



A Message From the Desk of Prairy Riehl
Kiwanis Florida District Governor 2023-2024



Can you believe half of the Kiwanis year is over? I certainly can't! We are making some great progress toward our goals but we still have work to do! Scroll below to see how we are measuring up and making an even greater impact on our communities!

Thank you to those of you who attended our North and South Regional Conferences! We had an amazing time connecting and learning. It was so wonderful to be able to recognize the members and clubs who are making a great impact in their communities and the Mighty Florida District.

Keep up the great work!

Florida Kiwanis District Convention is coming up in Orlando from August 15th - 18th! The DCON committee has

been working hard to make this convention AWESOME for you all. One of the many ways we would like to showcase how awesome you are, is to put you on stage for *Kiwanians' Got Talent!* Please sign up [HERE](#) to reserve your time on the stage! We also want to highlight how AWESOME your clubs are, so [email us](#) some pictures and videos to showcase your club's awesome work and start planning for your club's centerpiece to be displayed at DCON during the meal functions!

Florida Kiwanis is AWESOME!

Here's a note from our District Convention Chair, Past Governor Donna Parton:

If you are like me, you like to celebrate. Today the DCON committee is celebrating that our Florida District Convention, DCON, is less than 5 months away. We will be convening at Hilton Orlando Buena Vista Palace Disney Springs® Area.

It will be an **AWESOME** time filled with a mixture of:

- informative and fun workshops
- the Caring Corner
- ongoing service projects
- activities for children
- heartwarming speakers
- dancing, singing, cheering
- and much, much, more

The DCON committee is working hard to make this an event that you will celebrate for months to come. Please don't hesitate to let us know your suggestions, comments, and questions. Some committees would welcome additional volunteers to serve on their committees. Are you interested? [CLICK HERE to join the team and share your ideas!](#)

Our Executive Director will be sending the "Call to Convention" soon!



Donna Parton, DCON 2024 Chair
Jose Leoncio, DCON 2024 Co-chair

Contact DCON Chair Donna Parton

Progress Update on our Goals



Kiwanis Clubs are opening throughout the District! Some are only 1 member away from being an official Kiwanis Club and meeting the needs of that community. If you would like to help on the opening teams of the following locations, so you will learn how to go back and boost the membership of your own club, please sign up [HERE](#).

Good luck to the following potential clubs:

Auburndale
Havana
Marianna
West Boca
Southside Tallahassee
Family Club of St. Pete
Sebastian/Fellsmere
Babcock Ranch
West Park
Doral
Zephyrhills
Bushnell
Oneco
Port Orange
Cayman Islands



We have successfully helped reduce the number of clubs under 15 members by 5%! The goal is to reduce the number of clubs under 15 members by 10%, so we are half-way there!! If your club has less than 20 members, please reach out to [Club Strengthening Chair Ingrid Goulbourne](#) and CC [Governor Prairy](#) so we can help you grow!

Two for Two Resources

Hosting an Open House



We are half-way into our Kiwanis year and we already have opened 21 new SLPs out of our goal of 27! Congrats to the following clubs who were opened in the 2nd quarter of the Kiwanis year!!

K-Kids Club
Azalea

Key Club
SAS Wolfson
Pinecrest Glades Prep
Suncoast Polytechnical
Wildwood

CKI Club
Rollins College

Aktion Club
South Broward

Welcome to the K-family!

Find out more on [starting a Service Leadership Program Here!](#)

Join the Team!



As I travel around the District, I am excited to hear statements such as "Our club hasn't inter-clubbed in a while, but we are starting back". At some point we lost sight of the value of participating in inter-clubs. Not only do you learn new ideas that you can bring back to your club, but you also get the opportunity to connect with Kiwanis members outside of your club. As Florida CKI states, "come for the service, stay for the fellowship". We are a Kiwanis family after all.

Scroll down to read a great article by Interclub Chair, Michelle Mason.

Contact Michelle Mason
Interclub Chair

Interclub Requirements



At the Regional Conferences, I announced that we have completed 39 projects to support the Governor's Project. I am excited to announce that as of today, we now have **62 projects** reported throughout the Florida District!!! We are well over half-way toward our goal of 100 projects. Keep up the great work! I look forward to recognizing your clubs at District Convention!

Do you want to do a project to support these kids but don't know where to start or who to reach out to? Check out the [Governor's Project Padlet Here](#).

Fill out the Governor's Project
Report Form HERE

Contact Governor's Project Chairs
Day and Delvin Scott

Check out the Governor's Project
Resources on the Padlet Here!

