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August 9-12
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Welcome to this edition of the Keystone Kiwanian. A sense of pride comes over me as I think about writing this article. I gain pride in our organization when I read our Lt. Governor and Trustee reports and I read about all the great things that our clubs are doing within their communities. I am proud to see our Kiwanis members spread the word and invite others to join us in our efforts to put children first. I sense pride in some of you being a risk taker and trying new things using some out of the box thinking. All of you should be proud of what you do as individuals and what we do as an organization.

And trust me, I know, that in some cases, it is about 30% of the members doing the most work. That’s how it seems to be across the board in many organizations (including our own Kiwanis organization.) I ask, how do we change this? One item comes to mind is, has your club done a community survey in the last 2 years? 3 years? 4 years? – if your answer as a club is NO – then I think the first step is to do just that. Take some time to see if the needs, as well as, the demographics of the community you serve have changed? Are the service projects you are doing, done because you have always done them, or are they relevant? Ask you community leaders and schools what they think. Buy-in to help grow your clubs may start from those conversations. We have the resources to help you. You just need to ask or to go to the “Formula” or Kiwanis International website. Or you can use our own District resources we have in Pennsylvania.

Are you connecting with your members? If you don’t see someone at your meetings or events, is your club’s membership committee reaching out to them? Building and maintaining relationships are so important to growth. Now is the time to contact them, see if they have any questions or see if they are available to help you at a specific event. People like to feel needed. People like to feel that their efforts are being appreciated and that the time is being used productively. You know that because I am sure that is how you feel.

Now, about those relationships! By now you have received information on our upcoming 2018 District Convention in Pittsburgh. The committee has been working very hard on making this convention full of fun and full of fellowship. We need you. We need you to attend, to participate and to be engaged in the process. Conventions are a great way to meet new members, make new friends, see old friends and make a difference.

We have had one new club open since my last article, The Kiwanis Club of Back Mountain in Region 6. Many thanks go to Trustee Mike Coolbaugh and Lieutenant Governor Tiffany Callaio; along with major support and assistance from Megan Kuffa who guided this club into reality.

CONGRATULATIONS! And Welcome to our Pennsylvania Kiwanis family.

What about the challenge for all Regions to identify an area and to work on opening a new club in your neighborhood. I hope you are all working on this and that we finish strong in this last months of this Kiwanis year.

Remember though, it is not just about opening new clubs, it is all about strengthening the clubs that we already have. Are you inviting new members to join? Be proud to be a Kiwanian. Be prouder to be a Pennsylvania Kiwanian. I know I am. Have you gotten your ONE yet?

Yours in Kiwanis Service,

Judy
The 101st Annual Pennsylvania District Kiwanis Convention will be held on August 9-12, 2018 at the Doubletree Pittsburgh Greentree hotel.

Extensive convention information as well as online convention registration is available at: www.pakiwanis.org

The hotel reservation deadline is Monday, July 18, 2018 at 5:00pm. After that time hotel rooms and rates cannot be guaranteed. Reservations may be made by calling (800) 222-8733 and identifying yourself with the Kiwanis Convention 2018. Reservations may also be made at the link on our website, www.pakiwanis.org. The room rate is $134.00 single or double plus taxes, currently 14%.

The convention registration deadline is Friday, July 20, 2018. After July 20th, space cannot be guaranteed.

Every chartered club in good standing with the District and Kiwanis International is entitled to three voting delegates. You may also choose one alternate for each certified delegate. The three certified delegates from each club do not pay the registration fee as each club has already paid for those three delegates via its annual dues invoice. To be a certified delegate, a member’s name must appear on the club’s election of delegates form. THE THREE DELEGATES LISTED ON THE ELECTION OF DELEGATES FORM WILL BE CONSIDERED REGISTERED FOR THE CONVENTION. Non-certified delegates must pay the $20.00 convention registration fee and register using the official convention registration form. If a certified delegate wishes to order tickets for any convention event, they must do so using the official convention registration form.

