OBJECTS OF KIWANIS

- To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
- To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.
- To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.
- To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

The six permanent Objects of Kiwanis International were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 Convention in Denver, Colorado. Through the succeeding decades, they have remained unchanged.
Happy New Year to you, your clubs and your families.

The first three months of our Kiwanis Year 2017-2018 has been very active with many clubs connecting with their communities and serving their children. I enjoy seeing all the service projects that are posted on our Facebook page. Is your club posting on the New England and Bermuda Facebook page?

The Formula Team has been active and opened a new club, Champlain Valley in South Burlington VT in November and as I write this there are 14 confirmed applications for a new club in Northampton MA. Burlington MA will be opened early this year, which will give the District three new club the most since 2010. Also, this month the Kiwanis Club of Greater Amesbury will have their Charter celebration ceremony on January 25.

We have opened three new Key Clubs, Caribou ME, Abbott Lawrence Academy and Redding and Easton. Also, Diman Regional in Fall River MA was Re-Chartered. Danvers held a Charter event for the Builders Club at the Holten/Richmond Middle School in November. Be sure to check that your Key Clubs have paid their dues, if not their charter will be suspended by International on February 1st.

Please join me in sending congratulations to the clubs that have been asking people to join Kiwanis and increased their membership. Dover-Foxcroft, Worcester, Malden, Fall River and Westfield had an increase of 3 members at the end of November and Manchester NH and Keene had an increase of 4 new members. Division 5 and 11 increased membership by 4, Division 15 by 5 and Division 12 by 7 new members.

Does your club have a membership committee? Are you asking people to join? Did you know that 74% of Kiwanians joined because someone asked? Is your club working to retain members by thanking them for their commitment to your community and its children?

Do you recognize members for their years of service with the Legion of Merit and Legion of Honor awards? When you do, invite community leaders to attend and make them part of the presentations.

Does your club have a Public Relations Committee with a PR chair to let people know that your club is part of your community? Do you use social media to connect with your community by posting pictures of your events, projects and member recognition awards?

Please support the Kiwanis Children’s Fund with a $10 per member average gift to help with disaster relief, clean water initiatives, playgrounds, winter jackets and shoes for the neediest in the world.

You can support KFNE through club annual gifts and the Sustaining Member program. Recognize a member with a Red Jacket at a community wide event. It is nice to give a Red Jacket at a conference, however, when you make a presentation locally, you have the opportunity to connect your club with your community. Please plan to support The First Ladies project in March which will benefit the Kiwanis Foundation of New England and their Grant program.

Save the following dates:
We are working on the program for Mid-Winter Conference in Mansfield on March 16-18 and also planning for our 100th Annual Convention to be held in Leominster on August 16-19.

The Governors visit to Bermuda will be May 11 to 18 on the Norwegian Dawn.

Remember more members means more good will and more service to the children in your communities.

Have fun and good luck with your upcoming projects.

Yours in Kiwanis service,
Governor Dan
#KIDSNEEDEDKIWANIS
Governor-elect

Even as we continue to work hard in our 2017-2018 Kiwanis year, we need to plan for our 2018-2019 year and the continued success of our Kiwanis District. 2018 celebrates our 100th year as an official Kiwanis District. This is a momentous occasion, one to be celebrated— and believe me, we will!

According to statistics from Kiwanis International, every Kiwanian impacts the lives of 200 children. In our 100+ years of Kiwanis service in the New England and Bermuda areas, think of the number of children who have had a positive impact in their lives. This is where I pose a question to you: how will you lead in our 100th year? By being a strong club member? A strong club officer? Are you interested in joining district leadership?

There are many positions and committees available to participate in on the district-level.

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Leadership Positions

Here is a list of all of our district positions:

Governor
Governor-Elect
Secretary
Treasurer
Lieutenant Governor

And a list of our district committees:

Conventions
Finance
Parliamentarian
Membership Growth and Retention
Leadership Development
Bylaws and Policies
Service
Human and Spiritual Values
Young Children Priority One
Service Leadership Programs: Key Leader, CKI, Key Club, K Kids, Builders Club, Aktion Club
Youth Protection
Member Recognition
Credentials/Elections
Sergeant-at-Arms
Kiwanis Childrens’ Fund

And last but not least, you can always participate in supporting our Kiwanis Foundation of New England. If you have any interest in joining one of the committees listed above or would like more information on the work that they do, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at governorelect@newenglandkiwanis.org. I look forward to working with each and every one of you!
I have worked as a plastics process engineer and purchasing agent. In that role, I was able to increase turnover in my company’s inventory from 4.5 to 13.6 times per year, reducing costs while increasing cash flow by using “just in time” methods. I was also able to bring the company into compliance with ISO 9000 standards.

I have been very involved in the civic life of my community. I am Town Moderator in Winchester NH, overseeing all elections and town meetings. I have worked as a professional district executive for the Boy Scouts of America, and have served as a district chair, unit commissioner, Wood Badge trainer, scoutmaster and cubmaster. I presently serve on the Board of Trustees for Winchester’s Conant Public Library. I’ve been a member of Kiwanis since 2007, and I’m a member of the Northfield, MA, and Winchester NH clubs. I am presently a district Formula Vice-chair and as a club opener.

When I first joined the Kiwanis Club of Winchester, NH in 2007, I had no idea of what Kiwanis did for the community, other than the fishing derby it held each spring when I was younger. I thought it was just like Rotary, which I belonged to when I lived in Waterbury, VT, and was working for the Green Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts. The opportunities that have presented themselves over the years. From the friendships that have formed, to the opportunities to be part of the membership team have strengthened my resolve to make Kiwanis a stronger organization than it already is.

Like most candidates, I have served my club, division and district in leadership roles. That’s why I am running for governor-elect. Kiwanis members must be satisfied in both their service and their club if they are to continue serving their communities to the best of their abilities. Achieving member satisfaction is the path that will lead our clubs to grow and serve not only their communities but also their divisions and district, and to members’ personal growth.

In order to grow our clubs, we need three things: training, training and more training. I am committed not only to Kiwanis University but also training in other areas that would impact not just Kiwanis, but members’ personal and professional growth. We can all use training in areas such as conflict management, communications, and “listening to learn,” just to name a few.

I humbly as for your support and your vote this August at our Annual District Convention in Leominster, MA.

By Denis Murphy
Candidate for Governor-elect

Hello fellow Kiwanians, my name is John Falconer and I am a candidate for Governor Elect of the New England and Bermuda District of Kiwanis. I would like to tell you a few things about myself, my leadership experiences and my ideas for the future of our great organization.

Thirty years ago I was inducted into the Kiwanis Club of Colebrook, NH; this was a proud day for me. I have enjoyed every minute of my membership. The Colebrook club is a strong 30 member club that supports three Key Clubs, three Builders Clubs and one K-Kids. As a Colebrook Kiwanian, I have served as a club director, secretary, and three times as their President. Serving in these capacities, I understand what it means to say, “I am honored to be a Kiwanian.”

At the District level I served as Lt Governor for two years and am currently your District Treasurer. Over the years I have attended a number of District conferences, conventions (including one International Convention), and have presented at several workshops including but not limited to treasury and service ideas.

My civic endeavors involve serving on the Colebrook School Board for 33 years and counting. I have served as Chairperson for 25 years and Vice Chairman for the past five years. For the past nine years I have been a member of the board of directors of the New Hampshire School Boards Association and in 2015 – 2016 served as the President representing the organization at the State and National Levels. I currently serve as the immediate Past President and chair of the nominating committee.

This past spring, I was honored with four others the elite, “Champions of Children Award” presented by the New Hampshire Superintendents Association.

I feel these leadership opportunities will serve me well as Governor of the New England and Bermuda District of Kiwanis.

What do I think we need to do in the future to continue our community service work through Kiwanis and grow our influence and visibility in our communities?

Yes, we must continue to add new members but we must also reduce the number of members that are leaving our clubs out the back door. Clubs need to determine why members lose interest or feel that they no longer wish to continue their membership. Are the club meetings and projects fun and productive? There is nothing worse for a member who is contemplating leaving membership than having a boring meeting or to participate in a project where they feel it was a waste of time to be present.

I do not believe that anyone person has all the answers to the question of how do we increase our membership and thereby our effectiveness, but together I think we can come up with some possible solutions. You have all heard the expression look outside the box to find a solution. I challenge you to challenge me to look outside the box when you elect me as your Governor elect.

