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Governor’s Message

THE TIME IS NOW TO FIND OUR PASSION and Kiwanis is the vehicle to express it

As I start my second month of my second quarter of my tenure as Governor of the Michigan District of Kiwanis, I am and we all should be very proud of the Michigan District.

We have challenged ourselves with club goals. We have all made decisions in life and I am forever thankful for making a decision to be a member of Kiwanis. The time is now to find our passion. Passion is not something somebody tells us about. It is what we feel. It is part of our life force. It is our motivator and gives us the energy to do great things and take action. Truly Kiwanis is the vehicle to express that passion for the children of the world and the world communities.

I challenge all to let their passion lead their clubs to real accomplishments and growth. Together we will light the way to a clear sense of purpose and true satisfaction through Kiwanis.

Speaking of Goals, Kiwanis of Colonial Plymouth President Daniel Herriman with Lt. Gov. Larry Memmer and John Steele and of course Lt Gov–elect Scott Kappler, are working on a club mentoring with the New Kiwanis Club of Northville. The club will be chartered this month. As of the writing of this article they have twenty members committed to Charter President Douglas W. Herriman Jr. The Colonial Plymouth Club seeks to grow a more vigorous Kiwanis by mentoring this new club, and kudos to everyone.

We continue our passion when we design service projects to meet the needs of our global community and make us more visible to our community.

On Saturday, January 12, 2013 The Michigan District Key Club had their first Annual E-Ball. The Key club showed their passion. See a summary in the Key Club section of the Builder.

Kiwanis One Days is coming April 6, 2013

Let us celebrate the month of April 2013 by becoming more involved with the International project Eliminate. We can have a dance or a pasta dinner for eliminate or any other project to help raise funds for MNT. Remember just a $1.80 saves a life. We as Kiwanis members can meet this challenge.

Detroit No. 1 and Coldwater Kiwanis Clubs have just become Model clubs.

These are just a couple of examples that Kiwanians have shown their passion. This is happening all over the Michigan District.

Thank You!

Remembering always that the six objects of Kiwanis are our foundation and we need for our members to be more aware of who we are. We believe every human life is equally precious. We strive through our service to elevate those lives, to give of ourselves, to share our resources and our talents to improve the lot of others less fortunate.

The Michigan District has the passion and knows that Kiwanis is that Vehicle.

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The Builder

Welcome to the first electronic February/March issue of the Builder! We have discontinued U.S. Mail distribution but will continue to provide copy on our website (as we have for years) and by email only. The Builder will be sent to all Kiwanians and supporters who provide a valid email address.

You can now read The Builder on your computer, your tablet, a Kindle, or iPhone. What’s exciting about this is we now are not limited by pages. We can share so much more content including news, photos and videos (yes! video clips from events, fundraisers, award ceremonies) from clubs like yourselves. It’s an incredible way to share and exchange great information and ideas between clubs. (For details on how to do this see page 20.)

To assure prompt delivery of your personal copy, you will need to send an email to the District Information Technology Chair, Preston Abadie at plabadie@comcast.net using “Builder” in the subject line and include your email address, first name, last name, and club name only in the body of the message.

The change to electronic delivery addresses two concerns, the cost of District operations in a declining membership environment and the potential to enhance the content and frequency of issues. Although the membership approved electronic delivery two years ago, we have avoided that option as long as the budget allowed.
This is the time of the year in Kiwanis I call the “input” era, and it only lasts one or two months because the other 10 months are busy with output which is primarily the job of the District Office.

Having just returned from Vancouver where a lot of “input” was available, I am recalling yet some more intuitive comments from Yogi Berra---“if you don’t know where you are going, you might wind up someplace else”. The reason Yogi’s quotes are so famous is that you can’t just read them and move on…you have to think about how something so convoluted can make such sense.

Of all the goals we (the District and Kiwanis International) can be judged on, helping our volunteer clubs is certainly near or at the top. Take a minute right now to step back and evaluate your club. Does it know where it is going? Has it analyzed the effectiveness of its service projects? Is it preparing leadership for the annual turnover of officers in October? Is it recruiting replacements for the inevitable loss of volunteers throughout the year? Independently these issues may seem minor, but combined they create an environment that is immediately noticeable by prospective members when they walk in the door. Both the District and Kiwanis International address these issues and make available training and collaboration to help keep Kiwanis at the forefront of service to children.

