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Governor SPOTLIGHT

BY SARAH ZULUETA, 2021-22 PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Time Flies When You're Having Fun!

The Next 100 days...

Time flies when you are having fun! I have had the amazing opportunity to travel over 10,000 miles to meet, celebrate, mentor, and inspire Kiwanians across the District. It's not over yet. It is the hope in the next 100 days we accomplish even more in our District including sharing Kiwanis in new communities, developing new leaders, and increasing our reach into our communities in meaningful ways including distributing/installing Little Free Libraries in book deserts around the state.

Sharing Kiwanis and your WHY

People join because they believe in the Kiwanis mission, and people stay because they feel that sense of belonging in a club. Relationships that we build and life-long friends we gain contribute to a positive Kiwanis member experience. We as Kiwanians need to share our WHY – why did we join, and why do we continue to stay. Sharing our WHY inspires others to engage and want to be part of Kiwanis. We hope to share Kiwanis in new communities in Pennsylvania by the end of September with new club opening efforts actively being worked on in Pittsburgh-North Side, Danville, Unionville and Exton Area. Interested in being part of this exciting experience to learn and grow? If YES please reach out to Matt Wise, District Membership Chair.

Shake it Off and Step it Up

"We have always done it that way", my least favorite phrase, is really a battle cry for many clubs that are struggling in our District. We recognize this and we see you. If we don't shake off the past and let go of "how it used to be", evolve and be open to change then Kiwanis will not be sustainable for the future. Many children will not receive the help they so desperately need to thrive and succeed without Kiwanis. I challenge clubs to ask themselves what would your community lose if your Kiwanis club did not exist?

We need leaders to step up and not be afraid to change the Kiwanis narrative. Don't be afraid to change club leadership to avoid being stagnate, step up to leadership roles when presented and be open to new ideas – think outside the box! Being a leader in this District is an HONOR. If you get a chance to serve, it is truly worthwhile and memorable as well as FUN!

Change for Change is CHANGING lives!

Change for Change is this year's Governor's project that has currently raised over \$16,000 to date through the generosity of Kiwanians, Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation and Kiwanis Children Fund. Through our Kiwanis International partnership with Little Free Library, the PA District in collaboration with the District Young Children Priority One

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2022 Key Leader Weekend a Huge Success

BY MATT WISE | PA KEY LEADER DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR

2022 marked the first in person Key Leader weekend since April of 2019. To put that into perspective, the freshmen then are seniors now. It was critical that we were able to conduct a safe, yet effective, in person event this year.



In the end, there were 36 student

re The 2022 Key Leader class with chaperons and advisors

participants who gathered at the South Mountain YMCA Camps in Reinholds, PA (just outside of Reading). The program includes both large and small group discussions, personal reflection time, a challenge course, and other activities. Students learn to reflect on their values, set goals, and walk through the six Key Leader principles (Service Leadership, Personal Integrity, Personal Growth, Respect, Building Community, and Pursuit of Excellence).

Our committee would like to thank the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation for their generous contribution that allows us to keep the cost to attend at a reasonable rate. We would also like to thank the many donors (both individuals and Kiwanis Clubs) who provided snacks, supplies, and scholarships. Additional thanks to the entire planning committee; Jeff Rose, Brian Root, Morgan Coolbaugh, Stef Stamatopoulos, Kelly Beegle, and Rebecca Pelachick.

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Planning for 2023 is already underway! Please tentatively mark your calendars for April 21-23, 2023. If you are interested in learning more, please contact us today at pakeyleader@gmail.com.

Governor SPOTLIGHT continued



Committee led by Emily Reed, has purchased 20 Little Free Libraries, that includes a set of diverse books for children from preschool to young adult.

