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THE KEYSTONE KIWANIAN

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Governor
SPOTLIGHT
BY PHIL WEBER
It’s a New Year!

First, I thank every Kiwanian in the Pennsylvania District for allowing me the honor of serving you as your Governor. It is exhilarating, it is challenging, it is fun.

There are two topics I want to share with you in this, my first Governor’s message in the Keystone Kiwanian. The first is membership, the second is looking to the future of our District. I covered both in my Governor’s visits this Fall, but I want to be sure every Kiwanian is aware of my message.

“Plus 2”, or “+2”. Simple. Achievable. If every club in the District adds at least 2 new members (net) by September 30th, 2019, our District will have grown by about 10%. Some Kiwanians think that asking each club for a net growth of only two may not be enough of a stretch goal, and I agree that at the club level it may seem that way. But at the District level, growing by over 300 members, instead of the recent trend of losing 100 – 150 members a year is, in my opinion, very much a stretch goal. All I am asking is for each club to do what may seem to be a little, and then let the sum of the “littles” add up quickly.

You will be hearing more during the year from our Membership Committee, and from me, on our growth and success.

The second issue that I want to share is our District’s future. The current infrastructure was put in place decades ago, when our membership was in the 10,000 range. Today, it is about 1/3 of that level. We need to think differently in order to ensure a sustainable District. Kiwanis International has been promoting alternate club structures for a number of years. Young Professionals, “3-2-1”, and other formats that meet the needs and realities of the generations coming behind those of us who are “seasoned” Kiwanians. Why shouldn’t the same creative thought be given to how our District is structured. Maybe it is time to get a blank sheet of paper and craft what we think our District structure should look like. Maybe erase the current Division and Region boundaries, and see if there are groupings that make more sense. Let’s look at the duties and responsibilities of our Trustees and Lt. Governors. Let’s think about what support our District needs administratively and the most cost-effective way to achieve the same, if not better, service to our members and clubs.

Your District Leadership Team will be meeting at the Penn Stater the evening before Mid-Winter to do some brainstorming along these lines. I invite every Kiwanian with some thoughts on these issues to discuss them with your Lt. Governor and/or Trustee – or with me. The more ideas, the more innovation, the better.

Finally, I wish every member of the District a joyous holiday season. All of the diversity of faith traditions and cultures in our state, and in our clubs, enriches us all. And I hope to see many of you at our annual Holiday Party on Saturday, January 19, 2019.

Yours in Service,

Phil
GOVERNOR PHIL'S 2018-2019 +2 MEMBERSHIP GROWTH CHALLENGE

STEP 1: IDENTIFY
Identify prospective quality members that you want to invite in your club. Identify your club’s “PRODUCT”. What is your club known for in the community? Learn to sell that to prospects.

STEP 2: PLAN
Create an actionable membership growth plan with tasks and dates that include an event or project to invite prospective members to that aligns with your “PRODUCT” and Kiwanis Mission.

STEP 3: EXECUTE
Meet with prospects and invite them to be part of an amazing group of volunteers ready to make that impact in their community!

STEP 4: CELEBRATE
Celebrate success by honoring new members and making each member feel welcome and valuable.

CHALLENGE
Each club in the Pennsylvania District is challenged to add a NET "+2" members by September 30, 2019.

EXAMPLE GOALS
- Club has 7 members, grow to net 9 members
- Club has 17 members, grow to net 19 members
- Club has 59 members, grow to net 61 members

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?
Need help or have questions? Contact Governor Phil Weber

SUCCESS COMES IN CANS, NOT CAN'TS

IT TAKES TWO
Kiwanis Club of the Lititz Area

Lititz Pretzel Fest Set for May 2019

The Kiwanis Club of the Lititz Area is pleased to announce that the sixth Lititz Pretzel Fest will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 10am to 3pm in downtown Lititz.

The event, which sold out last year, has been expanded to include over 15 pretzel-themed tastings highlighting the Lititz area’s rich pretzel history, along with three beer tastings. Music around town will add to the festivities.

Discounted tickets go on sale February 1, 2019 and can be purchased in advance on-line at www.lititzpretzelfest.com or Lititz and Manheim Township Libraries and downtown locations.