In this issue of The Builder you will find an interesting take on growth by a new Kiwanian from Ypsilanti. You will also find opportunities and ideas from our friends in Key Club.

Now that we are not confined to limited space in our publication we really encourage clubs to send news to share with the rest of the District. Pictures and articles about successful events are ready sources of ideas for other clubs.

Much of the input I got in Vancouver will pay off if your club supports attendance at the International Convention. I can assure you that this venue in June will be one of the most beautiful and enjoyable locations for a convention. There will be no better setting for a culmination of our support for Sue Petrisin as she attempts to become the first female Vice-President of Kiwanis International. Another article in this issue will bring you up to date on the activities necessary to help make that happen.

What a year this can be, and you can say you were a part of history.

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With The Eliminate Project, Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. This deadly disease steals the lives of nearly 60,000 innocent babies and a significant number of women each year. The effects of the disease are excruciating — tiny new-borns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch.

To eliminate MNT from the Earth, more than 100 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take US$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family.

Kiwanis and UNICEF joined forces to tackle iodine deficiency disorders, achieving one of the most significant public health successes of the 20th century. Now, they are eliminating MNT from the face of the Earth. And in doing so, the project will reach the poorest, most neglected mothers and babies with additional lifesaving health care. The end of this one disease means the beginning of better health for so many families,
In early November, I was privileged to attend a Governor-Elect team building session in Indianapolis. While there, I met with a member of the Kiwanis International Information Technology staff. My purpose was to learn more about the capabilities of www.KiwanisOne.org and to make some proposals as a means of starting to fulfill my campaign promises of developing better methods of serving our members.

One of my objectives was to develop a tool similar to our existing on-line ‘Club Assessment Tool’. I believe the District would be better served if it had another resource to better gauge the expectations of its membership.

By the end of March, I would like to assemble a small group of folks to draft questions that would be suitable for a constructive measurement tool. I would like this team to represent clubs from most of our District’s demographic regions. If you think that you would like to actively participate in this project, please contact me via the “DISTRICT LEADERSHIP” tab on the Michigan District website – www.kiwanisOne.org.

One of the main purposes of the Michigan District is to offer materials, tools, or personal assistance to help your club better SERVE others.

Thank you for your service!

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Club Growth isn’t an Accident
By: Kelly Savine

In July of this year, after three years in Saint Louis, Missouri, I moved back to Ypsilanti. I grew up nearby, and went to Eastern Michigan University where I was a member of our Circle K club. I attended Ypsilanti Kiwanis meetings to give updates on our club, and always felt welcomed whenever I did so. Four days after I moved back to Michigan, I attended my first Kiwanis meeting with the intention of joining the club. I was welcomed warmly by many of the club members, and many individuals seemed excited that I would consider joining. I signed my membership papers in August, and I am currently engrossed in the many activities one can participate in as a member of the greatest service organization family in the world.

You may be asking (or I hope you are) why I didn’t join a Kiwanis club during my time in Missouri. I did consider it, and reached out to a club or two, but I didn’t feel the connection I felt to this club. The Kiwanis Club of Ypsilanti impressed me for one reason: enthusiasm.

For Shataura Clayborne, the current club president, her first interactions with the club were very different from mine. I requested more information and was contacted the next day by Linda Lawther via Facebook. She says, “she must have searched my name and sent a friend request. Her willingness to look for me on social media and then personally take me to a meeting was enough to compel me to go. Enthusiasm again played a role. Since joining in May of 2011, Shataura has recruited four members. Of her success she claims, “my enthusiasm and passion for our mission has pervaded to my friends, acquaintances and even strangers.” There’s that word again.

Enthusiasm is what has driven our club to grow eight members last year, and have two new members since the new year started. We have tenaciously committed to a 25 percent gain in membership. To meet our goals, the Ypsilanti Kiwanians have approached different ways to reach potential members. We readily update a Facebook account reaching over 150 people. We designed our new website (ypsilantikiwanis.weebly.com) to be easier to find, and feature upcoming events.

