Kiwanians seem to love the north country!! Three hundred twelve members and 89 guests arrived to find a spectacular location, enjoying some of the best weather imagined in August.

A combination of multiple choices for recreation and many opportunities for fellowship, food, and education were the ingredients to this successful weekend. The pictures throughout this article represent the overall enjoyment by attendees after 18 months of planning by the Convention committee and District Office. Staff at Boyne Highlands contributed by attending to all of our needs.

Governor Liz Wilson presided over the event that was full of surprises, (have we mentioned fun before?), welcomed special guests, recognized many for outstanding accomplishments, and kept First Dude Tom very busy. It was Liz who arranged for our Friday Kick-Off Luncheon speaker, and Dwayne Gill (cop and comedian) was the hit of the weekend. He did double duty by providing a workshop on Saturday.

We may have set some age records on the Zip Lines at Boyne…..no one injured, all had extreme fun. Many enjoyed a more tame ride on the Chair Lifts, and when we could not find some of our attendees, we knew they were playing one of the great golf courses on site and nearby.

All was not fun and games…….both the District and the Foundation had significant business issues. The Foundation held its’ annual meeting at the first delegate session. They also held a silent auction that significantly added funds to the operating budget and support of our four hospitals.

Boyne Highlands Resort Hosted the 95th Convention of the Michigan District of Kiwanis

Governor’s Message

Thank you for electing me as Michigan District Kiwanis Governor for 2012-2013. I am very honored and humbled. Be assured that my priorities are always to God, my wife, my family, my country and to Kiwanis. I will work always with the entire Kiwanis family, Past Governor Liz Wilson and with Governor-Elect Stan J. Nelson.

Our Lt Governor’s for 2012-2013 are the following: Henry Bowman (Division 1), Kelley Mires (Division 3), Sue Herman (Division 4), David Goodwin (Division 5), Carol Peterson (Division 7), Larry Memmer (Division 9), Ian Wojcik-Andrews (Division 10), Winnie Brys (Division 11), Jacqueline Whidby (Division 12), Myrna Shelley (Division 13), Class Chair Vincent Weiss (Division 14), Linda Sisco, (Division 16). Rebekah Hildreth (Division 17), Barbara Riegle (Division 18), Brian Jackson (Division 19), Alfred Nadeau (Division 20), Gary Carlson (Division 21) and Fabian LaVigne (Division 22). These Lt. Governors, along with the district committee chairpersons have the
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From the Past Governor

**With a team like this one...**

My year serving as your Governor was made so much easier. My sincerest thanks go to the class of Lt. Governors (2011-12) and all the Michigan Kiwanis Clubs and members who welcomed Tom and I at meetings and events, and allowed us to share in the successes of your service to communities throughout our great District.

Liz Wilson

From the Governor-Elect

The District Convention is over and a new Kiwanis Year has begun. While the year is still young, I would like to reflect on the following topics.

We all need to thank Governor Liz for a year well done! As one of her Lt. Governors, I appreciate her dedication to her position while “Growing Michigan Thru Kiwanis”. We could always tell that her thoughts were for the betterment of the Kiwanis family.

Our new leader, Governor Dave has already started the year with lots of energy! Let’s become as energetic and support his direction towards a successful year.

As your new Governor-Elect, I pledge to have the best interests of all of you as we march towards another successful year. I am a firm believer of continuous improvement. Governor Dave and I will be working hard to improve current service programs, District Communication, and membership appreciation.

Stan Nelson
2012 Michigan Kiwanis & State Police Career Academy

On Friday, July 13, 2012, forty-nine cadets of the 2012 Michigan State Police/Michigan District of Kiwanis Law Enforcement Career Academy successfully graduated from the week-long intensive training. There were many sponsors, parents, grandparents and friends attending the graduation to congratulate, applaud and take pictures of their graduating cadets. Michigan District Governor Liz Lutrell-Wilson was the guest speaker. She gave an inspiring talk that challenged the group to community service and participation.