Instead of running Minute-to-Win-It type games on that day, Kiwanis will fund a Kids Free Fun Day in-the-Park on Saturday, May 11, 2019. This fun-filled event for kids will include: games, bounce house, build your model boat regatta, snacks, and prizes.

Additional information can be found at www.lititzpretzelfest.com and Lititz Pretzel Fest Facebook page or by calling 717.560.2295.

Key Club of Linden Hall Chartered

The chartering ceremony of the Key Club of Linden Hall, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of the Lititz Area, was held on November 5 at the school. This event was attended by the entire student body, school officials, faculty, PA Kiwanis officials, members of the Kiwanis Club of the Lititz Area, and members of Manheim Township High School Key Club.

Kiwanis Advisor Heather Hain welcomed the guests and thanked the Kiwanis Club of the Lititz Area and Manheim Township Key Club for assisting in the formation of the Linden Hall chapter. She mentioned, “As the club matures, we hope to reach out to even more members of our Kiwanis International family to become skilled instruments of service.”

Key Club Faculty Advisor Christy Davis noted that since the club’s official chartering on March 27, it has been busy with an impressive list of activities.

Maggie Karpinski, PA Key Club District Governor, and Lauren Kaufman, PA Key Club Lt. Governor Div 14, installed the following incoming officers: Chloe Hain, president; Ella Warfel, vice president; Eva Hain, secretary; Maggie Chen, treasurer; and Jennifer Zhu, editor/webmaster.

Founded in 1746 in vibrant Lititz, Pennsylvania, Linden Hall enrolls girls in grades 6–12 representing 37 countries, 13 states, and more than 30 local towns as seven-day boarding, five-day boarding, and day students. They come for a community where they can be known and valued as individuals, participate in programs such as engineering and equestrian, and be empowered to excel in their future adult lives.
A WORD ABOUT
Photography
FROM THE BRAND BOOK

Kids are curious, playful and loving. They are also messy, fearless and wild. Photography should capture candid moments of kids being kids. These images reflect that Kiwanis understands and embraces each child's need for self-expression and exploring their world.

Research shows that of all the charitable causes in the world, helping kids is the one people most want to support. Photography is the greatest ally in our advertising communications as we strive to cut through a crowded marketplace and distinguish Kiwanis from other child-focused charities. Here, scene, composition and subject work together to tell a unique story within a singular moment.

When executed with care, the photography shows our audiences that Kiwanis is a hands-on organization that gives its volunteers the opportunities to experience those sweet and silly moments that make child service so emotionally rewarding.

Please be selective in the photographers and stock photos you use.

Kiwanians are leaders, doers and advocates. While advertising communications should focus more on capturing candid moments, general communications for publications, brochures and club messages can rely on showing people working together to achieve great things.

Remember, big photos mean better quality for printing. Set your camera at 2400x3600 pixels. If this is not possible, set it at no less than 1600x1200 pixels. Note: Your camera phone may not be up to the task. [If you are using an image from your phone, always send it at the actual size to ensure maximum pixels].

Service Photography is the best way to show that service is fun with Kiwanis. Avoid shots of inanimate objects or people standing still and posing. The best photos focus on people being active.

Leadership The action is certainly more subtle in meetings and speaking opportunities. Make sure your photo has good composition: put the main subject to one side of the photo or the other, not in the center.

Fellowship Show people what you do. When you take photos at meetings and events, remember to capture the emotion on people’s faces as they react to and engage with each other and the task at hand.

EDITORS NOTE: When taking photos that show a person's face, it is very important to obtain consent to use the picture in your newsletter, Facebook post, etc. The Kiwanis Consent and Release Form can be downloaded at https://www.kiwanis.org/docs/default-source/training/photo-release.pdf. Some ways to avoid issues and still get great pictures is to avoid face shots or close-ups. Example: an adult reading to a group of kids taken from BEHIND the children showing the backs of the kids and only the face of the reader (only one consent needed). You can also use stock photos available from Kiwanis. Be sure to scroll through the page to see all the other branding resources available.