We connected with local nonprofits and service organizations to build bonds and partnerships on future projects. The club organizes social events, new projects, and procedures to ensure members can take on projects without feeling as if they are reinventing the wheel. We hold a monthly evening meeting for those who cannot meet during the day.

None of these techniques by themselves would really keep people interested. Without enthusiasm, and a love for the mission of Kiwanis, no one would feel compelled to make them work. Without enthusiasm, Shataura and I would have been willing volunteers without an outlet. As Shataura mentioned, our club’s enthusiasm is catching. I hope our enthusiasm encourages you to seek out new ways to identify and reach new members.
Hildreth Announces Candidacy for Governor-Elect 2013-1…

Rebekah Hildreth, from the Kiwanis Club of Burton in Division 17 will be completing her second year as Lt. Governor and will now seek the challenge of leadership of the entire District.

Leadership of others follows a fine line between leading and following the needs of those we lead. I have been lucky enough to serve my Kiwanis Family in many various capacities. I have served as Club President, Key Club Advisor and as a two time Lieutenant Governor. My time in the Kiwanis Organization has taught me several valuable lessons, the greatest being that one dedicated individual can make a difference within the life of another. I have been honored to work with many inspirational people who have helped shape my life. This is why I look forward to the opportunity to serve the Michigan District as Governor – Elect.

Over the past several years the Michigan District has been very progressive in our goals to grow and retain membership. We have also worked hard to educate the world about who we are as Kiwanians and what it means to be a member of the Kiwanis Family. It is my hope to be able to continue this positive trend within the organization.

Through continued education of current members and the orientation and mentoring of new members, we will be able to carry on with our commitment to membership growth and retention. I believe that if we truly embrace and incorporate our entire K-Family into our Kiwanis life we will not only grow our membership base but we will reenergize our organization with new thoughts, ideas and extra hands to serve our communities more than ever before.

We must stay focused on the Six Objects of Kiwanis and allow these objects to drive our commitment to service. Together we can make a difference in this world one child and one community at a time.

“We make a living by what we get. We make a life by what we give.” ~Winston Churchill

FEBRUARY 15……SOUNDS FAMILIAR TO KIWANIS CLUBS???

Kiwanis Clubs and Foundations operating on the October 1 to September 30 fiscal year are required to file their IRS tax forms by February 15.

Small tax-exempt organizations (those with revenue of $50,000 or less) need only to file the IRS electronic postcard Form 990-N. This is a five question form easily done in 10 minutes.

Clubs with gross receipts between $50,000 and $200,000 must file form 990-EZ and those few clubs that generate receipts of over $200,000 must file the full 990.

If your club has not selected delegates to the Kiwanis International Convention in Vancouver, June 26-29, don’t delay.

I just returned from an advance meeting in Vancouver and can assure you that whether this will be your first International meeting or one of many, the location is unparalleled in beauty, accessibility, and friendliness.

Let’s start with our District Hotel, the Vancouver Sheraton Wall Centre, one of the many gorgeous hotels, recently renovated due to the Olympics that were held in the city in 2010. Our assigned hotel offers the lowest room rates of all Convention hotels, and will be the venue for:

- **District Caucus on Friday morning, June 28**
- **District Office (to coordinate Sue Petrisin Campaign Activities), Wed Fri.**
- **Open House Hospitality on Friday evening to celebrate the Election**

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If you choose to upgrade, a one bedroom suite will add $100 to your daily rate, and a two bedroom will cost an additional $200.

We will share our hotel with both the Ohio District and the Cal-Nev-Ha District, offering an opportunity to expand our Kiwanis friendships.

The Convention Center, located on the Bay in the heart of downtown, offers plenty of room, spectacular views of the bay, mountains, and city. Shuttle busses will run on a regular schedule from our hotel to the Center. Those who may consider a healthy walk, our hotel is 5 blocks from the Convention (about ½ mile).

