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Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.
Make no mistake about it. Kiwanis is on the road to fulfilling its destiny as the world’s leading service organization improving lives while providing opportunities for members to improve and transform their own lives.

Let me describe three reasons why I believe Kiwanis itself is being transformed, and poised to become the go-to organization making the most positive influence in communities worldwide: 1) We have a distinctive brand; 2) we have the opportunity and the means to enhance our image worldwide; and 3) we will continue to provide meaningful service that impacts the welfare of children.

First, a word about our distinctive brand: a distinctive Kiwanis-family network like no other. Imagine, more than 600,000 members of our family and countless thousands more “members in waiting” all engaged in meaningful Kiwanis service to local and global communities. It is a distinctive brand that touts the fact that more than half of our family network is under the age of 25.

Under the outlines of the multi-year strategic plan approved by your Kiwanis International Board this year, initiatives are being designed so that words in a written plan become action. The youth representing our brand will no longer be “sponsored youth” who come and go in and out of our Kiwanis lives. These are our partners in service, and must remain the key members of our family network. Kiwanis will empower them to change the way we structure our organization. Accordingly, they will be the ones to lead Kiwanis into its next century.

In this distinctive family network, we have an extraordinary “ground team”—those members and friends of Kiwanis who labor in their communities, responding to needs—needs that are both controllable and out of our control. With more than a dozen uncontrollable events this past year, like violent storms and violent human acts, Kiwanians were there to respond with caring hands-on support and funding.

“As we make our six Objects more relevant to today’s needs, Kiwanians will speak out loudly for the welfare of every child and act more boldly for every child’s health, safety, ability to read and, in some 28 impoverished nations, a child’s right to live.”

Tom DeJulio | Kiwanis International President
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What they say
What motivates Kiwanians to advocate for the health, education and safety of children?

Tom DeJulio | President
“A hero is one who does anything to help a child. The ability to place a smile on a child’s face motivates Kiwanians to invite others to join our bold movement to make many more children happier, healthier and safer. Kiwanians are the unrecognized heroes who advocate daily for children.”

Gunter Gasser | President-elect
“Survival of humankind depends in large part on the following generation, our children. So we have to impart the necessary knowledge and strength and build safe bridges for them to the future. This is a common rule. Kiwanians following their values are a distinguished example of advocates for children.”

Peter Mancuso | President, Kiwanis International Foundation
“We’re motivated to advocate for children who lack adequate food, water, shelter, access to medical care and cannot help themselves. We also advocate for children who enjoy these blessings, nurturing their talents and teaching the importance of serving others to build a better world.”

John R. Button | Vice president
“Our motivation is our core values as espoused by our Objects, particularly objects 1 and 5, that provide the human and spiritual motivation to build communities and a world fit for children. On a more basic level, it is the innocence, the vulnerability, the potential and the smile of a child.”

Executive Perspective

TRUE OR FALSE?
The Kiwanis International Office handles hundreds of calls and emails from around the Kiwanis world every day. They range from merchandise orders to address changes to questions about how clubs can work within the Kiwanis International structure. When it comes to club and member questions, there are several we see frequently. Most are about bylaws requirements, how to sponsor a service leadership program club, the club liability insurance program, etc.

A few fit into what I would label as misperceptions. Since we see these again and again, I’ve dedicated this column to sharing and dispelling some of these rumors.

Does Kiwanis require a patriotic observance at meetings, such as a pledge to the flag or a toasting the queen? Most North American clubs do regularly sing a patriotic song along with a pledge or toast, but there’s no requirement to do so. This practice aligns with our sixth object: “To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and goodwill.”

Does the organization require a prayer at meetings? No, a moment of prayer is not required. Most clubs and districts follow such a practice, usually with an ecumenical prayer or devotional. The organization’s first object states that we will give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life. We’re an organization with men and women of many faiths and, therefore, should be mindful of all members and guests.

Are alcoholic beverages forbidden at Kiwanis functions? The answer is no. Alcohol may be served or consumed at Kiwanis events in a legal and responsible manner, provided such serving or consumption is done in accordance with the customs and applicable laws where the club or other Kiwanis entity is located. The organization’s general liability insurance was adjusted recently to reflect the fact that many clubs have wine tastings, golf tournaments or other events where alcoholic beverages may be served or sold.

Can Kiwanis divisions charge dues? The answer is no. As the division is not a recognized entity within the Kiwanis structure (divisions are actually part of the district structure), they cannot organize, nor should they have bank accounts. On the other hand, some divisions do ask for voluntary contributions to support the travel and expenses incurred by the lieutenant governor.

Hopefully, this will answer some of these recurring questions. For additional information on any topic, feel free to contact our Member Services team at 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 411 (US and Canada) or +1 317 875 8755, ext. 411 worldwide.

Thank you for your Kiwanis membership.

Stan Soderstrom | Kiwanis Executive Director
Overheard | Quotes from around the Web

“It’s amazing what a convention will do to renew ur passion & energy in a cause.”
Brian K. Root | Twitter

“We’re proud to work w/ you to save lives.”
David Morley, CEO and president of UNICEF Canada | Twitter

“If you’re not at the Kiwanis convention, you just missed a great performance by World Service Medal recipient, Sarah McLachlan.”
Florida Kiwanis | Facebook

“Our delegation of 5 comes home tonight! Lots of ideas & charged up ... to help kids!”
Puyallup, Washington, Kiwanis | Twitter

“See you in Tokyo.”
C. Todd Smith | Twitter


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Kiwanis members made history this past June at the 2013 Kiwanis International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, electing the organization’s first president from Austria and the first woman as vice president.

Delegates confirmed Spittal an der Drau, Austria, Kiwanian Gunter Gasser as 2013–14 Kiwanis International president. John R. Button, a member of the Ridgetown, Ontario, Kiwanis Club, was elected president-elect. And East Lansing, Michigan, Kiwanian Susan A. Petrisin was selected to serve as vice president, putting her in line to be president in 2015–16—the first woman to achieve that role in any of the world’s largest service organizations.

In his convention remarks, Gasser focused on Kiwanis’ service priority, declaring: “There are children who need our help. They may be sick, hungry, in need of role models or help with education. They are children whose future is at risk. ... We have to build them a bridge to the future.”

Also elected at the Vancouver convention were:

**Trustees for U.S. and Pacific Canada:** Patricia “Patti” Barsotti, San Ramon Valley, California; Kevin Dean, Suncrest Area, Morgantown, West Virginia; Patrick R. Ewing, Victoria, British Columbia.

**Trustee for the Asia-Pacific Region:** Florencio C. “Poly” Lat, Inter-City Homes, Muntinlupa, the Philippines, was elected during the 2013 Kiwanis Asia-Pacific Convention.

**Trustee for the Europe Region:** Marcel Kreienbühl, Gossau-Flawil, Switzerland, was elected at the 2013 Kiwanis International-European Federation Convention.

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On stage at the Vancouver convention, Gunter Gasser (second from left) is introduced for the first time as Kiwanis International’s 2013-14 president. The Spittal an der Drau, Austria, Kiwanian will be joined on the 2013-14 Kiwanis International Board by (from left) Immediate Past President Tom DeJulio, President-elect John Button, Vice President Sue Petrisin and Executive Director Stan Soderstrom.
Kiwanis honors McLachlan ... again

In 1987, Sarah McLachlan took first place at the Nova Scotia Kiwanis Music Festival. The Juno and Grammy award-winning artist stepped into the Kiwanis spotlight again at the Vancouver convention, where she received the organization’s World Service Medal. The medal recognizes the singer for her dedication to music education, as realized in the founding of the Sarah McLachlan School of Music for underserved and at-risk youth. “It’s thrilling to make a real, lasting impact on people’s lives,” she said before introducing a performance of The Beatles’ “With a Little Help from My Friends” by her school’s students. Then, taking a seat at the piano, McLachlan entertained the convention audience with her hits “Angel” and “I Will Remember You.” Read more about the World Service Medal at www.kiwanis.org/wsm.

House makes membership initiatives permanent

Kiwanis club representatives, convened during the House of Delegates at the 98th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Vancouver, British Columbia, approved an administrative resolution to adopt a number of membership initiatives that Kiwanis has been testing since 2007. Their decision gives permanence to corporate memberships, affiliate clubs, company-based clubs and club satellites.


Following is a summary of house decisions. For more details, visit www.KiwanisOne.org/amendments.

APPROVED
- Discontinue the dues rebate for clubs that have grown at least 25 percent.
- Provide that criminal background checks conducted by a district will be accepted by Kiwanis International.
- Provide for earlier publication of proposed amendments and resolutions, allowing clubs to take advantage of early convention registration rates.
- Clarify provisions regarding conduct unbecoming a Kiwanis International officer.
- Clarify that clubs are constituent members of federations.
- Allow flexibility in the composition of a federation’s governing board.
- Provide that a district governor must finish his/her term before officially announcing his/her candidacy for Kiwanis International trustee.
- Provide that district house action shall be the normal method of endorsing candidates for Kiwanis International Board offices, while allowing district board endorsements under extenuating circumstances.

DEFEATED
- Allow clubs a varying number of delegates at district conventions, based on the number of club members.
- Limit campaign spending and campaign practices for Kiwanis International Board offices.
- Reduce reimbursements for Kiwanis International past presidents.
- Change the motto of Kiwanis International.

WITHDRAWN
- Waive international dues for certain members experiencing hardship circumstances.
- Discontinue dues waiver for new members of clubs who were formerly members of service leadership programs.