These Kiwanis branded Little Free Libraries will be distributed to clubs that have applied to be the stewards of these Little Free libraries (application deadline was May 1st). Due to the popularity of this project, we would love to purchase more Little Free Libraries for clubs that still want to participate, therefore we are still collecting funds until the District Convention in August held in Erie, PA. Our goal is to have books readily available in every community across Pennsylvania. **All check donations can be made payable to the "Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation" and mailed to the District office.** Be the Change!

We hope to see everyone in Erie, PA for the 2022 District Convention!

An Equation for a Membership Boost!

BY MATT WISE | PA DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR MATTHEW.J.WISE@OUTLOOK.COM | 570-660-2540

Membership seems to be on the mind of all Kiwanians lately. To be honest, it should be. But, it doesn't have to be stressful – it should be automatic. I often hear from club members who are upset about discussions surrounding numbers, indicating that Kiwanis is more than just membership numbers. I couldn't agree more, but in order to understand where we are currently and where we are going we need to understand our trends. Numbers also can show our leaders which clubs are struggling and need some assistance and those who are succeeding and should be showcased. It is only one part of the equation. The rest of the equation should include a positive member experience and relevant and timely service to our communities.

Understanding of trends + Relevant Service + Positive Member Experience = Success

As I indicated earlier, understanding trends is only one part of this equation. While certainly not the most important component, it should be included nonetheless. Especially for our District leaders, these numbers paint an important picture as to whether or not our efforts in working with clubs are working the way in which we want them to. Additionally, they help us to financially plan as well – at every level.

Relevant service is another factor in the success of a Kiwanis Club. You've heard me talk about this before, but it is so important that we are providing service to our communities that are actually meeting the needs of our children and families. You can find out more about analyzing your service here: <u>https://www.kiwanis.org/docs/default-source/membership/ace_analyzing-your-impact.pdf?sfvrsn=21fd26ef_2</u>.

Our clubs are dependent on the dedication and volunteerism of our members. Don't take that to mean that everyone has to do everything. Some of the most successful Kiwanis Clubs are cognizant of the commitment of their members and make decisions accordingly. How do you know if you are working within the best interests of your members? Ask them! There are many ways in which you can do this, all outlined here: https://www.kiwanis.org/docs/default-source/membership/club-strengthening/ace_measuring-member-satisfaction.pdf?sfvrsn=57fc26ef_0

All of these concepts (and more!) are discussed in the recent Club Boosting Workshops that we hosted for "Membership Mondays in May". If you missed these onehour webinars last month, you can catch up by going to the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Membership Committee website at <u>pakiwanis.org</u>. If you'd like to discuss any of these topics, or anything membership related, please contact us today at <u>membership@pakiwanis.org</u>.

My challenge to you is: review these exercises; truthfully answer the question, "How can we make this work?"; and then make it happen for your next meeting. IT CAN BE DONE. Governor Sarah and her team, as well as the District Membership Committee, stand committed to helping our **clubs learn together, grow together, and serve together** in impactful and relevant ways this year. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can assist you, or even if you just want to talk through issues your club is facing. We have buckets full of tools and resources that we can use as a guide to stimulate your club in ways you've never even imagined. Now is the time!



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AND EVENTS

Quarterly Meeting via Zoom July 16 (Saturday), 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

26th Annual PA District Aktion Club District Convention – Laurel Lodge, Altoona PA August 20 (Saturday) 10:00 am – 6:00 pm

KIWANIS CLUB OF Carlisle

BY BARRIE ANN MCBRIDE GEORGE

The Carlisle Kiwanis Club kicked off its 100th Anniversary project which was postponed from 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic conditions. The club is holding a fundraising campaign to rebuild the Fort LeTort playground in Carlisle.

The original structure was built in 1993 and was projected to last 20 years. The park was lovingly named Fort LeTort. After 29 years of

use, the playground has begun to show its age. The Carlisle Kiwanis Club paid for a professional survey of Fort LeTort to determine the best way to refurbish it and it was recommended that the entire structure be replaced. The club and the Carlisle Parks and Recreation Department are working with local playground design firm George Ely Associates to design the new structure.

