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Kiwanis stories

Bingo night

Every week, the Kiwanis Club of Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, raises about CDN$1,000. All it takes is about four or five Kiwanians spending a couple hours operating a televised bingo game.

Aired on a local cable TV channel, the show offers a variety of games with prizes from $200 up to $5,000. Funds are raised from the sale of cards through local retail shops. Each card has a numbered code that coordinates with the show’s bingo computer. This equipment keeps records of each number that has been called so the club can instantly identify winners when players call in their bingo card number. The computer also prints out a record of each game to comply with the government’s bingo regulations.

Patti Adams calls the numbers for Kiwanis Bingo Night in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia. “I’ll have people call to say I’m reading the numbers too fast, and others say I’m going too slow,” she laughs. A timer keeps Patti on a 10-second-per-number schedule.

Some members work bingo night every week, while others sign up for once-a-month assignments.
Kiwanis around the world

North met south in a trans-hemisphere Internet inter-club meeting arranged by the Kiwanis clubs of Bayside, Australia, and West Orange, Florida.

“The time difference made it a bit complicated, but it was fun and we learned how Australians conduct their meetings,” wrote West Orange Kiwanian John Hambuch in a Kiwanis Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/kiwanis) posting.

Skype (a free global online communication system) was selected to host the meeting, and the Florida Kiwanians prepared by signing up for Skype accounts and practicing operating on Skype.

“We were part of the Bayside meeting with: G’day mates, happy birthday congratulations, listening to the Australian pledge of allegiance and more.

“We talked about soccer, Terrific Kids and wished the outgoing president farewell. This experience taught me how to set up an Internet meeting place for our club to engage prospective member who don’t wish to attend meetings. Welcome to the 21st century.”

Satellite blast-off

It took only three months for the West Charleston, West Virginia, Kiwanis Club’s satellite group to grow into its own Kiwanis Club.

Satellite groups are a new way Kiwanis club can grow by expanding into new neighborhoods, communities, even generations. The West Charleston satellite quickly attracted more than 20 men and women and organized the Kiwanis Club of Putnam County.

Read more about club satellites.
An audience with the Pope

Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo and his family recently received an audience with Pope Benedict XVI at St. Peter’s Square in Vatican City. “He was familiar with Kiwanis and reminded us that our service to young people is ‘very important work.’” Palazzolo reports.

Convention updates

Cirque du Soleil presents KÀ

Cirque du Soleil will bring adventure to the 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention with performances from its production of KÀ. An epic confrontation between good and evil, KÀ combines acrobatic performances, martial arts techniques, dance, puppetry and multimedia to tell the story of twins who embark on a perilous journey. Register today to attend the 2010 Kiwanis convention.
Here comes the Beaver

Between 1953 to 1967, *Leave It to Beaver* won the hearts of America’s black-and-white TV viewers with its idealized portrayal of suburban family life. This June, the Beaver himself—former child actor, Key Club member and Kiwanian Jerry Mathers—will headline the Fellowship Breakfast during the 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention. You won’t want to miss the “Beav” and his insights into Hollywood’s “golden age.” Register today.

Do-it-yourself brochure

Promote your club with Kiwanis International’s new customizable brochure. The trifold template has space for you to list your club’s name, meeting place and time and service projects. Plus, it's available in the following languages:

- Chinese
- Dutch
- English (North American version)
- English (world version)
- French
- German
- Italian
- Japanese
- Spanish

Members may print the brochures on their personal computers or take them to a print shop.

Know your Kiwanis

Quickly, what is the Kiwanis family’s worldwide membership? Where was the first Asian Kiwanis club organized? How many hours does the total Kiwanis family devote to service every year?

These and other facts are listed in Kiwanis’ Key Messages, a document now available online in eight languages. Use the key messages to develop your club or district’s promotional materials.
The answers: There are more than 600,000 members of Kiwanis and its Service Leadership Programs. The first Asian Kiwanis club, Tokyo, Japan, organized on January 24, 1964. Members of the Kiwanis family volunteer more than 21 million hours of service annually.

Kiwanis One Day

Kiwanis One Day contest deadline extended

The deadline for submitting your club’s plans for the Kiwanis One Day contest has been extended to February 15, 2010. Two winning projects may be chosen: one for a professional video and another for a KIWANIS magazine article.

Amendment deadline

The deadline for submitting proposed Kiwanis International Bylaws amendments and proposed resolutions is February 15, 2010. Proposals may be submitted by a club or district to Kiwanis International, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46268 or by e-mail to bylawsspecialist@Kiwanis.org. Guidelines for submitting proposals can be found at http://community.kiwanisone.org/media/p/1499.aspx.

KIWANIS magazine

Kissin’ Kiwanians

In many parts of the Kiwanis world, February 14 is Valentine’s Day—an occasion to celebrate love and romance. The February issue of KIWANIS magazine will set the mood with a feature about Kiwanis couples—men and women who met at Kiwanis functions, fell in love (even passed love notes) and married. The February magazine also will include stories about Kiwanis pancake breakfasts, 2010 Convention headliner Jay Leno and a Key Leader event in Canada, along with an interview with Habitat for Humanity CEO Jonathan Reckford.

Read all about these and other Kiwanis stories when the February issue arrives at homes and online on or about February 1.

A piece of cake
Debra and David Rothman  
Married: September 6, 2008  
Kiwanis Club of East Meadow, New York

When then-New York District Governor David Rothman decided to pop the question, his proposal was literally written in frosting.

David and Debra were classmates in high school, but reconnected 10 years ago when David found Debra’s name on Classmates.com. The two lunched together periodically and discovered they both were Kiwanis members, he at East Meadows and she at Island Park.

The two started dating in March 2003, and at Debra’s birthday dinner in December 2005, he planned a special announcement. With both his and her family present (and, ironically, a couple of local Kiwanians as well), the restaurant staff brought out a cake and placed it near Debra’s mother, who shares a birthday with her daughter.

“We all started to sing Happy Birthday,” David recalls. “Then the staff pushed the cake toward Debbie. She started to read the inscription. Instead of birthday wishes, it was decorated with David’s question: Will you marry me?.

“She beamed from ear to ear,” David remembers. “The restaurant manager asked, ‘So, is that a yes?’ Then, I gave her a ring.”

Kiwanis International Foundation

A legacy of giving

To celebrate the lives of the late Mary Shafer and her husband, Past International President Bo, the Kiwanis International Foundation has created the Mary and Bo Shafer Legacy Society, recognizing planned gifts of $50,000 or more.

For more details about the Mary and Bo Shafer Legacy Society, contact the Kiwanis International Foundation.

Dates to remember

**January 31:** Early registration deadline for 2010 Kiwanis International Convention

**February 15:** Deadline for Kiwanis One Day Media Contest entries

**February 15:** Deadline for clubs and districts to submit proposed International Bylaws amendments and resolutions.
April 10: Kiwanis One Day

June 1: Deadline for submitting club election results to Kiwanis International

June 24-27: 95th Annual Kiwanis International Convention, Las Vegas, Nevada