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE
- Protect clubs and the youth served by clubs from members whose behavior involves moral turpitude or whose behavior with minors has previously been found to be illegal.
**Icy rescue saves life, earns medal**

The Kiwanis International Foundation presented its Robert P. Connelly Medal of Heroism to Nicole Bunting (above) during the Kiwanis International convention this past June. On a cold January afternoon, Bunting stopped her jog through a Fairview Heights, Illinois, park to rescue a woman from icy waters. While accepting the medal, she returned praise upon Kiwanis’ Terrific Kids program at the school where she teaches. Read more about her story and about the Connelly Medal at http://kwn.is/kifbunting.

**And the playground winner is ...**

All children of Iola, Kansas, will soon have a new place to play. Kiwanis International and its Vision Partner Landscape Structures announced that the Iola Kiwanis Club will receive US$25,000 in play equipment as winner of the Make a Difference Through Play contest, which drew 141 entries and generated more than 92,000 Facebook votes.

Iola is the focal point of a three-county area yet has no playground for children with special needs. “This project is opening up the community’s eyes to the need for accessible playground equipment,” says Iola Kiwanian Michael Ford.

Watch future Kiwanis magazine stories about the development and opening of Iola’s new playground.

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**Webinars wow as they teach**

“*Keep them coming,*” writes Rosita from New York.

“I *really enjoyed tonight’s webinar! I love all the interaction,*” writes Donna from Missouri.

“We were concerned our home computer is not state-of-the-art. ... We did fine,” writes Jan from California.

Such are the responses of Kiwanis members who participate in Kiwanis International webinars. Here’s your chance to take advantage of Kiwanis’ online education.

**UPCOMING TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- **August 6:** Innovative Membership Initiatives
- **August 13:** Share your Story
- **August 20:** The Three Rs: Recognize, Reward and Recruit
- **August 27:** The New Standard Form for Club Bylaws and Club Policies
- **September 10:** Youth Protection Guidelines and You
- **September 17:** Ready. Set. GROW! Enhance your Growth Potential
- **September 24:** Club Liability Insurance

Check the webinar schedule at www.KiwanisOne.org/webinars.
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Our partnership with Kiwanis is improving children’s lives. At this year’s Circle K International convention, members built Landscape Structures playgrounds at two Vancouver schools. Bring play to your community. Get recognized for your work. Contact your local playground consultant to learn more about our unique offer for Kiwanis clubs. Find your consultant at playlsi.com, or call 888.438.6574 or 763.972.5200.


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Hey, kids! Go play

What would happen in your community if, all at once, children turned off their TVs and walked outside, looking for something fun to do? It could happen. Actually, it will happen.

On Saturday, September 21, Nickelodeon—a Kiwanis Vision Partner—will stop airing programs for three hours and encourage kids to get up, get moving and play. It’s called Worldwide Day of Play, and Kiwanis clubs are invited to join in by organizing outdoor play activities for children in their communities. Be sure to involve your sponsored K-Kids, Builders and Key Club members as co-sponsor. Or invite them to play. Make arrangements to record the fun with photos and/or videos that show active, happy children. Notify the media too.

Clubs may register their plans at nickbighelp.com/partners. Registrants’ names will scroll on Nick’s broadcast during the TV blackout. The channel plans to feature some of the best Day of Play projects when it returns to the airwaves.

For more Worldwide Day of Play details, ideas and tips, visit www.nick.com/thebighelp.

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That’s ‘award-winning’ Aktion Club, thank you

When you’re speaking of Kiwanis’ Service Leadership Programs, you can now refer to its program for adults with disabilities as the “award-winning” Aktion Club. ANCOR Foundation selected Aktion Club as the recipient of its 2013 Community Builder Award, which recognizes individuals and organizations that make inclusivity and community integration a reality for people with disabilities.

The mission of the Alexandria, Virginia-based ANCOR Foundation is to build the commitment and capacity of community disability service providers and communities to improve the quality of life for people with disabilities.

“The success of the Aktion Clubs demonstrates that people with disabilities can be not only active in their communities, but leaders in their communities,” said Bill Tapp, president of the foundation. “We’re pleased to lift up the Aktion Clubs as an example of how this can be achieved.”

Aktion Club opens TLC registration

Does your club sponsor an Aktion Club? Don’t forget the 2013 Training and Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Registration is open now for Aktion Club’s 2013 Training and Leadership Conference, September 6–8. Now in its third year, the event will engage participants in workshops for leadership training and personal development, service projects and fellowship with other Aktion Club members.

For more details, go to www.aktionclub.org/tlc.
Making your gift work

At the Kiwanis International Foundation, we know what your gift can do. We’ve seen it. Your generosity helps sustain the Kiwanis family’s work, often in ways that would otherwise remain beyond club and district resources.

Our foundation helps reach children near and far—with grants for service projects in local communities. That means a gift can make a difference in your own hometown, and it can reach children in other parts of the world.

We also provide grants that support Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs for children, young adults and adults who have disabilities. In addition, gifts help fund our foundation’s scholarship programs for young members of the Kiwanis family.

When you make a gift, we make it work. And then you see the results. Learn more at www.kiwanis.org/foundation.
A Kiwanis kind of town:
Alpine, California

HOW MANY LIVES CAN ONE KIWANIS CLUB POSSIBLY TOUCH? IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, THERE’S A FORCE OF INDIVIDUALS KEENLY DETERMINED TO FIND OUT.

Story by Nicholas Drake | Photos by Luis García

Maybe it’s the location. Or perhaps it’s the weather. Quite possibly it’s just the way they are. A force of nature unto themselves.

Thirty miles east of the Pacific Ocean in Southern California’s Cuyamaca Mountains, the town of Alpine, California, pops up along Interstate 8 in a balmy plateau 1,843 feet above sea level. It is here where you will find a force of individuals who know no bounds. They are driven, clever and kind. They think big. They get things done. They tell good stories. And sometimes stories are told about them.

“Everyone in town looks up to them,” says Susan Hobbs, who has lived in Alpine for 38 of her 69 years. “Kids especially look up to them. They want to pass along a certain sense of community by way of example. They touch so many things in Alpine.”

Owner of the Alpine Village Bakery before retiring years ago, Hobbs is one of 16,000 or so Alpinians who populate 26 square miles of a diverse landscape that’s never really too hot and never quite too cold. This “they” she and others like to talk about are the members of the Kiwanis Club of Alpine. Made up of 128 service-minded volunteers, the club logs somewhere in the vicinity of 16,000 service hours.
Riding for fun, camaraderie and competition, the Navy Cycling team was represented by (from left) Steve Burke, Scott Powell, John Meyer, Kevin Childre, Andrew Lee and Pat Scanlon. Taking on the 62-mile trek, South Bay Wheel Krankers Joey Magsanoc and Fred Capati (below) are excited to be a part of the challenge.

THE ALPINE CHALLENGE
Jim Cate smiles and surveys the field of riders registering for the 13th Annual Alpine Challenge Bike Ride, which starts and finishes at Summers Past Farms in Flinn Springs, California, west of Alpine on Olde Highway 80. As president of the Alpine Kiwanis Club, Cate keeps a quick wit and close eye on the operation unfolding in front of him, fellow members and sponsored Granite Hill High School Key Clubbers. Some 500 cyclists have descended upon the area.

"People love this event and return year after year from all over," Cate says with both wonderment and pride. "It’s one of the biggest in Southern California. Riders choose routes of 25, 50, 62 and 100 miles over hills, through canyons and into the Cleveland National Forest. We provide maps, SAG stops, roadside assistance, medals, T-shirts, food, drinks and even massages."

Dick Brown, Corinne Lewis and Ed Paul head up organizing and ex-

a year—about one hour for every man, woman and child in Alpine. “They support families and students and schools and all sorts of things,” Hobbs says. “Along with financial support, you’ll see 15 or 20 of them show up at different events around town to help out. They have strong values. They work hard.”

With 16,000 service hours, Alpine Kiwanians host close to 50 different projects per year. About 90 percent of the membership is active in club events. In the club’s 63-year history, no member has ever been elected president twice. Each year, members raise roughly US$100,000 to support their community. Everyone knows Kiwanis in Alpine. Brand awareness is not an issue.

The Alpine Ch
Executing the event. Cate says they’re the best in the business. They know how to manage projects and work with their fellow Kiwanians for success. Brown put a ton of time into ensuring the bike event succeeded.

“People in our club understand about service,” says Brown, who serves as secretary/treasurer of the Alpine Kiwanis Club Foundation. “We have a great reputation in the community. If anyone is in need, we can usually help out in some way.”

Thirty-four miles northeast of Flinn Springs, Brian Stewart mans SAG (support and gear) Stop 5 in front of his home in Pine Valley, California. Nearly 4,000 feet above sea level, the stop is a welcome respite for riders of the 62- and 100-mile treks. An Alpine Kiwanian since 1989, Stewart offers riders water, energy drinks, fruit and snacks.

“What do you need?! What can I get you?!” Stewart asks as riders dismount their bikes out of breath. “Welcome to SAG Stop 5. Let me know how I can help you.”

Two riders from Chula Vista, California, sit on chairs Stewart has spread out near his driveway. Fred Capati, 44, and Joey Magsanoc, 51, have nothing but praise for the event.

“It’s an awesome ride,” says Capati of the Southbay Wheel Krankers. “The SAG support is great. You don’t get that everywhere.”

The Kiwanis Youth Olympics is legendary in Alpine. A young girl beams with anticipation as she registers for various events (above). Alpine Kiwanians Kristen Gauss, Louise Phipps, Ray Meanor and Barbra Louis (below, from left) pitch in to help make it all happen. A young boy (facing page) shows off his medals with a victorious clench of fists.
Ed Paul co-founded the Alpine Challenge in 2000 after riding in a Poway, California, Kiwanis Club bike event. As an Alpine Kiwanian, Paul was good-naturedly fined by his club for participating in another club’s project. “A fellow Kiwanian said, ‘Hey, if you like riding so much, why not create an event for our club?’” he recalls.