Transportation from the Airport (YVR) is best done by cab or van. A cab ride to downtown will run about $35 to $40 with tip depending upon traffic. Canada Rail operates a Skytrain at about $9.00 per person, but would be too much of a walk from the Waterfront Station to the hotel.

Be prepared for some walking at the Airport as an International arrival will take you downstairs to Customs, then out to public transportation and baggage claim.

This Convention is special to us and maximum participation is encouraged as we seek to advance one of our Past District Governors, Susan Petrisin, from the Kiwanis Club of East Lansing, to the office of International Vice-President, that would elevate her to be our International President in 2015-16. (see article on Campaign 2013)

The International Convention designates Wednesday, June 26 as arrival day, with specific events for volunteers and staff, and a whole day of freedom for attendees to enjoy the host city of Vancouver. Registration is available from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Thursday, June 27 is opening day, with Registration beginning at 7:00 AM, and the Opening Session at 9:00 AM. Exhibit Hall will open at 11:00 AM. A schedule of workshops begins this day at 2:00 and continues through Saturday, Noon.

Friday, June 28, begins with our District Caucus (7:30) at the Sheraton Hotel, followed by workshops beginning at 10:00 AM. The Business Session begins at 2:00 PM, and the always interesting presentation of amendments to Bylaws are followed by the reason 2013 can become historic with the election of officers. The District plans on an Open House Hospitality at our hotel this evening, regardless of the election outcome.

Saturday, June 29 continues with workshops and special events, culminating with a Closing Session at 2:00 PM.

A link to the most up to date schedule of events is provided below. Pay attention to instructions for the separate activities of Convention Registration; Hotel Registration; and Delegate Certification.

Let's see 300 or more of our Michigan Kiwanis members in Vancouver as we “Make History” on our way to 100 years of service.
The 2013 Convention in Vancouver, BC is the opportunity for the Michigan District to provide its ultimate support of the future of Kiwanis International.

As we are reminded constantly of the upcoming 100th anniversary of our great service organization, remember that it was in Michigan that Kiwanis was born; the Michigan District has provided four International Presidents; and only two years ago we gathered the support of our members in Las Vegas to elect Sue Petrisin as an International Trustee. A record number of members representing a record number of clubs joined hands and hearts to make that happen.

The campaign effort was the ultimate in fun, fellowship, and recognition of leadership.

Plan now to help us elect Sue to the office of Vice-President of Kiwanis International that will put her in line to become International President in 2015. We need your help:

- Clubs should consider financial support
- Clubs should be sending certified Delegates to Convention
- Attendees should be volunteering for campaign efforts in Vancouver

The time is now. Registration for convention is open. Financial support can be sent directly to the Michigan District, P.O. Box 231, Mason, MI 48854.

In Vancouver the District will maintain an office at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre Hotel. Kiwanians will be asked to hand out materials on the shuttles, at the Convention Center, and promote the campaign wherever possible. Shortly before we are to arrive in Vancouver you will be contacted with information about our visit to Vancouver.

Everyone knows how committed Sue Petrisin has been to Kiwanis, as early as Key Club in the 70’s. She has made a difference wherever she has served in Kiwanis, and we can help her and ourselves as she seeks the highest office Kiwanis has to offer.

We invite you to spend some time at her website, [www.suepetrisin.com](http://www.suepetrisin.com), we need your comments and suggestions and endorsements.

Each club is entitled to two voting delegates.

*Let’s “Make History” in Vancouver.*
Save the date! Tuesday, June 4, 2013. Michigan District of Kiwanis Annual Golf Outing. Proceeds benefit the Michigan District Kiwanis Foundation. Golf, including Lunch and Dinner, $65.00 per person. Dinner only, $20.00 per person.

We need: Golfers, Door Prizes and Silent Auction Items!! To donate items, please contact Liz Wilson at 517-282-4202. The Outing is co-sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Mason Golden K and the Kiwanis Club of Mason.

Click Here! Map to Goodwill event, April 30
Join fellow Kiwanians as we enjoy Hockey Town again and raise money for the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation and hospitalized children. Follow the instructions on the flyer, choose your game and seats…and enjoy!!!