The Keystone Kiwanian welcomes your photographs. Be sure all images are sent as individual jpg photographs at the largest size possible. Please do not embed them in a Word document or send as a pdf. The editor assumes that you have obtained permission to use the photographs.
“WE DID IT!” That was the cheer raised by the Kiwanis Club of Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys at its annual Oktoberfest social event held on October 23, 2018. In addition to enjoying German style food, beverages, and music, club members celebrated fulfillment of a Model Club pledge to the Eliminate Project, UNICEF and Kiwanis International’s joint service initiative aimed at eliminating Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus worldwide. As a result of its $27,000 donation, the club was able to help save over 15,000 lives of mothers and newborn babies in primarily third world nations. The club extends thanks to area residents and businesses who have supported fundraising for the project over the past five years. Because of this support, the club was able to have a real impact on the lives of people all over the world - while at the same time continuing its service to youth and communities here in the local area.

Club Project Eliminate co-chairs, Sally Young and Bridget Motel, were recognized by the Kiwanis Children’s Fund (KCF) for their fund raising efforts. On hand to present certificates of appreciation from the KCF President and Kiwanis International Executive Director was the Kiwanis Pennsylvania District Executive Director, Kevin Thomas. When Kiwanis International began this initiative, there were initially 59 countries affected by this horrible disease. Now, a mere seven years later, only 14 countries remain where the disease persists. As Kevin put it, these are going to be the toughest. They are in countries considered to be located in “global hot spots” which makes delivering and administering the lifesaving vaccine more difficult. Rest assured, Kiwanis International is not done. Clubs worldwide are dedicated to fulfilling their pledges so that mothers in these countries will have a better chance of delivering healthy babies. Hopefully all clubs will be as successful as the Kiwanis Club of Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys!
Road Trip Meetings are great but this week’s meeting [December 5] is the greatest. We got to travel to the Chrin Center in Palmer for the Annual Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 Kids Christmas Party. This year they had expected a much larger group of children than in past years and I believe we did have a larger than normal group.

Club members solicited all the major chain grocery stores in Northampton County and we received almost $800 in gift cards. Combined with candy from Just Born, chips from Utz and Barnum Animal Crackers from Nabisco, I would say there was over $1000 in food items in their “Wegmans” goody bags. Add in the Disney book and teddy bear, those bags were full and heavy.

Tom Yurasists, of Northampton, was there to provide his magic tricks and some of the children and a teacher were actually involved. The look on the teacher’s face when his live rabbit sort of jumped at the teacher. And then at the appointed time, Jingle Bells, of course, Santa arrived to the squeals and cries of laughter from the kids. Santa made his rounds to each and every child and then as they left to get back on their buses Kiwanis members, friends, our grandsons, got to hand each child a nice, full, goody bag.

I have it on good authority that this may be the location for next year’s party and there may even be some new changes for the 2019 event. Stay tuned. Easton Kiwanian's can now begin their Christmas season as for us the IUI20 party IS THE BEGINNING OF THE SEASON AND THE REASON FOR THE SEASON.

Did your KIWANIS Club host Santa visits for children in your community? If so, please send a few photographs, along with your club name and the date of the event. The Keystone Kiwanian would like to run a photo spread of the many holiday celebrations our Pennsylvania clubs host for the children at the holidays. Send photos to the editor at eberlydesigns@comcast.net

William Walters Receives Award

Congratulations to William Walters for receiving the 2018 Martin Zipple Award from the Boys & Girls Club of Easton. The award goes to individuals and companies which demonstrate integrity, leadership, and consistency in support of the club. It was created in 1996 to honor past club president Martin Zippel.

Bill, the immediate past-president of the Kiwanis Club of Easton, spearheaded a fund drive that raised $263,000 for a new playground and community garden at the club.
It wasn’t easy or quick. But, on September 6, 2018, one of the newest Kiwanis Clubs in the Pennsylvania District organized with 15 charter members. How could this be? Some might ask. Is it magic? Automatic? What’s the recipe? After many starts and stops, the Kiwanis Club of Southern Lancaster has opened for business.

