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Pa Kiwanis Family,

Time flies when you're having fun! We're already in the midst of the holiday season and I know many of you are hustling and bustling with various events that are making a positive impact on children and their families throughout our communities and beyond…. As many of you may be aware, we are introducing new members to our Great Organization on an almost daily basis.

Congratulations to those that have introduced new members to share this journey as a Kiwanis Family Member. Talk about no time like the present…..I was able to see the “invitation” and “acceptance” of a new member at the Chester Clubs 100th Anniversary today. So the good news is, Chester was prepared to not only induct five members on the agenda but ready to accept with enthusiasm of the sixth as well! I want to recognize JEN VARE (LTG) for leading by example in sharing this great opportunity with a guest attending the event that simultaneously became a Chester Club new member on the same day!

Speaking of which, I can’t encourage you enough to not only be active in your club but get to know your entire Kiwanis Family through the many events that are held throughout the year (Regional/District/KI). These are all opportunities that are intended for “everyone” to build “stronger” and “meaningful” relationships to enhance your Membership Experience. Not sure when/where? Contact your LTG, Trustee, Membership Coord, Myself and/or Kevin/Michelle @ the District Office. Let's not let our District be a part of the KI Membership Statistics. (Average length of membership for a new member...18 months!) Surprising to you? As long as we make one of our priorities as a Club to focus on Membership Experience, we will not become a statistic but will grow and thrive for generations to come! “Everyone” has something to contribute as a member. Younger to finely aged. Have you attended/learned about “The BOOST” program? If so, have you established/coordinated a plan on applying all that you learned? As our great leader KI President Daniel Vigneron says frequently, “Actions speak louder than words.”

So in closing this message to you…..continue to grow in passion, knowledge, resources and belief that everything you do and represent as a Kiwanian will continue to pour out into your communities and beyond. I believe by doing so, you will find many like-minded people that come across your path will “desire” to become Kiwanians with you and share this rewarding journey. So remember to include them by inviting them along the way! I continue looking forward to my journey this year as Governor and sharing the positive Membership Experience that I hope each of you will have throughout this year and many to come.

“Believing We’ll Achieve”
There are many words Delaware County residents no doubt could use to describe the city of Chester. Resilience probably is not one of them.

Don’t try selling that to Will Richan. The longtime city resident and activist believes the city is once again on the cusp of great things. And it’s due to a persistent resilience demonstrated by the waterfront city and its residents, who have seen more than their share of hardships, but continue to bounce back.

“If there’s one word I would apply to Chester, it’s resilience,” Richan said. “I’ve seen it over and over again.”

And as president of the Chester Kiwanis Club, Richan hopes to be smack dab in the middle of the latest push as the city struggles to recover its past glory.

He could not have picked a more appropriate time.

The Chester Kiwanis this year are celebrating a century of service in the city. The group was founded Jan. 8, 1919, by a group of Chester businessmen and civic leaders in the historic Washington House in the 400 block of market Street.

The city has undergone massive change in these last 100 years. Too many county residents are only too glad to point out the negatives tied to the city.

Richan takes a different view. He’s lived the city’s history, both good and bad. But while appreciative of the past, and certainly aware of the struggles of the present, the Kiwanis instead are using this century milestone to instead look ahead to the next century in the city.

“The 100th anniversary is a time not just to look back and see where we’ve been, but to look forward and see where we’re heading,” said Richan’s wife, Ann Hubben.

Ironically, when the group convenes on Nov. 16 to mark their 100th anniversary, they will do so in the Phoenix Ballroom. The image of the ancient bird that rose from the ashes is not lost on the group. If there’s a town that could take the saga of the Phoenix to heart, Chester would be it.

The group will use it as their calling card, focusing on improving the community. “The Phoenix was a bird that rose out of the ashes, and started a whole new life,” Hubben commented. “That’s what Kiwanis Club of Chester is going to be doing.”
Chester Celebrates 100  continued

While looking at the future, the group will take a route firmly rooted in Chester’s past. That would be its rich tradition of neighborhoods. That’s where the Kiwanis plan to focus their efforts as they embark on a second century of service.