Cadet Logen Romain, who was sponsored by the Fenton Club, was the class orator. Special awards were made for achievements in “Academics,” “Marksmanship,” and “Outstanding Student.” The Outstanding Student Award recognized week-long high grades in all divisions of the training. The Academic Award resulted from the top grade on the final examination. Our congratulations go to these cadets for their outstanding achievements.

Forty clubs sponsored the graduating cadets. Several clubs sponsored more than one graduating cadet. Battle Creek, Golden K of Grand Rapids, Royal Oak, Sterling Heights, Wayland, and West Branch each sponsored two graduating cadets. Wyandotte 1000 sponsored three cadets. Of the original 61 applicants who were accepted, 52 completed the final application process. They were awakened each day at 5:30 AM and kept busy until lights out at 10 PM. All of this, for a generation of ‘electronic people’, who had to give up their cell phones, radios, televisions, candy and chewing gum during a week of intense police training.

There were 38 male students and 11 female students making up the class of 49. The grade distribution was 8 - 10th graders, 24 - 11th graders and 17 - 12th graders. All were enthusiastic and good workers all week. They were tested on their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual capacities.

I encourage all clubs to start now to round up students for the 2013 Career Academy. Your Division Lieutenant Governor has been given a DVD program of this year’s academy activities which can be used for an interesting presentation at a club meeting. Next year’s academy dates are July 7 through 12, 2013, with the cost per candidate the same as this year which is $390.00 per student. Now is a good time to contact your high school counselors to seek good students.

Frank Moss, Coordinator
Law Enforcement Career Academy

Kiwanis 20 Years Ago

Kiwanis Club of Dearborn begins producing regular 30 minute TV show called “Kiwanis Talk”; District hosts reception and dinner for KI President Bill Lieber at Kellogg Center in E. Lansing; Joe Medrano begins year as Governor of the District with Nels Haan as Governor-Elect; District had 229 Clubs with 9,048 members; Kiwanis in Saginaw raised $112,000 to construct a clock tower in downtown area; registration begins for KI Convention in Nice, France.
Planning to go to Vancouver and the International Convention?

Why not extend your stay and travel to the Canadian Rockies or Alaska?

The Michigan District has cabins reserved on the Norwegian PEARL with NCL for a 7-day Alaska sailing. Departing on June 30 we will transfer from Vancouver to Seattle by bus and cruise to Juneau, Skagway, Glacier Bay, Ketchikan and Victoria BC. Prices starting from $1210 for an inside cabin, $1640 for unobstructed ocean view or $2140 for a room with balcony. The prices include port taxes and government fees per person.

Or depart June 30 from Vancouver by rail to Jasper, Alberta in an overnight sleeper and spend 2 nights in the National Park. The 3rd day takes you on to Banff by bus with stops at Athahasca Falls, Peyto Lake and Columbia Icefields with 2 nights in Banff Springs. Next, on to the scenic village of Lake Louise for 1 night then on to Kelowna wine country for 1 night. The last day is spent at Minter Gardens and back to Vancouver for the last night. Prices start at $2860 per person.

Vacations are endless in this wonderful part of the country!!

Considering how to get to Convention? Rail from Toronto-Vancouver takes 4 nights and also ranges from $623.76 in coach with no meals to $1627.20 per person in a private room with toilet and meals. (one way)

So start to plan now. Let us know what your wishes are for after the Convention!! For more information, email your request to al.mikiwanis@sbcglobal.net.

From the Executive Director

The Kiwanis year both ends and begins at midnight September 30, and for those few of us who are privileged to continue in the same leadership positions, it provides great perspective on what the strengths and weaknesses of a non-profit volunteer organization truly are. For those officers and chairs leaving office, September is too late to “catch up” on any missed opportunities (projects and awards programs), and October is almost too late for the incoming leadership to set reasonable plans and goals for the new year.

That is why the summer is so busy for the District office. Quality training sessions are provided in July and August to those elected to leadership for the coming year. Historically, about 60% of our Clubs make sure that those new leaders attend these training opportunities.

So my message is that clubs should not only budget for members to attend training, but make sure that their officers and Boards set goals that are measurable and hopefully match the criteria for the International and District awards programs.