Event with the Red Wings

Kiwanis of Michigan and the Detroit Red Wings have teamed up to support a great cause during the 2013 season! Take advantage of special ticket prices for the games below.

RED WINGS vs. Colorado Avalanche
Tuesday, March 5th, 2013 at 7:30pm

RED WINGS vs. Phoenix Coyotes
Monday, April 22nd, 2013 at 7:30pm
Nicklas Lidstrom Bobblehead Giveaway (First 7,500 fans)

Kiwanis Tickets:
$45 ┇ Premium Seating ┇ Rows 6-12
$35 ┇ General Seating ┇ Rows 13-15
$30 ┇ Value Seating ┇ Rows 16-21
*Upper Level Seating*

$5 from every ticket purchased will go back to support Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation Hospitals in Michigan.

Save Up To 35% Off Box Office Prices
Reserve Your Tickets Early, These Games Will Sell-Out!

To purchase tickets online, visit:
www.DetroitRedWings.com/kiwanis

Enter Promocode: KIWANIS

Questions or to purchase tickets by phone, please contact:
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Michigan District of Kiwanis International is sponsoring the student trooper program with the Michigan State Police July 7 through 12, 2013. This Law Enforcement Career Academy has been an annual event since 1975. It is conducted west of Lansing at the State Police Academy at 7426 Canal Road across from the State Secondary Complex just west of I-96 and north of Lansing Road. Forty-nine high school students completed the week long program in 2012.

Each Michigan Kiwanis division Lieutenant Governor has a copy of the DVD from this year’s experience for use in a club meeting, a Key Club meeting, or a career day-type event.

The Michigan State Police hosts the program with the assistance from deputies and officers of other Michigan police agencies. Michigan District of Kiwanis Clubs provide funds to sponsor students. We anticipate the cost per student to be $390 for the 2013 academy.

The training is designed for highly motivated young men and women who are seriously interested in a career in law enforcement. Each student makes application through a local Kiwanis Club to be sponsored for this unusual opportunity. The deadline for the Kiwanis Clubs to send the applications to the Michigan District office is March 15, 2013.

Each day of the week-long school is highly structured and the students are in a strongly disciplined environment. Enrollees experience wake-up at 5:30 am and lights out at 10:00 pm. Between these times there is instruction about traffic and criminal law, defensive tactics, firearms and marksmanship fundamentals, first aid, water safety, search and seizure, patrol tactics, crash investigations, law enforcement career opportunities, forensic science, conservation law, underwater recovery, and character issues of leadership.

Michigan State Police Training Division believes, “This program provides young people with a glimpse of what it takes to be a Michigan State Police Trooper. It is a real eye-opener and patterned after a regular Michigan State Police recruit school. The program promotes an educational experience for building teamwork, while learning about law enforcement fundamentals. In just one short week, we see these students become a fine-tuned team of personalities, determined to meet with success. It is as rewarding for our staff to see the progress these outstanding young men and women make as it is for the students when they graduate.”

Students applying for sponsorship must be academically qualified and physically fit. They must expect to be challenged, physically, mentally, and emotionally. This is a demanding experience that starts with properly following the enrollment procedures and meeting the application filing deadlines in order to be accepted into the program. High school seniors are given a higher priority over juniors and sophomores because this is the only year the seniors have to qualify. Applicants not accepted in prior years, who are still in high school, are welcome to submit an application for 2013.

Please carefully screen your applicants for this rigorous week with its rewarding training. They will remember this experience all their lives. Early enrollment ensures the best results. Many participants of previous years came back to their local Kiwanis clubs with glowing presentations.

The deadline for applications to the 2013 academy is March 15, 2013.

Application information and forms are online at www.mi.kiwanisone.org
If further information is desired, please feel free to contact me. I am listed in the Programs portion of the district directory. Call me at (517) 337-1439, or email femoss@juno.com.

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Thanks to Kiwanis for all their support of this event, and a special thanks to all the Kiwanians who attended, making the event the success it was. By the end of the night, enough money was raised to save over 1300 lives from MNT. Furthermore, a certain Sue Petrisin enlightened us with a speech on the ELIMINATE project, and her position and her devotion. Our thanks for her support and her work cannot be put into words. The night was wrapped up by a dance for teens and ‘more experienced’ dancers. A great night. A great cause. Some great people.