“As you know, Chester is a city of neighborhoods,” Hubben remarked. “And that’s where Kiwanis is going to focus. We want to work with folks within the neighborhoods on issues they’re dealing with, whether it’s trash littering the area, wanting better relations with police, or housing problems, we’ll be there to help.”

The group also will continue to focus on youth via the Chester High School Key Club, which was established in 1947 and each year honors the top students at Chester High School. In addition, the city Kiwanis has been active in coat drives, an educational program on energy conservation, programs for families who have lost loved ones to violence, a job fair, and a suicide prevention and awareness 5K walk.

It’s doubtful the folks who met back in 1919 ever could have imagined the explosive growth of the city, which was a manufacturing powerhouse during the war years, or the dramatic decline when industry fled the city post-World War II.

There is a new war going on in Chester. It’s a battle to reclaim the city’s great heritage. It will be fought at the community level, and groups like the Kiwanis, just as they have for 100 years, will play a key part.

Richan is well aware of the city’s struggles. And he’s willing to meet them head-on. “We found a way to come back,” Richan said of his group, as well as his city. “It may be an individual who was written off or something, and he says, ‘I’m, not going to do that.’ Families lose a member (to a shooting), those family members are not going to give up. That to me is one of the heartening things.”

Resilience is something Chester knows all about. They’ll find plenty of it in the Chester Kiwanis Club. Just as they have for 100 years. And we hope for at least 100 more.

IN MEMORY
KIWANIANS WHO HAVE PASSED

Dennis Bouchard
Many of you know Past Lt. Governor and Past District Education Chair Dennis Bouchard. Regretably, he lost his battle with cancer on October 29, 2019. A memorial service will be held in Mount Joy sometime in early 2020. He and Joy recently moved to Georgia to be close to family. Dennis was looking forward to getting involved with the local Kiwanis Club.
Please keep his family in prayer at this time of loss for them.
Cards may be sent to his wife Joy Bouchard and family, 1967 Gunstock Dr., Stone Mountain GA 30087.

Thomas O. Bordigon
07/29-1939 - 11/17/2019
It is with a heavy heart that we advise that Tom Bordigon has passed away while under hospice care in his home. Tom was a 46 year member of the Kiwanis Club of the Stroudsburgs which included terms as Past President and a Division 17 Lt. Governor. Tom was best known in Kiwanis for his dedication to the youth in our programs.
He was a three time recipient of the Pennsylvania Distinguished Kiwanian Award.

A viewing and Mass of Christian Burial was held on November 23 from The Church of St. Luke in Stroudsburg. Cards may be sent to his wife Rosemary Bordigon and family, 401 Norton Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.
A new Kiwanis club in the Media area organized Oct 29, 2019 with 15 new Kiwanians! This club will help kids thrive, prosper and grow in the Rose Tree and Wallingford School Districts. The club is only the 2nd club in Delaware county and includes the areas of Media Brough, Upper Providence, Nether Providence, Rose Tree, Middletown and Wallingford. We hope to open the Aston Area club in the new year to join them!

The Media Area club is led by dynamic diverse leaders representing local businesses, non-profits and residents. The newly elected officers include President Tina Mason, President Elect Jack Logue, Secretary Beth Iatesta, Treasurer Waverly Carby and board members Tony Martino and Kinny Trivedi. They will be filling positions for a 3rd board position and standing committees at an upcoming meeting. The club is already planning projects to support Media Food Bank for the holidays and to elevate the visibility and services for the local Media Clothing Closet that provides clothing to the underserved residents. We are excited to see the impact they will have on the children of the Media area.

The Media Area club is looking to hold their charter ceremony at the end of January or early February 2020. We hope that the Pennsylvania District will be able to celebrate with these new Kiwanians!