Although some may not have any concern for awards, in the volunteer arena, those are the only paychecks that our members get for their precious time and energy commitment to serving our communities under the umbrella of Kiwanis. The awards programs are diverse enough to challenge our Kiwanis family to look beyond the confines of a club meeting and participate in proven activities that serve the community, educate our leaders, allow for personal growth, provide fellowship and fun.

Only if the general membership demands it, will the Kiwanis opportunity be fully enjoyed. And finally, as always, I implore you to share Kiwanis with others. Somewhere and at sometime, someone asked you to join Kiwanis...............please do the same great favor for someone else.
THE ELIMINATE PROJECT

The district convention is now in the history books and what a great convention we had at Boyne Highlands in Harbor Springs. The Eliminate Campaign was also successful with lots of interest at the display table.

One of many ways a member can donate to the Campaign is through the Walter Zeller Fellowship award. This Campaign is honoring Walter Zeller with his donation of 25 silver dollars which launched the Kiwanis International Foundation’s worldwide service efforts. With a gift of $1,250 a Walter Zeller Fellowship recipient is awarded a Special Zeller medallion, Zeller lapel pin and certificate. With this humanitarian gift 690 lives can be saved. There was great interest in this award at the convention. In lieu of the Zeller Fellowship you may have either a Tablet of Honor or a Hixson Fellowship. One way to honor your club president as they complete their term is with a Presidential Club Zeller which will become available in the next few months.

First dude Tom Wilson handcrafted two beautiful Mother and Child Intarsia plaque which were held as a silent auction. Many stopped by the Eliminate table and participated in placing their bids. The winners were Multi-Division Coordinator Dave Garland from the Charlevoix Club and Ms. Jerry Jones from the Detroit #1 Club. Congratulations to both Jerry and Dave for their generous donations to the Eliminate Campaign and a big thank you to Tom Wilson for his talent and gift to the campaign.

Resource materials are available from your Division Co-ordinators. See list above.

We never want to forget our Service Leadership Program as these people are our future leaders. They are fired up and energetic with their service projects and donations to the Eliminate Campaign. In the next couple of months we will have new materials and brochures regarding SLP’s and your Multi-Divisional leaders will have these materials, so give them or me a call.

As you grow your club and talk with prospective members, mention the Eliminate Project. Share stories and tell how members are becoming enthused and passionate through the many fund raising projects that clubs are doing for the Eliminate Campaign. This could be called “Growing members by Eliminate”

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION:

\section{HOW WILL CLUBS RAISE FUNDS?}

The campaign plan is extended over a four year timeline to allow for every club to mobilize their support. Each club can choose the method of fundraising that works best for them. Clubs are encouraged to use a combination of fundraising methods, including individual member gifts, club treasury support, club foundation gifts (where available), club fundraising events and corporate/community gifts sought locally by the club.

Richard Buttery
THE ELIMINATE PROJECT
MICHIGAN – DISTRICT COORDINATOR
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Phone 269.349.1859
Blue Water Area

The Kiwanis Club of Blue Water Area pancake breakfast for the Port Huron to Mackinac Boat race morning was a success on July 14, 2012. Participants as well as watchers were well fed. We look forward to the pancake breakfast every year. If in the area, stop in for a bite next year.
Discover new ways to raise funds and change the life of a child.

South Lansing...

We like to think of the Kiwanis Club of South Lansing as the “Playground Club,” because we raised funds and built the playground at Hawk Island County Park in 2004.

When members heard that the Lansing Rescue Mission’s Maplewood Center wanted to replace its outdated and unsafe playground, club members were eager to get started. First, we planned the fund raising. We thought it would take at least a year to raise the $24,000 required to purchase the playground equipment.

This is just one way in which we fulfill Kiwanis’s defining statement, as we are a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Objects of Kiwanis

The six permanent Objects of Kiwanis International were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 Convention in Denver, Colorado. Through the succeeding decades, they have remained unchanged.