Thank you for your time and attention and please continue the great work you do as Kiwanians.
Sometimes having a few extra helping hands makes a big difference between a service project that drags on and burns out members, and one that is vibrant and attracts new people to your club. When I first became a lieutenant governor, I remember trying to save a club. Unfortunately the members were “old” - not in age, but in spirit. They had wonderful projects that made an impact on the kids in their community, but they just couldn’t bring themselves to carry on. What changed from the time they chartered their club? In my opinion, it was a lack of new members and new ideas.

If you find your club or even yourself in a funk, it’s not too late. The first step is to realize there’s a problem before it’s too late. The harder question is to figure out what you can do. Here are some thoughts I’ve had as I watch all the membership transactions in our clubs around the district:

CONNECT - The easiest answer is to get a few new folks in, and encourage them to bring their friends. Make connections with people interested in making a difference in the community. You know the drill. let a new person identify a project and let them run with it. Of course we need to keep our focus on programs that align with our international mission - kids - but that should be fairly simple in any club. Learn about The Formula and International President Rochford’s Eye of the Tiger. Read the material at http://www.kiwanis.org/theformula. Here’s another quick resource on inviting new members to your club: http://www2.kiwanis.org/theformula/strengthen-your-club/tips-and-tools-for-inviting-others#.WjkZyminEdU

COMMUNICATE - Use the public relations tools offered by Kiwanis International. The kiwanis.org website has all kinds of resources to get the word out. Use the logos. Use the videos. Get a Facebook page and keep it alive. Make sure your website has up-to-date information. Send short press releases to your local newspaper about interesting meetings (a month in advance whenever possible.) Send photos and a story (or simply a photo caption) for your events.

CARE - Probably the most important part of our clubs is the motivation that gets us involved and keeps us involved. WE CARE. It sounds self-explanatory, but it may the hardest thing to perpetuate. Showing we care to our community, and more importantly to our fellow members, is the glue of our clubs. Once a member feels that the club doesn’t care, or worse - the other member don’t care about them, then there is a serious problem, and I believe this will cause the loss of members more than any other factor. Let’s keep the engagement and empathy in every Kiwanis relationship. As leaders, let’s keep the fire burning in all our members.

Resources in the district are at your fingertips. An email to Bob Kinney (membership@newenglandkiwanis.org) or Gayla Bartlett (pr@newenglandkiwanis.org) will help you CONNECT and COMMUNICATE. To find someone to CARE is as easy as reflecting on why you joined our organization, or talking to the Kiwanian next to you at any meeting or service project.

Let’s keep up the growth of Kiwanis in our communities!
Candidate for International Trustee

By George Delisle
Candidate for Kiwanis International Trustee

It is my privilege to be our district’s candidate for a seat on the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees in 2018. That is, in itself, a great honor, and one for which I am deeply grateful.

However, if I am to be a winning candidate and bring New England and Bermuda the voice it deserves on the Kiwanis International Board, I am going to need your help.

I am one of six candidates vying for only three seats on the International board. The candidates who are best able to turn out and motivate their voters will prevail in this contest. I need your support if we are to get our district back on the International board where we belong. To that end, I implore you to plan now to be in Las Vegas for the Convention June 29-July 1.

There is no absentee or proxy voting allowed. To vote in this election, a delegate must be duly certified and physically present in the room when the voting takes place.

Every one of the 144 Kiwanis Club in the New England and Bermuda District is entitled to send two elected delegates to Las Vegas. In addition to those elected delegates, all current district officers – the governor, governor-elect, secretary, treasurer and the sitting 20 lieutenant governors are delegates-at-large, as are all past governors who are active members in good standing of a Kiwanis Club. That means that if every possible delegate attended, the district could turn out a maximum of approximately 336 delegates.

While I’d love to imagine 336 New England and Bermuda Kiwanians setting on the floor of the House of Delegates next summer, that’s unrealistic. However, I don’t think it’s unrealistic to hope for 200.

Las Vegas is an amazing convention venue, even (or maybe especially) if you don’t gamble. There is endless entertainment – musical acts, magic, circuses, amusement park rides, and more. The city is close to Southern California and to many national parks, including the Grand Canyon. There is an almost-infinite variety of dining and shopping opportunities.

We need your club’s delegates in Las Vegas. Here’s how you can help.

Encourage your club to send delegates to Las Vegas and if you’re able, be a delegate. Let your club leadership know that you plan to attend the convention and ask to be elected as a delegate. Then, register for the convention and make your hotel reservations as soon as you can. There’s more information at http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2018.

If you are a past lieutenant governor, you may serve as a delegate for another club in your division. If you know of a club that won’t send two delegates, please let that club know you are willing to represent them.

We’ll be looking for campaign volunteers to help our efforts at the Mid-Winter Conference at the Holiday Inn in Mansfield, MA, March 16-18, 2018 and in Las Vegas next summer. If you’d like to help, please contact me or Campaign Chair Geana Delisle (geanamd223@gmail.com).
By Raphaella dos Santos  
Governor  
New England & Bermuda District of Key Club  

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Although it was very cold and stormy this year, I hope that didn’t stop you all from serving your communities.  

Key Club has been keeping busy lately. Key Club International recently just sent two groups of students from all over the United States to Miami and New Orleans for a program called Breakthrough. Breakthrough creates for members a unique learning opportunity—a learning opportunity which empowers them to discover the heart to serve, answer the call to lead, and summon the courage to engage. This year New England and Bermuda sent two students: one to Miami and one to New Orleans. They both had a life changing experience that I cannot wait to hear all about.  

Key Clubs are also getting ready to participate in the “Thirsty Thirty” project which helps out the Thirst Project. Key Clubs will be collecting money throughout the month of January to help end the world water crisis. If your sponsored Key Club is participating in this, be sure to give them a hand and help them out. 

District Board members continue working together to reach our goals before our year ends. Lieutenant Governors are actively chartering new Kiwanis Family clubs, and we are all trying to increase District Project fundraising as well as DECON attendance. The biggest event on our minds is the District Educational Conference, also known as DECON! Happening on April 6-8, 2018 in Springfield, MA, DECON is where Key Clubs from throughout the District gather to celebrate achievements form the past year, learn more about Key Club, elect new District Executive Board members, and begin planning the new Key Club year! Check the District website (www.NewEnglandKeyClub.org) for contests, scholarships, and conference registration. Come celebrate with us! 

One thing that Key Club always benefits from is Kiwanis support. Kiwanis often encourages its sponsored Key Clubs to pay dues, complete monthly secretary reports, and submit Key Club officer directories so that District has contact information for each Key Club in order to provide every Key Club with what is happening each month at the District level. 

I hope you all have a safe, warm, and happy winter! Thank you for all that you do to support Key Club and serve your communities. Your hard work is greatly appreciated by everyone you serve. 

Yours in friendship and service,  
Raphaella dos Santos  
New England and Bermuda District Key Club Governor  
governor.ned1718@gmail.com  

(508)292-1691
Circle K Preparing for District Convention

Hearty Maine Hello New England and Bermuda District of Kiwanis!

I hope your holidays were filled with much laughter and love as you found yourselves surrounded by family and friends. As the winter season is in full bloom, it is only a reminder that the end of the Circle K service year is approaching and with it comes the District Convention season. Like your convention that takes place in August, our district convention is a time of celebration, as we recognize our clubs and members for all their hard work. We also retire the current board and elect a new board of passionate and dedicated leaders to guide our district through another successful service year. As you can guess, it is a bittersweet moment for many, a way to wrap up another year and bid farewell for some but a time of fellowship and celebration. District Convention is a pivotal time for us as a district to come together, form new friendships, work on strengthening our membership and in return, our district. This year our convention will be taking place March 23-25th in Portsmouth New Hampshire at the Best Western. I would like to formally invite every single one of you to join us as we celebrate the year and celebrate our Kiwanis Family membership!

Our hope every year, as it is yours, is for representation from all our members and clubs as we want to ensure that every club has a say in who their new board is and the direction they want to see the district take. As I mentioned earlier at your Fall Conference, the importance of member involvement in our district events cannot be overstated, the greater involvement our members have at the district level, the stronger our clubs, the stronger our members, and the greater chance we see that renewed passion and energy continue onto Kiwanis after Circle K members graduate. I hope those of you reading this, take the opportunity to think about either individually or as a club, helping to sponsor a member or two to help them reach District Convention in March. It’s more than just an investment in a weekend of workshops, service projects, speakers, awards, and fellowship, it’s an investment into the future leaders of Kiwanis and the New England region.

Your continued support of myself and the district is more than appreciated, it’s incredible. We all, Key Clubbers, Circle K-ers, Kiwanians, are all bound together by the same passion to serve and make a positive impact in our community and as any family, the greatest impact we can make is by working together. I know the more we collaborate, the more we reach out to one another the greater the opportunity we create for our family to change lives. Thank you for all that you do and I hope to see some of you at our District Convention March 23-25th.