Important Dates

Click on Title for Website/Zoom links

APRIL 2024

17 - [Webinar: Two for Two, presented by Kiwanis International](#), 8pm ET

18 - 21 - Florida Key Club District Convention, Daytona Beach

MAY 2024

6 - [Webinar: Keeping Your Kids Safe in Cyberspace](#), 7:30pm ET

13 - [Webinar: New Member Orientation](#), 7:30pm ET - Details Below

15 - [Webinar: Lieutenant Governor and Membership presented by KI](#), 8pm ET

JUNE 2024

3 - [Webinar: Getting Excited about District Convention](#), 7:30pm ET

19 - [Webinar: Membership Chairs presented by KI](#), 8pm ET

JULY 2024

1 - 30 - Club Leadership Education Training in the Divisions

1 - [Webinar: Kiwanis Insurance and Risk Management](#), 7:30pm ET

3 - 6 - Kiwanis International Convention, Denver, CO - be one of the first 1000 people to register and get a free ticket to a Rockies Baseball Game

17 - [Webinar: Two for Two by KI](#), 8pm ET

AUGUST 2024

5 - [Webinar: AI and Kiwanis](#), 7:30pm ET

15 - 18 - Florida District Convention, Hilton Buena Vista Palace, Orlando

21 - [Webinar: Lieutenant Governors by KI](#), 8pm ET

[See all of the Florida District Webinars Here](#)

[See all of the Kiwanis International Membership Webinars Here](#)

[See all of the Kiwanis International Membership Team Webinars Here](#)

New Member Orientation Webinar Monday, May 13th, 7-8:30pm (EST)

New to Kiwanis? Perhaps a little rusty on Kiwanis acronyms? Interested in learning "what makes Kiwanis tick"? Join us for a fun and informative learning session on Kiwanis structure, Club Operations and the Kiwanis Family beyond your own club.

No matter how long you've been in Kiwanis, you will no doubt find at least one golden nugget of new information at this *New Member Orientation* webinar.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85174151682?pwd=b2xONldaMW83bXVSSEJmc3RKM1pBQT09>

Meeting ID: 851 7415 1682

Passcode: NewMem513

Club Leadership Instructors needed!

In July, next year's officers will attend **Club Leadership Education** training to prepare for a successful Kiwanis year... BUT

Divisions **7, 9, 11, 15, 16, 21, 22, 25** and **26** are still without instructors. *Who will train these new leaders?!*

Contact **Deb McNulty** if you're interested;
Deb will teach you all you need to know!



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Every summer the Florida District trains its incoming club officers at specially prepared Club Leadership Education sessions. We cover everything from basic duties to Leadership tricks to Membership strategies for presidents, secretaries and treasurers.

*This year, **Debbie McNulty**, the **Club and Leadership Education coordinator** under **Governor Prairy** and Incoming **Governor Jeremy Riehl** needs your help in filling these VERY IMPORTANT trainer positions for EACH Division in Florida.*

All trainers receive instruction themselves on the content to be presented and on presentation best practices. All you need is a willingness to teach and lots of Kiwanis enthusiasm.

Please contact your division Lt. Gov. or contact Debbie McNulty directly at debmcnultykiwanis@gmail.com.

FUTURE FLORIDA DISTRICT CONVENTIONS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!



August 15-18, 2024 Hilton Buena Vista Palace (Orlando)
August 7-10, 2025 PGA National Resort
(Palm Beach Gardens)



FUTURE KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

Denver, Colorado, USA July 3-6, 2024
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA June 25-28, 2025

[Visit the Kiwanis International Convention Page](#)



All Hands on Deck

Do you have a passion for helping others? Are you willing to invest some of your time to improve Kiwanis and your community? We are recruiting a new class of volunteers to be part of district committees and we need you. No special skills or talents are required; just some time, an open mind, and a willingness to work together to make a difference. There is something for everyone.

Click [HERE](#) to indicate which committees interest you. Feel free to reach out with any questions. With your help we can build a brighter future for Kiwanis and our communities.

Governor-Elect,
Jeremy Riehl

**Sign up for a District
Committee**

FLORIDA KEY CLUB



Greetings Kiwanians,

The Florida District of Key Club is in the process of having our annual transition of power. On April 18-21st, Key Club will host its 86th Annual District Education and Leadership Conference (DCON). Thank you to all the Kiwanians who supported getting students to our conference. On April 21st, we will welcome our 2024-2025 Board of Trustees. I encourage you all to stay in touch with your new Key Club Lt. Governor and attend their divisional council meetings.

At the club level, I hope you can facilitate a smooth transition. As Kiwanis advisors, we are responsible for ensuring our Key Clubs are properly trained and ready for the year ahead. Please ensure that your Key Club submits their 24-25 Officer Information Form.

In the coming weeks, we will have more information about our Florida District Tour at our Key Club International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Please stay tuned and we hope to see your students there!