Yours in service,
Collin Newton 2012-2013 Key Club Kiwanis Family Relations Chair
Kiwanians Attend Pistons Game for FREE

**Key Club Game Changers Pistons Game**

Kiwanians Attend Pistons Game for FREE

Detroit Pistons

KEY CLUB

**What is the Key Club Game Changers Pistons game?**

It’s basically a Pistons game that the Kiwanis members and Key Clubbers in the state of Michigan are invited to attend for free as a thank you from the Detroit Pistons for all they do to serve their homes, schools, and communities! It’s a fundraiser for the Michigan District of Key Club too because 50/50 raffle tickets will be sold at the game by Key Club/Kiwanis volunteers. One Key Club member or group of Key Clubbers from the state will be recognized in-arena at the game for their outstanding commitment to service and the Kiwanis way of life as well!

**When and where is it?**

**The game is on Saturday, February 23rd at 7:30pm at The Palace.**

**How can I, as a Kiwanian, help out with the event?**

There are so many ways that Kiwanis can lend a hand with this project! First and foremost, come and watch the game! All Kiwanians are more than welcome to spend some quality time with their Kiwanis Family to watch the Pistons play the Indiana Pacers! Please inform your Key Clubs about this opportunity too and if possible, offer them transportation to the event since many of them can’t drive. We also need plenty of helpers to sell 50/50 raffle tickets at the game because the volunteers must be 18 years old or older.

For nearly one hundred years the Kiwanis Family has been full of game changers and has made an invaluable change in the lives of countless people around the world, so please accept the Pistons’ thank you and come watch a great game of basketball on the 2nd with your Kiwanis friends and family from across the state!

**Questions? Comments? Want Tickets? Want to Volunteer?**

Contact Greg Smith, Key Club District Administrator, at administrator@mikeyclub.org
With a New Year come new beginnings!

Children’s Hospital of Michigan Foundation is happily embracing our fresh start. The last two years has seen myriad positive changes. Born from DMC Children’s Hospital of Michigan, the Foundation was perfectly poised to assume the hospital’s charitable legacy upon the sale of the Detroit Medical Center to Vanguard Health Systems, December 31, 2010.

The transition has uniquely positioned the Children’s Hospital of Michigan Foundation to serve the children of Michigan with redefined purpose and opportunity. The Foundation’s mission to support pediatric research, education and community benefit programs enables us to focus on facets of healthcare that not only compliment critical medical treatment, but also support some of our community’s basic daily needs, like safety programs and immunizations.

Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation plays an important role in facilitating the services that Children’s Hospital of Michigan Foundation can fund. Through Kiwanis’ Walter J.L. Ray Project, the Child Life Services program at Children’s Hospital of Michigan that is supported by the Foundation has been able to continue services that are important to the overall healing of patients.

For years, the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation has been the sole philanthropic supporter of the school teacher at Children’s Hospital of Michigan. School Services is not offered at every hospital and Kiwanis has made a tremendous difference in helping to maintain this program. The school teacher helps patients who are hospitalized for extended periods of time to stay abreast of schoolwork, allowing them the opportunity to transition back into their routine and not fall behind, which can add to the stress of what may be a difficult time in their young lives.

“I see children every day who are so grateful that they are able to keep up with their schoolwork while they are here,” says Dina Bey, Children’s Hospital of Michigan school teacher. “Because of the support of Kiwanis, I have been able to continue to see patients and coordinate with their schools to keep them from falling behind. This makes all the difference for some of our children.”

The transition to a separate, thriving Foundation empowers us to fund the expansion of programs in the hospital, including Child Life. With this change also comes modification in philanthropic funding. The school teacher’s salary will be absorbed into the hospital budget. Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation voted in October to shift support from School Services to an Art Therapy program, which will enable Child Life to have an even greater impact on young patients at Children’s Hospital of Michigan.