"I am thrilled to partner with the Carlisle Kiwanis Club on this project," Andrea Crouse, Director of Carlisle Parks and Recreation said, "This is something that we have been discussing since 2019, and I am so pleased to see the community come out and show their support for something that will benefit the children and community members for years to come."



Fundraising is the next step for the Kiwanis Club. At the April 27 kick-off event, the Club accepted a \$100,000 donation from Brooke Butler-Wagner of the Mark L. Butler Foundation. So far, the club has raised over \$287,000 towards its \$750,000 goal.

The club anticipates construction on the park to begin in Spring 2023 and will last about eight weeks.

"We can think of no better way to celebrate our club's 100th anniversary than to give back to our community in a meaningful and impactful way, and we feel rebuilding Fort Letort is the perfect project to celebrate the Carlisle Kiwanis Club's commitment to our community," Michael Cornfield, Club President.

Visit www.fortletort.com to learn more about the project.

KIWANIS CLUB OF Big Spring

SUBMITTED BY BARRIE ANN MCBRIDE GEORGE

The Big Spring Kiwanis Club held their 2nd Kids Fishing Derby in April. The club gave out over 60 fishing poles to the kids and held a raffle for participants. The Pennsylvania Fish & Game Commission gave a talk to participants and handed out literature for all. The Big Spring Fish & Game Association was in attendance to help with rigging the lines and teaching kids how to fish. The local Boy Scout troop volunteered by handing out over 150 hot dogs, water, and soda. Newville Borough



provided the "fishing hole", chairs and other supplies. It was an event that truly showed how cooperation among organizations can make for a great community event! The day was filled with beautiful weather, and lots of memories were made by club members and local families. One young girl even caught a 20 inch trout!

KIWANIS CLUB OF Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys (BENV)

SUBMITTED BY MATT WISE

In partnership with several local organizations, the Kiwanis Club of Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys, along with the Lock Haven University Circle K Club, donated additional items as part of their on-going Backpacks for Kids program. During a regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, March 16, representatives from the Clinton County Housing Authority, Roads to Peace, and Clinton County Children and Youth Foster Program were on hand to accept the donations.

Funded by BENV Kiwanis, with help from the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation, this round of backpacks was coordinated and stuffed as part of the Lock Haven University Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. "These backpacks, filled with items for children



who find themselves displaced from their home, usually last minute, provide the items needed so they can hopefully make the best of a bad situation", said Della Watson, club President and coordinator of the backpack program, "and we will be glad to talk with anyone who would like to assist us with this cause."



The Kiwanis Club of Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys has been providing little children's' libraries to area businesses since 2017 as part of their Raising Readers program. Recently, new club member Amy Abbotts has been named as Little Library Coordinator for the BENV Club. Her first mission, with the help of her trusty assistant and son, Ronnie, was to expand the offerings. On the program, "It's just an exciting opportunity to bring an additional opportunity to promote literacy to kids around town", said Abbotts. With thanks to the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation, the Kiwanis Club of BENV is able to continually support this initiative and continue providing new locations each month.

The club is pleased and honored to officially welcome two new members to our BENV Family! Pennsylvania District Membership Chair Matt Wise formally inducted

> Victoria James, sponsored by President Della Watson, and Nancy Hackenberg, sponsored by Immediate Past President Penny Meyers.

With the addition of these two members, plus one more that will be inducted on a different evening, the BENV Kiwanis now has 47 members. "This is great news for our community," said Wise. "The more hands of service we have, the more children and families benefit!"

President Della encouraged all in attendance to spread their love of Kiwanis and the community; "We are all in this together and by serving our community, it makes it a better place for everyone." Immediately following the event, the club gathered for a Trivia Night to celebrate!