For more information please make sure to check out our website nedcki.org and click on District Convention under the events tab. I wish you all the best and hope you all stay warm during this beautiful and cold winter.

Yours in Caring

Daniel Norwood
New England Circle K Convention Program Ad and Donation Form

The New England of Circle K will be holding its 58th Annual District Convention on March 23rd-25th, 2018, at the Best Western in Portsmouth, NH. Please join us in celebrating a year full of service by making a donation or placing an ad in our program.

In the 2018 District Convention Program, we will be promoting advertisements from community businesses and listing donors that would like to show their support toward youth in leadership. New this year, is the opportunity to earmark your donation to go towards helping cover part or all of registration costs for clubs and members who cannot afford the cost and making a direct impact for our members. If you or your business would like to place an ad and/or make a donation, please fill out the form below and return it to our District Financial Counselor at the following address:

Frank Dennett
272 Rollingwood Rd
Eliot ME 03903

All checks must be payable to New England Circle K.

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Please e-mail your ad design/logo/layout to Governor Daniel at dnorwood.cki@gmail.com. If you are unable to send the design via e-mail, please attach it to this form and we will do our best to scan it in. The deadline to submit an ad for publication is March 5, 2018.
Hello everyone,

As Governor I get to choose a Governor’s Project. For my Governor’s project I chose to focus on the St. Baldrick’s Foundation. The St. Baldrick’s Foundation focuses on raising awareness and funds for childhood cancer research. I have been volunteering with the foundation since 2011 and have shaved my head 7 times and organized 6 head shaving events helping to raise over $110,000 for childhood cancer research. This year, to cap of my term as Governor as well as my Governor’s Project, I will be shaving my head to raise awareness for childhood cancer research. My fellow board members will be getting a pie in their faces to also help raise funds for lifesaving research. I am reaching out to all of you, my Kiwanis Family to help me and the New England District of Circle K raise awareness and raise the funds to help conquer childhood cancers.

Below is a link to the Event Page where you can find my profile as well as the other district board members. The 4 board members who have the most money donated to their profile will get a pie in the face, so make sure to donate to whomever’s profile that you would like to see get a pie in the face. I ask all the clubs and members of the New England and Bermuda District of Kiwanis to please help spread the word and help us make a difference in the lives of children everywhere. Every dollar can change a life. Please follow the link and make a life changing donation!

https://www.stbaldricks.org/events/NEDCKI2018
Greetings from the Capital City of Rhode Island!

My name is Karl Uzcategui, Circle K International Trustee for Subregion F. I am currently a graduate student at Johnson & Wales University studying for my MS in Human Resource Management. I have been a member of the Kiwanis Family for 10 years starting as a member of the Fairfield Warde High School, Key Club, in Fairfield, CT.

What is a trustee? The International Trustee is a member of the International Board. An International Trustee represents several districts on the international level and advises the district officers within their region. The districts are grouped by proximity and remain the same each year. Subregion F includes the New York, New Jersey, New England, Eastern Canada, and Capital District.

What do you do specifically? My work this year on the International Level involves working on our Executive Committee and advising our International Convention Committee. Through the Executive Committee, I work with our senior leadership to determine recruitment strategies and recommendations for policy changes. With our International Convention Committee, or CKIx, I support a group of seven individuals with different aspects of the convention. This ranges from planning large-scale service projects to marketing the host city.

What is a challenge currently being faced by Circle K International? I strongly believe that funding will continue to be a challenge for our member.

To put into perspective: Some of our clubs range from 12 to 45 members in New England. Imagine having to pay a $600 fee each year on top of traveling to district events, going to trainers, inter clubbing with another CKI/Kiwanis Club, and purchasing service project materials. Now, imagine if 12 Kiwanians or Kiwanis Clubs donated $50 each to the New England District of Circle K to go towards funding a member to attend a District Event or to sponsor a CKI Club were the local Kiwanis Club is unable to support $600 each year. Circle K members are dedicated to service. As such, even our fundraising typically goes to a charity before we can start thinking about our own accounts.

Call to Action: Circle K members, we need to not be afraid to reach out and ask for funding. We have the facts to prove the work we are doing is making an impact. A club accomplishing over 100 hours of service in one month with a membership of 15 is an outstanding accomplishment that needs to be shared. And, Kiwanis Clubs, don’t let borders or distance prevent you from supporting a Circle K Club. If you are willing to work with a CKI Club or the District then we should be able to meet you halfway. Asking for an impact report, a letter from the CKI Club, photos, or a video are things a CKI Club can do to show you your funds are going towards a wise investment.

- Want to know where your nearest CKI Club is? Please e-mail Governor Daniel Norwood, dnorwood.cki@gmail.com or visit http://www.nedcki.org
- Want to donate to sponsor a CKI Member or Club? Please e-mail CKI Financial Counselor Frank Dennett, fdennett@aol.com
- Want to learn ways you can get involved with your local CKI Club? Please e-mail CKI District Admin. Kristin Holden, ksampiere.cki@gmail.com
- Have additional questions, comments or concerns? Please e-mail me at KUzcategui.cki@gmail.com

Thank you for your time and support, New England District. I hope 2018 brings to light all the joys and successes you advance towards.

Yours in Service,
Karl A. Uzcategui
Circle K International Trustee
Immediate Past Distinguished Governor of the New England District
Prospective members abound simply from looking at other areas of your community

The Kiwanis club has gained new members from key contacts members make in other community service organizations or boards on which members serve.

Other servant leaders and volunteers: This past year, there was a parent who was involved chairing the design and fundraising efforts of a new playground at one of the elementary schools. The club reached out and invited her to join. Membership recruitment is identifying a good prospective member and asking.

Community leaders: The Wooster club already has the mayor in its club, but just gained one of the county commissioners. One of the club’s members simply asked her to join him at a meeting. She attended and completed her application before she left.

Local child advocacy organizations: Send letters to the executive director and/or board members sharing with them the mission of Kiwanis and how you impact the local youth. As they already are part of a child-based organization, Kiwanis may be of interest. Invite them to a meeting. You also can get them exposed to your club by asking them to be a speaker at your club to share their organization’s mission before extending an invitation to join Kiwanis.

Remember to keep track of those you invite and when you contact (and reconnect with) them.

Compiled by Chris Martz, Northeast Area Director

Linda Brinkerhoff of the Kiwanis Club of Wooster, Ohio, admits that the club does not have a magical formula for adding new members, but there have been several reasons for the club’s success in recent years. Many of the new members have arrived from looking at other areas of the community and extending an invitation. Below are a few ideas you may want to try in your own club:

Go back to the company: The Wooster club examined a list of the members it lost (and their employers) over the past five years. Current members followed-up with the company for which the former member had worked. If the person was still employed with the company, the club invited them back. If not, the club assumed if the company was open to supporting someone previously, they would do so again and asked them to identify good candidates for membership.

Watch for newsmakers in your newspaper: When there is an article or photo highlighting someone who has done something special for children, the club sends the person a “thanks for all you do for the children” letter and information about getting involved in the club.

Other organizations or boards members belong:
# KidsNeedKiwanis …Our New England and Bermuda District Fall Training included a session presented by Aaron Katzenberger, our Northeast USA Development Officer out of Indianapolis, with updates on Eliminate and Children’s Fund programs. The Eliminate Project is making huge strides in its campaign with the exciting news that the entire Western Hemisphere is free of MNT now that Haiti validated as MNT-free. Along with the summer reporting that Ethiopia is also MNT-free, and December’s reporting about the Philippines, there remain only 15 countries to reach the goal of the elimination of maternal neonatal tetanus throughout the world. Kiwanis International has given $72 million towards its pledges of $110 million. Please continue to work toward the fulfillment of your club’s pledge to the Eliminate Project to ensure a world free of this preventable disease.

The Children’s Fund supports several other primary causes including the support of SLPs, Kiwanis-led disaster relief efforts, club and district grants, and sustainment of the IDD program. This year the Children’s Fund is promoting an Early Bird program for clubs who make an annual club gift. Of course, all District clubs are strongly encouraged to make an annual gift. For any clubs making a $500 gift – or more - towards its Annual Gift goal for 2017-18 before January 31, 2018, members of your club who will attend ICON in Las Vegas will have access to a VIP area at the Convention. This early bird gift allows the Children’s Fund to plan and budget and contain fundraising costs. The VIP Access is a thank you to clubs for being active members in fundraising.