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

Kiwanis 10 Years Ago

George Brown assumes role as District Governor with Chuck Nagy as Governor-Elect; District Convention reports that 642 were registered at recent convention in Lansing; the Kiwanis Clubs of Suburban Kalamazoo and Portage merged into Portage-Suburban; Roseville-Klowns led membership with +14230 clubs and 9,235 members.
same vision for Kiwanis as I do. I am lucky to have them on my leadership team.

With the goal of adding 6 new Kiwanis Clubs and 95% retention rate, our District will deliver more SLP branded programs, including 5 new Aktion Clubs, 3 new CKI clubs, 5 new Builder’s clubs, more K-Kids Clubs, with 10 new Terrific Kids and 5 new BUG programs. Each Kiwanis club will plan to have 3 service projects for children, do one hands-on project each quarter at their club meetings and grow their clubs with net gain 2 youthful members.

Our plan is consistent with the established vision of “Serving the Children of Michigan and the World”. My theme this year is “KIWANIS IS THE VEHICLE”.

Every year a new Governor is elected to the Michigan District. One of their goals is always membership. We have heard this year after year -we will grow by this many members. Often we fail to understand why people do not choose to join Kiwanis. KIWANIS IS GREAT. Who would not want to join a service organization that is dedicated to serving the children of Michigan and the world? Also Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. However, potential new members do not always understand that.

When a math teacher has students that do not understand that two plus two equals four, the teacher has to find a different method to get that idea across. We have to do the same. We must step back and remember why we joined Kiwanis. KIWANIS IS GREAT. Who would not want to join a service organization that is dedicated to serving the children of Michigan and the world? Also Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. However, potential new members do not always understand that.

If your actions inspire others, you will be able to connect and advocate that KIWANIS IS THE VEHICLE.

Remember one person can make a difference but many individuals working together can accomplish any goal. KIWANIS IS THE Right VEHICLE to accomplish any task at hand.

I know that times are difficult but we must remember that great leaders and great clubs arise in time of adversity. We must always focus on the Kiwanis Family and our visions for our children and our community. Kiwanis is needed more than ever. KIWANIS IS THE RIGHT VEHICLE for success.

For the Kiwanis club:

- Create a channel for your club
- Subscribe to other relevant channels in your community
- Upload videos of service projects
- YouTube is a community; work on gaining subscribers
- Assign a club member to create, manage and upload video content to the channel.

What about LinkedIn, Tumblr, Pinterest and all the others? They’re great! Go for it! Regardless of what medium you choose, remember a few key things:

- Always tell the story of Kiwanis in terms of your impact.
- Connect with influential people (not just companies).
- Use good photos and video.
- Post often.
The District proposed one by-law amendment (passed) to eliminate a separate fee for new club members. We also elected David Babbage from the Kiwanis Club of Allen Park as Governor for 2012-13, and Stan Nelson from the Kiwanis Club of Alpena as Governor-Elect.

The closing session retired many from their District commitment, and installed our new District Chairs and Lt. Governors, and officers.

A highlight of this year’s event was the unanimous endorsement of Susan Petrisin, past District Governor, and current Kiwanis International Trustee, as a candidate for Vice President of Kiwanis International at the convention in Vancouver next June 27-30, 2013.

As always, the Honors and Awards Luncheon on Saturday is a sell out and this year was no different. Summaries of the awards appear at the end of this article.

One other group of folks provide significant resources to our Convention each year, and this year our Exhibitors shared many opportunities and ideas for clubs to serve the community and raise much needed funds. A few even participated in a workshop to give better focus on how their expertise would be helpful to assuring a clubs success.

If it sounds like you missed a lot if you could not attend this year, then start planning for next. In August 2013 (8/15—8/18) we will again go to one of the finest venues in Western Michigan…. the Amway Grand Hotel in Grand Rapids, hosted by our Council of Past Lt. Governors and members of Division 14.