FACEBOOK: A Powerful Recruitment Tool

Facebook, the popular social media app, played a unique and major role in building the Media Area club. While onsite appointments and interviews occurred with business and community leaders, many of our leads and members recruited were a direct result of paid Facebook Ads using target audiences in certain zip codes. The power of Facebook Ads cannot be underestimated or ignored as a solid club branding and member recruitment tool in the “plug and play” technology driven culture we live in today. We encourage all leaders ready to boost their club or open a new club to look to using a social media tool as Facebook or Instagram.
TO: Pennsylvania District Kiwanis Family
FROM: Mike Haven, Governor
RE: 2020 Midyear Conference
DATE: December 1, 2019

Fellow Kiwanians, The Pennsylvania District “Midyear” (Formerly Mid Winter) Conference 2020 is soon to be here. Mark your Calendars for Saturday March 21, 2020 at the Penn Stater in State College. You can anticipate a day full of opportunities to catch up with familiar friends, meet new ones, and gain and share more inspiration and knowledge all centered around enhancing our Kiwanis experience.

We have many things planned that I believe you’ll find valuable in spending a day together. Various forums all encompassed around having the best Membership Experience Possible whether you’re a long-time Kiwanian or fairly new on your Kiwanis Journey.

We’ll have some Inspirational moments shared by our Fellow Aktion, Circle K and Key Club Members, District and Kiwanis International Leadership and last but not least a Special Music Performance by “For Good Troupe” (Down Syndrome individuals sharing their talents through music)....By the Way..This date is also World Down Syndrome Day so we’re honored to have them share with us.

We’ll close our day together with Club/Member High Achievement awards and recognitions along with preparing you for “Reading in Reading”.

The cost to register and attend the conference is $85.00. 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 $139.00 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!
Farmer’s Fair in Dillsburg

Every year in October, the town celebrates by hosting the Dillsburg Farmer’s Fair. This year's 104th Farmer’s Fair celebrates the rural heritage that is still alive and strong in the area. Activities throughout the week include an antique tractor and car show, an arts and crafts fair, business/group fair, cute baby contest, fair queen pageant, along with vendors and activities galore. The week culminates with a Children’s Costume Parade on Friday evening and the Fantastic Parade on Saturday, which includes floats, bands, and much more.

The Kiwanis Club of Dillsburg has always supported and had a strong presence during the Dillsburg Farmer’s Fair. Each year, they sponsor a local band to participate in the parade. This year, they sponsored the Hanover Lancers, a drum and bugle core based in Hanover. The club also sponsors the blueberry pie contest, since the club is known for selling delicious Kiwanis blueberries every year, a fundraiser strongly supported by the community. Many of our club members scoop ice cream that is donated by Hood Ice Cream and offered free to the community members.

But the biggest part of Kiwanis Club of Dillsburg’s participation is our Kiwanis family float. Each year, the club uses the Kiwanis governor’s theme for the float. This year it was Governor Mike Haven’s Believe to Achieve theme. The K-Kids used the Kiwanis governor’s logo, and decided on using space and star elements. The Kiwanis family worked together on various parts of the float, from constructing to painting to creating stars and a rocket. The evening of the parade, K-Kids and Builders Club members ride on the float, while Key Club and Kiwanis members hand out candy to the crowd. This year, the club was joined by Governor Mike Haven and Russ Wynn from the Kiwanis Club of Williamsport. We even earned a first place prize of $300, which will be used to work with the Make a Wish Foundation, which is the Governor’s choice project.

Farmer’s Fair has been a wonderful way for the Kiwanis Club of Dillsburg to participate in their community in fun and meaningful service and to show the community what Kiwanis is all about.

Kiwanis One Day: A Day of Working Together

On Saturday, October 26th, the Kiwanis Family in Dillsburg came together at Dillsburg Elementary School for a few hours of fellowship and fun. Over 100 members of K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club and Kiwanis worked hand in hand for service to our schools and community.