Your annual club gift of $10 per member average to the Children’s Fund also helps to bring 15% back to the District in grant funding. In addition to the club gifts, individual gifts are most welcome. This year is the 78th year of the Kiwanis Children’s Fund helping children grow strong and thrive and an anniversary gift in the amount of $78 to the Children’s Fund will be recognized with a “78” year pin. In this season of giving, all year-end gifts are most welcome by December 31, 2017 and can be sent by mail to Kiwanis Children’s Fund, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, IN 46268 or by using the secure online donation form.

Individual and club gifts – of all sizes - to the Children’s Fund help Kiwanians reach more children, extending your impact on children’s lives … Kids need Kiwanis!

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The Eliminate Project District Advocate
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Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (KPTI) is happy to announce a potential new offering for 2018 – mindfulness coloring books for children, especially those who are hospitalized or experiencing a traumatic situation. Injured children, especially those who are hospitalized, often suffer from more than the pain of their injuries. A hospital stay or even an emergency room visit, can bring up many fears and anxieties for children and for their parents and siblings. Hospitalized children can experience pain and discomfort or simply be distressed over a lack of control over their daily routine - all of the procedures and activities that happen during a hospital stay are foreign to most children and can be frightening to both them and their family.

Research shows that mindfulness activities – everything from deep breathing to self-expression through artwork, can help reduce fear and anxiety for both hospitalized children and adults. Debbie Lyn Toomey, a nurse at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, was awarded the 2016 Nurse Fellowship Award to create a stress-reduction training course for nurses. Her research findings and development of the training course inspired her to create The Happiness Result Art Therapy Coloring Book. The book is currently available at a cost of $10.57 per copy and can be ordered by contacting Debbie Lyn directly at Debbielyn@HealthandHappinessSpecialist.com. If you like the book and want to see it included in KPTI offerings (as a free resource for Kiwanis clubs), please contact Anne Keliher at akeliher@tuftsmedicalcenter.org and let her know so that she can work on obtaining funds to make it available later this year.

Below is a look at one of the coloring book pages:
KIDS, KPTI, AND KFNE

By Jack Brown, President
Kiwanis Foundation of New England

Four simple letters in each.
One big, demanding, united effort.
Truly life-saving impact.

At the Fall Training Conference in North Conway we were fortunate indeed to have a KFNE Luncheon speaker from the New England Organ Services, Kris Frank. Kris is Senior Donation Coordinator for that organization. She is an ICU nurse with 27 years of experience. Her role, and others like her, involves working with KPTI and other trauma centers in New England in situations where there is an imminent death of a pediatric patient.

In these cases, Kris works with the families of the pediatric trauma patient to explain how the organ donation process works and to guide and support them through the process.

Kris told us of several cases of pediatric trauma which she was involved in. The stories all began with a child dying. But also, potentially, a life saved. Parents were faced with answering the "Shall I donate my child's organ(s)?" question. The parents of the recipient were overwhelmed with the news of a donor, and saddened at the donor's death. Kris' talk was quite moving and yet, positive,

It took years, multi-millions of dollars for research funding, endless research, and, sadly, all too many frustrating transplant attempts, qualified and dedicated staff, and many PR efforts to encourage organ donors (and parents in the case of minors) to commit to organ donations.

Kris told us that New England is a relatively safe area of the country and thus has fewer organ donors than other areas. Children needing organ donations depend on the public to increase the availability of suitable donated organs in all areas of the U.S.

I encourage you to fill out and sign donor cards for yourself and your loved ones and keep them with you. You can save a life.

Jack E. Brown

ADDENDUM

Organ Donation and Children (data from U.S. Dept., of Health and Human Services)

Fact: Currently nearly 2,000 children under the age of 18 are on the national transplant waiting list.

Fact: 1,787 children received transplants in 2016

Fact: There were 934 pediatric organ donors in 2016. Although they ranged from newborns to age 17, most were age 11 to 17. 135 pediatric organ donors in 2016 were babies under the age of 12 months.

Fact: Body size and donation: The size of the body and the organ are taken into account when matching donors to recipients. That’s why very small children most often receive donations from other young people—although older children and adults can often match. Sometimes, children can receive donations of partial organs such as a piece of a liver or lung.

Fact: The organs that children tend to need most varies by age:

Most children under the age of 1 year are waiting for a liver or a heart.

Most children age 1 to 10 are waiting for a kidney or liver, followed by heart.

Most children age 11 to 17 are primarily waiting for a kidney, followed by a liver.

Fact: Pediatric donation is different from adult donation. When a potential donor is under the age of 18, the parent or legal guardian always has to authorize the donation. In many states, people younger than 18 can sign up as organ donors when they get their learner’s permit or driver’s license. However, in most states if the child dies before age 18, the parents must make the donation decision.
UPDATE: LAUNDROMAT READING CORNER PROJECT

By Ava Adams, District Coordinator
Young Children Priority One (Y.C.P.O)

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends! I enjoyed meeting and talking with many of you at Fall Conference in North Conway N. H. It was a fun time, and I especially enjoyed your enthusiasm for Young Children Priority One.

I am writing to follow up on the Reading Corners for Laundromats Project. When you submit a local zip code to Sara Watson, (swatson@readynation.org), you will hear back from her to let you know if there are any laundromats who are members of the Coin Landry Association (CLA) in your area. It may happen that there are no members of CLA in your requested area. Please don’t give up on this project!

Sara Watson will send you an introductory letter about the project and other information which can be shared with the laundromat owner in your area. Plan B is to approach a laundromat owner with the given information from Sara, explain the project and the Kiwanis Club’s role, and hopefully working together the Reading Corner can be set up. It’s important to contact the owner of the laundromat, and not a worker or manager! You may also try to contact the owner with the information from ReadyNation via USPS with your contact information. It’s also appropriate to talk about Kiwanis and our mission. It’s very possible the laundromat owner may become a Potential New Member (PNM).

I know some of you have approached Laundromat owners directly and are well on your way towards setting up a Reading Corner. Please remember you can purchase a kit (bookshelf, books, rug and posters) through ReadyNation. Contact Sara Watson, and she will direct you on buying the kit of materials.

LINKS will be provided to order:
1. The book holder (2’ x 1’)
2. Rug (3’ x 5’ – optional if space is tight)
3. Books ages 1-5 yrs. of age are available from FirstBook

Scholastic Books (scholastic.com)

Reading Warehouse (readingwarehouse.com) for a Bargain Book Box 25 books for $45

4. Posters and sign asking that the books remain at the laundromat

5. Form to get permission to take photos and use them for publicity purposes

GREAT NEWS! The Kiwanis Foundation of New England, through their Grant Program, has pre-approved $1600 funding to help pay for the kits for the Reading Corners (total cost per kit). A Kiwanis Club must fill out the KFNE Grant application with specific information about the laundromat where the Reading Corner will be set up. Submit the completed application to grants@kfne.org. The Club will receive $200 to buy the kit from ReadyNation. The grant money will be distributed on a “first come, first serve” basis. Each Club may apply only once for this assistance.

Once the Reading Corner is established the Kiwanis Club MUST submit to KFNE:

A minimum of eight (8) 4”x 6” non-returnable color photos capturing the event/project in various phases, along with a summary, at the completion of the project.

There are approximately 135 Kiwanis Clubs in the New England District. Wouldn’t it be great if we set up 135 Laundromat Reading Corners? Thank you for your support of Young Children Priority One.

If I can be of help, please contact me.
email: faithava2008@yahoo.com

Sincerely,
Ava Adams, District Coordinator
Young Children Priority One
Scarborough Maine Kiwanis Club
New England and Bermuda District
Member Recognition

Our district Legion of Merit program is a great way to recognize members who have attained 5, 10, 15 or 20 years of service in your club and your community. For $4.95, the district will supply a certificate and a pin that you can present. (A shipping and handling fee allows for Priority Mailing.) Many clubs do this as part of an annual event, but that’s not required. To order Legion of Merit certificates and pins, go to the CLUB RESOURCES page at www.newenglandkiwanis.org.

For members who have attained 25 or more years of service, the Kiwanis International Legion of Honor program is available. For more information on certificates and pins visit http://www.kiwanis.org/docs/default-source/training/awards-and-recognition/legion-of-honor-pdf.pdf

International Convention

Now is the time to consider a trip to Las Vegas for our Kiwanis International Convention, June 28–July 1, 2018. This is a great opportunity to meet other Kiwanians from around the world and support our very own district friend, George Delisle, in his bid for International Trustee.

Registration is not open yet so keep an eye on http://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2018. When it does open, the early bird cost will be more reasonable than recent conventions.

All events will take place at the Paris and Bally’s hotels. The two hotels are connected so there is no bad room in relation to the convention activities. In a recent trip to see the site, I learned that Bally’s is undergoing extensive renovation, which will be completed for our event. I plan to register in the Indigo Tower at Bally’s, as that will be the newest. (Rooms will start at $106+ a $25 DAILY resort fee... so figure $131 before taxes.) Rooms in the Paris are a bit more exquisite although ever so slightly smaller.

