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### Governor SPOTLIGHT

BY DON SMITH, 2020-21 PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT GOVERNOR

#### DCON and New Club Starts

Wow what a few weeks will do!!

A number of weeks ago I was waiting for my second shot and we were looking for a place to hold our District Convention in person. I got my second shot and we have a place to hold our District Convention...the Harrisburg Hilton on the same dates, August 19<sup>th</sup> to August 22nd. So please save the date and come live and in person!

I am told there will be lots of information about the Convention in this addition so please check it out and make your plans.

We are planning on opening several Clubs in the next several months. A new club in Danville is in process for the spring. The Kiwanis Children's Heart wing at Geisinger Medical center is located in Danville and has saved many children from Pennsylvania,but also from Jamaica. Jamaican children needing operations that could not be done in Jamaica were shuttled to Philadelphia and then transported to the Geisinger Medical Center by Kiwanians so they could get the life saving operation they needed. If you have a contacts in Danville please let Tiffany Callao know and we will be happy to contact them. We are also looking at the northern Pittsburgh area to also start a new club. Our regional Trustee, Barb Byers, is working to start this club. Please let Barb know if you have a contact there or are willing to help as well.

Another club in the State Collage area is in process by Lt. Governor Joy Ashley. Again if you have contacts there please let Joy know.

May is new member month. We were doing well for the year. Our Membership group has been doing a great job and I look forward to an excellent growth year in spite of a pandemic. Thanks to all who sponsored a new member this year. Keep up the good work.

Summer is shortly upon us and we can resume projects we may have put on hold for the past year. I URGE YOU TO BRING these projects back to our communities. The children have been cooped up also. So if you have a playground, pool, tennis court, or whatever that needs some help, please lend a hand to revive it. I am sure the children and adults will thank you.

I hope you all had a great Memorial Day and will have a great July Fourth. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you at our District Convention in August!

~Governor Don

## 2021 District Convention READING in ... Harrisburg?!?!?

BY KELLY KINKAID, DCON CHAIR

Yes, you read that correctly. Our 2021 district convention has moved from Reading to the 'Burg (Harrisburg, that is ). We will be right in downtown Harrisburg at the beautiful Hilton Hotel (see picture insert), within walking distance of many great restaurants and shops as well as many unique and interesting things to see and do (check out <u>www.visithersheyharrisburg.org</u>). The convention focus remains Literacy, Diversity, and Inclusiveness. Due to the late change in venue and ever-changing COVID restrictions, some things are still up in the air, but here is a little sneak peak of what we have planned.

For early attendees arriving on Thursday, we will be offering a hands-on multi-service opportunity involving a local library during

the afternoon followed by a welcome reception at the Science Center at the Whitaker Center (<u>www.whitakercenter.org</u>). Then Friday morning will kick off with breakfast and panel discussion with local authors, a publisher and a former school superintendent focusing on the challenges of diversity in children's literature. There will also be a children's book fair throughout the day on Friday, featuring books that focus on diversity and inclusiveness. Clubs will be able to meet some authors and purchase books (at a discount!) directly from authors and publishers.

To support our literacy theme, we also are asking attendees to bring donations of new or gently used non-religious books for children to young adults to the convention. These donated books will be distributed to a local Harrisburg children's organization and through the Booksmiles organization, an organization focused on getting books to children at home locations in Pennsylvania and NJ.

Friday's lunch will feature speaker Beverly Bradley, president of Cops 'n' Kids – Lehigh Valley. Friday afternoon will include educational and special interest forums, an all-attendance general session, and a "Meet the Candidates" Happy Hour sponsored by the Past Lt. Governors' Association. You are on your own to enjoy the many restaurants and nightlife that Harrisburg offers on Friday evening.



Saturday morning will include more forums, another general session, followed by our annual Club and PA Kiwanis Foundation Awards luncheon. The annual business session (elections, bylaw amendments, recognitions, etc.) will happen Saturday afternoon, after which you will have a break to get ready for the Governor's Banquet on Saturday evening.

As in past years, the PA Kiwanis Foundation (PKF) will host a Basket Room throughout the day on Friday and Saturday, closing at 5PM Saturday. Clubs are asked to donate baskets and attendees can purchase raffle tickets to win an assortment of baskets or enter bids in a silent auction for other baskets. All basket room proceeds benefit PKF, and the winners announced at the Governor's Banquet.