Opening a new Kiwanis club is the product of a vision mixed with determination and a servant heart by one, or a few. As a Kiwanian, I knew the importance of sharing service to children in other places. Creating the opportunity to tell the Kiwanis story is hard work. Everyone these days seem to have their own cause, often for the same servant purpose that Kiwanians do what we do. Not letting that stand in my way, I gathered my courage, determination, and love of the Kiwanis mission and began the trek. There was a meeting about four years ago and I spoke up. I said we had some non-Kiwanis communities in Lancaster county that could use Kiwanis servants. I actually named some of them—and then I realized, I said it out loud. You know what happens when you say things out loud and others hear you? Well, hear me, they did. About 2½ years ago I began the process to OPEN a new Kiwanis club in the Quarryville area. LIttle did I know that there was a club in Quarryville some years prior, but it was short lived. Clubs sometimes do that. They spring to life, don’t fully develop and fade away. What is missing? The passion, energy, and a few motivated servant leaders to keep the vision in focus.

I had trouble despite my core belief that everyone deserves a Kiwanis club and a Kiwanis experience. Spreading the word and staying focused is what I did. Without a team of constant Kiwanis champions at your side, the going gets tough but I stayed the course with the help of those Kiwanis friends who came out, talked to me, and helped spread the Kiwanis story.

After awhile, it became somewhat obvious that the Quarryville area was geographically limited. The population base and the activities already in place in the community caused us to look to the north, toward Millersville, Willow Street and Strasburg. We found more people here. Most importantly, we found a few servant leaders who were waiting for the opportunity to join ranks and begin to serve their community. They were the secret ingredient that—when added to the vision that I shared—became the catalyst for this new Kiwanis club. They were the non-Kiwanis boots on the ground in an area I did not know. They were there when the Eye of the Tiger team from Kiwanis International came to town to help in September. They led the charge backed up by International President Jim Rochford, Past International Trustees Gary Levine, Barb Thompson and Kiwanis Club Opening Specialist, Kendra Skidmore and a bunch of Pennsylvania Kiwanians who were driven to see success.

And drive they did. In three days, groups of two and three traveled the Southern Lancaster territory telling anyone who would listen to their compelling story of service to children. They were determined and vision driven, led by local people who wanted to make a difference. Service clubs need the leadership and commitment that Steven Knepp, Club President; Kimberly Miller, Secretary; Julie Freeburn, Treasurer, and others offered. I am blessed by my new Kiwanis friends because they accepted the calling. All of the members of this new Kiwanis Club made the journey worthwhile because of the service they will provide.

The rewards for opening a new Kiwanis club are indescribable. The accomplishment, the associations, the fun, and the future make the effort and commitment clear. Kiwanis members should jump to join with others in opening a new Kiwanis club in a community like Southern Lancaster and experience the joy of sharing our Kiwanis spirit with others who wish to serve.

Why don’t you join us in our Chartering Party and meet the newest members on Friday, January 25, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Willows in Strasburg? The cost is $40 per person, reservations are required.
Pennsylvania
KIWANIS FOUNDATION
Impacting the Lives of Children Tomorrow...

Kids need Kiwanis and the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation (PKF) helps reach them today and tomorrow so Foundation work with Early Learning, Service Leadership Programs, Foundation Club Grants and Youth Scholarships can continue in the years to come.

Members of the PKF Legacy Society through their estate plans, which include an estate gift to the PKF, ensure the Foundation can make a positive difference in Pennsylvania children’s lives for many tomorrows.

Are you interested in learning more?
Contact Past PKF President Ellen Arnold at 717-769-2963 or ellen@arnold3.com.

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SOCIAL MEDIA ADVERTISING

By nature, Kiwanis International is a social organization built upon thousands of weekly face-to-face interactions. It’s also important for Kiwanis clubs to develop relationships online. Social media has changed the way people consume and share information. Every club that hopes to have an influence and make an impact in its community needs an active online presence. Kiwanis clubs that master social media are gaining influence, establishing trust and becoming leaders in their communities.

As you navigate the world of social media, it’s important to understand when and how to respond to posts on your club’s channels. Check out our Guidelines for Social Media Responses to learn more.