- John Maihos

Bermuda

Remembrance Day Poppy Sales

St. George President Gary Kent-Smith, Lt. Gov. Marie Kent-Smith and Secretary Scarlett Pottinger joined other community volunteers to sell “Poppies” in Hamilton Nov. 8 as part of the Bermuda War Veterans annual fund raising drive to assist war veterans and their families. On Nov. 10, Kiwanians Fanny Churm, Rose Douglas, Sandra Hodson, Lt. Gov. Marie Kent-Smith, Daron Lowe, Harold Millett, Lily Oatley, Scarlett Pottinger, and Denise Trew-Knight sold poppies at Bank of Butterfield and HSBC in St. George’s as the club’s contribution to the War Veterans Association. Four containers of money collected were presented to them at the club’s dinner meeting Nov. 16. Special guests at that meeting were Bermuda War Veterans Association members Carol Everson, Don Joliffe, Canon Thomas Nesbitt, and Isabel Flood, who fascinated everyone with personal accounts or related the contribution of others in service of freedom. Other guests were Ottawa Royal Canadian Gary & Donna Foster who related their special connection with Bermuda War Veterans and gave all ladies a “Lest We Forget” wrist band.

CLUB NEWS

Danbury

75th Anniversary Celebration

Governor Dan Bennett congratulates Danbury Past President Linda Thomas after she was presented with a Kiwanis Foundation of New England Red Jacket by her club for the great work she has done. The presentation was made during the Division 20 Governor’s visit and the celebration of the Danbury Club’s 75th anniversary.
Honouring War Veterans Dinner
17 November 2017 at Griffin’s Bistro (St. George’s Club Resort)
Members of the Danvers Kiwanis Club held their annual caroling trolley ride. They made stops at Brookdale to sing to Kiwanis member Ellie Ross, then the Kaplan house and Carmel Light Nuns. The night ended at President Nancy Petronio’s house for a festive feast and fellowship.

The Danvers Kiwanis Club is proud to have chartered a new Builders Club at Holten Richmond Middle School. Members of the Danvers Club including District Governor District Dan Bennett were on hand for the celebration.

Club President Nancy Petronio and members of the Danvers Kiwanis Club held their annual clean-up of the rail trail. They do this as part of Kiwanis One Day. This is a day that Kiwanis clubs all over the world do service projects in their communities.

Girls, Inc.’s mission is to inspire all girls to be strong, smart and bold by meeting the needs of girls in the community, developing girls’ capacity to overcome the effects of discrimination and be self-sufficient, responsible members of the community, and to serve as a vigorous advocate for all girls.

To learn more about Girls Inc visit http://girlsinclynn.org.

On hand were club President Nancy Petronio and this month’s project’s organizer, Janet Bennett, along with the two leaders from Girl’s Inc. in Lynn, Hai Huynh and Donna Crotty.

Members of the Danvers Kiwanis Club, along with members of the Builders Club from Holten Richmond Middle School, and some Danvers DECCA students held their annual wrapping party for Operation Troop Support.

The Danvers Kiwanis Club held their monthly night meeting. They collected over 85 hats and gloves for the Girls at Girls Inc.
The Aktion Club of Mid-Maine has been participating in the Dover-Foxcroft Kiwanis Christmas Giving Program each year since they were chartered in 2012. They travel to Renys Department Store in Dexter to purchase gifts for less fortunate children for Christmas. The Club’s activities also include raising funds for Pine Tree Camp and Camp Capella, free movie nights for elementary students, special events for nursing home residents, assistance at Kiwanis events and encourage adults with disabilities to join and get involved in their community.
CLUB NEWS
Dover Foxcroft cont’d
The Holyoke, Mass., Kiwanis Club recently donated Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute Pediatric Safety Kits to three local health institutions - Holyoke Health Center, Holyoke Medical Center, and OneHolyoke. The safety kits are available without charge to qualifying Kiwanis Clubs in New England. For more information visit www.kpti.org.

President Todd Rainier and Kid’s Closet chair Joan McDonald receive award

Volunteer NH is a statewide nonprofit organization that annually recognizes the spirit of volunteerism in New Hampshire by hosting the “Spirit of NH Awards.” This year’s celebration was held on November 7 at the Capitol Center for the Arts in Concord NH. For the second time in the past four years, Hooksett Kiwanis received a group service award. Hooksett is the only NH service club to be so honored. The award recognizes the club’s work in operating the local food pantry, a “Kid’s Closet” providing free clothing to needy children, sponsorship of three Service Leadership clubs, maintenance of walking trails in the community, hosting an annual awards event for community leaders, and numerous other projects. Winners are chosen by a select Volunteer NH committee from the nominations received.
Hooksett cont’d

Hooksett’s Community’s Food Pantry started out as a small church project in the basement of a local church. The church wanted to use that space for other needs. The Town of Hooksett was willing to provide space in the town offices, but could not do so for a religious organization. Eight years ago, Hooksett Kiwanis was approached about taking this over as a Foundation community project which would also allow donors to take a charitable tax deduction. A local Boy Scout took on renovation of a space at the town offices for the pantry as his Eagle Scout project. The pantry opened in the fall of 2009 and has grown exponentially since then. Today it serves about 150 families each month and provides about $100,000 in free food each year. Although $20,000 in food is purchased using cash contributions, much is donated by local supermarkets, the USDA and local citizens. Major food drives like Stamp Out Hunger by the US Postal Service, and Scouting for Food by the Boy Scouts, provide additional resources. A core of Kiwanis members, supplemented by 30 others, work about 300 volunteer hours each month. It has become a great partnership between Kiwanis, community volunteers and the Town. The Town provides free space and utilities, while the pantry saves money in the welfare budget and taxpayers thousands of dollars.
Four New Members Inducted in Kiwanis Club of Keene

Four new members were inducted into the Kiwanis Club of Keene Nov. 29, 2017. This was a new record for the largest number of members inducted into the club at the same time, and a strong finish for 2017 in terms of the club’s membership efforts.

The new member sponsors introduced their candidates before membership Chair Mike Ward and President Eli Rivera conducted the induction ceremony. Mike and Eli welcomed the new members - Carol Hines, Liz Sayre, Di Sommer and Dave Weisberg - who each shared their personal reasons for joining Kiwanis. These new members are expected to bring energy and new ideas to the club while helping to improve the lives of children in the Keene community.

Kiwanis Club of Keene Sponsors Fun, Family-Friendly Tree Lighting Celebration

The Kiwanis Club of Keene once again organized and hosted the City of Keene’s Tree Lighting Celebration on November 24th. It was truly an evening of family fun!

Festivities started with music from the Keene Brass Quintet, followed by singing from several area choirs: The Dublin Christian Academy Children’s Choir, the Keene Youth Chorus and the Elm City Singers, both members of the Grand Monadnock Youth Choirs. All of these groups joined together and led an “All kids sing” session. Next the Artistic Director of MoCo Arts – a local children’s dance company – read ‘Twas the night Before Christmas, accompanied with sound effects by three children who were cast in Elf the Musical Jr.

Hot chocolate and cookies were available for a donation from students of the St. Joseph Regional School Kiwanis Builder’s Club and the Surry Village Charter School. The Kiwanis Club of Keene gave out 600 bells to children and parents who attended the event. Everyone rang their bells in anticipation of Santa and Mrs. Claus arriving in Central Square. Indeed, Santa and Mrs. Claus did arrive on a City of Keene Fire Truck and circled the Square twice while waving to the children, and then led the crowd in a countdown to light the large holiday tree. Once the tree was lit, Santa and Mrs. Claus went to their tent to meet with children and listen to their wishes for this Holiday Season. It is estimated that 1,000 to 1,500 children and adults attended the Celebration this year.

The Kiwanis Club of Keene is focused on improving the lives of kids and there is no better feeling than bringing hope and opportunities to the kids in our community!

A short video was produced by one of our members, featuring how our club brightens our downtown area and the lives of local children. The video can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Drt41NMcGfg&feature=youtu.be
Kiwanis is alive and well and serving the community in Lee Massachusetts!

Two years ago our “small but mighty club” vowed to increase our hands on community service and to spread the word whether young or old, if you are in need, Kiwanis is there for you. We afford it all by fund raising in the forms of beer tastings, golf tournaments, pancake breakfasts, huge tag sale, and cook offs. Here are just a few ways we pay it forward.....