And don't forget our exciting Kiwanis Kash Raffle! Tickets are on sale now and will be available during convention up until the drawing during the Governor's Banquet. The prizes grow with each ticket sold and based on past years sales, the first-place winner will receive several thousand dollars!!!

The convention will end on Sunday morning with the 2021-22 Kickoff Breakfast. Our 2021-22 District Governor, Trustees, Lt. Governors and Chairpersons will be introduced and our newly elected 2021-22 District Governor will offer their remarks. Then, motivational speaker Joe Battista will provide some words to inspire us for phenomenal 2021-22 year! The Convention mailing has been sent out to club presidents and secretaries. We are looking to gain your support through sponsorships and club ads! Clubs should consider purchasing an ad to support your outgoing Division/District leaders or spotlighting your club's member of the





year! The ad form can be located on page 12 in this issue of the Keystone Kiwanian. Please note that this convention will be hybrid with a virtual option available for those unable to attend in person, but not all forums will be streamed. Also, Kiwanis International's recommended protocols will be used for this convention, following CDC guidelines. Details of these protocols were included in the convention mailing sent to each club and will be posted on the District website in the near future.

You can check our Facebook page for more news about events planned for our 2021 District Convention in Harrisburg: <u>www.facebook.com/</u> <u>groups/kiwanisdcon2021/</u>. FOR ON-LINE REGISTRATION AND DOWNLOADABLE REGISTRATION FORMS, GO TO: <u>https://k23.site.kiwanis.org/pa-district-convention-2021/</u>



## JOIN THE FOUNDATION WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD KIWANIANS

The Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation is searching for Kiwanians to run for open seats on the board. For more info and to apply, go to http://bit.ly/PKFboard

> **Deadline to apply** Wednesday, June 30

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PENNSYLVANIA KIWANIS FOUNDATION

## Getting the Youngest Pennsylvanians on a Path TO A BRIGHT FUTURE

#### Treasury programs help families prepare for higher education

SUBMITTED BY KEVIN THOMAS



When a new baby is born, their future is full of hope and endless possibilities. Pennsylvania Treasurer Stacy Garrity wants to let new parents know about Keystone Scholars, a groundbreaking program that gives every baby born in our state a jumpstart when it comes to saving for higher education, and other Treasury programs that can help families save.

#### A new chapter for newborns

Treasury's Keystone Scholars program gives every Pennsylvania newborn a \$100 starter deposit for higher education savings. The deposit grows through Treasury investments alongside the child and is available to help pay tuition, mandatory fees and many other costs associated with their higher education once they turn 18.

"It's important to begin saving for education as early as possible," Treasurer Garrity said. "Keystone Scholars helps families start immediately after their baby is born. The program started a little over two years ago, and it has doubled the number of Pennsylvania kids with a college or career savings account. Every dollar new parents can save today will multiply by the time their child needs it for education."

Once a family accesses their child's Keystone Scholars funds, they can also save over time by opening a PA 529 College and Career Savings Program account. Families can open a PA 529 account and link it to their child's Keystone Scholars account at any time with as little as \$10.

Research shows that low-income children are three times as likely to enroll and four times as likely to graduate from a two- or four-year college if they have even a modest amount of savings designated just for their education. Having a savings account influences expectations and encourages pursuit of higher education.

Keystone Scholars is a type of child development account, and research shows that the benefits of such accounts are significant for both parents and children. Specifically, among low-income families, accounts like Keystone Scholars have resulted in higher educational expectations, fewer maternal depressive symptoms, and better social-emotional development of children.

Getting the message out to families, especially those with newborns and young children, is crucial to promote early saving and gives families the most time to let their investment grow for their child's future education.

"We want every new parent to know that a Keystone Scholars account is automatically created for their baby," Treasurer Garrity said. "Organizations like Kiwanis Clubs can help us spread the word, which in turn will help give today's newborns more opportunities in the future."

Treasurer Garrity highlighted the fact that Keystone Scholars, the first program of its kind in the nation, is funded without taxpayer dollars. Private donations and excess funds from the PA 529 Guaranteed Savings Plan are used.