During the morning, various service projects were spread throughout the room, and members were able to rotate among all of the projects and work together to get the projects completed. The projects included:

- Creating decorations for the school Veteran’s Day program
- Putting together Hershey Kiss baggies for our local VFW and Legion
- Painting wooden stars which would be centerpieces for Veteran’s Day receptions
- Decorating a peace tree with peace sign ornaments
- Tracing hands to create a diversity bulletin board
- Stuffing fall trail mix into baggies as a teacher/staff thank you
- Hanging banners to welcome a children’s author to town
- Writing letters to soldiers/veterans thanking them for their service

The morning was a flurry of activity filled with smiles and laughter. Leadership skills were being developed as the Key Club members worked side by side with K-Kids and Builders Club members. All of the students got to get to know and work with Kiwanis members. Kiwanis One Day is an activity that all Kiwanis family members look forward to every year because it brings the Kiwanis family together. The Kiwanis family is truly alive and well in the Dillsburg community.

Six Kiwanis Scholarships were awarded to individuals for excellence exhibited in Scholarship, Character and Leadership and have a stipend of $1,250. The Club also awarded six Kiwanis Citations to individuals whose “noteworthy attributes of mental strength, physical health, social poise, cooperative citizenship, and spiritual vision” are worthy of such recognition. This award is for $500.

Additionally, the Kiwanis club of Stroudsburg awarded 3 Key Club Bramblet Citations. The Bramblet Citation is named in honor and memory of Jim Bramblet, a past president of Kiwanis who died suddenly is awarded to a member of one of our sponsored Key Clubs. Key Club is a Kiwanis club at the high school level and is an international student-led organization which provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character and develop leadership. The Bramblet Citation is awarded to individuals who exemplify the vision, objects and core values of Key Club. Two of the Bramblet Citations are for $500. One $1,000 citation was awarded to one recipient in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation.

The recipients were introduced by officials from their schools and each student spoke about their future plans and career objectives. The Kiwanis Club of Stroudsburg has been sponsoring Scholarship and Citation awards for over 60 years.
MESSAGE FROM BARBARA HARGER
11 E Lt. Governor and Region 3 Trustee 2019/2020
This has been a very busy October [for District 11E]. I have conducted many officer installations and I know that this will be a great year.
I also want to offer a big thank you for everyone who came to the Region 3 Boost session. We had a great time and learned many new things. Now it is time to get out in the communities and find new members. Remember—more hands means more service for our communities.

KIWANIS CLUB OF HUNTINGDON
Huntingdon Kiwanis Club is small but mighty. When listing the club’s projects and accomplishments we became aware of how indispensable Jamie Yarnell is to the initiation, development and completion of most of these projects. She was recently presented with the Kiwanis Hero Award. Congratulations Jaime (shown at right with Lt. Governor Barb Harer).

KIWANIS CLUB OF JUNIATA
raising money painting.
Great job everyone!

KIWANIS CLUB OF LEWIStOWN
Dr. Dana Jackson of Geisinger presented a succinct but very informative program on breast cancer awareness. Wonderful!

KIWANIS CLUB OF NITTANY
President Joy Ashley Director and Dr. Jim Johnson Co-VP, Professor, PSU, ECE, presented at Early Childhood Education (ECE) Summit at the Penn Stater on October 22, 2019.
“Guiding Math and Robotics Play, Enhancing Thinking”
Our purpose was to stimulate discussion about the young children’s thinking, with special attention to math and robotics activities. Math and robotics are related and yet separate and each has a special meaning in ECE, and special meaning when used together. Participants shared experiences and ideas and how they see the value and potential of teacher guided math and robotics play in connection to ECE. Participants engaged in using math kits and robots designed to foster the math and computational thinking. WOW! Great exposure.

KIWANIS CLUB OF STATE COLLEGE
State College Key Club conducted the program for our October meeting. The officers outlined their service projects for this year, which include include Homecoming Parade, Blood Drive, All Night Volleyball, Festival of the Trees, and the newest is Lions Closet, a clothing exchange program for the Life Skills classes at the school. Pictured are Sydney Assalita, President, Amal Inam, Treasurer, Mishika Menta, Vice President, and Hamna Ahmad, 10th grade representative.