Besides our high school scholarship program, youth sports sponsorships, and bridge flower project, we also work in the community by...
Preparing and serving community suppers three times a year. This project, started many years ago by a local church group, is free, but most donate as their budgets allow.

Our annual tag sale is enormous! Proceeds, ranging from $500 - $900, benefit Berkshire County Diaper Project.

A year ago we became the proud sponsors of an Aktion Club. They are so energetic and enthusiastic, such a delight to be with. The club stays very active with their own projects, such as making special placemats and cards for nursing home residents, Bingo and movie nights, Christmas caroling and talents shows at the nursing homes, as well as helping out at our Family Safety Day, marching in the Founders Day Parade, and joining in the fun at our annual Halloween Party. They keep us on our toes!

For several years, on the first Saturday of June, we have worked with the Sheffield and Pittsfield clubs to sponsor a Foster Family event. A day of fun at a local ski area that features rope courses, trampolines, an alpine slide, and more is enjoyed by siblings that may have been separated through the foster family care system. Upwards of 180 bag lunches are prepared by Kiwanis volunteers.

What a great feeling to see these kids reunited. This past fall we joined in the Go Green Initiative by producing reusable shopping bags. Businesses and companies were solicited for sponsorships. Bags were given out along the parade route during our town’s founder’s day celebration.

Some of our most rewarding projects take place during the giving time of year. November brings the annual Stuff the Trailer food drive to benefit our local food pantry. The food drive stocks the shelves for at least four to six weeks.

This Thanksgiving twenty-five turkeys were donated to a local organization which distributes, food, clothing, and household goods to those in need in the city of Pittsfield and beyond. We also participate in their Back to School Project.

At Christmas time the club adopts a family through a wonderful group in town. Members enjoy fun and fellowship shopping and fulfilling the wishes of the children.

Our newest project...Kiwanis Kraft with Kids Reading to a group of children at the library; making a craft to go along with the story; providing a snack.

On November 28, two of our members were honored to attend an Eagle Scout ceremony for Devon Atwell. The young man’s Eagle Scout project was building a picnic pavilion at a local youth camp. Through Devon’s mom, the camp’s food service director, all food items needed for several of our pancake breakfasts have been donated by the camp. When asked if we could assist with the project we of course said yes. Now that’s working with your community and paying it forward!
Malden

MALDEN, MA - More than 100 local residents and business representatives gathered at Henry’s Patio to kick-off this year’s citywide Holiday Gift Drive, a program created by the Malden Kiwanis Club, to benefit local children in need, including the 65 families Malden Kiwanis provides with toys and food each year and the children served by Housing Families. Thanks to the generosity of Henry Farmer, owner of Henry’s Patio on Broadway Malden Kiwanis and Malden Chamber of Commerce were able to raise funds and collect toys for local kids in need.

Three Floors Up, a local band donated their time and talent to provide music to the festive crowd. Besides donations from Henry’s Patio for a raffle, donations were received from the following businesses:

New England Protective Services Agency, Inc. - 3 Celtics tickets
El Potro Mexican Bar & Grill – a Gift Card
Wynn Casino- a Chelsea clock

Left to right; Jenna Coccimiglio, Executive Director Malden Chamber of Commerce; Lisa Mendelson, Malden Kiwanis; Patty Kelly, Housing Families; Lorraine, Danca Malden Kiwanis; Galvin Murphy, Malden Kiwanis; and Donna Denoncourt, Vice-President Malden Chamber of Commerce

Terri Guenard of Forestdale Park discusses menu options with Chris Brown of Henry’s Patio.
Malden cont’d

The MacCusih family and a few friends spent the Thursday night before Halloween filling “Toe bags” with novelty items for children at Boston’s Tufts Medical Center. Friday afternoon Eric and Jennifer MacCuish delivered the 50 bags. A Malden Kiwanian, Eric donates the bags in the name of Malden Kiwanis. Tufts was chosen due to its connection to Kiwanis, since it houses the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute.

The family has done this for the last 13 years in memory of Billy “the Toe” Sullivan, a lifelong friend of Eric MacCuish. Billy was an all-American swimmer who was larger than life. (He was about 6-4.) He also was a hemophiliac, who contracted hepatitis C from a blood transfusion. He fought hard but had a slow death, and it wasn’t until his funeral that a nurse at a hospital that Billy used to visit, came and told Eric what Billy did. Having spent many Halloweens in the hospital because of his hemophilia while he was growing up, he knew how sad it was for a child to miss out on the trick or treating, so he went to the hospital every year with bags of candy for the kids. He never told anyone he did this, never looking for any credit or publicity, just trying to make a child’s day better. So, for the last 13 years, The MacCuisches have carried on his legacy.
Manchester

Celebrate with a Child and Walk with a Child

Partnering with Key Clubs for signature service projects

Walk with a Child provides needy kids with winter clothes in collaboration with a local Wal-Mart. The kids are paired with Kiwanians, students from a local college, or Key Club students and together they shop for clothes and, if the budget permits, some “extras.” The club underwrites a $100 per child. Two nights are devoted to the project. Teens from a local group home were served along with kids and teens who are members of the Boys and Girls Club of Manchester. Altogether about 60 young people benefited many from the refugee and immigrant communities.

Celebrate with a Child is a holiday party for needy kids who are members of the Boys and Club. Kiwanis provides gifts for the kids and to take home for family members, craft making, a sing-a-long, story time, lunch and of course, a visit from Santa. The Key Club students from the three (3) clubs sponsored by Kiwanis of Manchester staff stations devoted to face painting, cupcake decorating, card making, and gift wrapping. As is the case with Walk with a Child, many of the kids served by Celebrate with a Child are from the refugee and immigrant communities.
Manchester cont’d

One and Done
A new service project

Kiwanians enjoyed “one” at local “establishment” and donated at least one item for the “Toys for Tots” drive spearheaded by the Marine Corp Reserve. We filled a couple of huge collection boxes.

Food Drive for “Y Families
Another new service project

A variety of packaged and fresh items were brought by members to a Club Meeting. The donations provided a Thanksgiving Dinner for a dozen families served by the YMCA.

New Members
We are pleased to welcome three (3) new members, who were engaged immediately by joining committees and participating in service events.

Installation with Lt. Governor
Matt Barrett

We were deeply honored to have the Division 6 Lt. Governor, preside. Lt. Governor Matt provided an inspirational start to the new Kiwanis year!

Medford

Medford Key Club’s Christmas carolers raised $400 in three hours, finishing off at Salvatore’s Restaurant.
Meriden

On October 24, the Kiwanis Club of Meriden, CT held its first SLP Officer Installation and Training. Nearly 30 student officers and 30 advisors, Kiwanians, and parents/guardians gathered at John Barry Elementary School to officially install the 2017-2018 Officers, enjoy a pizza party, and participate in teambuilding and leadership activities. Students also broke into groups by officer position and were trained by their Kiwanis counterparts in their duties and responsibilities. They then spent time with their fellow club officers to brainstorm service projects and fundraisers that they could do in their schools. To end the night, everyone worked together to make t-shirt dog toys for the Meriden Humane Society.

The SLP Officer Installation and Training not only gave Meriden’s student leaders a better understanding of their roles as club officers, it introduced them to fellow Kiwanis Family members from other clubs, helped them understand how the Kiwanis Family works together, and introduced their parents/guardians to Kiwanis and its mission.

The Kiwanis Club of Meriden currently sponsors 13 Service Leadership Programs in the Meriden schools and greater Meriden community. This includes 5 K-Kids Clubs, 3 Builders...
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Orono-Old Town

For more than forty years, the Kiwanis Club of Orono-Old Town, Maine has sponsored a Christmas party for some of the disadvantaged youth of Orono and Old Town Maine. The Kiwanis Club has collaborated with the American Legion Post 4 of Orono for the use of their hall as well as to provide lunch for all. Additionally, the University of Maine at Orono, Education Department, has provided an assortment of children’s books to take home. The children and their parents are welcome to come, share in some Christmas games, participate in a sing a long, have lunch, and then spend time with Santa. Through the generosity of teachers at the town’s elementary schools and local Kiwanians, who shop for clothing at the local Walmart, the children when they leave have presents from Santa, which include warm jackets, ski pants, mittens, hats, scarfs, boots, and more. A few years ago one of our Kiwanians who was at the elementary school for a Builders Club meeting was stopped and thanked by one of the students, who expressed his joy of now being able to play outside in the winter and stay warm. As we finish the party and are readying to leave, we invite all the families to take any and all of the Christmas decorations which are left over from our annual auction.

