Dear Kiwanian,

Servant leadership is the rock upon which a good society is built. Thank you for joining the Kiwanis movement and helping us build a better community in your local area and around the world. You are joining the hearts and hands of more than 600,000 men, women, boys and girls who are making communities better places to live.

This year marks the 100th year that members of Kiwanis clubs have been changing lives. The first Kiwanis club started its service in Detroit, Michigan, USA, in January 1915. Today, there are more than 8,000 Kiwanis clubs in more than 80 nations around the world. For me, it is humbling to be a part of an organization that is helping a countless number of people. I hope you have the same feeling.

I have seen many changes to Kiwanis since I first joined the Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown, Ontario, Canada, in 1978. Our organization has changed as society has changed. However, it is clear that Kiwanis is still relevant and needed today. The reasons people joined the Detroit Kiwanis Club #1 a century ago are still the reasons they join today. The cornerstones of fun, fellowship and meaningful community service have remained intact through the decades.

To learn more about our global organization, please go to www.kiwanis.org. You may contact our member services team at memberservices@kiwanis.org, or call them at 317-875-8755, ext. 411. You will also find us on Facebook; we hope you will take the time to "like" us.

I hope you will accept my invitation to join me and thousands of other Kiwanians as we celebrate our 100th Anniversary during the Kiwanis International convention. This year, it will be held June 25-28, 2015, in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. I encourage you to take advantage of the free registration offered to new members. This will be a celebration you won’t want to miss.

Congratulations again on making the decision to join the Kiwanis global network of service. I hope you remain a part of us for a very long time.

Yours in Kiwanis service,

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