#### Pledging to fund children's futures

Treasury and its partners are also finding innovative ways to encourage parents to save for their children. Together



with *Fund My Future*, a Pittsburgh-based non-profit, Treasury designed the PA Savings Pledge—which gives participants a chance to win some of more than \$5,000 in prizes every month, with top prizes of \$1,000.

Families are encouraged to commit to saving for their child's future by taking the PA Savings Pledge at <u>pa529.com/pasaves</u>. Fund My Future's monthly raffle cash prizes are funded by philanthropic donations for



families that save as little as \$1 during the month of the drawing. Eligible accounts include a child's PA 529 and bank or credit union accounts in a child's name. The PA Savings Pledge is open to children ages 0-18.

"I am so excited to have won \$1,000," said Erin, a recent winner. "It's been an amazing experience and my kiddos are very lucky to receive these funds. Since my kids are young (4 and 5), the money will have time to grow. With compound interest, today's \$1,000 prize will (hopefully) be worth significantly more by the time they are ready to use it!"

Families who take the PA Savings Pledge get monthly savings reminders and tips from *Fund My Future* to encourage continued savings habits.



Contact Treasury at <u>keystone@pa529.com</u> to request materials or schedule trainings or webinars for staff.

#### **Team up with Treasury**

Treasury would love to work with Kiwanis District Clubs in all corners of the state to help encourage more families to take the PA Savings Pledge and register their Keystone Scholars accounts. Both are simple processes, but sometimes people need to hear from a trusted person before they'll sign up.

The Kiwanis Clubs' focus on early childhood education and development could be amplified with messaging from Treasury about the power of a savings account to maintain high expectations for education and help achieve financial goals. Clubs can raise funds for additional deposits to children's savings accounts. Similar to scholarships, but provided much earlier in a child's life, these deposits can have an impact on children as they are developing their identity and dreaming about their path in life. Unique Fund My Future prize pools can also be created for specific communities.

Clubs can request training sessions with Treasury staff to learn how they can best share program information with families, or work together with Treasury to plan events, host webinars for families, or create more incentives for children.

Treasury offers materials such as brochures, posters, flyers and coloring sheets that can be distributed virtually or at community events or in conjunction with other programs targeting young children and their families, such as at club-sponsored childcare centers. Treasury also hosts regular webinars about its savings programs that are open to anyone. A schedule and registration details can be found at pa529.com/ webinar.

#### **Contact Treasury for more Information**

- To register or pre-register for Keystone Scholars, call 800-440-4000, link to pa529.com/keystone, or email keystone@pa529.com
- Take the PA Savings Pledge: pa529.com/pasaves
- Engage with Treasury and follow along on social media for program news and
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#### Keystone Kiwanian Submissions

When submitting emails with photographs and articles, please include your club name in both the email subject line as well as in the name of the attached photo and article. Placing your club name in the actual name of the attached image or article will prevent errors in attribution. Also, please **include the name and title for the person submitting the article** in case I have any questions. THANK YOU!

Be sure all images are sent as individual jpg photographs at the largest size possible. Please **do not** embed them in a Word document or send as a pdf.

I will try to include as many photographs as possible; however, I often limit this to two photos in order to be fair to all clubs. If space allows, I will use more photos.

The editor assumes that you have obtained all appropriate permission to use the photographs that you submit.

If an article is submitted that was originally published in your local newspaper, I will attribute it to that newspaper, but may need to edit it for space. I also assume that you have obtained permission from the publication to re-run that article.

Deadlines appear on page 2.

#### FACEBOOK: A Powerful Recruitment Tool

Facebook, the popular social media app, played a unique and major role in building the Media Area club.

The power of Facebook Ads cannot be underestimated or ignored as a solid club branding and member recruitment tool in the "plug and play" technology driven culture we live in today. We encourage all leaders ready to boost their club or open a new club to look to using a social media tool as Facebook or Instagram.

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## KIWANIS CLUB OF Williamsport

TAKEN FROM THE WILLIAMSPORT KIWANIAN MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER

The Kiwanis Club of Williamsport, in partnership with the Montoursville Kiwanis Club, was able to collect 127 Jared Boxes for UPMC Susquehanna. The goal of the Jared Box Project is to lift the spirits of children in the hospital. Boxes filled with the "gift of play" are given to young patients in emergency rooms, hospital rooms, surgical centers, and clinics.