When considering social media for your club, you don’t have to tackle every channel out there. Leverage your membership: find out which social media platforms they are most active on. If someone is especially active on a particular channel, encourage them to help you set up the channel and manage it following the appropriate guidelines.

FACEBOOK FOR CLUBS

Use the world’s largest social network to connect with club members and your local community. Kiwanis-branded cover photos and profile pictures are available for your use at kiwanis.org/brand.

For the Kiwanis member:
• Follow Kiwanis International on Facebook
• Connect with your local Kiwanis club members on Facebook
• Talk about your club’s impact on your community
• Check in on Facebook when you’re at your club meeting
• Share photos of Kiwanis activities
• Invite friends to your club events
• Like, comment and share updates from the Kiwanis International page and other Kiwanis pages

For the Kiwanis Club:
• Create a Facebook page or group for your club
• Assign someone in your club to manage the page or group
• Update the page often, but no more than two times per day. Five to seven times a week is a good goal
• Post at various times throughout the day and week to determine best days and times to engage users

Ideas for status updates:
• Photos from service projects
• Meeting information
• Community news
• News about youth leadership programs your club sponsors
• Links to stories on your club’s website
• Updates on fundraising goals or special projects
• Posts from community or Kiwanis International partners
• Invitations to club meetings
• Polls and/or questions for the community
• Share posts from partners

KEY LEADER

April 26-28, 2019
Camp Conrad Weiser
Who Any students ages 14 to 18
Registration opens January 2019!
Space is limited.
www.key-leader.org
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CALENDAR 2019

January 5 & 6
Key Club District Board Mtg
January 19
District Board of Trustees Mtg.
January 19
6th Annual Pennsylvania District Holiday Party (see the back page)
March 16
Midwinter Conference
March 17
Foundation District Board Mtg.
April 26-28
Key Leader
Kiwanians, I am excited and pleased to invite you to our **2019 Midwinter Conference on March 16, 2019 at the Penn Stater Hotel, State College, PA.**

The conference will be one day only. The program will open at 9:15 AM and conclude by 5:00 PM. Please be sure to review and share the program outline. We will have a strong focus and emphasis on our Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs.

As you will see from the enclosed program outline, there will be remarks, presentations and information that will focus on all aspects of our Service Leadership Programs. Also, we will have presentations on membership, fundraising, service and club administration. Additionally, we will recognize our 2017-18 Distinguished Clubs and have other club award presentations.

Since we have such a strong focus on our Service Leadership Programs, I am urging all Kiwanis advisers to these programs to attend this conference.

The cost to register and attend the conference is $80.00. This includes the registration fee, a three entrée lunch buffet, two coffee and snack breaks, all presentations, forums and conference materials. This will be our one and only registration option.

For those that want to come early and/or stay late, we have a limited number of hotel rooms reserved at the Penn Stater at the rate of $133.00 plus tax per night.

I want to ask you and your club to, also, consider a Midwinter Sponsorship and/or Shout Outs. Sponsorships and Shout Outs help us keep the registration costs lower than they otherwise would have to be and help insure the financial integrity of the conference.

This will be a great program of inspiration, education, fellowship and Kiwanis spirit. Please consider attending! I look forward to seeing you there!

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**Complete information packets, registration forms, sponsor forms, shout-out form and display registration form, as well as the conference schedule and forums, can be found at** [http://www.pakiwanis.org/events/district-mid-winter-conference-2019/](http://www.pakiwanis.org/events/district-mid-winter-conference-2019/)
Friday, March 15
7:30PM - 9:30PM  LT. GOVERNOR AND TRUSTEE MEETING

Saturday, March 16
7:30AM - 5:15PM  STORE AND OFFICE OPEN
7:30AM - 9:30AM  REGISTRATION DESK OPEN
9:00AM - 11:00AM  MORNING COFFEE BREAK AVAILABLE
   (NOTE: BEVERAGES AVAILABLE FROM 7:00AM TO 5:00PM.)
9:15AM-10:15AM  OPENING SESSION KICKOFF  Deans Hall, Main Level
   Governor Phil Weber presides over the opening session which will featuring remarks from Circle K Governor Rachael McDonald, Key Club Governor Maggie Karpinski and Kiwanis International Representatives Christina Hale (or a member of Service Leadership Program Staff) and Greg Beard. As well there will be presentations, a Key Leader icebreaker and Aktion Club, Builders Club and K-Kids presentations.