Please contact the District Office (michelle@pakiwanis.org or 717-540-9300) if you have any questions.
### PA District Convention Schedule 2018

(Subject to Change, if necessary)

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<td>Lt. Governor make-up training</td>
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<td>5:30 – 9:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Welcome Picnic at Pittsburgh's West End Overlook - Buses depart from Lobby of Doubetree Hotel (First Bus Departs at 5:30 pm from Doubetree Pittsburgh Greentree. Last bus departs Park at 9:00 pm.)</td>
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<td>9:00 – 11:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Hospitality Reception hosted by Governor Judy Raub</td>
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<td>Breakfast summit on Early Childhood Development</td>
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<td>Meetings of 2017-18 and 2018-19 classes of Lt. Governors and Trustees</td>
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<td>Orientation for First Time Attendees</td>
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<td>12:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.</td>
<td>Heroes in Service &amp; Sponsored Leadership Luncheon</td>
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<td>(2017-18 Heroes in service awards will be presented along with other Kiwanis awards. Remarks will be provided by our Key Club Governor Maggie Karpinski, Circle K Governor Rachael McDonald well as a Builders Club member, K-Kids member, Aktion Club member and a Key Leader presentation.)</td>
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<td>Gateway Clipper Cruise and Dinner</td>
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<td>(Limited to 150 participants. Bus transportation included. Buses start departing Doubletree at 5:15PM)</td>
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<td>Meet the Candidates Hospitality hosted by the Past Lt. Governors Association</td>
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<td>Blood Drive (See blood drive flyer to make a reservation/appointment for donating. Advance Appointments/registrations are encouraged.)</td>
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<td>11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.</td>
<td>Foundation Luncheon</td>
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<td>(Awards and updates on the Kiwanis International Foundation and the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation.)</td>
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<td>Business General Session - Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance &amp; National Anthem - Legion of Honor</td>
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<td>Farewell Breakfast - Introduction of 2018-19 District Chairs - Invocation - Breakfast - Memorial Tribute of Deceased Kiwanians - Remarks, Phil Weber, 2018-19 Governor - Closing Motivational Address - Benediction</td>
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101th Annual District Convention Registration Form
August 9-12, 2018 – Doubletree Pittsburgh Greentree Hotel - Registration Deadline: July 20, 2018

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Please check any of the following that apply:

☐ Past Lt. Governor
☐ District Life Member
☐ Past District Trustee
☐ Int’l Life Member
☐ Past Governor
☐ First-Time Attendee

Are you a certified delegate for your club? (select one option) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Each club’s three certified delegates need not pay the registration fee. To be a certified delegate, you must be included on your club’s election of delegates form. This registration form is not the election of delegates form.

Registration Information and Instructions

- **Admission**: To be admitted to any sessions and workshops, you must be a registered attendee.

- **Ticket Prices**: Only registered Kiwanians and spouses/guests may take advantage of the registered ticket prices. All others must pay the non-registered prices. If you are registered but your guest/spouse is not, you must pay non-registered ticket prices for your guest/spouse.

- **Children’s Prices**: Age 0-5 are free; age 6-12 are half the registered price; over age 12 are full price. Children need not register. To order children’s meal tickets, include a note indicating the number required for each event. Include payment with your own for registration and meals.

- **Submitting Registration**: Complete this form and mail with your payment to Kiwanis District Office; 2793 Old Post Road, Ste. 12; Harrisburg, PA 17110-3683. Forms may be faxed to 717-540-1018. They may also be e-mailed to: michelle@pakiwanis.org.

- **Registration Cancellations**: Requests must be received in writing by August 6, 2018.

*Online Registration and Reservations can be found at pakiwanis.org/events.*
**Room Reservations:** This is not a hotel room reservation form. Room reservations must be made directly with the Doubletree Pittsburgh Greentree Hotel. Reservations may be by calling the hotel at 800-222-8733. You must reference or mention the “Kiwanis Convention 2018” to receive the rate of $134.00 per night. Please note that all rates are subject to county and state taxes (currently 14%). The room reservation deadline is **July 18, 2018**. Use of discount and other travel websites, as well as other hotels, may result in attrition penalties for the District.