The outpouring of love from our community was overwhelming. The Kiwanis Club of Williamsport was able to educate the community, as well as involve its youth. The preschool children at Messiah Lutheran Preschool in South Williamsport were able to assemble boxes, as well as learn an important lesson in kindness.

South Williamsport Area Jr./Sr. High School was able to collect donations and assemble 54 Jared Boxes. The

Key Club at South Williamsport was among one of the groups to assemble boxes. The seventh grade class at South lost a classmate to cancer two years ago so they filled these boxes with items to honor his memory.

In all, twelve Kiwanis Club members participated in the Spring2021 Jared Box Project. With the contribution from the Montoursville Kiwanis Club and the South Williamsport Jr./Sr.High School, the total reached 127 boxes. This was such an amazing example of a community working together.



Jason Hurwitz (Ari) and Megan Proffitt (Lena)

> Boxes delivered to UPMC Susquehanna



## KIWANIS CLUB OF Conneaut Lake

SUBMITTED BY MARGARET STAAHL

Memorial Park in Conneaut Lake has been updated. The Kiwanis club of Conneaut Lake received a bequest from the estate of George Rutherford. After much reflection the club decided they would like to honor George in a way that would benefit the community. They had a vision for changes to Memorial Park. The Club shared their idea with Bill Eldridge who is a member of the



CLCDC and serves on the Borough Council. The Borough gave permission for the project to move forward. The Kiwanis club contributed \$20,000 for the purchase of benches, planters, and light poles. The CLCDC contributed \$10,000 for architectural drawings, new wiring and electrical box, contractors' fees and other items. Bill coordinated the project and made sure it was done for the Memorial Day Observance. The Conneaut Lake Community Pride Committee recruited Jeff Hann's 4H group to pull weeds, spread mulch, and plant flowers. The park looks lovely and continues the revitalization into the center of town.

## Donegal Junior High Builders Club

#### BY LORIANN WALMER - BUILDERS CLUB ADVISOR

While our year was certainly different, the Builders Club members did their best to carry on the tradition of being student leaders at Donegal Junior High School. They began the year by hosting Bridge Day for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders. They elected officers and invited six seventh graders to join the group in the fall. They helped with projects in the building throughout the year and took the initiative to keep the social distance signs updated. They promoted Spirit Week in the fall.

The held weekly meetings, and by the end of the first quarter, they decided on *Spreading Kindness* as their signature project for the year. Students worked in pairs to prepare and share Kindness presentations in each homeroom and continue the chain of Kindness. They did a special Kindness day where every student received a positive message at the beginning of the day. They helped spread cheer through the school by creating posters advocating for kindness. For Teacher Appreciation week, the students wrote notes to each staff member.

They continued to collect soda tabs and magazines for Ronald McDonald House. The new adventure this year was spending





time and building friendships with students in the Life Skills class. Both groups have enjoyed this time together.

In February they sponsored a Wear Red Day for Heart Health. In March they celebrated Builders Club week. In April they sponsored a spirit day to encourage students to do their best on PSSAs. In May they prepared and presented an invitation and recruitment meeting for next year.

## KIWANIS CLUB OF Norlanco-Rheems

BY BARB O'NEAL, CLUB SECRETARY

The Kiwanis Club of Norlanco-Rheems dedicated the Kiwanis Pavilion at Kunkle Field in Mount Joy. The field hosts dozens of baseball tournaments each year and the pavilion is located at a prime spot near the concession stand. Josh Deering (former President), Linda Eberly

(current President) and John Gish (Immediate Past-President); as well as Mayor Bradley spoke during the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony held in May. The club did fundraising and secured many inkind services to see the project finished.





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## Advocacy for Young Children

SUBMITTED BY KEVIN THOMAS

There are many programs and activities that Kiwanis Clubs and their members pursue to help young children and their families. From reading to bullying prevention programs to a whole range of programs and activities, we ably serve children from birth through age 8.

But one area clubs do not often consider when it comes to serving young children is advocacy. Advocacy is an extension of the work we do as Kiwanians. Advocacy, in general, is the support for a particular program or public policy. More specifically for Kiwanis, advocacy consists of five general points. They are:

- Advocating for programs that are related directly to our mission and service for young children.
- Is not political in any way. It does not endorse any party or any candidate.
- Is fact and evidenced based. It is not opinion based.
- It is done calmly, rationally and professionally.
- Is best done in partnership with like-minded, credible organizations interested in the same mission and focus as Kiwanis.