Thank you for your service,
Heather Locke (she/her)

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MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION



“Through The Eyes of a Key Clubber”

For nearly a decade, I've been an active member of the Kiwanis Family, embarking on this journey as a K-Kids participant back in 2014. It wasn't until 2023, during my junior year of high school, that I assumed the role of a Key Club district officer. Through regular attendance at Kiwanis DCMs (Division Council Meetings), I couldn't help but notice a stark contrast in the diversity between Key Club and Kiwanis memberships.

What became glaringly evident to me was the noticeable disparity in diversity within Kiwanis compared to the vibrant mix present in Key Club gatherings. In Key Club settings, I've grown accustomed to engaging with individuals from various ethnic backgrounds, religious beliefs, and lifestyles. However, this diversity seemed lacking when I started attending Florida Kiwanis DCMs with my Key Club Zone Administrator,

While Key Club International continues to witness record-high membership numbers, Kiwanis International faces a consistent decline in membership figures. As a member of the Florida Kiwanis Membership Expansion Committee (MEC), I've gained insight into this discrepancy. Despite the generational gap, I feel compelled to express my belief that embracing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) could hold the key to revitalizing Kiwanis.

Acknowledging that my experience as a Key Clubber may pale in comparison to that of seasoned Kiwanians, I passionately believe that the principles of DEI, which have proven effective within Key Club, can be adapted to benefit Kiwanis as well. As members of the broader Kiwanis Family, from K-Kids to Kiwanis, let's unite in giving DEI the opportunity it deserves.

Kiwanians, let's collaborate to foster diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout the illustrious Florida District. Together, we can build a stronger, more inclusive community for all.

Yours in Service,

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Florida District of Key Club International, Inc.
Team Member, Membership Expansion Committee
Florida District of Kiwanis International
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Contact Membership Expansion Chair Cleve
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International Convention

Hello Florida District,

It's time to pack your hiking boots and get your adventure on in Denver this Summer! Join us in Denver, Colorado this July 3-6 for the Kiwanis International Convention, where we can explore the possibilities of service together. Registration is now open at kiwanis.org to learn more about service, fellowship, and celebrate Kiwanis in a global fashion. Lock in the lowest prices if you register before May 31, 2024, and if you're in the first 1,000 registrants you'll secure a Rockies Baseball game ticket.

Florida's Hotel Room Block is now also open, at Embassy Suites near the convention center. The Florida District has many opportunities to enjoy our time with our fellow Kiwanians, and even has a brand new facebook page, which can assist you with finding a hotel roommate from our State or even a travel buddy out to Denver.

We look forward to showing our Florida pride, voting on important amendments (including a discussion on our dues), and electing our next leaders of Kiwanis International. [Here's the link](#) to learn more about the amendments being proposed.

See you there!

Yours in service and friendship,

Liz Moore

Florida District of Kiwanis, Division 10 Lieutenant Governor 2023-2024

Florida District of Kiwanis, International Committee Chair 2023-2024

Florida District of Kiwanis, Achievements & Awards Committee Member 2023-2024

**Contact ICON Chair Liz
Moore**

**Link to the Florida District's ICON Facebook
Group**

CARING CORNER

One of the most talked about events at each DCON is the CARING CORNER, where we come together to raise money to provide funding for grants and educational support for our Service Leadership Programs (SLPs). There will be opportunities throughout the convention to purchase raffle tickets for baskets donated by divisions and clubs, and to participate in silent and live auctions for items donated by members and businesses. Be on the lookout for more information on how you can help make a positive impact on the future of our SLPs through this project.

Have an awesome day!

Kim and Tommy Mills

Contact Caring Corner Chair Kim

Elections

CONVENTION---Does my vote count??

WOW !!!! How fast a year goes by.....

It seems like just yesterday that we all met outside Orlando and voted Governor Prairy into office. I am sure she feels like it has been a whirlwind year. With that in mind, our Florida Convention is fast approaching. Beginning on August 15 until the 18, we will meet to help with the direction of our District for the foreseeable future. What I am writing you about today, is the House of Delegates meeting on Saturday Morning. Each club, in good standing, is entitled to Delegates to vote for the Officers of the Florida District of Kiwanis. We have two (2) great candidates for office this year. Suzi and Linda are very qualified to join the leadership team but they need your attendance to hear their plans for the future of our District. So when registration opens in a short time, accept the challenge to attend, represent your club and make a DIFFERENCE, KIDS NEED KIWANIS AND KIWANIS NEEDS YOU!!!!!!

SO YES YOUR VOTE COUNTS. SEE YOU IN AUGUST AT THE HILTON BUENA VISTA PALACE @ WALT DISNEY WORLD. (and early on Saturday Morning at the House of Delegates)

Allen Whetsell
Governor 2012-13
Elections Chair for 2024

**Contact Elections Chair Allen
Whetsell**

CKI

What a year it has been for the Florida District of Circle K International! This past year has been a record-breaking year for CKI, which could not have been possible without the support of Florida Kiwanis. We held our 65th annual District Convention in Altamonte Springs at the end of February where we celebrated the outstanding accomplishments that all Florida CKI members, clubs, and the District achieved this year. Some of these accomplishments include:

- Positive membership growth in the District for the first time since 2019
- Many clubs experienced a membership increase, including one club that had a 400% increase.
- All Florida CKI Clubs met membership requirements and are now clubs in good standing.
- Chartered Rollins College CKI and are continuing to work with many other clubs that are in the chartering process.
- 65% increase in attendance at our annual fall Leadership Training Conference.

