Eliminate Project I want to make everyone aware that we still have 14 countries that we have not eliminated Neonatal tetanus in. And although many clubs have reached their goal we still need to raise over 1 million dollars in Michigan to fulfill our commitment to the cause. Please step up and help the children in these countries.

My goals for the year are:
1. Write at least one article about the Ki Insurance programs and what Clubs should know about how the programs apply to them. 2. Attend training sessions provided by Ki and stay current on any changes. 3. Take questions from District, Division and Club members about insurance and risk management issues. 4. Visit Clubs to provide information about the Programs and risk management issues for local Clubs when requested and available. I look forward to another year of serving the District.

My goal is to increase awareness of the Partnerships that Kiwanis International and the Michigan District have. These relationships benefit both the individual member and the local clubs with their projects. I also plan to seek out new partnerships for the Michigan District.

My first and foremost project is human trafficking awareness. I would like to see as many as possible of our Kiwanis clubs to embrace the cause in their communities.

My goal as Lt. Governor of Division 21 for 2018-19 is to continue being the communication conduit between our northern clubs and the Michigan District. I want to encourage growth and connectivity so that Division 21 will have an even greater impact on our communities including adding another club to our Division by our next DCON. Together we can do it!

This will be a year of growth and development as I prepare to be governor in 2019-2020. I will remain focused on strengthening clubs, communication and leadership development.

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As the Executive Director I am the head of the organization. I am responsible for all administrative and management decisions. I am also the spokesperson for the Michigan District Kiwanis.

As District Fundraising Chair, my direction this year is to develop a list of fundraisers our clubs are already doing and to share them with all of Michigan clubs. I will provide different links to help us move into the social media ways of fundraising. I hope to go speak to clubs about the sponsored district fundraiser, the Platinum Royalties discount card. The card that you can take with you all over the United States and use as many times as you want. It’s a card that keeps on giving back to our clubs. I will also be working on new, simple and fun fundraising ideas. Lt Governor Div 14
THERE’S ROOM FOR YOU!
Auditioning now for Lt. Governor

**Lt. Governor Div. 3**
**Patricia Wybo**
*p_wybo@sbcglobal.net*

My responsibilities this year is to head the Finance Committee and be available in the District to be a team member to support all our District Leadership.

**Lt. Governor Div. 4**
**Susie Grizzle**

For this new year as LGT, I want to build on to my clubs that are there now. Support them in growing new members. And also open new clubs Support them in growing. Meet more this year, working with them. Open new clubs, build a network with all Division 4 clubs working together. Build a positive influence in our community. Show others the good Kiwanis bring to them. So one day every one will know Kiwanis gives positive influence in the community of the World.

**Lt. Governor Div. 4**
**Patrick Lynch**

My goals is to encourage more communication among the clubs in division 3. We plan on creating a monthly calendar posting all events of each club. Attempt to encourage all clubs to interact with the other clubs in not only their fund raisers but also in their service projects, not only in our division but in our neighboring divisions.

**Lt. Governor Div. 2**
**Scott Murdoch**

Division 2 was recently reorganized. It is my goal to bring our members clubs together and act as a resource for communication between the District and International for information, education and building new membership. My personal goal is to integrate the Division and foster communication and sharing of our club’s success. I plan to lead the Division in support of our Gov Larry Memmer’s goals and the Kiwanis Strategies of INSPIRATION, IMPACT, IMAGE and INVESTMENT. Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns with the Division or the District and I hope to visit each club soon.

**Lt. Governor Div. 16**
**Susan Devon**

As your Lt Gov for Division 16, I hope to be actively engaged in with you this year in building our clubs and bringing our clubs together in service and fellowship. We will hold a division wide membership drive this year for all our clubs, organize a joint Kiwanis One Day service project, as well as several social events that will bring our clubs together in fellowship. My goals include improving communications between our clubs and to that end will hold four division council meetings this year. In addition, I have set up a Division 16 - Michigan Kiwanis Facebook page for our division. Together we can strengthen our clubs and improve our communities. It is my honor to serve as your Lt Governor this year. #KidsNeedKiwanis

**Past Governors Chair**
**Bonnie Bartlett**

The Past Lieutenants Governors Council works together to support the Michigan District and its clubs.

**Public Relations Chair**
**Chris Holbert**
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I want to entice our members to raise awareness of Kiwanis and our great works by being walking, talking billboards. When we share our excitement for our mission and our projects, our neighbors want to help us grow our mission and membership. Let me help you and your club get the word out about Kiwanis.