Induction of Officers for State College Aktion club was held at the October meeting. Kiwanis member, Kathryn Mackes conducted the ceremonies. The 2019-2020 officers are: President, John Ferguson (pictured with Kathryn), Vice President, Patrick Northrup-Moore, Secretary-Treasurer, Erin Scanlon
Wonderful! Enjoy your new year.
KIWANIS CLUB OF THE Lititz Area

Club Celebrates 25th Anniversary

The Lititz Area Kiwanis Club celebrated 25 years in September, holding a special meeting at the General Sutter Inn Ballroom. The event was attended by current members, past presidents, former longtime members and friends. In addition, Kiwanis officials and members of the Annville, New Holland, Norlanco Rheems, Palmyra, Reading Berks, South Lancaster and York Kiwanis Clubs, as well as, special guests representing Schreiber Center for Pediatric Development joined in the festivities.

Mark Freeman, the evening’s master of ceremonies, reviewed the club’s rich history and accomplishments since its chartering on September 14, 1994. He walked through early children charities fundraising efforts up to the present Chocolate Walk, Pretzel Fest and Kids Free Day In-The-Park. It’s estimated that children charities fund raising proceeds over the years have exceeded $800,000.

In addition to fund raising, the club is very active with service programs such as the Reading Program at Lafayette Elementary School and Book Project where the club collects children’s books all year and hands them out at the Lititz Christmas Celebration, Kids Free Day In-The-Park and other occasions. The club’s Heroes Award, which started last year, recognizes unsung heroes in the community.

After 25 years, the club is growing and is as strong as it has ever been with a bright future.

Karen Davis, Lt Governor of PA Division 16, gave an update on Division activities and mentioned that Division 16 is one of the fastest growing Divisions in PA.

Special guests Ron, Joan and Matt Denlinger shared their experience with the Schreiber Center for Pediatric Development. Schreiber is a major benefactor from the proceeds of Chocolate Walk.

Louise Stickler, Club Past President, presented Mark Freeman with an award gift for his outstanding long-time leadership of Chocolate Walk.

Lititz Chocolate Walk / Proceeds Distributed

The Kiwanis Club of Lititz Area hosted its 18th Annual Lititz Chocolate Walk in October. Two thousand people strolled through 32 locations in downtown Lititz. This year the event raised over $80,000 for more than a dozen local children’s charities.

The area’s top chefs, chocolatiers, bakers and ice cream makers donated their time and tasty treats. The merchants opened their doors providing locations for our chocolatiers, generous sponsors helped cover the costs of this amazing event, and volunteers assisted in the running of the event.

The following organizations received checks at the October club meeting:

- Lancaster Cleft Palate Clinic
- Schreiber Center for Pediatric Development
- Lititz Public Library
- Manheim Township Public Library
- Manheim Township High School Key Club and Mini-Thon
- Linden Hall School for Girls Key Club
- Power Packs Project
- ADVOZ
- CONTACT Helpline
- Gaudenzia Vantage House
KIWANIS CLUB OF
Easton

Christmas Party

The club held their annual Colonial IU #20 Kids Christmas Party at the Chrin Center on Dec. 4. More than 115 school children with special needs attended this year. They were amazed and entertained by Tom Yurasits’ magic and illusions. Santa made his appearance to the screams and squeals of all the children, meeting with each child. When it was time to leave, the children were met with Kiwanis smiles and each child received a goody bag filled with candy, fruit, juice drink, snacks, a big STAR WARS TRILOGY book and a Kiwanis Teddy Bear.

Two Events Held for KIWANIS ONE DAY on October 19

Easton Kiwanis and Palmer Kiwanis are the founding sponsors of the Easton Opioid Awareness Task Force. They sponsored a School Safety Forum at the Paxinosa School in Easton. The speakers focused on Substance Use Disorders and School Shooter Warning Signs with breakout sessions on Trauma, Current Drug Trends, Battling Bullying, Vaping and Consequences, Safe Use of Technology and Understanding Co-occurring Disorders. Palmer Kiwanis member and retired FBI agent Bill Tonkin discussed warning signs to identify potential school shooters. Active members of the EOATF board attending the event were from both Palmer and Easton Kiwanis: James and Janet Owen, Nick Ciambrone, Bill Tonkin, AnnMarie Panella, Walt Howell and Dean Young. A special pair of Florida Kiwanians were also in attendance: Kiwanis International Trustee Chuck Gugliuzza and his wife Kiwanian wife Emilia.