Alpine Kiwanians Jim Mann and Tom Lewis introduced Paul to the idea that they could help high school students at risk of dropping out by funding scholarships as incentives for staying in school until graduation. Paul presented the idea of a cycling event to fellow riding enthusiast Wayne Hickey, CEO of San Diego’s Roel Construction Company. Hickey agreed to help out if half the funds raised went to Rady Children’s Hospital in San Diego, where his niece was once treated. “The Alpine Kiwanis Club was already a supporter of the hospital, so of course we agreed,” says Paul, whose wife, Dawn, has been a key organizer since the project’s inception. “The first year, we only had 70 riders and barely broke even. Then Wayne was able to bring in corporate sponsors through his connections at Roel. Plus we charged entry fees to participate in the ride.”

For 2013, the club charged $45 for early registration. On the day of the event, single riders paid $60 and tandems paid $70. “We ended up raising about $10,000 after expenses for the 2013 Alpine Challenge,” Brown says.

Young Olympian Ramon Velarde determinedly rounds the corner on a bicycle built for cruising (facing page). Long-time event attendee Willie Coleman (left, in orange shirt) happily displays his medals alongside a friend who also landed in the winner’s circle.

**THE YOUTH OLYMPICS**

Corinne Lewis is a multitasker extraordinaire. Along with running rider registration for the Alpine Challenge, she heads up the Alpine Kiwanis Youth Olympics in January. There, she can be seen interacting and sharing a laugh with students, parents, friends and fellow Kiwanians.

“The Youth Olympics is such a great project,” says Lewis, who became an Alpine Kiwanian in 2003. “It’s a free event the club has sponsored for about 40 years. It’s pretty remarkable to see so many young people pushing themselves physically and feeling proud of their accomplishments.”

Boys and girls ages 4 to 13 compete in sports such as 20-, 40- and 60-meter races, long jump, soccer ball dribble, softball throw, basketball free throw, rope skipping and bicycle gymkhana. Parents cheer on their children while Kiwanians keep track of all the scores. “My son’s first track competition was at the Kiwanis Youth Olympics,” says Shelly Coleman, whose children Willie and Carlita have attended the event for years. “My husband and I enjoy seeing them stretch themselves. Willie went on to place well in national track and field competitions. His inspiration started here.”

So what inspires these Kiwanians to stage nearly 50 projects a year and donate hundreds of thousands of dollars to their community?

“It’s the members,” Lewis says. “This club is amazing to me. If you want to do service, this is the club to join.”

President Jim Cate, who joined the club in 2001, credits the success to strong leaders and good projects. “It becomes self-sustaining,” Cate says. “Once you get up to that level of energy, it takes on a momentum of its own.”

Read more about the Kiwanis Club of Alpine, California, at http://kwn.is/kialpine.
The Kiwanis Club of Detroit Mich.

A New Chapter in Club History

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The 'Wow' convention

VANCOUVER AND KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL TEAM UP FOR A CELEBRATION-FILLED, AWE-INSPIRING EXPERIENCE.

Wow! You’re outside the grass-roofed Vancouver Convention Centre, watching seaplanes take off in a harbor busy with cruise ships and yachts. Snow-peaked and forested mountains frame your view. And about all you can say is “Wow!”

That’s how 4,000 awestruck members and guests felt every day of the 98th Annual Kiwanis International Convention this past June. But it wasn’t just Vancouver’s view that inspired attendees. Seemingly every moment of the convention was a celebration. For example: Announcements of a five-year membership campaign and a rejuvenation of Young Children: Priority One. The Midtown Men rocking the house with sing-along hits from the 1960s and ’70s. And a drum-thumping finale calling members to Japan for the 2014 convention in Tokyo-Chiba, July 17–20. Wow!

Excitement revs up for Kiwanis’ 100th anniversary at an exhibit hall booth where a treasure chest of artifacts reveals a replica of Detroit, Michigan’s charter (opposite page). President Tom DeJulio (below, second from right) leads Friday morning’s walkathon to raise money for The Eliminate Project.
“Mottoes and themes may come and go, but all I ask is for you to keep in your hearts the mission and the vision knowing that what we do, we do for the sake of our children, their future.”
— 2012–13 Kiwanis International President Tom DeJulio (right)

“There are children who need our help. They may be sick, hungry, in need of a role model or need help with education. They are children whose future is at risk. We have to help. We have to build them a bridge to the future.”
— 2013–14 Kiwanis International President Gunter Gasser (below)
John O’Leary (opposite page, first row, middle), First Lady Rosemary DeJulio (third row, middle) and Rick Hansen (fourth row, middle) sent Kiwanians home motivated to “build bridges for the children to the future” under the leadership of President-designate Gunter Gasser (left). All workshop materials are available online at www.kiwanis.org/2013workshops.

Photography by Geoff Howe, Jack Brockley, Jo Lynn Garing and Jeff Oatess.
Can do in Vancouver

IT’S UNBELIEVABLE WHAT CIRCLE K MEMBERS ACCOMPLISHED AT THEIR 58TH ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Believe it or not, it is possible for a group of people to build two state-of-the-art playgrounds ...

And elect a new board of trustees and make decisions that will guide the world’s largest collegiate service organization through the next year and beyond ...

And build a network of friends that spreads worldwide ...

And cook and serve meals at a Ronald McDonald House ...

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It’s all possible when CKI members gather for their annual large-scale service project and convention in one of North America’s most charming host cities, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Believe it.

Two Vancouver schools were faced with closing their unsafe playgrounds until CKI teamed with Kiwanis International and its Vision Partner Landscape Structures, along with Habitat Systems, to install modern, colorful equipment (below). Another group of CKI volunteers weeded and picked vegetables at the Loutet Farm’s Edible Gardens.
More than 150 CKI volunteers arrived three days early to contribute more than 2,245 hours of service to the Vancouver community (opposite page). On Wednesday, the venue switched to the Vancouver Convention Centre where, for the second consecutive year, Kiwanis held a concurrent convention with CKI. The exhibit hall became a Kiwanis-family gathering place, as well as a marketplace of service products and ideas. At the Internet cafe, CKI members answered technology questions and operated a recharging station for Kiwanis and CKI members’ cell phones and tablets. Through two rounds of caucusing and two business sessions, delegates considered 11 proposed amendments and elected a new CKI board. At the closing session (top, right), 2012–13 President Josephine Lukito passed the gavel of leadership to 2013–14 President Daniel Tsang of the Loyola University of Chicago CKI Club. (Find other CKI election results at www.circlek.org/convention.) President Lukito rallied the membership with her farewell address, declaring: “We are not only the future. We are the now. And it is now, more than ever, that we need to stand up, stand out, and shout to the world the message of Circle K International. Be proud, CKI, because the most powerful part of us is you!” As the convention came to an end, a talent show (right) entertained with humor, music and an eye-dazzling dancing light show.

Before departing Vancouver, CKI revealed plans to switch from the traditional “convention” format to a six-day “experience” that highlights leadership, service and fellowship. Next year, the CKI experience will be in Nashville, Tennessee, June 17–22.

Photography by Geoff Howe, Morgan Beard and Nicole Harris.
Zeroing in on zero

SINCE THE 1990S, CAMBODIA’S UNDER-FIVE MORTALITY RATE HAS FALLEN BY 66 PERCENT. IN FEBRUARY, UNICEF SHOWED KIWANIS HOW IT BATTLES THREATS TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF ZERO PREVENTABLE DEATHS AND IMPROVE CHILDREN’S LIVES. | Story and photos by Jo Lynn Garing

Cambodia is a country of contrasts. Beautiful homes constructed of solid concrete next to ramshackle huts made of bamboo, thatch and aluminum. Luxury oceanside hotels catering to tourists; children selling woven bracelets or begging for money from those same tourists on the beach. Schoolchildren attending class with books, paper, pencils and proper water and sanitation facilities; schoolchildren attending class with only chalk and a small chalkboard, no adequate drinking water and no proper sanitation facility.

With tourism, the garment industry, agriculture and natural resources contributing to economic development, Cambodia seems to be on the verge of opportunity. But it still lags behind neighboring Southeast Asian countries, with more than a third of its citizens struggling to survive on less than a dollar a day. It’s a country that endured years of civil war only to lose nearly 2 million people from 1975 to 1979 at the hands of the Khmer Rouge. These Cambodians, many well-educated members of society, died from torture, execution or starvation and untreated illness. The country is still recovering.

But today, Cambodia is making progress. One measurement of this success is in the health of its children. Maternal and neonatal tetanus elimination is close. Most babies are delivered at health centers. Most women are vaccinated against tetanus.

Still, there’s work to do. Only one of every two Cambodians has access to safe water. Less than one in four has access to a toilet. Many infants and children suffer from malnutrition. Progress still needs to be made to protect children from violence, abuse, exploitation and neglect.

But UNICEF, along with the Cambodian government and other partners, is working hard to address these and other challenges.

Here’s how.

Two families leave Prey Khlong’s health center, where they were immunized and received micronutrient powder. Facing page: Cambodia is making progress in education with a primary school enrollment of about 96 percent.
FIGHTING MALNUTRITION

A lively baby girl with big brown eyes and tiny gold earrings bounces in her mother’s arms. She’s constantly moving and quick to reach out and grab anything that looks interesting. It’s hard to believe that recently, this same baby was treated for severe malnutrition at Kampong Speu Referral Hospital.

“My baby has completely changed,” her mother says while at the hospital for a follow-up visit. “Before the treatment, she’d just lie around, not moving much. Now, she’s energetic and active.”

In the hospital, kids eat energy foods with vitamins and minerals. When released, their caregivers take home additional therapeutic foods.

“A couple of years ago, there was a big problem with defaulting,” says Joel Conkle, nutrition specialist with UNICEF Cambodia. “Many of the children would be identified (for malnutrition) because they came to the hospital for something else, like a respiratory infection or diarrhea. But once the respiratory infection cleaned up, they’d go home. Because transport cost is a huge expense for families, they wouldn’t come back.”