**Governor**
**Larry Memmer**

I am excited about my year as your governor. I hope to bring some new ideas to the district and be visible in the district. “Making a Difference Together”

**Human and spiritual values chair**
**Larry Kirby**

In the year ahead I look forward to continuing our mission “To Give Primacy To The Human And Spiritual Rather Than To The Material Values of Kiwanis.” Michigan was the birthplace of Kiwanis. It is fitting that we should birth a renewed vision and determination for the human and spiritual values committee. I look forward to furthering understanding of individual club perceptions of the Human and Spiritual Values chair responsibilities. Moreover, I intend to inspire renewed motivation, maintain moral stability, and achieve progress in mission-critical objectives in a culturally fluid society. Blessings on you.

**Lt. Governor Div. 6**
**Jacki Otto**

Key goals for 2018/2019: Stronger clubs produce greater results for kids! My key focus for 2018/2019 is for strong clubs in three ways: assist clubs to grow their membership, support awareness of Kiwanis throughout Division 6, and help clubs become or be financially healthy.

**The Bylaws and Policies Chairperson**
**Liz Peters**

Responsible for examining the District’s Bylaws, policies, and procedures and submits any necessary or recommended revisions to the District board. The Bylaws and Policies Chairperson also cooperates with the District Board in drafting proposed amendments, and reports on all property proposed amendments to the District’s Bylaws. This Chair also cooperates with the Board in interpreting the spirit of the District’s Bylaws and policies when necessary and in securing the proper observance of obligations, standards, and practices that are stated or implied. The District’s Bylaws and policies are available for members’ review on the Michigan District’s website under the Menu tab, District and Club Resources, Governance.
Imagine being a parent of a very sick Preemie Baby. You go to the hospital, or camp out there, for many days hoping and praying your baby will grow, get strong, heal and go home soon. One day, a nurse comes in and covers your baby’s isolette with a brightly colored quilt – from a complete stranger. Talk about reaching out with a hug for someone who really needs it! That is the work of Preemie Pals. The quilt not only adds color to the room, but it helps to control temperature, buffer sound, and remove the glare of the bright lights for the baby. The quilt is a gift to the baby, and the baby goes home with that quilt.

Preemie Pals is a group of volunteers who meet once a month at the Saline quilt store called The Quilting Season. We make quilts that are delivered to the BrandonNeo-Natal Intensive Care unit (NICU) at Mott Hospital in Ann Arbor. We also have quilters from throughout the USA who make quilts and send them to us in Saline.

The Preemie Pals project fits exactly under the umbrella of Young Child Priority One. Winnie Brys, our YCPO chairperson, is excited that we have a new project for the Michigan District to embrace. I hope you will be able to help. The quilts are expensive – we need money to buy the supplies for them. If every club could send $100 or more to help this cause, we would be able to meet the goal of every baby getting a quilt—all 1200 babies that come to Mott Hospital per year from all areas of Michigan, and the surrounding states.

Go to www.mikiwanis.org and watch the video about the Preemie Pals, in the district chair tab, under YCPO. Also, go to Facebook and type in Preemie Pals to view their Facebook page. Winnie will be sure all Lt. Governors have information about this project, but you can also contact me. Winnie and I are willing to come and speak to your club. For those of you who are quilters, the quilts are 36”x42” and can be a simple patchwork, or any pattern. If you would like to make quilts, and have questions, call me.

So, where can your club send the money? Please make your checks out to the Michigan District of Kiwanis, and send them to me. That way, I will be able to make sure your club gets credit and a patch for your banner. ($100 or more.) Please clubs, give generously!

**THANK YOU**

Nancy Memmer,
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517-926-6226; nancy.memmer@gmail.com
In June 2018, Amanda Pratt, the Advanced Placement Biology teacher at Woodhaven High School, located in Brownstown Township, approached the Downriver West Kiwanis Club with a request for financial assistance.

Amanda, a graduate of U of M Dearborn, with a Master's of Arts in Teaching from Wayne State, believes all students should have an engaging and thought-provoking experience in science class. You could say it’s in her DNA to make sure she gives those opportunities to students.

Amanda asked Downriver West Kiwanis if we would help her acquire a MiniOne PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) device. You’re probably thinking, “What in the world is that?!“ We invited Amanda to come to a club meeting and provide us with a program to help us understand what she needed and what the value was.