Pentucket - Haverhill MA

On December 2, 2017, the Pentucket Kiwanis Club of Haverhill MA, set up a multi-activity booth at the city’s annual Christmas Stroll. Traffic on downtown’s main thoroughfare was blocked off, allowing children and their parents to stroll and shop at the various shops and booths. The Pentucket Kiwanis’ booth was a popular stop. For a suggested donation of $1 people could participate in a ring toss game, with Christmas trinkets and candy canes being given to anyone who came close. Our second activity, also $1, was one of the highlights of the entire stroll – “Take a Picture With Rudolph!” Adults, teens, toddlers and infants, anyone and everyone it seemed wanted a photo. While fundraising wasn’t the main goal of the event, the club did raise over $300 for the Pentucket Kiwanis Scholarship Fund, $1 at a time! That translates into a lot of pictures. A great time was had by one and all!”
Presque Isle
60th Anniversary Celebration

In the picture is Governor Daniel Bennett, LTG Penny McHatten, Past LTG Sue Watson and Past Governor Timothy McMahon.

Past LTG Craig Green, District 1 Past Governor Timothy McMahon.

Past LTG Deirdre McMahon, Presque Isle President Elect George Watson.

Caribou Club President Bill Frances, Past LTG AJ Cloukey.

Presque Isle Photos from Halloween Bash
Rockland
2nd Annual Jingle Bell Jog

On Saturday December 2nd, the Kiwanis Club of Rockland, ME hosted their 2nd Annual Jingle Bell Jog. The event included a kid’s half mile fun run, and a 5k walk/run. The over 50 participants enjoyed cookies & cocoa, as well as visits with Santa. The Club partnered with the Coastal Children’s Museum in Rockland to host this event for the community and offer face painting and ornament making inside the museum. A fun and festive time was had by all!

Parade of Lights

To kick off the holiday season, the Kiwanis Club of Rockland, ME participated in the Parade of Lights, which is an annual event that takes place in the Rockland Downtown. This was an entire Kiwanis family event with members from the local Aktion Club and Oceanside High School Key Club parading down the Main Street with club members. The club decorated the Kiwanis Food Wagon with numerous strings of lights as well as information about the club’s upcoming events. The weather was pleasant and there was a record number of floats as well as parade watchers for the event. Club members wore elf costumes and handed out Santa hats when the floats parked on Main Street.
Rockland cont’d

South School Pre-K

Each year the Rockland Kiwanis Club hosts several book distributions at the local preschools and head start. On Friday November 17th, club members Dan Saucier, Kelly Webber, and Josh Scholz distributed books to all the children at the South School Pre-K. All the children are able to select their own book and have their name written in it to take home and enjoy.

Kiwanis is a global organization focused on helping children and families. The Rockland Club is active putting on free family events in the area, as well as providing much needed resources to children and families, donating funds to local organizations in their efforts to serve children, and providing scholarships to local graduating seniors.

The club looks forward to more book distributions throughout the year!

Annual Xmas Tree Sale

The Kiwanis Club of Rockland prepares for their annual Christmas tree sales. This is a fundraiser for the club’s children and family activities and events, as well as the scholarships they give out to local seniors each year. The club sells over 500 trees each year. This fundraiser requires a lot of manpower and heavy lifting, but helping families choose the perfect tree for their home and raising money for the important work the club does makes this a favorite event for many club members.

Saco River Valley

We donated $500 to the Community Bicycle Center and $2250 to the YMCA of Southern Maine sponsoring 10 kids to attend Camp Sokokis
We volunteered at the Apple Cycle for the Community Bicycle Center...

We manned a rest stop at Doles Apple Orchard and served about 250 people

Saco River Valley cont’d

Westfield

Past Governor George Delisle preps stuffing for golumbki

Westfield Kiwanians prepare golumbki – Polish cabbage rolls – for the Westfield Community soup kitchen. Left to right are Rev. Joseph Soltysiak, Alex Khatchadourian, George Delisle and Pat Hebert.

Father Joe Soltysiak’s clowning is always part of food preparation when Westfield Kiwanis cooks for the local soup kitchen. Past Governor George was uninjured.

Kiwanians Pat Hebert, George Delisle and Alex Khatchadourian work at the stove. Club Treasurer Janet Cassanelli is seen in the background.
Several members of the Westfield Kiwanis Club took part in live stage performances of two radio plays at Westfield State University’s Fine Arts Center. Shown in the photo at left, are (L-R) Art Sousa, Kiwanian Matt Collins, Past District Treasurer Mike Silvestri, Jennifer Ruddock, daughter of Past Governor George Delisle, Patrick Berry, publisher of the Westfield News, Past Governor George Delisle, and Kiwanian Denise Delisle. The group performed an episode of “Yours Truly, Johnny Dollar,” a 1950’s radio mystery. Kiwanians Adam Wright and Jay Pagluica also took part in the performance. The photo at left is of a non-Kiwanian group that performed an original play titled, “Death, Literally.” Both plays were later aired on WSKB-FM, the Westfield State University station.

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Emergency medical personnel from Darien, Milford, New Canaan, Norwalk, Redding, Stratford, Weston, Westport and Wilton attended the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Management Course at Norwalk Hospital on Saturday, September 23, 2017. The nationally accredited continuing medical education (CME) program was underwritten by the Kiwanis Club of Weston with produced with the cooperation of the Connecticut Office of Emergency Medical Services Southwest Connecticut EMS Council (Region 1) and with additional support of Norwalk Hospital and also approved for CME credit for EMS instructors in Connecticut.

Kiwanians working to make the event a success included Mike Smith and Namuk Cho. The course is an outreach program of the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (KPTI) at the Floating Hospital for Children/Tufts Medical Center in Boston, Massachusetts, and is funded by an endowment of the Kiwanis Foundation of New England (KFNE). Division 20 Lieutenant Governor Paula Conte opened the course with a warm welcome and introduction to Kiwanis and KPTI.
Weston cont’d

New Member Induction

The Kiwanis Club of Weston officially welcomed Katherine McConnaughey, David McConnaughey, and Rone Baldwin to the membership at their inductions at its breakfast meeting Saturday, November 4, 2017.

Pictured above are co-sponsor Dallas Kersey and sponsor Past President Woody Bliss with Rone Baldwin; Committee on Membership Growth and Education Chair Fernando Murillo; Nina Daniel, sponsor of Katherine and David McConnaughey, and their co-sponsor, Past President Glenn Van Deusen.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. - Kiwanis Club of Weston members helped elementary school children gain a love of reading by participating in the School Volunteer Association of Bridgeport Read Aloud Day. Joining Past President Rick Amill, who organized the club’s participation in this important service, were Barbara Gross, Past President John Babyak, John Richard, Fernando Murillo, and Reed Ameden at Madison Elementary School. Jackie Troxell Jr. enjoyed reading to Pre-K student at Jettie S. Tisdale Elementary. Rick commended all after their service on a great job.

Pictured above is Jackie Troxell Jr. reading to students at last year’s event.

NEW HAVEN, Conn. The new Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut at Yale New Haven Children’s Hospital was dedicated Wednesday, September 13, 2017. The new house was made possible in part by a grant from the Division 20 Kiwanis clubs of Bridgeport, Fairfield, Norwalk, Weston and Wilton (after whom the Kiwanis Room (308)) was named, and the Kiwanis Club of Darien.

Kiwanians at the dedication event include Diana and President Glenn Van Deusen of the Weston Club, Lieutenant Governor Paula Conte (right) and Norwalk Kiwanian Marie Sacco.

Kiwanis photograph by Marie Sacco

Annual Reservoir Run

The Kiwanis Club of Weston held its annual Reservoir Run half marathon and 5K on Sunday, October 29th. Heavy rains and wind could not dampen the excitement of the over 300 runners who participated in this year’s event as they supported two local children’s charities: the Connecticut Food Bank’s Kids’ Backpack Program and the Weston Boosters’ Club Leadership Circle.

The male winner of this year’s half marathon was Remington Ponce-Pore, a West Point cadet, with a time of 1:17:12, and the female winner was Payton Boylston, also a West Point cadet, with a time of 1:34:21.

The 5K drew a large crowd with ages of participants ranging from 6 to 69 years old. The male winner was Jacob Slife from West Point with a time of 16:37, and the female winner was Sahra Lascella from Norwalk, with a time of 22:26.

While runners for the Reservoir Run come from across the tri-state area and beyond, the event itself relies heavily on the commitment of a large group of local...
volunteers. The Reservoir Run is spearheaded by Kiwanians Don and Phyllis Gary, with help from over 80 additional volunteers including members of the Kiwanis Club, Weston Police, Weston Schools, the Boy Scouts, Weston Girls Track Team, the Fire Department and Norfield Grange. Volunteers help coordinate registration, man water stations, direct runners on the course, and provide refreshments after the race, which have kindly been donated by the Reservoir Run sponsors.