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**District Winners!**

Scrapbooks were judged at Convention, and as announced by District Chair Caitlyn Keinitz, the selections were:

**White Division (30 members or less)**
- First Place: Saginaw Township
- Second Place: Wayland
- Third Place: Okemos

**Blue Division (31 to 45 members)**
- First Place: Lansing Golden K
- Second Place: Woodhaven
- Third Place: Mason Golden K

**Orange Division (46 to 70 members)**
- First Place: Owosso
- Second Place: Hillsdale
- Third Place: St. Johns 707

**Silver Division (71-99 members)**
- First Place: Adrian
- Second Place: Jackson
- Third Place: Utica-Shelby Township

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**Gold Division (100+ Members)**
- 1st Place – Ann Arbor

**Silver Division (71-99 Members)**
- 1st Place – Utica-Shelby Township

**Orange Division (46-70 Members)**
- 1st Place – Detroit No. 1
- 2nd Place – Shorewood, St. Clair Shores
- 3rd Place – Kalamazoo

**Blue Division (31-45 Members)**
- 1st Place – Dearborn, Outer Drive
- 2nd Place – Woodhaven
- 3rd Place – Saginaw

Honorable Mention – Cheboygan

Honorable Mention – Allen Park

**White Division (30 or Less Members)**
- 1st Place – Wayland
2011-12 KIWANIS DISTRICT CLUB BROCHURE WINNERS

1st Place – Lapeer Sunrise
2nd Place – Cheboygan

The Salvation Army Bell Ringing Awards were presented:

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Bell Ringing Division Champions

First Place - Division 20
Lt. Governor Stan J. Nelson

Second Place – Division 10
Lt. Governor David M. Bartley

Third Place – Division 5
Lt. Governor Gregory D. Bader Sr.

Fourth Place – Division 14
Lt. Governor Vincent A. Weiss

Fifth Place - Division 9
Lt. Governor Larry W. Memmer

Governor’s Award

The Salvation Army Bell Ringing Project 2011
Elizabeth J. Luttrell-Wilson
Governor of Michigan District of Kiwanis 2012-12

District Chair Award

The Salvation Army Bell Ringing Project 2011
Allan D. Schulz
District Chair of Human & Spiritual Values 2011-12
Michigan District Convention
Boyne Highlands
GOVERNOR’S MEMBERSHIP TROPHY

Lansing +11
Lac Ste. Claire +10
Tri Cities, Gd. Haven-Spring Lake +10
Adrian +9
Jackson +9
Livonia Early Risers +8
Wyandotte 1000 +8
Gaylord +7
Lapeer Sunrise +7
Brighton +6
Greater Whitmore Lake Area +6
Metropolitan North-Troy +6
Alpena +5
Ann Arbor +5
Coldwater +5
Cosmopolitan Detroit +5
Grand Rapids North +5
Harbor Springs +5
Kalamazoo +5
Woodhaven +5

Net gain is from 10-1-11 thru 8-31-12 and includes only clubs with at least a net gain of +5 based on official membership numbers supplied by Kiwanis International.

KWANIS OF MICHIGAN FOUNDATION

No more cards or stamps. Support our Hospital Projects with a contribution to the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation and share your Christmas greetings with all your Kiwanis friends.

Your contribution will place your name to be published in the December/January greeting section of the Builder.

Thomas P. Oliver
Holiday Greeting Project

Say hello and help hospitalized children

Enclosed is my contribution, $________________________ A check payable to Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation is enclosed.

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How Key Clubs—and other Kiwanis youth clubs—help kids through Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

Since 1994, Key Club has been Trick-or-Treating for UNICEF. Created, inspired and powered by kids since 1950, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF has empowered generations to make lasting change in their global community. Over the years, Key Clubbers have raised nearly $5 million for iodine deficiency programs worldwide.

This fall, collect donations instead of candy. Take part in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. All proceeds raised by Kiwanis-family members from Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF will go to The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT).

Learn more about how Kiwanis-family clubs help Trick or Treat for UNICEF at www.kiwanisone.org

Raise funds door-to-door, host a “spooktacular” dance or haunted house . . . or come up with your own ideas!
In Memoriam

ARIE GULDEMOND
Mt. Clemens

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MERTON L. WING

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