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KIWANIS CLUB OF Erie

SUBMITTED BY CATHY SZYMANSKI

Several years ago the Kiwanis Club of Erie formed a partnership with the Lincoln Elementary School in Erie, PA. Clarence Swahn a member of our club at the time brought this school to the attention of the board. The school was doing poorly in their annual tests and reading level was not where it needed to be. This school is in one of the poorest areas of our area.

With this in mind, our Kiwanis Club began a partnership with the school and started a K-Kids as well as donating books to every student every month.

Members of our club read to the students and then after we are done reading every child gets a copy of the book that we just read to the students. The amazement and

excitement in these students eyes is pure joy. They are so excited to have their own books. The Kiwanis Club of Erie also gives each student a couple of books to take home with them in the summer time.

Our president Cal Morse is instrumental in making sure each book is labeled with the Kiwanis Club of Erie name. He also reads to the students every single month and works to get more volunteers at the event. Our Kiwanis Kkids frequently volunteer and read to the younger kids at the school.

The students eyes pop when they see Cal, they are so excited to hear him read to them and also knowing they are going to get a new book today.

The reading scores of the students have increased since we have been going to the school and working with them.

This is one of our significant projects that our club will continue to





2022 K-Kids at Lincoln Elementary School, Erie

do. Our member Clarence passed away two years ago and him and his wife Helen's Legacy lives on with this project. We are very fortunate that we have been able to partner with organizations to get new books to donate to the students.

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**.

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.

KIWANIS CLUB OF Easton

SUBMITTED BY BILL WALTERS

Charlie Adams has spent half his life in the Easton Kiwanis Club (EKC), one of Easton's most active community service organizations that is still the bestkept secret in town. Charlie has been a member of the EKC for 39 years and as a result the Club has given him 3 "life-sentences." In March, Charlie was awarded a life membership in Pennsylvania Kiwanis and in Kiwanis International. The most important life sentence he received was in EKC itself. And this is a first for the club as there never has been a club life membership, until now. Members and friends present were reminded of his continued years serving the children of the area with his involvement in the annual Colonial Intermediate Unit #20 Kids Christmas-Holiday Party, which had started prior to his joining. Charlie was on the original PennDOT Highway Cleanup, which after over 21 years the EKC has "emancipated back to PennDOT." He has been involved for many years with



Bill Walters presents the award to Charlie Adams (above). Sandy pins Charlie (right).



the annual fall rose-sale fundraiser. And then there is the annual Super Raffle Fundraiser started some 37-years ago which he co-chaired for over 20 of those early years. Back in 2016 when the planning was beginning for the 2018 EKC 100th Anniversary, Charlie made a big impact on the \$170,000 that was raised

for the new EKC Playground at the Boys and Girls Club of Easton. The EKC is exceedingly grateful for Charlie's long-time commitment and generosity and it was only fitting they gave him the 3 Life Sentences to continue-to-serve his community.

At the May lunch meeting, the club presented \$1500 continuing education scholarships to two students graduating from Career Institute of Technology (CIT). This has been an ongoing yearly scholarship event. A newer member Floyd Merritt commented, "Nothing makes me more proud to be a part of Kiwanis than youth scholarships. Some great looking young men and women receiving the awards today. Good luck to them." Both graduates will be attending the Northampton Community College. Zachary Lesniewski will enter the Networking System Technologies as his major while Ashley Reyes will enter early Childhood education and Teaching.

Richard Chippa, CIT IT Instructor; Ms. Pleciak and Zachary Lesniewski (recipient); Ashley Reyes (recipient); Walter Howell, Easton Kiwanis Scholarship Chair; Tina Haney, Early Childhood Instructor CIT; Jennifer Russ, CIT Counselor



KIWANIS CLUB OF Jersey Shore

BY REED MELLINGER | CLUB PR/MARKETING CHAIR

We have been busy the past 7 or 8 months. One of our best fund raisers has always been the food sale at the Antes Fort Old Home Days and Tractor Pulls. This past fall was no exception. With help from the Jersey Shore High School Key Club we were able to raise money to add to the bank to continue to help the people of the Jersey Shore Area.