**Contact Information:** Kiwanis District Office - 717-540-9300 or michelle@pakiwanis.org.

- Circle here if you will need handicapped transportation for Thursday evening.

**Registration Fees**

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**Total Enclosed** (include all applicable registrations, event tickets, and children’s tickets) $_______

*Do you have special dietary needs? If so, please describe your need here:*

**Payment Information**

Payment cannot be split between a credit card and check and must be in US Funds. Please check only one:

- [ ] Check (made payable to Pennsylvania Kiwanis)
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On March 14, 1918, Kiwanis International awarded a charter to the Kiwanis Club of Allentown as it became the 115th club established by Kiwanis. The Kiwanis Club of Allentown celebrated its 100th Anniversary with a Gala on Saturday, March 10, at Muhlenberg College's Seegers Union Building.

The festivities included a reception for guests with a display of numerous club historical items including posters featuring photos of all the Allentown Kiwanis Club and Foundation presidents.

Musicians from the Community Music School played 1920's-era jazz music during the reception. Guests bid on a variety of Silent Auction items while enjoying an array of delicious hot and cold hors d’oeuvres, and beverages provided by Hijinx Brewery and Sleepy Cat Urban Winery. A fabulous dinner was provided by Sodexo’s Red Door Catering division, comprised of a Spinach and Strawberry Salad, Lemon Parmesan Chicken, Panko Crusted Vegetable Stuffed Sole, and Spring Squash Rollintini Trio, with Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables. A special strawberry-filled Anniversary cake was served for dessert.

Following dinner, the club recognized several dignitaries in the audience, including Pa. District Kiwanis Governor Judy Raub, Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong, Allentown City Councilman Daryl Hendricks, State Representative Mike Schlossburg, and Ellen Kern, Chief of Staff for State Senator Pat Browne. Proclamations were presented to the club from U.S. Senators Bob Casey and Pat Toomey, US Congressman Charlie Dent, State Representative Mike Schlossburg, State Senator Pat Browne, Lehigh County Executive Phillips Armstrong, and Allentown Councilman Daryl Hendricks.

Allentown Kiwanis member Sam Saxton received special recognition for his nearly 66 years of membership with a Kiwanis commemorative 100th Anniversary umbrella. Sam provided the audience with recollections of his many memories during his years as a Kiwanian. Jim Fronheiser was also recognized for achieving 50 years of membership in February.

Enos Martin presented a slide show to the audience highlighting many historical facts and achievements of the club. Nearly 1,400 men and women have been members of the Kiwanis Club of Allentown over its 100 years. An incredible achievement of the club during its infancy was raising nearly $2.5 million in support of U.S War Bonds financing our military efforts in World War I. This is the equivalent of approximately $45 million today. Most of these funds were raised in two separate days in October 1918 and May 1919.

The Kiwanis Club of Allentown thanked its many sponsors of the event including J.S. Burkholder Funeral Home, Hovus, PPL, Altronics, Josh Early Candies, Good Shepherd Rehabilitation, Lehigh Valley Children’s Centers, The Morning Call, Reynolds Business Systems, Apgar Oil, Boys and Girls Club of Allentown, Shane Patrick, Bonnie’s Flower Boutique, The Brass Rail, Campbell, Rappold & Yurasits, State Representative Mike Schlossburg, Lehigh Valley IronPigs, Dan’s Camera, Parkland Aquatic Club, Daley’s Construction Services, and Robinson Plumbing. Through these sponsors and other many contributors, more than $10,000 was raised for the Kiwanis Foundation of Allentown. The Foundation has presented over $1.1 million in grants to approximately 200 non-profit organizations benefiting needy and underprivileged children since its establishment in 1952.
Richard L. “Dick” Kisslack

August 15, 1936 - April 17, 2018

Richard L. “Dick” Kisslack, 81, Bellefonte, PA died April 17, 2018 at Centre Crest, Bellefonte, PA.