- 48% increase in attendance at our District Convention with attendees from all Florida CKI clubs.
- Over 10% increase in reported service hours and over 37% increase in reported Kiwanis Family Relations events.
- Raised over \$2,600 USD for Brick x Brick, CKI International's Project with UNICEF, through three large District-wide fundraisers.

On behalf of Florida CKI, thank you so much for all of Florida Kiwanis' continued support and dedication to Florida CKI. April 1st officially begins the 2024-2025 CKI service year and I know that it will be another fantastic year. Jose Mendez of Florida International University will be serving as District Governor and Krystal Laudicina will be serving as District Administrator. Jose and Krystal both have huge goals and aspirations for the District, so we are excited to work alongside Florida Kiwanis to help us continue to grow Florida CKI throughout the new service year!

In your service,

Madison Burt

CKI Governor 23-24

Contact CKI District Administrator Krystal
Laudicina

INTERCLUBS

WHAT THE HECK IS INTER-CLUB?

An inter-club meeting is a meeting staged by two or more Kiwanis clubs (including clubs in formation), or by a Kiwanis club and any K Kids, Builders Club, Kiwanis Junior, Aktion Club, Circle K Club, or Key Club. You can also Inter-Club events, fundraisers and service projects!

How do you qualify for an Inter-Club event?

Clubs with 20 or fewer members need a minimum of two members in attendance to constitute an Inter-Club meeting. **Clubs with 21-30 members** need three members, and **clubs with 31 or more members** need at least four members in attendance.

WHY INTER-CLUB?

Inter-clubbing is a means of supporting Kiwanis' objective, which is "To provide, through this club, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build a better community." This wider scope of Kiwanis can be achieved by arranging visits between clubs in the same town, division, and district, as well as inter district get-togethers. One of the most important responsibilities is the development of fellowship among members of the Kiwanis family (Kiwanis clubs, K-Kids, Builders Clubs, Kiwanis Junior, Aktion Clubs, Key Clubs, and Circle K Clubs) by having inter-club activities. Through the fellowship gained by inter-club activities, members learn how other clubs function, get to know their neighboring Kiwanians, develop new ideas and a broader interest in how Kiwanis operates, find new ideas for use in their own club, and become better Kiwanians.

Contact Interclub Chair Michelle Mason

SERVICE

Congratulations on our two Florida District Nominees for the Signature Project Contest. Good luck at International!

Tier 1 (27 members or less)
Kiwanis Club of Rockledge-Viera
"Nestor Hebert Shoe Fund (NHSF)"

Tier 2 (28 members or more)
Kiwanis Club of Stuart
"Kiwanis Park at Woodlawn"

Duffel Bags for Foster Kids - Large Scale Service Project

Help reach our District goal of providing Foster Kids with 2,000 Duffel Bags this year. Each Duffel Bag is filled with comfort items (stuffed animals or blankets) and toiletries (shampoo/conditioner, toothpaste tubes and toothbrushes). We are already halfway to our goal!

You can help by participating as a club or even as a division. Contact me for more information at linp2martin@gmail.com or by cell at (941) 623-5822.

Thank you all for the great service you do for kids!

Contact Service Chair Linda Martin

YOUTH PROTECTION

KIDS NEED KIWANIS! KIDS NEED STRONG SERVICE LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS!

As Kiwanians, we know that Kids Need Kiwanis. Most of our Kiwanis clubs sponsor one or more of our Service Leadership Programs and enjoy working with and mentoring the students in Kiwanis K-Kids, Builders Club, and Key Club.

Kids Need Strong Service Leadership Programs. They need programs with advisors and Kiwanians that work with them to constantly be aware of protecting them.

Please take time to review the Kiwanis Youth Protection Policies and Procedures

By now, every Kiwanis club should have presented the program on Youth Protection:

EDUCATION: Every Kiwanis club is expected to inform and educate its members on these policies, best practices, and required actions for individuals who become aware of youth in potentially harmful situations. This education must occur annually, including providing a copy of these policies to each club member.

Check out the information on the Kiwanis International website:

Please let us know if you would like any clarification, have questions, or need materials.

In Kiwanis Service,
Bob and Donna Parton

[Click for the Youth Protection Procedures](#)

[Visit the Kiwanis Youth Protection Page](#)

[Contact Youth Protection Managers Donna and Bob Parton](#)



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