We enjoy getting together during the holiday season to celebrate and share a meal together. This year was especially meaningful as we present our long-time member Wayne Fox with a Hixon Award. Wayne was surprised! He helps to manage the books for our club and the leadership pulled off the donation to international to get the award without him knowing. Well Deserved Wayne!

Finally, we are extremely proud of our Jersey Shore High School Key Club and advisor and Kiwanis Member, Ms. Jodi English. They continue to do great things for the students of the school district and members of the community. One of the coolest things they are doing is adding inspirational messages to the walls of the high school. Walking around the building these messages are everywhere and have a positive effect on students as they go about their day.

The key club, high school and district recently came together to raise money for Haidyn. Haidyn recently had surgery to straighten her spine. Unfortunately, the surgery has complications and left Haidyn, a Jersey Shore Middle School student, paralyzed from the waist down. The Key Club Sponsored a hat day at the high school. Other schools also held fund raisers. The Jersey Shore high school students, faculty, and staff along with the Key Club came together to raise \$800 for the family. The middle school held their own fund raiser taking in \$1,700. All total, the students, teachers, and staff of the school district raised \$5,950 for the family. It was a GREAT Day to be a BULLDOG!!



JSHS Key Club Members with their Awesome Work



Wayne Fox, 2021 JS Kiwanis Hixon Recipient



Kiwanis new and past Hixon Award recipients. From left, Max Ameigh, Fox, Mike Lundy, and Dave Jarrett



FUN hat day at the high school

Helpful Hands for Haidyn



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KIWANIS CLUB OF Bradford

SUBMITTED BY NANCY DRYDEN | YCPO CLUB CHAIR

Our Kiwanis Club's Young Child Priority One (YCPO) committee had a problem. Due to COVID restrictions, we were no longer able to continue our long history of reading to preschools and our local grade schools. Like many other communities, our local children no longer had in-person classes, and libraries had limited access. Our YCPO committee of Nancy Dryden, Jerry Harvey, Erin Bridge, Dennis Stromberg, Stacy Williams, Yvonne Moonan, and Chris Lathrop decided to shift our focus to providing more books to kids in several ways.



Yellow Book Box

After purchasing a bright yellow, repurposed newspaper box, we placed it in a prominent location outside the entrance to our local YMCA. Our book box has our logo on it and is very noticeable. We believe that owning books is incredibly important, especially for preschool children who are likely to have their

books read to them over and over again, so our Yellow Book Box is filled with hardback books for preschoolers. Because books are read to kids by adults, those books increase care-giver/child connections. Since we started filling the box in January of 2021, children have chosen about 25 books from the box each week, so 100 per month, and over 1,700 total. Apart from budgeting \$1,000 for a large YCPO book-buying spree at Ollie's, all our new and gently used books have been supplied by our Aktion and Key Clubs, Kiwanis members, book clubs, teachers, and other friends donations of either money or books.

When we started our outdoor book box in front of the YMCA, a good local newspaper article explained our project. Since then, we have had updates from the director of our local YMCA who has her office window right behind the book box. She has told us that it makes her feel good to see the children and families go to the box to make their selections. She said that many come with kids in strollers, so obviously they have preschoolers. She said there are a wide variety of people taking our books, some repeaters, but also many different people over time.

Book Packs

When we started receiving donations of books, many were thin magazine style, or Scholastic books, like *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie.* Though they were not useful for our book box, we knew we wanted to get them into the hands of our local kids. When an after school program did not meet due to the pandemic, we donated 150 of those books to the program's children in grades K to 12. Then our Kiwanis club had several meeting/work sessions where we made packages of two books tied with a ribbon in a cellophane package, like a gift, with an enclosed note encouraging kids and parents to enjoy reading the books. Those packs have been donated to a number of locations, such as free meal and free food supply places.