10:30AM-11:20AM  FORUMS-ROUND 1
   Membership Track   Key Club Track
   Circle K Track   Builders and K-Kid
   Open Forum – Fundraising ideas

11:30AM-12:20PM  FORUMS-ROUND 2
   Membership Track   Key Club Track
   Circle K Track   Christina Hale (or a member of the Service Leadership Program Staff)
   Aktion Club

12:30PM-2:15PM  MIDWINTER LUNCHEON WITH PROGRAM  Deans Hall, Main Level
   Three entrée luncheon buffet with a Keynote address by Christina Hale, Executive Director of Kiwanis International Youth Leadership Programs (or a member of the Service Leadership Program staff at Kiwanis International). As well, we will have presentations on the 2019 International and District Conventions, the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation, the presentation of the 2017-18 Distinguished Clubs, a Key Leader Ice Breaker and remarks from Governor Phil Weber.
   Menu: (Tentative) Meat Entrée, Chicken Entrée, Fish Entrée, Vegetarian Pasta Entrée, Vegetarian Pasta, University Creamery Cheese Tray, Vegetable Crudites with ranch dressing, Tossed Salad with two dressing choices, three gourmet prepared salads, deli tray with turkey, ham, beef and all accompaniments, breads & rolls, fruit salad or sliced fruit, dessert buffet, coffee, hot tea, decaf, iced tea

2:00PM-4:00PM  AFTERNOON SNACKS AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE  Conference Center Break Area, Main Level & 2nd Floor

2:30PM-3:20PM  FORUMS – ROUND 3
   Membership Track   Key Club Track
   Circle K Track   Christina Hale (or a member of the Service Leadership Program Staff)
   Aktion Club

3:30PM-4:20PM  FORUMS- ROUND 4
   Administrative issues and reminders   Key Club Track
   Circle K Track   Greg Beard
   Open Forum – Club Service Projects

4:30PM-5:00PM  CLOSING SESSION  FEATURING A CLOSING REMARKS BY GREG BEARD, CHRISTINA HALE (or a member of the Service Leadership Program Staff) AND PHIL WEBER  Dean’s Hall, Main Level

5:00PM  Adjourn and safe journey to all!
About a month ago, I had the opportunity to travel to Disney's Coronado Resort in Florida. The Coronado Resort is the location of the 2019 Kiwanis International Convention. I had the opportunity to tour the facilities and hear a presentation from the Kiwanis International staff. Here are some thoughts and observations. As a reference, I traveled on a Sunday.

- From the Orlando Airport on Sunday afternoon, I opted to take Disney's Magical Express bus service to the Coronado Resort. This is a free service for which you must sign up in advance of arriving at the airport. You can’t opt to do it once you arrive. Like all Disney rides, you must wait in line but the wait wasn’t terrible -- about 20 minutes. It took about 30 to 35 minutes to arrive at the Coronado. I, also, took the service back from the resort to the airport. Because my flight was at 6:05am, I was assigned (yes, they do the assigning) the crazy early departure time of 2:45am. There are no lines at 2:45am.

- At non-peak hours Uber will cost $52 or more from the Airport to the resort and vice-versa. Peak hours is more.

- Disney's Magical Express offers a free service where they will gather your luggage from your chosen airline at the Orlando Airport and get it to your room. You put the tag they send you on your bag before checking our luggage with the airline and then they do the work necessary to get it from the airport to your room. They say it could take two to three hours for your bag to show up in your room. It took my bag five hours to arrive and I am not convinced that I would have had even that soon had I not stayed on top of it and done some follow up investigation. I didn’t use it going back to the airport and likely will not use it when I travel to the convention. I will collect my own bag and bring it to the bus. However, this is a service for those to consider that might have a challenge getting themselves and their luggage through the airport to the bus.