Conkle says 70 percent of the malnourished children wouldn’t return for follow-up visits. That’s when UNICEF began providing funding for transportation back to the hospital. Immediately, the default rate dropped to 30 percent.

“Typically, a family can only stay in the hospital for a week or less. They have other children at home or they have to work,” Conkle explains. “That’s not enough time to really make a difference. But if we can get them to come to three follow-up visits that expand over a month to two months, we can really make sure the children get all of the catch-up growth. And then once they’re at that point, they change the trajectory of their growth. They can build their immune system back up so if they get diarrhea again, their body can fight it off.”

UNICEF is also addressing malnutrition through education, teaching families how to feed their children. Cambodia has achieved a high rate of exclusive breastfeeding for infants up to six months. But after six months, children are traditionally fed rice and a bit of salt, which does not meet their nutritional needs.

“They’re not getting enough food to build their immune system and at the same time they’re getting attacked by a lot of bugs in the environment,” Conkle says. “So at six months, you have this pattern of growth faltering, then they start to get sick, they eat less and once they start to recover, they get sick again and eventually they end up here.”

At the hospital, health workers lead classes to teach parents and caregivers about proper nutrition for children 6 to 24 months old. The health workers use a flip chart to illustrate what foods to feed the children, and then they prepare a meal for everyone to taste.

“The major reason that nutrition
levels are so poor in this country is not poverty,” says Conkle. “Poverty is a big contributor. But it is because of the way children are fed and because of the environment. They’re sick all the time. If you have diarrhea episodes constantly and you’re not getting the right food, those two things are a cycle.”

UNICEF is also counting on a mass media campaign to educate families about complementary feeding for children 6 to 24 months old. The messages recommend using locally available foods, such as meats and vegetables, to feed children rather than the tradition of feeding them only rice.

“We’re doing it through television and radio nationwide. And then, in as many places as possible, through the health center staff and community volunteers. They’re doing group education sessions and also individual counseling. But we acknowledge that that’s going to take time. Behavior change takes time.”

**DEFEATING DISEASES**

One of the most important ways UNICEF reaches families is through village outreach services. Health workers visit villages to provide basic services, like tetanus toxoid vaccines for women of childbearing age, Vitamin A supplements for children and multi-vitamin powder to children aged 6 to 24 months.

The village of Prey Khlong in Kampong Speu province has about 500 residents. The job of the volunteer worker, who lives in Prey Khlong, is to mobilize the residents to attend the health outreach day. She attends quarterly meetings at the health center to receive information about activities that are happening over the next three months. She also provides her home as a staging location where residents receive health services.

“There are two volunteers per village to work with community education and mobilization to make sure that when they do an outreach visit, the community is mobilized to come,” says Conkle. “They’re the ones at the ground level, mobilizing people to come together.”

On this particular visit, the nurse sets up her supplies on a small wooden table under a tree in the volunteer’s front yard. Women and children line up along the bushes. As each woman approaches the nurse, she presents an immunization card to the nurse, who checks the card against the village health registry and then administers the proper vaccine. Many infants are immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B and Hib disease—all in one shot. Some women also receive a tetanus toxoid vaccination.

“The volunteer told me the nurse was coming today,” says Chum Rata. “I brought my child to receive vaccinations and also to see if I needed another tetanus vaccination. I’m happy that the health workers are here in my village, bringing these services to me and my children.”

Without outreach services, some
children in Prey Khlong would not receive routine immunizations. Some villages are very far from a health center, and getting transportation can be difficult for poor families. Monthly outreach in these remote areas brings health services to those who need it most.

**MONITORING MICRONUTRIENTS**
Inside the small wooden building, several young men labor away, shoveling raw salt onto a small conveyor belt. Next to the belt, a very small tube distributes iodine to the raw salt. The iodine bonds to the salt, and the iodized raw salt is bagged and ready for sale.

In 2000, just 14 percent of households in Cambodia had access to iodized salt. Since then, thanks to the efforts of the Cambodian government and organizations like Kiwanis International and UNICEF, more than 80 percent of Cambodia has access to iodized salt. During the 1990s, Kiwanis raised and leveraged nearly US$105 million to combat iodine deficiency disorders, a serious public health threat.

Lack of iodine is the most preventable cause of mental disability.

“I attended a conference in China in 2000 about salt iodization, and I decided I wanted to ensure that Cambodian children had better health,” says Bun Barang, executive director of the salt producer community in Kampot province. “I was also aware of many goiter problems, and I knew there was a problem with IDD. I also wanted to work with the government on the reduction of poverty. When people get iodized salt, children have better school performance, and that helps reduce poverty.”

Barang was the first salt producer in Cambodia to voluntarily iodize salt. In 2003, the government passed a law requiring all producers to iodize salt, which greatly increased the country’s access.

“Until recently, UNICEF was subsidizing the cost of iodizing the salt,” says Sam Oeurn Un, nutrition officer with UNICEF Cambodia. “That cost has now been fully picked up by the salt producers and in turn passed on to the customer.”

Un says it’s still important to monitor the country’s salt to ensure that producers continue to iodize and that consumers purchase iodized salt instead of non-iodized salt from illegal sources.

**EASING POVERTY’S PAINS**
Malnutrition and disease are just two health conditions that put children’s lives at risk in Cambodia. The nation’s recent visitors also observed how the country, UNICEF and other agencies are addressing poor sanitation, unstable family conditions and the vulnerability that puts children at risk of abuse, trafficking and child labor. For a deeper look into Cambodia’s battle against child mortality, read part two of “Zeroing in on Zero” at http://kwn.is/kizero. KM
About a decade ago, only one in five Cambodian women gave birth at a local health center. Most deliveries were done at home with a traditional birth attendant and traditional practices, such as building a fire underneath a laboring mother’s platform bed to warm and relax her muscles or using a wasp nest to dry the newborn’s umbilical cord. Cambodia had the highest rate of maternal mortality in Southeast Asia.

“In 2000, there were many, many neonatal tetanus cases,” says Chum Aun, a health officer with UNICEF Cambodia. “So the ministry of health started a vaccination campaign, focusing on three to five districts per year.”

But the tetanus vaccination campaign is just one piece of the puzzle to ending this silent killer in Cambodia. In 2007, the government initiated a program to encourage women to deliver at the health center with a skilled birth attendant.

Aun explains that the government’s program gave US$15 to the health center chiefs for each live birth delivered at the health center. The chiefs mobilized the traditional birth attendants to recruit women to deliver at the health center, and traditional attendants received a cut of the $15.

“No, things have changed. No longer are people using a traditional birth attendant,” Aun says. “They go to the health facility and deliver with a skilled birth attendant.”

Joel Conkle, nutrition specialist with UNICEF Cambodia, says that prenatal care has risen dramatically as well.

“Now, it’s the normal path for a woman to find out that she’s pregnant, make three or four visits to the health center for prenatal care and then deliver at the health center.

“That’s important because it gives prevention through prenatal care, and if she’s delivering at a health center, she has access to referral at the hospital level if something happens.”

Today, four out of five women give birth at a local health center. With just two provinces needing to continue tetanus vaccination efforts, very few mothers and newborns are suffering and dying from tetanus.

And, more women and children now have a path to receive health services.

Through these health services, it’s easy to see how Cambodia will achieve and maintain MNT elimination.

“For the generation of women who are now 25 or 30 years old, there was no immunization program when they were little,” says Aun. “So these women have no immunity against tetanus and must be protected.”

But, Aun explains, the current generation of children do have immunity against tetanus. Roughly 90 percent of Cambodian children are protected against tetanus and other diseases through routine immunizations. Once the current generation of women is protected against tetanus, the government will only need to provide a booster for the current generation of children to maintain immunity.

“Cambodia will probably switch to a tetanus-diphtheria booster in the next five to six years,” says Aun.

Cambodia is close to eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus and creating a path for health services for all women and children.
Vaccines are fragile, biological products that must be kept within a very narrow temperature range. A system of refrigerated storage and transportation, called "the cold chain," ensures that vaccines aren’t ruined by heat or power failures.

UNICEF goes to extraordinary lengths to set up and maintain cold chains in dozens of countries, overcoming unreliable electricity, impassable roads and sweltering heat to reach every child, everywhere, with lifesaving vaccines.

**Chain of Life**

**STOP 1**

**Juba, South Sudan**

The national cold store receives and stores all vaccines for South Sudan.

**South Sudan: Immunization campaign**

In South Sudan, women and babies still die of maternal and neonatal tetanus. In February 2013, UNICEF—along with Kiwanis International, BD, and other supporters—helped launch a nationwide campaign, determined to add South Sudan to a list of countries that have eliminated tetanus since 2000. But the tetanus vaccine requires continual refrigeration, and temperatures in South Sudan can easily soar above 100° F.

**fast fact**

The tetanus vaccine must be kept between 36-45° F.

**fast fact**

To reach a woman in remote South Sudan, the tetanus vaccine travels over 5,000 miles.
24-hour generators power refrigerators that keep vaccines fresh and ice packs frozen.

Vaccines are transported by land or water to county health facilities.

A vaccine team collects a carrier, which holds ice packs and 200 doses of tetanus vaccine.

Here, women receive the immunizations that will keep them and their future newborns from dying of a tragic but easily preventable disease.

Vaccine teams include a community organizer, vaccinator and data recorder.
Everyone knows kids like big trucks, right? Just Google “kids and big trucks” and you’ll find 71.6 million references in 0.27 seconds. Or take a little more time, have a lot more fun and check out the Kiwanis Enormous Equipment Playground fundraiser sponsored by the 32-member Kiwanis Club of Marshfield, Wisconsin.