She certainly did a great job of impressing us and she had a very compelling reason why we should help her. This device will help her teach students how to replicate DNA, gain a stronger understanding of the biology and science behind DNA, as well as develop stronger STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) skills.

Access to biotechnology in the classroom helps students stay engaged and prepare for their futures. Students can observe their own traits and analyze their own DNA, giving them experience in understanding genetics and the mechanisms used by labs to decode their genetic information.

With the growing awareness of getting personal genetics evaluated in the general population, DNA technology is no longer for labs only nor reserved just for students becoming scientists. Personal genetics will soon become as common to everyone as personal computers did years ago.

That’s why she came to Downriver West Kiwanis. It’s in our DNA to improve the lives of children and our community. After all, it’s our mission to help kids reach their fullest potential.

We worked with the manufacturer, and got a quote for the device, and discussed and approved the purchase at a board meeting. This was one of the first few devices in Michigan schools. We presented the device to Amanda at the end of August, just in time for the start of the new school year.

We would like to thank Amanda for engaging Downriver West Kiwanis, and we look forward to developing our relationship within the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District.
**The Phantom of the Opera**

The Westside – Kalamazoo club is sponsoring a night at WMU – Miller Auditorium to see “The Phantom of the Opera” on February 10, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Don’t miss a chance to see this spectacular new Broadway production by using the link below or call the ticket office at 269-387-2308 or stop in to the ticket office at Miller. If ordering tickets by phone or in person please use the promo code KIWANIS with your order. For every ticket purchased $5 will be returned to our project account for the many local and international organizations. Take advantage of this group rate and you will not have to pay the full price for these tickets.

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**Kalamazoo**

The 16th annual Norm Ginebaugh (Santa Norm) Charity Golf Classic at Scott Lake Golf & Practice Center for Kids’ Food Basket was a HUGE success. Thanks to our title sponsor Avalon Building Concepts! We were able to raise $10,000 in new money and Avalon matched that with an additional $10,000. The 2018 golf event raised over $25,500 to benefit Kids’ Food Basket. This generous gift will allow Kids’ Food Basket the opportunity to continue serving approximately 6,000 children in Kent County with a nutritious, ready-to-eat Sack Supper each weeknight.

**Grand Rapids North Charity Golf Classic**

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After hearing about a simple and powerful project from the Grand Rapids Golden K the Grand Rapids North club decided to join in and make handmade pillowcases for the children at Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital. Three Kiwanians and several relatives of members made over 175 pillowcases for the children. Child Life Specialists at the hospital work with the children and their families as they undergo treatment. Every child receives a case to use at the hospital and to take home. Each case has a label identifying that they were made by our Kiwanis club.
Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation asks you to make helping hospitalized children part of your 2018 Kiwanis Holiday Tradition!

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

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

See your Division’s Michigan Foundation Trustee for more information. Our deadline is Monday, 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 $20.00 to charge it.)

[ ] VISA  [ ] MASTER CARD (Sorry, we only accept VISA & Master Card)

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Signature

Please complete this information for your Thomas Oliver Greeting to appear in the Builder.

Your name and title as you would like it to appear in the Builder (Please Print)

Your Kiwanis Club ____________________________ Your Division ____________________________
In Memoriam

ALFRED J. NADEAU
Lt. Governor, 2007-08, 2012-13 & 2013-14 Alpena

RONALD R. GILBERT
Fenton

C. GRANT BLISS
Lt. Governor 1989-90 Gaylord

JOHN E. KARCIS
Golden K of Gd. Rapids

JUDSON R. KNAPPER
Kalamazoo

JANICE NEWSOME
Livonia Early Risers

RICHARD P. MILLER
Ypsilanti

2017-18 Governor’s Membership Trophy

Brooklyn +14
Flint +14
Lac Ste. Claire +9
Lapeer +9
Clinton Township +8
Woodhaven +8
Bay Area +7
Ann Arbor +6
Battle Creek +6
Detroit No. 1 +6
Metro DetroitYP +6
Shoreswood +6
St. Johns 707 +6
Tecumseh +6
Charlevoix +5
Coldwater +5
Colonial Plymouth +5
Mt. Morris +5

Net gain is from 10-1-17 thru 8-31-18 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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Active Clubs ............................................ 158
District Beginning Membership ............. 4246
Reporting Members Sept. 1, 2018 .......... 4449

Members

Net Gain +203 members

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THE TEACHER SHORTAGE GOES BEYOND THE CLASSROOM.

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