Larry Fleischmann, M.D., Interim President and CEO of the Children’s Hospital of Michigan Foundation said, “Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation’s commitment to the health and wellness of Michigan’s children is incomparable. The Kiwanis consistently contribute to our mission – from the Foundation’s significant annual donation, to gifts from individual clubs – we genuinely appreciate the heart that goes into Kiwanis’ involvement.”

The Art Therapy program will be led by a board certified art therapist who will use his or her training in art and art therapy to consult with the patient’s treatment team to assess and treat complicated issues such as mental and emotional disorders; substance abuse and other addictions; family and relationship issues; abuse and domestic violence; psychosocial difficulties related to disability and illness; trauma and loss; and physical, cognitive, and neurological problems. Art therapy will provide a service-based continuum of care, complement current services, and allow us to touch increased numbers of patients and families. Kiwanis will be the first contributor to this program and set a precedent for future support as the program grows.

“We are so thrilled that Kiwanis is standing behind this opportunity,” says Lindsay Heering, Manager, and Child Life Services at DMC Children’s Hospital of Michigan. “We are thankful for the chance to incorporate Art Therapy as part of the overall treatment plan, allowing us to work closely with health care providers to enhance an already dynamic program.”

Lindsay goes onto to say, “Each young life we impact is important to us. We rely on others who care just as much as we do. And, Kiwanis truly cares.”
Kiwanis Club of St. Johns 707 cleans up area yards filling nearly 300 bags of leaves.

Kiwanis: Serving Children
See how clubs throughout Michigan are serving children

Division 18
St. Johns 707

Good things happen when members of a service club, two youth groups and a cluster of basketball players descend on the yards of residents with leaf-covered lawns. Those good things add up to 11 homes with clean turfs and nearly 300 bags of leaves ear-marked for the mulch pile.

Involved in the effort were members of St. Johns Kiwanis Club, sponsor of middle school Builders Club and high school Good Wins Key club. Caleb Miller joined the group and recruited a number of basketball buddies to round out the near 70 person endeavor.

Division 10
Manchester

The Kiwanis Club of Manchester and the Manchester High School Key Club pulled some strings and brought Santa to town to make an appearance at our annual Lunch with Santa. Many excited youngsters and their families attended this fun-filled fundraising project hosted by the Key Club. Key Clubbers organized activities like a cake walk, Christmas crafts, Snowman toss game, cookies decorating (and eating) and of course the chance for little ones to sit on Santa’s lap for a picture. The Manchester High School Key Club has designated the proceeds be used for the Eliminate Project and Kids Against Hunger.
Manchester

The Manchester Middle School Builders Club organized and collected food and holiday items to ship to soldiers currently deployed. Club members asked for donations from all Middle School Students with each advisory class providing items for the care packages. At their meeting on November 28 the Builders Club members packed 22 Care Packages, wrote letters to the soldiers, and created a banner reading “Kids in Support of Soldiers”. In their letters members shared what life is like in our small mid-western town and offered the soldiers thanks for their service and sacrifices to their country. This year’s packages were shipped to the 173rd Army Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry who are currently deployed in Afghanistan.

Mike Murphy received a certificate honoring him for being a Kiwanis member for 50 years

Division 17

Linden

This past December 2012 Mike Murphy received a certificate honoring him for being a Kiwanis member for 50 years. Mike joined the Linden Kiwanis in 1961 when a fellow business associate told him “You are going to join the Kiwanis!” Mike and his wife Lorraine are Michigan State graduates. Mike has a degree in accounting and has been a businessman since 1958. He has been the Linden Kiwanis treasurer for 25 years.
“Serving the Children of the World” is the Kiwanis slogan, and for the past sixteen years the Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor has put the slogan to work serving their community’s neediest children with a program called “Warm The Children”.

It works this way: the successor to the local newspaper, AnnArbor.com, asks its readers for monetary donations. All of the money collected is used to buy new clothing and footwear for needy Ann Arbor area children. Families to be served are referred by area public school staff. Volunteer shoppers (this is where Kiwanis comes in) are assigned families who they meet at an area Target store; together they select about $90 in clothing and footwear for each child. Target bills AnnArbor.com for all purchases.