Also on October 19, members were in "costume" for the Northampton County Miracle League Halloween event at their Miracle League Field. Club members James and Janet Owen along with Bill and Barbara Walters met a couple of hundred Miracle League ball players and their families. United Airlines Captain James presented many of the attendees with their own United Airline "wings" while Scarecrow Janet and Biker Barb handed out Barnum Animal Crackers, Just Born Mike & Ikes, Keystone Food snacks and Kiwanis Children’s Fund EliMiNaTe bracelets. Biker Bill was busy keeping supplies at the ready for the other members along with being the photographer. It was lots of fun watching and listening to the kids as many learned that Captain James is really a Senior Pilot for United Airlines and even a few saluted him.

Rose Sale

On October 24, 14 members of the Easton Kiwanis club assembled cartons and packaged 210 dozen roses. Members helped other members with deliveries. Bill and Barb loaded 83 of their 104 dozen into their car and off they went to 33 different customers in a 4-county area. Two customers provided 13 dozen roses which they chose to have the club deliver to a “worthy” cause. The Third St. Alliance for Women and Children is a Kiwanis member and since they had 13 female clients it was appropriate those roses went to the shelter (pictured). The best part is the sale provided funds for one of the two $1500 scholarships given to Career Institute of Technology students in June.
On Wednesday, November 13, 2019, a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the opening of a new all-abilities playground in Reeves Park in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania. This was the culmination of a 2-year-long fundraising effort which raised over $510,000 for the construction of this playground as well as handicapped-accessible bathrooms.

The “PLAYGROUND IN THE PARK” project was inspired by a story in the Kiwanis magazine in 2015. A member of the Phoenixville Kiwanis Club saw an ad in the magazine about a contest to win $25,000 to build a playground. The mother of three at the time, she often took her children to Reeves Park to play and realized that the playground had no equipment which could be used by children with disabilities.

What is an All-Inclusive Playground? It is an environment free of restrictions for the area’s children and adults. It includes ramps for wheelchair access and accessibility for individuals with challenges and those with a variety of physical disabilities. The playground ensures inclusion and allows all children to play together, regardless of their abilities.

The Kiwanis Board investigated the project and realized a substantial amount of money would be needed to purchase and install such a playground. A partnership was formed with the local non-profit Jaycees Chapter. This cooperative effort represented the very first known partnership of its kind in the United States. Complementing this partnership was the collaborating effort of the Borough of Phoenixville to assist with funding and overseeing the construction of the playground. It was determined that we needed to raise approximately $315,000 for the playground and $75,000 for the bathrooms.

Fundraising began as a small grassroots fundraiser with some donations as small as $5 or $10. The Jaycees ran a Prince and Princess contest that raised about $3,000. Later the Kiwanis ran an auction fundraiser that brought in over $20,000.

Then a young boy—Jack Bradley, born with a genetic disorder that limited his mobility—passed away on October 1, 2017. A playground would have been the perfect way for him to get outside and play near other children. The existing Reeves Park playground, less than a mile from Jack’s home in Phoenixville, wasn’t a place where Jack could swing.

After Jack passed the family asked if they could designate donations in his memory to go to the playground. The answer was a resounding yes and in just a few days over $15,000 was raised. Money is still being donated in Jack’s memory.

This event, along with Borough approval, sparked the Jaycees and Kiwanis to a new level of fundraising and commitment. It was decided that neither the Jaycees nor the Kiwanis would put their name on the project. It would become “Playground in the Park” because every child deserves a place to play and it was the committee’s goal to just “BUILD IT”.

The partnership succeeded in raising awareness and community support with fundraising from the Pennsylvania State Legislators, grants, CrowdRise Funding, and other local fundraising events. Some major contributors were The Gerry Lenfest Foundation, Phoenixville Community Health Foundation, State Senator Andy Dinniman (D-19), The Detwiler Family Foundation, and State Representative Melissa Shusterman (R-157) who collectively contributed over $168,000 for the playground.