Born Richard L. Yoder, he was the youngest of 9 children of the late Alton Leroy and Hulda Miller Yoder. Dick’s mother died and his father placed the two youngest children in the Johnstown Christian Home (A Brethren Home). Richard was adopted by the late George and Arlene Blough Kisslak. Richard graduated from Conemaugh Twp. High School and Susquehanna University with a degree in Music Education.

Dick was a faithful, active Kiwanis servant of 41 years. In addition to serving as a 2006-07 District Governor, he served as a District Trustee, Lt. Governor, Chair of several different District Committees and President of the Kiwanis Club of Bellefonte on several occasions. He attended almost all conventions and conferences until the last couple of years when health related mobility issues precluded him from doing so. Dick’s passion for life was exhibited by his promotion of Kiwanis and its mission in “Serving the Children of the World”. Dick is survived by 8 children and 10 grandchildren and his sister. Memorial contributions may be made to the Kiwanis Club of Bellefonte, c/o the Dean K. Wetzler, Jr. Funeral Home, 320 Main St., Mill Hall, PA 17751.

H. Robert “Bob” Cannell

1994-95 District Governor H. Robert “Bob” Cannell passed away in March.

Bob was a past Lt. Governor of Division 13N, held several District Chair positions and was a member of the District Foundation board. When he was Governor, he was a member of the Kiwanis Club of East Shore, Harrisburg. He later moved to Edinboro where he was a member until recent years when declining health severely limited his ability to participate.

Notes and thoughts may be sent to his wife, Mrs. Brenda Cannell; P.O. Box 275; Edinboro PA 16412.

Bob’s career was in sales and brought his promotional approaches to his work as governor. He and past governor Barry Halbritter traveled many miles across Pennsylvania actively promoting Kiwanis and the work we do.

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This donation is planned to be used for:
- Replacement of all Equipment Bags
- Overused Sports Equipment
- More variety of Activities and Games
- Expanded Friday Activities: Planting Pots, Bird Feeders, Spin Art, Tie Dye, Button Makers
- Trak Phones for locations in case of emergencies

Maria commented, “We are very excited for the upcoming summer! Kiwanis Club’s generous donation is going to improve our program and offer more activities for the kids. This summer playground program is free to the community ages 5-12 and, each year, we try to have a variety of activities for the kids. We can’t thank Kiwanis Club enough for helping us make 2018 summer the best one yet.”

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Kiwanis Club of Lititz Area THANK YOU!

The Kiwanis Club of Lititz Area thanks you and the Keystone Kiwanian for helping to promote the successful Pretzel Fest held this past Saturday in downtown Lititz. Retailers, pretzelatiers, musicians, and volunteers all come together to create a day that was fun for families and folks of all ages. Tickets were sold out before noon, so we will have a nice amount of money to donate to the Lititz Rec Center Summer Playground Program. It was a great day, and thanks again for your support.

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Pictured in the attached photo from left to right are: Ron Beck (Kiwanis Club), Heather Hain (Kiwanis Club), Karen Davis (Kiwanis Club & Pretzel Fest Chair), Alan Stoeckle (Kiwanis Club President), Maria Trivoli (WRRC/LrC Regional Recreation Coordinator), and Bob Fredricks (Kiwanis Club).
Easton Kiwanians held their weekly luncheon meeting on May 9, 2018 at the Career Institute of Technology dining room with an excellent lunch prepared by the culinary staff at CIT. The Kiwanians were there to award two students attending CIT an Easton Kiwanis Scholarship to help further their educational careers. Kiwanis Scholarship chair Walter Howell explained this year the Kiwanis Club qualified for a $500 scholarship matching grant from the PA Kiwanis Foundation Rose Sale. The Kiwanis club had been awarding two scholarships at $1000 each but this year the Kiwanis club increased the scholarships to $1500 for each student.