Whether in person or virtually, Kiwanians advocating with their elected officials is very effective. When a volunteer community leader contacts their legislator or other elected official advocating for a cause for which they have no personal gain, it gets their attention, much more so than others from whom they often hear.

If your club decides to advocate by personally meeting with your elected officials, don't send a single Kiwanian. At least two Kiwanians should do a visitation together. Visitations should be concise and to the point and focus only on the issue for which you sought time.

If the club decides they will write elected representatives, it is more effective for the club members, as a group, to sign a single letter rather than individual club members sending individual letters. All letters sent should be concise, upbeat and non-threatening and contain at least one member's contact information.

Writing Letters to the Editor on behalf of a club can be very effective advocacy. The opinion pages are read word-for-word by most public officials. It's where powerful people test the pulse of the community. You have their attention if your case is made in print. Always attract; never attack. Be positive and persuasive, giving your readers a reason to care and act on the cause you are promoting.

And advocacy is not limited to contacting elected officials. Education and raising community awareness are important factors too. Again either in person or virtually, organize a community event focused on the detrimental effects of bullying and the importance of supporting effective bullying prevention programs. Sponsor and/or help develop materials to distribute to help raise awareness and prevention. Of course, this is not limited to bullying; it can be done on any issue related to young children.

Remember advocacy done right is an extension of the service we are already doing. Don't fear advocacy. If you need more information on how to effectively advocate, you can contact me at <u>Kevin@pakiwanis.org</u>.

### 2020-21 Kiwanis District Calendar of Events

(as of 06/15/2021 - subject to change)

DATE July 10, 2021 July 17, 2021 August 6-8, 2021 August 19-22, 2021

**EVENT** Aktion Club Meeting District Board of Trustees Meeting 25th Aktion Club Convention 104<sup>th</sup> Kiwanis District Convention LOCATION Virtual/Zoom (D) Zoom Laurel Lodge, Altoona, PA Hilton Hotel, Harrisburg, PA

## **Human and Spiritual Values**

BY ANN GRAVES - CHAIR, HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL VALUES, PA KIWANIS DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

Kiwanis—District and International—has been doing a lot of talking about the need for increasing more awareness and paying attention to all the kinds of diversity in our local clubs. Even in those places where the club may be pretty "homogeneous", these days it is critical to pay attention to and foster awareness of the many ways we may be different, even among what may appear to be a very similar kind of membership. This should be a crucial concern for all of us.

Did you know that in 2008, this resolution was adopted? "Therefore, be it resolved that the delegates assembled at the 2008 Kiwanis International convention in Orlando, Florida, and all Kiwanis leaders and members to take action to create a culture and club environment that develops and nurtures mutual respect for all and celebrates the inclusiveness of our beloved Kiwanis." For many of us, this is a deeply held spiritual and human value. So what would that mean for our clubs and the way we conduct our meetings and work in the community? I have thought about this a lot over the years that I have served as your Human and Spiritual Values chair in the Pennsylvania District. There are many ways that I think we can make our members more aware of developing and nurturing mutual respect for all and celebrate that inclusiveness that we aspire to be as an organization.

As many of our clubs struggle with aging members and decreasing membership numbers, we are all aware of the major shifts occurring in our country. We all want to grow our clubs and particularly to attract younger members, but that is nearly impossible to do if we just continue to do things the way we've always done them! We have to pause to think about the way we present ourselves to the potential members we want to attract. Those folk among the 20-35 age group are among the most multi-racial and multi-ethnic generation thus far seen in our country. They've been raised in school systems that for the most part focus on mainstreaming and the experience of classroom diversity. Their selfidentity is less constructed by gender than for past generations. They are also very diverse in their personal approaches to spirituality and faith expressions. They may or may not be a part of a community of faith - no matter what expression that may be. They may even not wish to be part of anything that could be construed as a faith stance because of their own particular experiences. However, that does not mean that they do not hold deeply committed human values to being of service to their community and wanting to make a difference in the world by being involved in projects and activities that will benefit others.