Held each October since 2008, KEEP raises about US$6,000 annually. Sponsorships range from $100 to more than $500 each. Admission is $3 for kids younger than 13 and $5 for kids who are 13 and older, sometimes a lot older. Attendance ranges from 700 to 1,300.

“It’s generational,” says Donna Martin, project co-chairwoman with Doug Wendlandt. “And it’s my dream—children light up when they see the equipment.”

Martin and her two-year-old nephew were watching “Bob the Builder” on TV when she got the idea: “I thought, ‘Why not let kids see big equipment for real?’”

And what a diversity of equipment there is to be seen. There’s a lot more than big trucks.

Tractors and combines and graders and bulldozers and cranes and spray tractors with huge arms and garbage trucks and semis and semi-trailers and ambulances and fire trucks and school buses and even, according to Martin, “manure spreaders—the big ones.”

You can almost see it all at KEEP. “We still want a car transporter and a monster truck,” says Martin. Area contractors and farmers provide the equipment and volunteer safety supervision. Key Clubbers and other groups also help out.

What do the kids do? They climb, sit, jump, pound on...
horns, sound sirens, watch a “flying ambulance” helicopter land and take off and they ride 16 feet into the air on a (safe) scissor lift. Even the sandbox is big. “We haul in two semis of sand—50,000 pounds—from a quarry,” explains Martin. “And afterward, we haul it back.”

Funds go to charitable organizations specifically for volunteering their time at the event: YMCA, Boy Scouts, 4-H Leaders, Marshfield Girls Hockey and the Wildwood Zoological Society. A special recipient of Kiwanis funding is The Bridge Center, which provides coaching and training for relatives and other caregivers of children with autism spectrum disorders.

Big vehicles have enormous tires, loud air horns, levers, throttles, engines that roar ... fascinating stuff for youngsters of all ages. Marshfield KEEP sweetens the fun with tools and a tall pile of sand.
K-Kids keen on wheeled careers

If it rolls and enables its driver to do a job, then members of the K-Kids Club of Ketterlinus Elementary School in Saint Augustine, Florida, dig it. So much so, that they prefer to share it with their classmates.

“It” represents 27 vehicles that were part of the club’s Careers on Wheels event. From a dolphin rescue vehicle and a postal delivery truck to a mosquito control automobile and a grocery frozen food semi-trailer, the conveyances were set up in a circuit formation so the students could spend 10 minutes at each station.

“The drivers talked to the kids about how these vehicles help them in their daily jobs,” explains club Faculty Advisor Mary Warren. “Plus, they emphasized how the skills learned early in school, such as math, help them in their work today.”

Roll on! —Cathy Usher

Tasty cakes

One of the best jobs in the world has to be cupcake contest judge. Most people would pay to have that job, right? That’s exactly what folks do in Rockland, Maine, where guests pay US$10 each to vote for their favorite flavors in the Kiwanis Club Cupcake Challenge.

Think of sinking your sweet tooth into strawberry shortcake, chocolate with maple brittle or a creation of white cake with lemon ganache filling. Mm mmm. Don’t stop yet, because the event’s three official judges have declared a surprise overall winner: Susan Baines’ gluten-free cakes with jalapeño flavor appealed to the palate with a sweet and savory sensation teased with an unexpected bite of the hot pepper.

Another big winner, reports project Chairwoman Katie Tarbox, is the Knox County Homeless Coalition, which received a $1,000 check from the event’s proceeds.

“We’re ecstatic at the amount of money raised during this first-time affair, which was intended to be a one-time-only occasion,” Tarbox says. “With its success, though, plans are already underway to do a second annual Cupcake Challenge next spring.
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Far from home

A two-hour drive to the “big city” can be an impossible distance … without Kiwanis help.

Growing up in the rural regions of Río Hato, Panama, can be isolating. Tall buildings, fancy shops and the nation’s famous canal are the stuff of TV news and textbooks for the children of Los Pollos, Pueblo Nuevo, El llano and Llano Bonito. A Day of Paradise brings the big city to life for these youngsters. Organized by the Kiwanis Club of Metropolitan, Panamá City, the event transports a busload of children from disadvantaged families to the nation’s capital city. For most of the kids, it’s their first trip away from home.

“The trip starts early for them,” says Metropolitan Kiwanis Club President Irving Demetrio Urueña Romero. “They’re very shy. At breakfast, where they get pancakes, they ask, ‘Sir, what is this?’ Some of them don’t know how to use knives and forks. That’s why we (Kiwanians) are there.”

As their bus passes through the town, the children buzz with curiosity: “What’s that building?” “What’s this street?” One of their first stops is Panama Viejo (Old Panama), which they know from their school studies was plundered by pirate Henry Morgan. At the hands-on Explora museum, they go face-to-face with science, observing and testing phenomena such as gravity and centrifugal force. Then, it’s off to the Smith Zonian, an institute within the Panama Canal Zone where guides teach them about conservation, they touch starfish and see sea creatures from both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, as well as iguanas, pelicans and sloths in a dry forest habitat.

But what’s a visit to Panamá City without a tour of the canal?

“They got to see a huge ship going through,” says Urueña. “Their emotion can’t be described.”

The day concluded with a shopping spree at the Albrook Mall with a dance show, food, toys and school supplies. “The bus was waiting,” Urueña says. “It was almost 7 p.m., and everyone was very tired. But children’s smiles were priceless. We know that next year, another group will come to the capital.”

During their Day of Paradise project, Metropolitan Kiwanians (left) had many jobs to do: Serve food and drinks, answer questions, chaperone visits to museums and shops and hand out gifts. The kids had jobs too: Learn and have fun.
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After-school support

One local resident’s visit to a Lakeshore, Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, Kiwanis Club meeting left her with an eye-opening awareness about the club and its accomplishments.

Since 1983, the Sault Ste. Marie Soup Kitchen Community Centre has been an integral part of the community, which is home to many single family homes but offers few play facilities. The licensed nonprofit program aims to enhance young lives by offering after-school snacks and programming for 30 kids—on CAD$300 per month.

But as a result of the troubling economic times, Colette Gray, supervisor of the Sault Ste. Marie Soup Kitchen Community Centre’s Brighter Beginnings Children’s Program, revealed to the Kiwanis club that the program now depends on community support for 75 percent of its funding.

One club board member quickly proposed an immediate $2,500 donation to program. “The members agreed unanimously, says Kiwanian Roseanne MacDonald. “I was so proud that it brought tears to my eyes!”

Even though the purse strings are tight, Gray is confident the program will continue. “So many things make it worthwhile.” Reflecting on some of the families whose children have grown up around her, she concludes, “I think there’d be a public outcry if it disappeared, because the kids are at such a crucial age for someone to be there and influence them.”

—Courtney Meyer

Chew on this

Sometimes service projects turn out great. And sometimes they go to the dogs. In this case, that’s a good thing.

Village Aktion Club members in Kingwood, Texas, have been busy lately, creating quality, fun dog toys for about 150 dogs in the shelter and foster system. And they’re having a blast doing it.

“We start with a tube sock,” says Michele Dykstra, member of the Kiwanis Club of Kingwood (sponsor of the Village Aktion Club) and community relations manager at Village Learning & Achievement Center, where the Aktion Club has its monthly meetings. “Then we stuff an experienced tennis ball in the toe. This step took two people and allowed us to really work together.”

The project brings together Aktion Club members and Kiwanis members, with everyone busy gathering empty water bottles and removing the caps, labels and rings. Then a pencil-shaped rawhide chew is inserted into the bottle. The bottle is then inserted into the sock on top of the ball. The sock is knotted and ready for delivery.

Aktion Club member Alex Higgins enjoys working on the dog project, but also says, “I like Aktion Club because it lets me help other people.”

Donations help make the dog toy project possible, Dykstra says, and all sponsors are thanked with a T-shirt. A photo of the clients, wearing their shirts and holding a dog toy, is attached to each toy.

“As a proud parent of two rescued dogs, I can assure you these toys are winners,” Dykstra says.
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Celebrations for service

French Polynesian Kiwanis clubs have found a special way to showcase the mission of Kiwanis and the passion for serving children that animates members around the world.

For four years running, the eight clubs on this grouping of islands have hosted a recreational day called La Kiwanienne, which both showcases and symbolizes their enthusiasm for the organization and its mission. Situated on the island of Tahiti, this year’s activity-filled day began with a brief history of Kiwanis International.

Organized by the Hei o Te Ra Tahiti and Oa Oa de Tahiti Kiwanis Clubs with input from the other participating clubs, the event engages children and other guests in a variety of workshops designed to charm attendees and showcase Kiwanis. In an atmosphere of merriment augmented by music and snacks, attendees create personal souvenirs. They paint and decorate T-shirts with the event’s theme—this year, the theme was “Walking as a Family for a Child.” They shape wreaths with flowers. The most enchanting activity—for children and adults alike—is a station for making puppets from newspaper, a stick and brightly colored fabric below, left.

“The children took a lot of pleasure in creating the puppets and T-shirts,” reflects François Bourget, president-elect of the Oa Oa de Tahiti Kiwanis Club. “The photos speak for themselves when you see the attention, smiles and joy on everyone’s faces.”

With the assistance of the city’s public officials, police and firefighters, the bedecked group paraded happily around the center of the town of Taravao behind a truck carrying Kiwanis banners. The children’s creative attire was then amicably judged by a panel, which awarded the winners with woven baskets filled with food and gifts. The celebrations closed with an aparima, a traditional Polynesian dance, executed gracefully by the children of Moorea.