Jonathan Pineda, an Easton High School student was presented his $1500 scholarship. Jonathan is going on to Penn College of Technology where he will continue study of Building Construction Technology. Next, Kaitlyn Horton came forward to receive her $1500 scholarship. Kaitlyn is a Wilson High School student who plans to continue her education at Northampton Community College in the Electronics Technology field and has plans to move forward to a 4-year school. Closing the program was Eric Kahler, CIT Student Services Coordinator, who thanked our Kiwanis for continuing to believe in and support students who are interested in the various “trades” and provided us some insight in the forward-looking needs of the Lehigh Valley. It is estimated that there will be a 10,000-person labor shortage in the many trades necessary as building-growth continues strong in the Valley. He assured us that CIT will continue to fill-in the gap by teaching various trades to the students arriving each year from the 5-sending school districts that makeup the Career Institute of Technology.

The 20th annual 5k Kiwanis-Sesame Place Classic took place on Sunday, May 20 at the legendary park.

Over the years, the Classic has become one of the most popular events on the local race calendar—a day for the entire family to enjoy a full slate of activities.

Members of the Levittown–Bristol Kiwanis Club have worked since the founding of the event to put on the classic and raise money for local scholarships. Since 1999, tens of thousands of runners have participated in one of the three competitions to have fun and help raise money for the Levittown-Bristol Kiwanis Dick Dougherty Scholarship Fund. The scholarship fund is presented in memory of former Bucks County Courier Times sports editor Dick Dougherty and aims to recognize local high school athletes who strive academically and contribute to community life – a balance of ideals that Dougherty valued.

During that time, the scholarship fund has generated a total of approximately $400,000 in college financial aid for 18 Bucks County high schools, including a donation to 34 top scholar-athletes each year.

When these top athletes congregate at a celebration of their excellence, all they really want to listen to is a guest speaker who has been in their shoes. And that’s who the best of Bucks County’s high schools heard at the 20th annual Kiwanis Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet on May 23. Brian Propp, a member of the Flyers’ Hall of Fame and the third-leading scorer in team history, addressed the honored attendees from 18 local high schools.

Levittown-Bristol Kiwanis also organizes the awards banquet.
At a recent large Kiwanis event, as the National Anthem was played, my eyes wandered around the room and I realized that many people are unsure of what to do in such a setting. Just watch what happens at an athletic event or any public gathering where the flag is displayed, paraded by, or pledged to. We should serve as a shining example to children and teach them how to respect our flag even if we don’t wish to respect our government. It’s two different things.

Kiwanis is not political. Kiwanis is patriotic. Kiwanis Object #6 has it covered. It states, “Object 6 – To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.”

Patriotism is that behavior that reflects our national feeling and respect. It is that internal feeling that is openly displayed through our conduct in the presence of our national flag, the Stars and Stripes, or during the playing of our National Anthem. What image do we project at any public event in the presence of our nation’s flag or our nation’s anthem while wearing Kiwanis branded clothing sitting, kneeling, talking, ignoring, or otherwise not creating sound public opinion about our organization. How are we mentoring our youth that we serve?

Several years ago, the Lancaster newspaper published a column “O say, can you behave during the national anthem?” This was long before kneeling became a highly discussed and hotly debated issue on the national scene. What’s the right answer for us, members of a patriotic service community, youth oriented, and example setting group of individuals. Well, I think its behaving during the national anthem and honoring our nation’s flag by showing respect and following the rules.

Yes, Kiwanians, there are rules for us to follow when it comes to our flag. Flags are of significant use at our meetings and at Kiwanis events. We should be proud ambassadors of American patriotism. Following the guidelines correctly is the start of how we achieve this goal.

Public Law 94-344, known as the Federal Flag Code, contains rules for handling and displaying the U.S. flag. While the federal code contains no penalties for misusing the flag, states have their own flag codes and may impose penalties. The language of the federal code makes clear that the flag is a living symbol. In response to a Supreme Court decision which held that a state law prohibiting flag burning was unconstitutional, Congress enacted the Flag Protection Act in 1989. It provides that anyone who knowingly desecrates the flag may be fined and/or imprisoned for up to one year. However, this law was challenged by the Supreme Court in a 1990 decision that right to do something, but is it the right thing to do? Our conduct must always be considered as how others or most of others view it. And when it comes to our flag, not much can be more important.