I strongly feel that the long tradition of opening our Kiwanis meetings with prayer and salute to the flag needs to be altered or perhaps even eliminated. There are many ways we can begin our meetings or time spent together perhaps by sharing a joy or concern of members; perhaps by reflecting on the particular moment in time; perhaps by reading a poem or a short inspirational writing; perhaps by reading a children's story with a point that may be universal as a reminder of those we claim to serve; perhaps it could be a reflection by a club member of a time that was meaningful in their lives - or a time when they learned something new that affected the way they view their service to others, or perhaps it is simply a few moments of silence to reflect or to remember someone who is no longer present among you. There are many ways of exploring our human and spiritual values as Kiwanians without offering a specific prayer that may be frankly exclusionary for some members or that reflects one's particular religious faith expression. I encourage clubs to explore the possibilities that may open us up further to the great and wonderful diversity of all kinds of people in this land. It's a way we can welcome new folks that may want to join us in service to the children of the world!



#### Kiwanis District Convention 2021 Harrisburg, PA Program Ad Sales Form

Support the Kiwanis District Convention through advertising in the program book! The ad is a great way to:

- Promote your business to visitors
- Support your sponsored youth
- Support a family member
- Recognize a member or officer
- Celebrate club achievements and milestones
- Thank your supporters

Electronic submissions of ads are strongly encouraged along with high resolution images (PDF preferred, accepted jpeg and .png). If you are submitting a paper copy, make sure it is of a high quality as it will scanned.

#### Send ads and payments to:

Kevin@pakiwanis.org PA Kiwanis District Office 2793 Old Post Road, Suite 12 Harrisburg, PA 17110 Fax: 717-540-1018

Checks should be made payable to "PA KIWANIS".

Questions can be directed to: Kevin Thomas, Executive Director Kevin@pakiwanis.org Phone: 717-540-9300

ADS ARE DUE by July 23, 2021 THREE SIZES AVAILABLE:

Full Page Ad – \$100 Inside Covers – \$200 (ONLY <u>two</u> spots available) Back Cover – \$300 (ONLY <u>one</u> spot available) Actual Dimensions – 7.75"(H) X 4.75" (W)

Half Page Ad - \$55

Actual Dimensions - 3.75" (H) X 4.75" (W)

#### Quarter Page Ad – \$45

Actual Dimensions – 3.75"(H) X 2.25" (W)



Friday Aug 20, 2021 Open 8:00 am - 4:00 pm Hilton Harrisburg 1 N 2nd St, Harrisburg, PA 17101

## Multicultural Diversity Book Fair Showcase

We invite members to our children's book fair that will spotlight authors and publishers that write on diverse themes! You and your club will have an opportunity to meet authors and publishers and purchase at a convention discount author's books for any of your projects!

> <u>9:00 AM Breakfast Panel discussion</u> Don't miss this opportunity to hear from authors and key educational leaders to discuss the challenges of distributing books to children that have diverse themes.



## 25<sup>th</sup> PENNSYLVANIA <u>VIRTUAL</u> DISTRICT CONVENTION

#### RAK It Up!! PA Aktion Club--25 Years of Service!

I DON'T ENGAGE IN ACTS OF KINDNESS TO BE REWAR DED LATER, I ENGAGE IN ACTS OF KINDNESS BECAUSE IT MAKES ME FEEL GOOD TO GIVE.

THE GREAT ACTS OF LOVE ARE DONE BY THOSE WHO ARE HABITUALLY PERFORMING SMALL ACTS OF KINDNESS.

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WHEN: SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021 10:00 a – 12:00 p – Convention 12:00 p – 1:00 p – Social Hour

WHERE: ON YOUR COMPUTER, TABLET OR PHONE

https://zoom.us/j/99185003949?pwd=Qm5IUHFKeU8rVmZyYms2bnhNbTVUdz09

Meeting ID: 991 8500 3949 Passcode: 312992



# DONATE ABOOK SHARE THE JOY OF READING

New or Gently Used Childrens or Adults

These donated books will be distributed to a local Harrisburg children's organization, through the Booksmiles organization, an organization focused on getting books to children at home locations in Pennsylvania and NJ.

> Book Collection Box will be located near the convention registration table at DCON 2021 in Harrisburg.