“All of the Kiwanians were truly enchanted by this welcoming, warm day, filled with solidarity and friendship,” says Bourget. “It was an immense pleasure to participate, to better acquaint ourselves with each other’s clubs and the values of Kiwanis. Enthusiasm was unanimously felt by all of us.” —Courtney Meyer
Tetanus vaccine often takes a long journey to the women who need it. UNICEF and its partners work hard to preserve the vaccine’s potency along the way. During a recent immunization campaign in South Sudan, tetanus toxoid vaccine was flown from the manufacturer in Bandung, Indonesia, to Mombasa, Kenya. Then to Nairobi. Then to the national cold store in Juba, South Sudan. Then it was flown to state cold stores before traveling, overland or by boat, to local hospitals, county health centers and village vaccination points. The women there received their immunizations.

All the while, the “cold chain” helped ensure the success of the campaign, which targeted 300,000 women of child-bearing age. From beginning to end, it was an essential step in adding South Sudan to the growing list of countries that have eliminated maternal and neonatal tetanus.

“This funds for The Eliminate Project allow UNICEF to plan for immunization efforts and give them the security to deliver supplies. Our board decided to double our investment—we were determined to make sure women receive necessary vaccines. I encourage other foundations to consider similar ways of helping their districts maximize their impact.”

Colin Reichle, president of the Kiwanis Foundation of Canada and Kiwanis International trustee

The amount raised in cash and pledges (in U.S. dollars) as of June 31, 2013

Total for all districts: 453+

Learn more about the cold chain. See “Chain of Life” on page 42.

Model Clubs
Model Clubs pledge to raise a US$750 per-member average over five years. Any club can take part—no matter how large or small. As of June 24, 2013, these districts are leading the Model Club charge:

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3. Texas-Oklahoma 23

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Dogged determination

WITH CANINE PAL CHLOE AT HER SIDE, AN OHIO KEY CLUB LEADER MAKES A SPIRITED RUN AT LIFE.

| By Courtney Meyer |

Key Club may build character and leadership in its members. But one Lexington, Ohio, High School Key Clubber’s positive outlook and giving heart has taught fellow members and her community not only about the value of service—but of determination.

Samantha Stoner’s life changed just before she entered high school. Diagnosed with a rare disease called Stargardt’s, which causes central vision loss, she became legally blind at age 13. But Stoner refused to let it stop her from enjoying what she loved.

She had recently discovered a passion for cross country running and was keen to continue enjoying the freedom and independence it brought. A teammate volunteered to run with her over the courses’ uneven terrain, but when the guide graduated, Stoner’s cross country career seemed at an end. Until Chloe came running into her life.

A happy and energetic Golden Retriever, Chloe is Stoner’s guide dog—the first six-legged cross country tandem in Ohio history. The runner-canine relationship inspired an ESPN-TV video titled “A Girl’s Best Friend.”

“She’s never going to get the medals, but in our hearts she wins every race just by stepping on the line and by crossing the finish line,” says
Sami’s diagnosis raised her commitment to another passion.

“After losing my vision, I received a great amount of support from my community, and I think it’s important to give back to those who have done so much for me,” she explains. “I joined Key Club freshman year, following the example of both my older sisters and dad who had been members of the organization.”

Although the club wasn’t very active at first, Stoner says it still helped to foster a love of helping others.

“I loved the feeling of an entire group of people coming together with a common goal of benefiting our community.”

Under her leadership as president for the past two years, the club has served pasta to benefit an animal shelter and hidden eggs for a community Easter egg hunt. But the level of understanding she has for students with disabilities gave her presidency a unique stamp.

“The diagnosis has forced me to try twice as hard in school, keeping up my grades and utilizing different tools to accommodate my disability,” she says.

A tutor for two students who are visually impaired, she spearheaded a Key Club fundraiser to provide them with visual aids.

“We raised over US$6,000 and got a computer for a girl with a disability at the high school and an iPad for a girl with cerebral palsy, in addition to the visual aids for the kids I tutor,” Stoner shares proudly.

“Really, my journey with Chloe through Key Club, school and volunteering is driven by the goal to give back and show others that they cannot let adversity define them.”
Texan’s tresses transformation

Shannon Patterson (left) has great hair, and hair can do great things. A board member of the Kiwanis Club of McKinney, Texas, Patterson put her long blond tresses through a lot as 2005’s Miss District of Columbia and 2010 Mrs. Texas. When her stylist noted Shannon’s locks were the healthiest they’d ever been, an idea took root: Donate a hank of her hair to Pantene’s Beautiful Lengths, which provides free wigs to cancer patients.

When the decision was made and scissors began clipping, Patterson wasn’t terribly emotional about cutting off more than nine inches of her mane. She thought of all the people around her affected by cancer—friends and family—and her hair became a gift to them.

“Your hair can be such an important part of who you are,” she says. “I’ve been blessed with a lot of hair. I’m so happy to have the opportunity to share it with others who are battling cancer.” —Cathy Usher

Half-scale racer lives full life in the fast lane

Tom Miller prefers life in the fast lane. For more than a decade, the Jackson, Michigan, Kiwanis Club member has been racing half-scale race cars.

“These cars were originally for kids,” Miller says, “but adults said, ‘Hey, this looks like a lot of fun.’”

Half-scale cars are just what the name implies: race cars that are half the size of standard NASCAR racers and powered by 13- to 18-horsepower Honda motors.

“They’re fully suspended cars and totally adjustable for different tracks,” Miller says. “You sit about an inch-and-a-half off the ground. ... Sometimes, you can hit over 100 miles per hour on the track.”

With many victories under his belt, Miller has developed a name in the sport. Still, the veteran racer believes it’s time for someone else to take the wheel, because the sport requires a lot of work behind the scenes.

“I’m hoping someone will beat me this year, because we need new people to take over. I keep saying I’m going to quit, but I’ve been saying that for the last five years.”

It’s probably a safe bet to say there are more checkered flags in his future. —Andrew McLaughlin
For Kiwanis clubs, trust and integrity are a must. Thanks to criminal-history background checks, club leaders have an option for making sure members meet those standards. Kiwanis International’s relationship with Safe Hiring Solutions gives you access to a secure electronic process. There’s no paperwork for you or your club. So it’s easier than ever to protect the children you serve—along with members’ confidence and your club’s reputation.

Learn more and get started at www.KiwanisOne.org/backgroundchecks.
Kindness, on the clock

REFURBISHED Meters Nurture Niceness, Make Cents, Help Kids.
| By Dick Isenhour | Photo by Rachele Labrecque

In Ontario, you can feed the hungry by feeding the meter. The Sault Ste. Marie Kiwanis Club’s Kindness Meter, that is.

Acting on a suggestion from member Jim Turnbull, who learned of a similar project in Ottawa, the club turns old parking meters into fundraising machines.

“What a great way to spread the word about the soup kitchen and the programming we offer,” says Collette Gray, supervisor of children’s programming at the Sault Ste. Marie Soup Kitchen. “The money goes toward many things to help our program—craft supplies, snacks and other things. It doesn’t take a lot, a dollar here or there or some pocket change that you’d spend on coffee.”

The Kiwanians place the meters in locations with high traffic volume where people likely have plenty of loose change, such as the airport.

“With 180,000 travelers who go through here in the course of a year, not to mention the tenants we have and the people dropping off or picking up people, there’s a great flow of people who go through the airport,” says Terry Bos, CEO of the Sault Ste. Marie Airport Development Corporation.

Despite its continual growth, Turnbull says the meter project was plagued by a particular problem early on: pennies. Fortunately, Canada discontinued the one-cent coins this past February.

“Now that pennies have been taken out of circulation,” Turnbull says, “I don’t have the headache of unjamming machines on a weekly basis.”
Service in verse

Key Club members had a bit of poetic fun this past May during Eliminate Week. They went viral, tweeting about MNT and Key Club in a most unusual way: haiku. Here are a few samples of their work:

Hey, just so you know
Today we’re tweeting haikus
This will be awesome
Did you hear the news?
Iraq eliminated
MNT today!
Key Club was my life
Now I am graduating
Hello, CKI
Retweet me, Key Club.
I won’t ever
Stop tweeting you
We might not make keys
But we can certainly make
An awesome haiku
Well, that was awesome.
We hope that you all had fun.
We’re all haiku’d out.

Baby, it’s you

All parents believe they have the cutest little thing on the planet. In Knoxville, Tennessee, parents can prove it—and do good—by participating in the Tellico Village, Loudon, Tennessee, Kiwanis Club’s Cutest Little Baby Face Contest.

The mechanics of the pageant are quite simple. “Professional photographs are taken of each child for a fee of US$15,” says Tellico Village Kiwanian Ray Scott. “Parents then have two weeks to raise as much money (votes) as they can from families, friends, etc.”

The diaper dandies are divided into five categories, with awards for children ages 1 to 3 and 4 to 6, as well as a grand prize winner. “There’s a parade,” Scott says. “An emcee announces who they are and other things about them, such as favorite foods and what they want to be when they grow up. It’s a real crowd-stopper.”

Then the winners are announced, with prizes donated by the event’s sponsors. This year’s grand prize winner, for example, received a free weekend in the Smoky Mountains, courtesy of Sunset Cottage.

More importantly, the Knoxville Children’s Hospital gets about $10,000 annually, and victorious parents can rightly claim that their little darling officially has the cutest little baby face.

—Dick Isenhour

Making fun in Evanston

There’s a group of citizens who make Evanston, Illinois, such a fun place to live that … well, you might as well call the community “Funville.”

Funville is an Evanston Kiwanis Club project that encourages residents to tap into their fun, creative nature to build a better community and, possibly, win a prize.

This year, with marketing and technology assistance from Evanston Community High School, the Kiwanians asked entrants to come up with activities that everyone, regardless of age, could enjoy.

One entrant suggested creating a book of blank pages that could be passed person-to-person, each adding a photo, story or something that “shows who they are as a person.” Another candidate thought of a campaign against obesity that would begin with a healthful food competition, followed by a cookathon featuring the winning recipes.