In our meeting rooms we find American flags on an office flag pole. Do we bring it out and give it a place of honor at our meetings? We should. It should be placed to the left of the presiding officer standing at the lectern, you know - off his or her right shoulder. As a patriotic organization, we should consider providing an appropriate flag where none exist. It could be Kiwanis gift to our meeting hosts.

How we as community leaders relate to the flag is really what is important. There are three occasions that our conduct becomes obvious to the public. We should all follow these rules to enhance our image both personally and of our organization.

During the “Pledge”, we should stand attentively with our right hand over our hearts. Hats should be removed and held by our right hand placed over our hearts, or at least held in the left hand down our left side. A few years ago,
Congress passed a law that now permits U.S. veterans to render the military hand salute during the Anthem as they did when in uniform years before.

Similarly, during the playing or singing of the National Anthem, hands should be over our hearts, hats off in a similar fashion. While there are exceptions to the rules for military members “on duty” and some others, objectors to our government or citizens of other countries should be quiet, reverent and stand attentively respecting the group of friends you are standing with. If another country’s anthem is being played or sung, be courteous to those of that country by behaving with some respect and dignity.

Parades are another time where flag etiquette is rarely followed. Be a trend setter and stand attentively, quietly with your hand over your heart, your hat in that hand as the national colors pass. This is important as the flag precedes the parade itself and, or major marching groups in the parade. You really don’t have to do it when the flag is used as decoration on a float. That shouldn’t be done either. However, that’s a reflection on the people who are represented by the float. Hopefully our Kiwanis Clubs that use floats in parades are respectfully following the rules.

Memorial Day; June 14th, Flag Day and the 4th of July are some important celebrations in the history of our nation. Days when flags are unfurled and are more plentiful in every town in America. We should all be reminded of the sacrifices made by many that permit us to serve freely the country and its children that we love.
The bus pulled away from the Millcreek Mall at about 4:00am on Saturday morning, March 24 headed to Washington, DC and the March For Our Lives. On board were 57 students and teachers from seven area high schools. The General McLane Key Club was well-represented by the presence of its President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and four other members along with Key Club advisor/high school teacher Lon Jenkins. The GM Key Club officers took the lead in planning and organizing the trip spending countless hours in meetings, fund raising, and other related tasks.

Hundreds of thousands of people, mostly teens, gathered in our nation’s capital to demand action against gun violence. ‘Sibling’ protests also occurred in many locales across the country. Most of the GM seniors making the trip turned 18 years-old last year, their young lives bookended by the shooting at Columbine High School (13 dead) in 1999 and the Marjorie Stoneman Douglas shooting (17 dead) last month. According to an analysis conducted by the Washington Post, “Nearly 200 people have died from gunfire at schools since 1999, and more than 187,000 students attending at least 193 primary or secondary schools have experienced a shooting on campus during school hours”.

Regardless of your stance on the gun control debate, the seven members of the General McLane Key Club, in both their beliefs and actions, upheld with distinction the mission statement of Key Club: “Key Club is an international, student-led organization that provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character and develop leadership”. I am extremely proud of the General McLane Key Club and want to congratulate them on their civic-mindedness and for their belief that they can make a difference.
Thursday, May 17th was the Charter Party for the brand-new Whitemarsh Aktion Club which is located just outside of Philadelphia in Montgomery County. The club is co-sponsored by the Kiwanis Clubs of Norriton Circle and Conshohocken. There were over 100 people in attendance – the 16 Charter members of the new club, their friends and family, 5 members from the Abington Aktion Club and various other Kiwanians from Norriton Circle, Conshohocken, Levittown-Bristol, Emmaus, Glenside and Jenkintown to help welcome the newest members of our PA Kiwanis family. Aktion clubs provide opportunities for adults living with disabilities to participate in community service projects, gain leadership skills and become more involved with society.