The result of this year’s effort will have a significant impact on the beneficiaries of the race. The Connecticut Food Bank’s Kids’ Backpack program, the beneficiaries of the half marathon, will receive approximately $20,000. This program services over 500 children weekly and provides six meals and two snacks for students’ backpacks each Friday at the end of the school day to ensure the children have enough food for the weekend. The $20,000 raised will provide funding for about 10 weeks of backpacks or approximately 31,200 meals and 10,400 snacks.

This beneficiary of the 5K, the Weston Boosters’ Club Leadership Circle, will receive $2,250. The Leadership Circle is a program designed specifically for the high school athlete or leader. The goal is to provide training so that the students will be prepared to take on the role of leader at school or on their team.

The Kiwanis Club of Weston sponsors a variety of programs and events to raise money for local organizations. The club’s membership is open to all men and women residing or working in the area. For more information, visit westonkiwanis.org.

HYANNIS, Mass. The Kiwanis Club of Weston was recognized for participation in the 2016-2017 Newsletter Award and the Public Relations Award contests at the Kiwanis New England and Bermuda District 99th annual convention today. The awards ribbons will join previous recognitions the club has collected and displays on the its banner.

All New England and Bermuda Kiwanis Clubs were encouraged to enter the 2015-2016 Newsletter Awards contest. The rules were simple. Clubs were to e-mail at least two issues of the club’s newsletter to Sharon Binette, editor of the district newsletter Yankiwanian. All clubs with valid entries received a banner ribbon at the convention. In addition, first and second place prizes will be awarded in club size categories under 30, 30-49, and 50 or more members.

Entries were judged by the district editor and a panel of her choosing on three areas … design excellence (30 percent), quality of communication to club members (40 percent) and quality of communication to non-members (30 percent).

To be eligible for judging, entries had to have been received by the district editor no later than June 15, 2017. Entries for judging, but still received a banner ribbon. In the case of a tie, frequency of issue was considered.

The purpose of the contest is to encourage all Kiwanis clubs in New England to issue a periodic club newsletter, electronically or in print, to communicate with club members and with each club’s host community.
Not one power pole was left standing on the entire island of Puerto Rico. Two category five hurricanes had hit Puerto Rico in five months. Much has been accomplished in restoring Puerto Rico but very much more needs to be done. Puerto Rico has some power back on, but not in a very large portion of the island.

The Kiwanis Club of Wilmington wanted to help out, but short of donating to the Red Cross, what to do? The news was full of photos of water stacked on the dock in San Juan. The government seemed to think they were done helping. Drinking water was not restored. Stores were not open. Banks were not open. Bridges are gone and roads into the mountains are wiped off the earth. A chance meeting of people collecting food and water in Lynn lead to a partnership with the Seventh Day Adventist Church. They were acting on this end and on the receiving end with a well-coordinated effort. But they needed more people to donate materials.

The Wilmington Kiwanis Club asked their community for help for the citizens of Puerto Rico on November 11th. The result was three tons of food, water and clothing. This was a very low cost, high reward project. The club asked the community to donate materials for the people of Puerto Rico. It was a high visibility, good feeling and easy project.

The space to collect the items was donated by a local realtor, advertising donated by a local printer and the local newspapers. The club rented a trailer and Club President Stu Neilson owns a truck, which was filled with over 60 cases of water.

The crisis is not over. Puerto Ricans will need support for quite a while. The Wilmington Kiwanis Club is hoping other clubs can pick up the challenge and duplicate (or improve) this effort.

**Items needed**
1. Beans and Rice
2. Bottled Water
3. Pots and Pans
4. Everything else: Clothes, all sizes
   Food that can be eaten right out of the can.
   Shoes, sneakers, flip flops, sandals.
   Flashlights, batteries.
   Cleaning supplies.
   And, disposable diapers, too.

Please, no out of date food. Clothing must be serviceable, used is OK, but, would you wear it?

Everything will be turned over to the Seventh-day Adventist Church who will process the donations sorting them, packing them into Connex boxes and shipping them to Puerto Rico. The Connex boxes make a one way trip to the island, living a new life as a “house.” They are not new to the disaster relief business. They have been working with FEMA since well before the days of Katrina.

**Adventist Disaster Response**

Disaster Response efforts and volunteers are members of Adventist Community Services but specialized. Disaster Response can also be local or organized for larger projects across the United States. Disaster Response is specialized because they know how to organize not only the distribution of products and services locally but on a national level. They set up warehouse distribution which are multi-agency facilities. In other words, groups like the Red Cross, and the Salvation Army can find the supplies they need from the Adventist Disaster Response organization and distribution.

This will be an ongoing appeal. Puerto Rico was in trouble before the hurricanes hit. The people of Puerto Rico are American citizens in dire need of help and will appreciate what we can do.

**Questions:** csneilson@gmail.com
The Bangor Breakfast Kiwanis Club has had a tremendously busy and productive Fall. From auctioning chairs to a visit from Santa and his Elves, we have put smiles on the faces of many in our community.

On November 9, our club held its 2nd Annual ‘A Sweet Affair: Chair-ity Event’. This event was created last year as a way to raise some funds for our Bangor Waterfront Playground project, dubbed ‘Bangor Plays Today’. This event starts with an hour of a dessert tasting, with local bakeries and restaurants competing for various ‘Best’ awards. After the conclusion of the competition and awards, our painted Adirondack chair auction starts. We have local businesses sponsor and paint a chair, which in turn is auctioned off to the guests. In two years, we have managed to raise just shy of $30,000 toward our playground with this event.

Also in November, our club presented the Bangor Police Dept (home of the famous Duck of Justice) with Kiwanis Teddy Bears to help comfort children in stressful situations. These teddy bears were graciously provided to our club by the New England District. In turn, the police department will pass this generosity forward to the kids of our community. Our club finished the day by raking leaves and cooking meals at the Bangor Ronald McDonald House.

On Nov 30, our annual Poinsettia Sale fundraiser was concluded by the delivery of over 100 plants. This fundraiser brings in about $1500 for our club each year.

Moving forward to December 2, our club partnered with our Key Clubs to relieve the Salvation Army for a few hours at their Wal-Mart bell ringing station. We had a good blend of members and key clubbers attend, and we look forward to providing this service year after year.

On December 4, our club participated in our annual effort serving food and providing service at the Opportunity Housing annual holiday dinner. This dinner is put on each year for the handicap citizens of the Bangor area, and our club had a dozen members there to assist. As always, they were very thankful for our volunteering effort.

Three days later on December 7, we hosted our annual Christmas dinner. We use this event to present our club’s two prestigious awards: The Gary Leighton Kiwanian of the Year award, and the Charlie Sullivan Community Service award. Typically, the Sullivan award is presented to a community member/group that shares our spirit of giving back. Our Kiwanian of the Year was Laurel Wentworth-Roach, who more than earned this award over the last couple years. From spearheading the Sweet Affair to playing the role of Mrs. Claus, Laurel is undoubtedly the Energizer Bunny of the Bangor Breakfast Kiwanis Club. The Sullivan Award was presented to Darling’s, for their continuous support of the local and statewide community. From donating vehicles, sponsoring fundraisers, to handing out free ice cream for donations, they have exemplified giving back to the community. For example, their Darling’s Ice Cream for a Cause campaign, which consists of an ice cream truck that hands out free ice cream at events, has raised $285,000 for the community since 2012. Every penny of the donations goes to the recipient chosen by the event. Congratulations to Laurel and Darling’s!

After resting on the 8th, our club was back at it on December 9. Darling’s, once again proving that they are worthy of the Sullivan Award, partnered with our club to host a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Claus and their elves at the Darling’s Ford location. Santa arrived into the building in style, riding in a new Ford pickup. In the span of two hours, Santa met with just over 100 local children from all walks of life. After heading off with his newly completed wish list, our club was left with about $120 worth of donations toward our Bangor Plays Today campaign.

After Santa’s departure, we’ve decided to rest until the start of the new year. We are still, however, hosting the Hermon High School Chorus at our weekly meeting on December 21st.
Kiwanis Bermuda Cruise 2018

Sailing from Boston aboard the beautiful Norwegian Dawn, Friday, May 11-18

Join Governor Dan Bennett and your fellow Kiwanians for fun and fellowship as we sail to the island of Bermuda. You’ll sail aboard the recently-renovated Norwegian Dawn, with new restaurants, bars and lounges, including the popular O’Sheehans Bar & Grill, Sugarcane Mojito Bar, Bliss Lounge and The Cellars, a Michael Mondavi Family Wine Bar, along with new upscale Mexican dining venue Los Lobos Cantina.

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