And the winners are … well, you’ll have to visit the club’s www.funvillekiwanis.com website to find out.
Put your money where your team is

Here’s an idea to feed your club’s bank account.
Members of a Kiwanis club in Texas are college football fans. One member follows Texas A&M, and 13 other members are faithful to the University of Texas Longhorns.

During a recent season, the Aggie pledged US$10 to the club’s scholarship fund for every point A&M scored during the season, while his fellow Kiwanians promised $1 for every UT point. Try it yourself.

Pick your cause: Choose a service need, such as The Eliminate Project, Children’s Miracle Network or Boys and Girls Club. Or build up your club’s administrative account.

Pick your sport, team or player and make a pledge: a ten-spot for every touchdown, a fiver whenever your favorite shooting guard hits a three-pointer, a loonie for every double takeout.

Don’t forget: Wear your team colors and brag as you contribute to the club’s coffers.
Everybody’s talkin’

Kiwanis clubs attract fascinating speakers to their regular meetings. For example, Jimmy Weldon, the ventriloquist who put words in the beak of Hanna-Barbera’s Yakky Doodle, inspired audiences at the Fontana and Santa Clarita, California, Kiwanis clubs’ meetings with a message about the American flag. And former NASA astronaut Jack Lousma launched the Colonial Plymouth, Michigan, Kiwanis Club into orbit with tales from his missions aboard Skylab and the space shuttle Columbia.

If you’re looking for good programs, here’s a list of popular presentations compiled by Kiwanis Facebook users:

- Colville, Washington, high school technology students described alternative energy programs and robots. *What fascinating subjects are local students studying?*
- A survivor of suicide told the West Lorne, Ontario, club how she’s supporting families struggling with this complex issue. *A mental health agency may be able to recommend advocates for a number of causes.*
- A Washington, Virginia, Kiwanian described a professor’s speech about childhood obesity as “very informative.” *Ask a doctor or other expert to address a problem that’s affecting children in your community.*
- A Key Leader participant told her sponsoring Greenwood, South Carolina, Kiwanis Club about her experiences. *If your club has not yet sponsored a Key Leader teen, borrow one from a nearby club.*

Birthdays

These clubs celebrate anniversaries in September 2013.
For a more complete list, visit www.kiwanis.org/birthdays.

**75TH—1938**
Mamaroneck-Harrison-Rye, New York, September 9

**50TH—1963**
Davie and West Hollywood, Florida, September 10
Crestwood-Sunset Hills, Missouri, September 12
Metropolitan Huntsville, Alabama, September 16
Zürich, Switzerland, September 17

**25TH—1988**
Ottawa West, Ontario, September 1

Paramaribo Central, Suriname, September 2
Granite Bay, California, September 7
Kelowna Summit, British Columbia, September 8
Pontarlier-Ariarica, France, September 12
Grenfell, St. John’s, Newfoundland, September 13
Spring Lake/Cumberland County, North Carolina, September 14
Dusseldorf-Centrum, Germany, September 14
Ava, Missouri, September 15
Rodez Segodunum, France, September 19
Stuttgart, Germany, September 19
Wellington, New Zealand, September 19

Wolfenbüttel e.V., Germany, September 20
Comanche, Texas, September 20
Southwest Contraband, Lake Charles, Louisiana, September 21
Koln, Germany, September 21
Warner Robins, Georgia, September 23
Saint Amand Montrond, France, September 26
Uri, Switzerland, September 26
St. George’s, Bermuda, September 26
Columbia, Mississippi, September 27
Kernersville, North Carolina, September 27
101 Lakes of Steuben County, Angola, Indiana, September 29
Beersel, Belgium, September 30
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Another reason I have confidence in our future is the progress of our Global Campaign for Children and its current centerpiece, the project to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. It is unprecedented for Kiwanis to have raised close to US$40 million in cash and pledges in the first two years. But this campaign is more than a major fundraiser. It is an opportunity to enhance the image of Kiwanis worldwide to spur enrollment of new members. In a world where death makes headlines every day, it is a powerful statement to the world that Kiwanis is saving and protecting millions of lives.

Finally, our distinctive Kiwanis brand is being enhanced with priority emphasis on our motto: Serving the Children of the World. The 20-year-old Kiwanis acronym YCPO—Young Children: Priority One—is being reignited by more aggressively confronting one of the most critical issues facing our global society today: the failure to recognize that what happens in the life of a child in his or her first 2,000 days can make a difference for the rest of their lives.

This past year, we successfully rebooted YCPO by defining it more clearly as Early Childhood Development and establishing new relationships with members of the business community and other “persons of influence” who understand just how important this issue is to world economies and the global society we live in.

We come to the realization that there are only two basic ingredients that will result in growth: meaningful service and strong relationships. The projects Kiwanis does best are those involving the health, education and safety of children—service projects with high impact that are relevant to the dramatic needs and issues facing children in their earliest years. These are the service projects that will attract new members.

As we make our six Objects more relevant to today’s needs, Kiwanians will speak out loudly for the welfare of every child and act more boldly for every child’s health, safety, ability to read and, in some 28 impoverished nations, a child’s right to live.

We will launch our next 100 years not only as an organization with an incredible legacy of service, but as a “movement” for children, a movement led by the heroes in our Kiwanis-family network.
After moving to the U.S. from Uganda, Brian Turindwamukama met Kiwanian Byron Tabor. A few months later, Byron invited Brian to a Key Leader weekend. Quickly, Brian went from being anxious to being accepted. And he returned the next year as a student facilitator. Key Leader offers teens of all backgrounds that kind of life-changing experience. "And sometimes, in the back of the room," Byron says, "there’s a 50-year-old man like me thinking about things a certain way for the first time."

Discover how you can serve and connect. Find dates, locations, registration information and more at www.key-leader.org. And read more about Brian, Byron and others at www.key-leader.org/stories.

"It defies description to see the kids blossom over the weekend."
—Key Leader volunteer Byron Tabor
Kiwanis policies change
At its April 2013 meeting, the Kiwanis International Board added three new policies and revised two others, all of which fall under Section B - International Administration:

The following policy has been revised:

12. Club Member Accused of ‘Conduct Unbecoming’

If an allegation of ‘conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family’ is made against a member of a Kiwanis club, the member’s club shall follow the process generally described below, as further defined in Kiwanis International procedure. If the member belongs to more than one club, the club associated with the ‘conduct unbecoming’ shall act.

The president of the club (or immediate past president, if the president is accused) shall immediately request from Kiwanis International a copy of the detailed procedures to be followed by the club and shall appoint a special investigator who will conduct an investigation and produce a report summarizing the findings. The Board shall consider the investigation report and determine whether to hold a hearing on the matter. The President shall notify the accused member of the investigation results and whether the Board intends to pursue the allegation(s). If a hearing is held, the Board shall then meet and report its decision whether the accused member did or did not engage in ‘conduct unbecoming’ and, based on that decision, the appropriate disciplinary action, if any, as follows: informal counseling, a verbal reprimand, written reprimand, suspension from office or club membership, or removal from office or club membership. The determination of the discipline should be based on the seriousness of the unbecoming conduct. All disciplinary actions shall be documented in club records.

If the accused member is also a district officer or a Kiwanis International officer and the ‘conduct unbecoming’ appears to have been committed in his/her capacity as an officer, or if it is impossible to determine in what capacity the ‘conduct unbecoming’ was committed, the matter shall first be submitted to the Kiwanis International President or the district governor, in that order, as appropriate, who shall determine the capacity and either begin an investigation at the International or District level or refer it back to the club level to investigate and decide.

If either the accused member or the investigator believes some part of the investigation was faulty or the determination was incorrect, either party has the right to appeal in writing the Board’s decision to the club membership. The appeal shall be heard at a special meeting of the club members in good standing. The decision of the club membership to uphold, reverse, or change the Board’s decision shall be final.

If, at any point during the ‘conduct unbecoming’ process, possible criminal wrongdoing is discovered, the matter shall be reported to the proper authorities.

All materials, facts, and information related to the investigation, determination, and appeal (if any) shall be kept confidential at all times by any parties or persons involved in any part of the process.

The club shall retain all official records on the matter (Allegation Report, Investigation Report, Hearing Record, Board Report, and Appeal Record if any) in a confidential file as long as required by applicable law, and shall send a copy to Kiwanis International, to be retained in a confidential file.

A club shall discipline any member whose conduct is determined to be ‘conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family,’ or else the club shall be considered out of compliance with acceptable standards of Kiwanis International and may have its charter suspended or revoked as provided in the Kiwanis International Bylaws.

If the member was disciplined by the club in any way for ‘conduct unbecoming’ and if he/she was also: a member of another club(s); a district officer; or a Kiwanis International officer, the other club(s), district, or Kiwanis International may take separate disciplinary action against the member as each deems appropriate.

The following policy has been added:

13. District Officer Accused of ‘Conduct Unbecoming’

If an allegation of ‘conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family’ is made against a district officer (other than the Governor, who is also a Kiwanis International Officer – see separate policy), allegedly committed while he/she was engaged in his/her duties as a district officer, the process for addressing such allegation shall be generally as follows, as further defined in Kiwanis International procedures.

The governor (or immediate past governor, if the Governor is accused) shall immediately request from Kiwanis International a copy of the detailed procedures to be followed by the district and shall appoint a special investigator who will conduct an investigation and produce a report summarizing the findings. The Board shall consider the investigation report and determine whether to hold a hearing on the matter. The Governor shall notify the accused member of the investigation results and whether the Board intends to pursue the allegation(s). If a hearing is held, the Board shall then meet and report its decision whether the accused officer did or did not engage in ‘conduct unbecoming,’ and, based on that decision, determine the appropriate disciplinary action, as follows: counseling, a verbal or written reprimand, or suspension or removal from office.