The evening started with a nice Italian dinner catered by Mr. P’s Restaurant. District Governor-elect Phil Weber inducted the new members (Benjamin McCall, Bruno Piroso, Bryana Stull, Dana Borio, David Saft, Heather Donnelly, Jacob Berger, Jacob Riesberg, Kymberly Kropinski, Jenn Maxin, Jenna Powers, John McDonnell, Kyle Hayse, Nigel Abduh, Rachael Hanna and Veronica Burns. Then PA District Co-Administrator for Aktion Clubs, Karen Sears, installed the officers of the club – President – Rachael Hanna; Vice-president – Bryana Stull; Treasurer – Benjamin McCall; Secretary – Kymberly Kropinski. Norriton Circle Club President Jen Vare presented the Charter to Whitemarsh President, Rachael Hanna. A Kiwanis bell was also presented to Rachael and the Whitemarsh Aktion Club by Dina Buno, President, and Darlene Anderson, Advisor from the Abington Aktion Club.

The festivities were capped off with a 50/50 and basket raffles and a dance which everyone enjoyed.

Special recognition should be given to Tara Horwitz, the Whitemarsh Aktion Club Facility Advisor, and the parents/caregivers of the club members, without whom none of this would have been possible. They started in January 2017 with the idea of forming the club which took a lot of time and effort but everyone agrees that it has been well worth it. The club has participated in several service projects such as making chew toys for animals and a local shelter; making cards for patients and the Ronald McDonald House; held bake sales to raise money for local charities; volunteered at Cradles to Crayons and collecting books for William Jeanes Memorial Library.

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**BASKET ROOM EXTRAVAGANZANZA**

**Pennsylvania District Convention**

**August 9-12, 2018**

It is that time of the year when the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation holds our annual convention fundraiser:

**The BASKET ROOM EXTRAVAGANZANZA!**

It is always a HUGE success thanks to Kiwanis members and clubs from all over the Pennsylvania District!

- Fill a basket or donate a single item valued at $50 or more.
- Wrap your basket in clear plastic.
- Label it with your name (or club’s name), a list of the items included, and estimated value.
- Bring your basket to the Doubletree Hotel, Pittsburgh.

Any questions, please contact Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation Fund Raising Chair, Janine Surmick, at jsurmick@gmail.com or 412-478-7898
As a District membership sustainability and growth team, we decided to ask our members their best practices for growing and strengthening clubs. It is important to note the difference between just simply growing your club by adding more members and strengthening the club as a whole. There are, of course, the proverbial chicken-or-the-egg type conversations to be had regarding whether or not more members make for a stronger club culture or that a stronger club culture will attract more members. In this article, we will illustrate for you a way to both congruently and consistently.

Here are the top 13 methods, as submitted:

1. Build relationships with graduating members of the Service Leadership Programs and offer to connect them to a club at the next level, whether it be Circle K or Kiwanis.

2. Complete the Community Analysis every year and create service opportunities that are relevant to your specific community.

3. Look to partner with local schools on service projects to establish relationships with school leaders.

4. While at service opportunities, be sure to involve the public in ways that engage them in learning more about Kiwanis.

5. Make sure to have the “Kids Need Kiwanis” and other brochures and applications on hand at all events.

6. Review your club meeting schedule and determine if it is realistic and viable for your community, which will allow members from all sectors to participate.

7. If you do adjust your meeting schedule, add in a hands-on service project that can be done immediately following to engage members at every level.

8. Keep your meetings fun and informative so that your members feel that their time spent was of value.

9. Use the necessary tools from Kiwanis to develop a strategic plan (3 years) that is kept in front of members and continually discussed. Topics should include leadership development, increasing membership, diversification of membership, goal setting to include deadlines, and public and community relationships.

10. Remember to remember members. Although some clubs only meet once a month and do not place emphasis on member meetings, make sure your club leaders are monitoring activities of members in a way that does not make them feel guilty for missing meetings or events, but in a way that shows you care about them and that they were missed.