Kiwanis readers

Through our challenging pandemic time, we have continued to read to kids. Dean Bauer and Nancy Dryden read on Zoom through most of 2021. When the grade school requested video recordings, six members read while others recorded them on their phones. Several others read for the local public library's evening reading program that went out to kids and families. Finally, we have returned to scheduling our members to read at our local grade school this May.

Kiwanis kiosks

We continue to fill five tall Kiwanis kiosks that are located in places like our local library, hospital pediatric floor, and YMCA. Besides the three excellent Kiwanis Learning guides, each kiosk always has three different brochures from the Pennsylvania library with tips for parents to read to their preschool children. Kids' books and other kinds of informative brochures fill the rest of our kiosks. Five different Kiwanians make sure each kiosk is kept full.



Though our club has provided some funding for our project, we believe that our personal touch of providing books and reading to local children is the most important gift we are making for our community. We are proud that many children all over our local community now own books with our Kiwanis logo on them.

KIWANIS CLUB OF Lititz

Kiwanis Club of Lititz had another successful Pretzel Fest in April. All 500 tickets to this event were sold out more than a month in advance. It was a beautiful day and music was playing throughout town. An added plus is that all proceeds from this Kiwanis event are used to benefit children.

The votes were tallied. Greco's was the favorite stop for Sweet pretzelicious treats, with Zum Anker Alley Shoppes coming in second. Appalachian Brewing Company took the top spot for Savory treats, with Hearth and Harrow at Pleasant View Communities a close second. Hearth and Harrow and ABC took first and second place for Most Creative tastings, as well. Rebel Hive Meadery earned the most votes for favorite beverage, with Lancaster Distilleries coming in second and Collusion a close third. These were hard decisions for Pretzel Festers. Congratulations to all for helping to create a delicious and fun day.

The club also sponsored a Kids Free Fun Day in the Park in May. Up to 500 school-aged children under the age of 11 enjoedy this free event that included a bounce house, three large blowup games, nine additional yard games, an obstacle course, an adaptive tennis program, a planned visit from the Lititz K-9 unit, Lititz Fire Department, face painting, and balloon creations. Each child also received a book and free prizes. This event is paid for from the proceeds of the Kiwanis Club's Pretzel Fest.

We would like to recognize and give thanks to those that helped make this event possible: Oregon Dairy, Weis Markets, Johnny Boys food truck, CPRS physical therapy, emPower training systems, Lititz Springs Park, the Kiwanis Key clubs from Manheim Township High School and Linden Hall School, Lititz Fire Department, Ofc. Burke of the K-9 unit, Integra graphics, Bounce Bouse Rentals of Lancaster, and all our volunteers. Without them this event could not take place.

For the past few years, we have hosted a Kiwanis Kash Raffle with each ticket costing only \$20. The PA Kiwanis District receives 50% of ticket sales which is used to help support office operations, Service Leadership Programs, leadership training and much more.

Three winning tickets will be drawn at the 2022 District Convention in Erie.

This year, there's also a special fundraising incentive for Clubs too! For 25 tickets sold, your Club will receive \$50 for your Administrative account. 50 tickets sold results in \$110 back, and 100 tickets will earn your Club \$250!!



The District Board and raffle committee hope that with the support of you and your Club, we will be able to keep raising funds in this fun manner.

Thank you for all you do for the children, your community and the world!

Sarah Zulueta, District Governor and Jennifer Vare, Raffle Committee Chair

We Are Not a Submarine!

BY REV. WAYNE D. MEYER | DISTRICT SPIRITUAL AIMS CHAIR

In Pensacola, Florida a pastor warned his church that they were becoming like a submarine and in an effort to avoid this situation he told them this parable...

Once upon a time there was a church that became a submarine. You see, one day they just shut the hatch on the outside world and submerged themselves into their own sea. Occasionally it ran up the periscope to see where it was going, but rarely.