The project was completed in two major phases. Both the Kiwanis Club of Phoenixville and Phoenixville Jaycees has an enormous dedication for those they serve and their wish is for this installation to inspire others!
Editors Note: This was sent to District Leaders in October. I contacted Kevin for permission to run this in the Keystone Kiwanian because as your editor—and president-elect for the Kiwanis Club of Norlanco Rheems—I could not agree more. "Meetings are one thing, but service is better" has been my motto as past distinguished president, and will continue to be moving forward as president-elect.

About four months ago we received a deletion for a member who I knew to be a good rose sale seller. I had heard that he personally sold many dozens of roses each year, usually in excess of 50 dozen. I made an inquiry on what happened. Here is, almost word for word, the response I got. "Well he only pretty much sold roses and rarely attended meetings so we decided we did not need him." Regrettably, I was not stunned by this response given the club. At the time I was so busy I let it die.

Today, we had a club delete its two Key Club Faculty advisers from Kiwanis membership because they don't attend meetings — "we never see them." I couldn't take it anymore. I let them have it. If they complain to the Governor, Trustee, Lt. Governor so be it. I don't care. This kind of thinking needs to end if we want to maintain Kiwanis as we know it. I will no longer smile and say I understand because I just don't. How in the hell does not attending your unorganized meeting more than offset what the person is doing for kids? Really? You are going to delete the two people on your roster who may be doing more for our programs than 75% of our membership does because they don't come to your meetings?

I will no longer sit back when I know this kind of nonsense is happening. I don't want to alienate friends and Kiwanians but we have no hope of really growing Kiwanis when this is the thinking. If we refuse to challenge it or agree with it, then we are not being leaders.

Every member needs to considered for their contribution. Even if the contribution is nothing more than paying dues. We have no attendance requirements. We have no participation requirements. Just because someone doesn't do what you do doesn't make them any less of a Kiwanian or their contribution any less significant.

Thank you for reading this and for what you do for Kiwanis.
A Note from Foundation President
Jeff Rose

Greetings!

It has been just over two months since I took over the reigns of the Foundation Board. I am pleased to say that at our first board meeting we approved a budget, and some hard decisions had to be made, and we were forced to decrease funding across all categories. It was tough, but we all agreed on it. While that was all that we got done that day, we all were happy.

We also recently had a summit on our Strategic Plan. We met in Altoona at Laurel Lodge, thanks to Barry and Marlene Halbritter for the accommodations. It was a very positive and productive session, and the board is looking forward to implementing the new strategic plan in the future.

All of our committees are working on various ideas to support the Foundation and the District. We are beginning a new venture in technology, and will implement video conferencing for our normal foundation board conference call. This will also allow us the ability to meet in the case of inclement weather.

We also welcomed five new members, as we typically do every year. I am looking forward to serving the board my first year as President. I look forward to the upcoming year!

Seasons Greetings from the Foundation Board!

Jeff

BIG NEWS!

The Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation is currently finalizing their new 5-year Strategic Plan—which will cover the years 2020 to 2025!

More information will be coming soon!

If you would like to have a PA Kiwanis Foundation Board member present at your club - please contact Jill at 814-590-9952 or jill.martin-rend@bc3.edu

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Impacting the Lives of Children Tomorrow...

Kids need Kiwanis and the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation helps reach them today and tomorrow so Foundation work with early learning, service leadership programs, club grants, and student scholarships can continue in the years to come.

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

Here are some examples of ways to include the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation in your estate plans:
1. Your will, living trust or similar document
2. An IRA or other retirement account
3. An insurance policy

You should be sure to consult your legal and financial advisors when making your plan.

Are you interested in learning more? Contact Past PKF President Ellen Arnold at 717-769-2963 or ellen@arnold3.com.
NOTE:
Events highlighted in yellow are those that all District Officers and Trustees are expected to attend.

Italicized events are those that Lt. Governors are expected to attend.

PA DISTRICT CALENDAR OF EVENTS – 2020

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