11. Do not underestimate the power of socialization and networking opportunities. These can include going out for dinner, gathering around a common sporting event, taking field trips, or having themed dinners at a member’s home.

12. Establish partnerships within the community that will result in new members and also create an avenue for open discussion with the beneficiaries in our communities.

13. Be creative. Conduct a Random Act of Kindness event over the summer and present the receiver of the act of kindness with information about the club.

It is important to remember that the only way we can grow is to imagine ourselves in the future and what our clubs will look like with more members. To implement these items, we suggest presenting a workshop at a regular club meeting, or even special event, that will allow all members to buy-in to ideas. Our members are creative and, given the opportunity we can harness all of this energy into making sure Kiwanis is the go-to organization in every community.
22 Key Club members, 8 Kiwanis members, Principal Dan Taormina and special guest Pastor Jake Waybright, from Faith UMC, enjoyed a time of fellowship, acknowledgement and breakfast at the annual Key Club Senior Prayer Breakfast at the Cloud 9 Restaurant. This yearly event is a chance to honor the Senior Key Club members for their scholastic achievement, share their future plans, but more importantly thank them for their service to school and community.

Pastor Jake presented a “crown” and “cloth” to the students and asked them which one represented a life of significance/greatness. He explained how the crown represented importance and prestige, while the cloth represented service and humility...“life with meaning.” Everyone had a few laughs during the presentation, but the message allowed them to reflect on the choice of service that they had chosen, by being in Key Club, and hopes that they’d continue that service into college, military and work force.

Andrea Tira (Key Club Advisor) shared a message of growth, internal reflection, understanding of community and readiness for life beyond high school. She listed one service project, by one, until all Key Clubbers were standing, having been part of one, if not several of the yearly service and community projects that often times were done side by side with Kiwanis, Builders Clubs, local schools and community members.

As with the past few years, Mrs. Tira presented this year’s recipient(s) with the 2018 Richard H. Felix Scholarship, named after former Key Club Advisor/Founder at MAHS and Kiwanian, Richard Felix. Mrs. Tira was able to share the growth of the first recipient, as a student whom was a bit shy and under her older sister’s wing, but was able to channel that growth, internal reflection and readiness to serve over the last few years of Key Club. Ms. Faith Foster was presented with one of the two scholarships. The other scholarship winner was unable to attend the breakfast, but was presented with the second Richard H. Felix Scholarship, the following week, at the annual Parent and Senior night Key Club meeting. Mrs. Tira described that recipient as very organized, ahead of the game and a total team player. Ms. Katie Plankenhorn was presented with her Richard Felix scholarship in front of a packed room of parents and fellow Key Clubbers.

Congratulations to both Faith and Katie, as well as the rest of the 2017-2018 Key Clubbers that recorded hundreds of hours of service this past school year!
**Special Offerings for Convention Attendees!**

**Thursday, August 9, 2018 - Welcome Picnic**
A breathtaking vista of the City of Pittsburgh sets the backdrop for our Thursday evening welcome picnic at the West End Overlook. Guests will enjoy a buffet dinner (with some Pittsburgh inspired cuisine) and a live performance of Broadway at the Overlook, presented by and performed by the students of Pittsburgh Musical Theater!

Sponsored by the 2018 Convention Committee.

*Tickets include roundtrip transportation, dinner and performance*

**$20**

**Friday, August 10, 2018 - Sunset Dinner Cruise**
Join us for an unforgettable evening as we set sail on the Three Rivers. The evening will feature a Dinner Buffet featuring Pittsburgh favorites, a DJ playing your favorite hits from today and yesteryear, a cash bar, and beautiful views of Downtown Pittsburgh, narrated by the Captain. Boarding begins at 5:45pm and sails 6:30 – 8:30pm.

**ONLY 150 TICKETS AVAILABLE – FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE!**

**$45**

*Includes roundtrip transportation, dinner, tour, DJ and cash bar*