Once the captain got a real good look of the outside world through his periscope and demanded that they get back to the surface and fast. However, the crew had no desire to return and feigned the bends so that the submarine would stay down.

While submerged they toyed with many things to keeps themselves busy. They tinkered with the machinery, they overhauled their kitchen, they inventoried their ammunition at least once a week, yet never used it! They paid salaries to the officers and went through countless drills wishing that they would not be disturbed by a depth charge which would violate their isolation.

The air got stale and so did the routine, but they put up with it because the alternatives were just too demanding. Several committees even decided that the stale air was good for them.

Once one of the members who had sneaked a look through the periscope suggested a change in course and the giving away of their surplus supplies. He was immediately eliminated for mutiny!

The last entry in the captain's log book read, "Have probably set a new record for being submerged and maintaining a predetermined course. See no reason why we should change directions"

For those who have experienced Kiwanis, they should ask themselves, "What kind of club do I belong too?" During

the last two years of dealing with the demands of the Covid virus, many clubs have looked outside of the box for new and exciting ways to meet, to fellowship, and to develop new programs for children. Many clubs have been highly successful, but some have just stayed submerged in the sea of "that's the way we've always done it."

We can also call this the "Holy Huddle" where everyone is facing in and looking at themselves rather than looking at the whole playing field.

For many of us this is a season of new beginnings, resurrected life and re-creation. It is a time to open the windows and let the fresh air in. To experience the splendor of the tree budding and watching as the shoots of plant and lowers begin to break through the earth. Many clubs are constantly looking for new ways to expand their programs and to improve the way they do things. Many members have dedicated countless hours to bring the joy and fellowship of Kiwanis to others and to make their clubs a haven of welcome for all!

So, the challenge this seasons for all Kiwanis clubs is this, get rid of the stale air and reverse your course of isolation and re-create yourselves in new and exciting ways. No one wants to be a submerged submarine.

I have a quick an easy way to start your re-creation. Simply hold a "Bring a Friend to Kiwanis Meeting." Set aside a special night where each member must bring a friend to experience Kiwanis. Think about it, it will double the number of people to fellowship with that day, and you never know, you just might get a few new hands for your crew!

> Grace and Peace, Rev. Wayne D. Meyer

2021-22 Kiwanis District Calendar of Events

(subject to change)

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
July 23, 2022	District Board Meeting	Zoom
August 11-14, 2022	105th Kiwanis District Convention	Sheraton & Courtyard Erie Bayfront Convention Center Erie, PA



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

Shout-Outs

- One line and no graphics
- A chance to say Thank You, Congrats for a job well done for a Kiwanian

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, shout-outs, and payments to:<u>Kevin@pakiwanis.org</u> AND

ladyp@coaxpa.com PA Kiwanis District Office125 North Enola Drive Suite 206 Enola, PA 17025 Fax: 717-540-1018 Checks should be made payable to "PA KIWANIS".

Questions can be directed to: Kevin Thomas, Executive Director <u>Kevin@pakiwanis.org</u>

Phone: 717-540-9300 ADS & SHOUT-OUTS ARE DUE by July 22, 2022 Eric KIWANIS on the BAY August 11-14, 2022

Kiwanis District Convention 2022 Erie, PA Program Ad Sales Form

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)

One Line Shout-Outs (no graphics) \$10



2022 District Convention Erie, PA

BACK TO

SUPPLIES

SCHOOL

DRIVE

Drop off school supply donations at the District Convention Registration Desk. Supplies will be <u>donated to local area Erie County schools</u>.



Help Kids Succeed!

Needed Supplies:

- Spiral Notebooks
 - Pocket Folders
 - Pencil Case
 - Scissors
 - Glue Sticks
 - 12-inch Rulers
 - Backpacks
 - Highlighters
- Washable Markers
 - 1" to 3" Binders



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KIWANIS on the BAY

August 11-14, 2022

- 24-Count Crayons or Color Pencils
 - Loose Leaf Notebook Paper