- The check in process at the Coronado was efficient and easy. It is worth noting that you do not get a room key but instead a wrist band that serves as a room key and allows you to charge whatever you purchase at the resort to your room.

- See the enclosed map for a layout of the resort. If you are assigned to buildings 6, 7 or 8, you will be some distance from the convention center and check in area. There is shuttle service from those areas but it runs on a schedule and is not continuous. Kiwanis International may supplement that service but that is still to be determined.

- The rate is a very good one: $175 plus tax. This included all fees. Outside of the Kiwanis block you will be paying two or three times that price.

- Kiwanis has 1,500 rooms at the Coronado Resort. All the rooms outside the Kiwanis block are already sold so there will be no extra rooms available at the Coronado Resort. If because of slow reservations Kiwanis opts to release some rooms from its block, they won’t be able to get those back. Reserve early, don’t wait.

- Kiwanis, also, has some rooms at the Port Orleans Resort Hotel. It is a mile or more from the Coronado Resort. Almost all convention activities will be at the Coronado. There will be a shuttle service operated by Kiwanis between the two resorts.

- The meeting room layout at the Coronado is fairly straightforward and easy to navigate. Essentially, it is a very long “C” shape. It does involve walking but not excessively.

- Those that are frequent Disney visitors might be aware of and have used the Disney Dine plan. Be advised that it is not available to Kiwanis Convention guests.

- The biggest highlight for the convention is the Thursday morning opening remarks with special guest Jim Collins, the author of the widely acclaimed leadership book, “Good to Great”. If you ever have done any reading on leadership, you probably know Jim Collins.

- Registration Fees: $300 till April 15th; $350 till May 17th; on site $400; there will be a one day only registration fee of $150.00.

- Because of limited space, the Pennsylvania District Caucus will be Friday morning from 7 to 7:45 in the Baja room of the Coronado Resort. Because of the price of food and beverage, there won’t be any.

- The cost to have a banquet style breakfast, lunch or dinner at the Coronado is excessive. A breakfast would cost around $70 per person and a dinner nearly $140. Coffee is $95 plus tax and gratuity per gallon. A reception would run several thousand dollars easily. For a glimpse, visit: [http://www.wdwdvm.com/menus/menufiles/July_2018_Global.pdf](http://www.wdwdvm.com/menus/menufiles/July_2018_Global.pdf)

OBSERVATIONS FOR THOSE PLANNING TO ATTEND 2019 International Convention

BY KEVIN THOMAS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
• No hospitality suites are available as the very limited number of suites at the Coronado have already been reserved for Kiwanis International officials.

• Unless we find a sponsor or sponsors, a reception at the Coronado seems cost prohibitive.

• Disney Springs Village is about a 10 to 15 minute bus ride from the Coronado Resort. There are many and vast eateries/restaurants at the Disney Spring Resort. Conceivably, you might be able to do a dinner at one of them for $50 to $60 per person. But you would need to rent a bus. A 55 passenger bus would run $500 for four hours so that cost would need factored into the price. You can’t make a reservation at any of the Disney Springs establishments until six months in advance. The window for reservations for our convention will open on December 27, 2018. Reservations fill up very quickly. Beyond that, neither of the two facilities I had dinner in while there were conducive to large group events with a program and/or speeches. I was told almost all of them are like that. So it would strictly be a social gathering/dinner. One final point. The bus drop off area is a long walk for many people with most of the eating establishments being ¾ of a mile to 1 ¼ miles.

• For folks making individual reservations and interested in a specific Disney restaurant, that 180 day window is an important one to remember.

• As you will see from the enclosed map, there are several eating establishments on the Coronado property. The most reasonable, fastest, widest array of choices and most inexpensive (that’s a relative term when on a Disney property) is the Café Rix.
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Winter Celebration

da drop-in party

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019
4:00PM to ??? | Governor’s Toast at 5:30PM

Cost: $30 (price includes food, beverages, and 1 door prize ticket)
Location: The Event Cafe, 206 3rd St, New Cumberland, PA 17070

RSVP by January 5th
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