If either the accused officer or the Investigator believes some part of the investigation was faulty or the determination was incorrect, either party has the right to request in writing reconsideration by the Board. The Board’s decision on the matter shall be final.

If, at any point during the ‘conduct unbecoming’ process, possible criminal wrongdoing is discovered, the matter shall be reported to the proper authorities.

All materials, facts, and information related to the investigation, determination, and reconsideration (if any) shall be kept confidential at all times by any parties or persons involved in any part of the process.

The district shall retain all official records on the matter (Allegation Report, Investigation Report, Hearing Record, Board Report, and Reconsideration Record if any) in a confidential file as long as required by applicable law, and shall send a copy to Kiwanis International, to be retained in a confidential file.

If the district officer was disciplined by the district for ‘conduct unbecoming,’ the club(s) the member belongs to may take separate disciplinary action against their member, as the club deems appropriate. If the disciplined district officer is also an officer of Kiwanis International or another district, Kiwanis International or the other district may take separate disciplinary action against their officer as well.

The following policy has been added:

14. Kiwanis International Officer Accused of ‘Conduct Unbecoming’

If an allegation of ‘conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis family’ is made against a Kiwanis International officer (which includes a district governor, allegedly committed while he/she was engaged in his/her duties as a Kiwanis International officer, the process for addressing such allegation shall be generally as follows, as further defined in Kiwanis International procedures.

The International President (or Immediate Past International President, if the President is accused)
shall immediately consult the detailed procedures to be followed and shall appoint a special Investigator who will conduct an investigation and produce a report summarizing the findings. The Board shall consider the investigation report and determine whether to hold a hearing on the matter. The President shall notify the accused member of the investigation results and whether the Board intends to pursue the allegation(s). If a hearing is held, the Board shall then meet and report its decision whether the accused officer did or did not engage in 'conduct unbecoming' and, based on that decision, determine the appropriate disciplinary action, as follows: counseling, a verbal or written reprimand, or suspension or removal from office.

If either the accused officer or the Investigator believes some part of the investigation process was faulty or the determination was incorrect, either party has the right to request in writing reconsideration by the Board. The Board’s decision on the matter shall be final.

If, at any point during the ‘conduct unbecoming’ process, possible criminal wrongdoing is discovered, the matter shall be reported to the proper authorities.

All materials, facts, and information related to the investigation, determination, and reconsideration (if any) shall be kept confidential at all times by any parties or persons involved in any part of the process.

Kiwanis International shall retain all official records on the matter (Allegation Report, Investigation Report, Hearing Record, Board Report, and Reconsideration Record if any) in a confidential file as long as required by applicable law.

If the Kiwanis International officer was disciplined for ‘conduct unbecoming,’ the club(s) the member belongs to may take separate disciplinary action against the member, as the club deems appropriate. If the disciplined Kiwanis International officer is also a district officer, the district may take separate disciplinary action against the officer as well.

The following policy has been revised:

16. Criminal History Background Checks
b. Background Checks by Districts and Clubs

Effective October 1, 2013, Kiwanis International requires that a criminal history background check be conducted and verified as ‘clear’ for any district board-approved chairperson(s) and their assistants for Kiwanis-branded programs involving youth under age 18. This applies to all districts within North America. Such checks shall be conducted by either Kiwanis International’s preferred service provider or by another provider which is approved by Kiwanis International. Kiwanis International’s criteria shall be followed to determine if the background check is considered ‘clear.’ Persons without a clear background check may not serve as a district chairperson or assistant for Kiwanis-branded youth programs.

Kiwanis International strongly recommends that districts and clubs conduct criminal history background checks for all adults (Kiwanis members and non-members) registered for, participating in, or staying overnight at any activity organized by a Kiwanis district or club that involves interaction between adults and youth under age 18.

A clear criminal history background check may be required by a district, at the discretion of its board, for specific district offices or positions, or may be required by a club, at the discretion of its board, for specific club offices or positions or for all club members and prospective members. To assure high standards and consistent results throughout the organization, district and clubs are encouraged to use the same criteria and same service provider used by Kiwanis International. If a background check is later required by Kiwanis International, Kiwanis International recognizes only its own background check process.

Districts or clubs requiring background checks shall first clearly define and publicize the criteria, process, and ramifications in policy and/or procedure. Consult Kiwanis International for recommended guidelines.

The following policy has been added:

19. Government Relations

Activity with various national governments presents opportunities for support and collaboration between Kiwanis International and government entities. Kiwanis’ grass roots structure, community presence and non-political voice for children and youth make the organization attractive to democratic governments. Continuing to position Kiwanis as strong players within civil society will reinforce our brand and reputation. In relationships with various governments, Kiwanis International shall act as follows:

1. Kiwanis International and its officers will conduct itself/themselves with honesty and integrity in all governmental relationships, adhering to all applicable laws and known protocols.

2. The President of Kiwanis International shall be the primary representative of the organization to heads of state, unless the President determines another appropriate current or past Kiwanis International Officer to act in his/her stead.

3. The Executive Director will coordinate Kiwanis International’s official outreach and communication to all governments and related entities (departments, agencies, offices, etc.)

4. Kiwanis International will avoid any public position that it views as being partisan, favoring one party or candidate over another in any election, or otherwise politically divisive.

Interpretation deleted

At its April 2013 meeting, the Kiwanis International Board deleted one bylaws interpretation:

Kiwanis International Bylaws Interpretations

Payment of Charter Member Fees by New Clubs

Article XXII, Section 1, states in part “… each club shall pay to Kiwanis International for each member, with the exception of those holding life member status, the sum of forty-two dollars (US $42.00) per annum…” “…due annually on October 1.…”

And Article XXI, Section 6, states in part “Each club in the United States and Canada, excluding the French-speaking clubs in Canada, shall collect from each of its members the subscription price of the official publication together with the regular club membership dues.”

And Article XXIV, Section 2, states in part “Clubs covered by such insurance shall be billed for premiums by Kiwanis International, prorata, based on membership.…”

Interpretation: For new clubs formed on or between January 1 and September 30 of any administrative year, the charter member fees paid by such new club shall be considered payment of the applicable dues, magazine subscription fees, and insurance fees for charter members of the new club for the following administrative year commencing on October 1. (Example: A new club formed January 14, 2011, which is during the 2010-11 administrative year, pays charter member fees during formation. The charter member fees paid by that club will be considered payment of dues, magazine, and insurance for the original charter members of the club for the 2011-12 administrative year. However, the new club will be required to pay dues, magazine, and insurance for the 2012-13 administrative year and thereafter.)
On 9/11, they rushed to New York City’s call for help. During the 2003 power outage that darkened much of northeastern United States and Ontario, they went back to New York. They responded too to the 1940 Kenville, New Jersey, munitions plant explosion and the blizzard of 1996. When Mrs. Bendixen was diagnosed with pneumonia, they were her “magic carpet” ride.

The Kiwanis First Aid Squad began serving Boonton, New Jersey, in 1938. One story reports that an injured child was brought to the office of physician I. Norwood Griscom. The nearest hospitals were in Morristown and Dover.

“For one hour that child lay in (Griscom’s) office, waiting for the ambulance,” a July 4, 1939, newspaper article reported. “It might have meant death, that delay.”

There’s no further report on the child’s fate, but the article continued: “That very night, Dr. Griscom, a member of the Boonton Kiwanis Club, told the Kiwanians that something must be done. An ambulance must be obtained.”

The Kiwanians found an ancient fire department Packard ambulance (above) for just US$50. Another $300 paid for repairs.

The restored vehicle served the community well, responding to more than 250 calls in its first 10 months. By June 1939, however, a newspaper article announced a community campaign to raise $3,500 for a new ambulance. “We mourn the passing of the old ambulance for it has served faithfully,” the Times-Bulletin reported.

Through the ensuing years, the volunteer squad has delivered babies, rushed to house fires and stood by at high school football games, carnivals and races—at no charge. In a 1958 issue, The Kiwanis Magazine published a photo of the Boonton’s two new Kiwanis ambulances (left), which were purchased for $15,000 each.

Today, the Kiwanis First Aid Squad continues to serve Boonton, Boonton Township and Mountain Lakes, making more than 1,400 calls annually. Read more about its history, including Mrs. Bendixen’s letter of praise, at www.bkfas.org.

What is your club doing today that will leave a legacy of service in your community? Email your story to shareyourstory@kiwanis.org.
IT’S TIME TO GET EVERYONE INVOLVED.

Raise funds. Spread the word. Join other Kiwanians—and the SLP clubs you sponsor—for service projects and fun events in your community. After all, it’s an exciting time to be part of the Kiwanis family. Share the excitement. Join the team. Protect the connection.

Get inspired and engaged at www.TheEliminateProject.org.
What’s Your Story
If your club has a success story, simply email a summary and a few photos to shareyourstory@kiwanis.org to be considered for possible future use in Kiwanis International publications.

Kiwanis Peanut Day Inc. is celebrating its 62nd year distributing peanuts, pretzels, trail mix and chocolate candy products sold exclusively to Kiwanis clubs throughout North America. Kiwanis Peanut Day was started in 1951 by members of the Lake View-Chicago Kiwanis Club and seven clubs in their Division and raised over $18,000 on their first peanut day.

In 1963, the Peanut Day Committee was incorporated as an Illinois non profit corporation and an official committee of the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District of Kiwanis International. The committee is governed by a board of directors of 12 past lt. governors, governor and governor-elect of the I-I District. The Board meets bi-monthly with no compensation.

The Peanut Day Committee exists solely for the purpose of providing Kiwanis Clubs a low cost practical means to raise funds for charitable projects. Payment is due 30 days after your fundraiser to maximize your Kiwanis Club’s cash flow.

Send For Your FREE Fundraising Kit
1-888/PNUT-FUN (1-888-768-8386)
Be sure to visit our web site at www.kiwanispceanutday.com

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