Doug Ziesemer has been the club’s “Warm The Children” contact person since 1997. One of Doug’s shoppers is Kiwanian Lynne Lande, who told of her experiences: “I’ve been a volunteer shopper since our club began participating in Warm the Children. I really enjoy the shopping trips. I often have a family with five or six children. This year I will be meeting a mother with ten children”.

Doug said “Kiwanis in Ann Arbor serves “fifty plus” families each year, and takes on special needs families such as those with large numbers of children and ones where the parent doesn’t speak English. “Starting five years ago,” he said, “the club began giving a $100 gift certificate to be used at their Kiwanis Thrift Sale. This enables the family to get things they need beyond clothing and footwear for the children, and provides an opportunity for them to learn what the Kiwanis Thrift Sale is all about.”
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PLACE/DATE CHANGES

CLINTON TWP. NORTH, DIV. 3
Hamlin Pub-Shelby, Hayes & 22 Mile Rd, Shelby Twp., 2nd &
4th Wed., 6:30 PM

COLON, DIV. 12
Dawn & Phil’s Café, 105 E. State St., 2nd & 4th Tues, 6:00 PM

GRAYLING, DIV. 21
Ramada Bar & Grill, 2650 I-75 Business Loop, Thurs., Noon

KIWASSEE, MIDLAND, DIV. 19
Trinity Lutheran Church, 3701 Jefferson Ave., Tues., 11:45 AM

LANSING, DIV. 16
Salvation Army, 525 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Thurs., 11:45 AM

WYANDOTTE 1000, DIV. 5
Grand Harbor Banquet Center, 1 St. Johns St., Tues, Noon
Have you **Shared the News** recently?

The Michigan District offers a great opportunity to showcase the successes of your Club, your members and your community.

Your successes when published reward your members for service and provide ideas to other Kiwanis clubs. The following guidelines will help get your information published:

**Articles**

Provide the basic information that includes your club name, division, what was done, who benefited, when it was accomplished, and how it was accomplished.

Narrative can be attached to an email in Word, or edited and typed in the body of your email.

**Pictures:**

Send any pictures as attachments (not included in the body of a document) in highest resolution possible. Pictures downloaded from the web are generally not acceptable.

Identify persons in pictures, and try and use action pictures rather than poses of acceptances, podium speakers, and groups in rows. Usually only one or two pictures will be used, so choose wisely.

**Submit:**

Send your email and attachments to: al.mikiwanis@sbcglobal.net

Subject Line: Builder

**Deadlines** for our six issues: Jan. 7; March 7; May 7; July 7; Sept. 7; Nov. 7.
## 2012-13 Governor’s MEMBERSHIP TROPHY

| Active Clubs | 169 |
| Charter Suspended Clubs | 0 |
| District Beginning Membership | 5127 members |
| Reporting Members Jan. 1, 2013 | 5167 |
| Net Gain | +40 |

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

### In Memoriam

- **TOM GEHRINGER**
  - Allen Park
- **JACK G. TERKEURST**
  - Golden K of Gd. Rapids
- **ROBERT L. MAY**
  - Hastings
- **LLOYD R. SMITH**
  - Kiwassee, Midland
- **GUS L. CONSTAN**
  - Midland

### AS WE GO TO PRESS

- Gaylord +5
- Utica-Shelby Township +5
- Warren +5

### February 2013

- **2** Club Achievement and Growth Seminar, Novi
- **16** Club Achievement and Growth Seminar, Mt. Pleasant

### March

- **2** Spring Divisional, Divisions 11 and 12, Adrian
- **8-10** Key Club Convention, Kalamazoo
- **9** Spring Divisional, Divisions 13 and 14, Wayland
- **16** Spring Divisional, Divisions 16 and 18, DeWitt
- **22-24** Circle K Convention, Midland
- **23** Spring Divisional, Divisions 17 and 19, Frankenmuth

### April

- **6** Spring Divisional, Divisions 1, 3 and 7, Warren
- **13** Spring Divisional, Divisions 20, 21, and 22, Indian River

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**Mark Your Calendars!**