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Governor SPOTLIGHT

BY SARAH ZULUETA, 2021-22 PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Time Flies When You're Having Fun!

As we end the 21-22 administrative year, I reflect on the many accomplishments that we have achieved as a District. It was not always about policy and procedure, membership numbers or budgets, but also the member experience. My most memorable moments “on the road” involved visiting clubs for meet & greets, training, meetings/events and anniversary celebrations while experiencing the diverse culture of many communities across the state. I am so proud to be a leader in a global organization where we have members that can pivot and think outside the box to make a great impact in the lives of families and children. From projects like the annual pajama drive for local children in Media area in the east, to giving out thousands of free bike helmets in Sharon, the furthest club west, and all the amazing projects in-between - Kiwanis has shown we are resilient and continues to serve in challenging times.

My personal goals were to leave the District in better shape than when I started. My story and legacy are not quite written, but the hope is that I have provided an impact that will have long lasting positive effects to our organization. It was an honor to mentor emerging and future leaders, provide a personal connection to the District for many clubs and members who have not seen anyone for two years due to the pandemic, share Kiwanis in new communities, and motivate and inspire members to do and be more to strengthen our mission and help move our District forward in new efficient, and innovative ways.

Was it worth the many miles of travel and personal sacrifice? My answer is wholeheartedly yes, when asked about taking on the role of Pennsylvania District Governor. Being a Governor is not for the faint of heart, there are challenges and triumphs, but like in any role you get what you put into it. You



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always need to remember your WHY and stay true to the goals that put the District first, not one person. I dedicated myself 100% and was fortunate to have the best family and friends that supported my goals. I was blessed to be part of the most cohesive and collaborative team of Board of Trustees that one could work with this past year.

As we move into the next administrative year, I ask members to continue the amazing momentum we have started. My personal advice to Governor Designate Mike Coolbaugh and Governor Elect Designate Conrad Schlesinger, is to make the role your own, always keep our mission in the forefront when faced with conflict and always build time for family in your journey (..and always have a “coffee mug” close for zoom meetings).

I want to thank the members of the Pennsylvania District for the honor to be part of many of your special events this year and for many who have welcomed me into your homes. I have gained some forever friends and new family members that will forever be part of my amazing story. THANK YOU for the honor and opportunity!

While my Governor term comes to an end, my mission to ensure Kiwanis remains innovative, relevant, and sustainable for the future has only begun. Always remember... TOGETHER WE CAN!

Dr. Wil Blechman Fellowship Recipients

BY SARAH ZULUETA, 2021-22 PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT GOVERNOR

At this year's International Convention in Indianapolis, a brand-new fellowship opportunity was unveiled: The Dr. Wil Blechman Fellowship. This fellowship commemorates the legacy of the 1990-91 Kiwanis International president who passed away in 2021. Dr. Wil embodied the Kiwanis motto of serving the children of the world and had a profound impact on the organization. More than any other member, he put Kiwanis on the world stage for early childhood health and development, leading the way for our successful efforts in fighting iodine deficiency disorders and maternal and neonatal tetanus.

With a donation to our Kiwanis Children's Fund of \$2,500 one can be honored with the Dr. Wil Blechman Fellowship. As a donor yourself or if you would like to honor a fellow Kiwanian or member of your community, the Dr. Wil Blechman Fellowship is an ultimate honor.

At this year's Pennsylvania District Convention in Erie, PA two Pennsylvanian Kiwanis members were honored with a Dr. Wil Blechman Fellowship.

Janet Owen from the Kiwanis Club of Easton sponsored by James Owen. Janet is the immediate Past President, and she truly embodies objects of Kiwanis and the ideals and teachings of Dr. Wil Blechman.

Shawn "Spike" Smith from the Kiwanis Club of Sheradan sponsored by Keith and Tracy Smith. Shawn is the Lt. Governor for Division 5, Pennsylvania District Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion Chair and Incoming Region 2 Trustee. He is not afraid to push the envelope to help move our Kiwanis mission forward in new and innovative ways while promoting diversity and inclusion at all levels of Kiwanis.



Janet Owen



Shawn "Spike" Smith

DCON 2022

BY VAL ROSE, DCON CO-CHAIR

The weather was perfect, the venue was beautiful, and the Kiwanians came out for DCON 2022. We had 207 pre-registered and several walk-ins for our weekend in Erie. The attendance for the Thursday walking food tour and the Friday winery tour with dinner was excellent and all had a wonderful social time.

After attending the sessions and workshops, many people reported feeling invigorated and ready to do more in their club. It was very helpful to talk with other club members and learn tips and ideas from other people.

Many awards were given out during the Saturday luncheon and gala. Congratulations was given to our recipients of Heroes

in Service, Ruby K, and Distinguished Kiwanians. Club awards included awards for Signature Projects, Communications, and Distinguished Clubs.

We were very honored to have our International President, Peter Mancuso and his wife with us all weekend. Peter was an inspirational speaker and was on hand to thank Governor Sarah and welcome our new Governor, Mike Coolbaugh.

I want to especially thank Kevin Thomas, Michele March, Sarah Zulueta, Mike Coolbaugh, the clubs of Region 1, and the other co-chairs; Kim Stebick, Debra Spaulding, & Yvonne Best-Proctor for all of their work putting this event together.

See you in Scranton in 2023!

Hero In Service Awards

BY SARAH ZULUETA, 2021-22 PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Kiwanis Heroes do not always wear a cape. These individuals have gone above and beyond in their club and divisions to further our Kiwanis mission and exemplify our Kiwanis Objects. This year the following members were honored at the District Convention in Erie, PA with a Hero in Service Award for the 2021-22 year:

- Division 1 – Kim Stebick, Kiwanis Club of Fort LeBeouf
- Division 5 - Ryan Wysocki, Kiwanis Club of Sheraden, Pittsburgh
- Division 8 – Brian Root, Kiwanis Club of Greensburg
- Division 12N – Penny Meyers, Kiwanis Club of Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys
- Division 17/18 – Dennis Pearson, Kiwanis Club of Allentown Northeast
- Division 19 – Lawrence “Larry” Gribb, Kiwanis Club of Pottstown
- Division 21 – Jill Saul, Kiwanis Club of Levittown-Bristol
- Division 22 - Beatrix “Bebe” Daily, Kiwanis Club of South Philadelphia



Kim Stebick receives Hero in Service Award from Governor Sarah Zulueta in Erie, PA.



Brian Root receives Hero in Service Award from Governor Sarah Zulueta and Region 2 Trustee Barb Byers.



Penny Meyers receives Hero in Service Award from Governor Sarah Zulueta and Governor Elect Designate Conrad Schlesinger.

Larry Gribb receives Hero in Service Award at a Kiwanis Club of Pottstown club meeting.



Ruby K Award Recipients

The Ruby K pins recognize members for inviting new members into the club—from five to 100 people. The award is cumulative, so previous recipients are eligible for a new Ruby K when they invite additional members. This year at the District Convention in Erie the District recognized Ruby K award winners that invited 5 or more people into Kiwanis this administrative year and have yet to be recognized in the previous administrative year. Ruby K Award recipients honored included:

- Carol Chase from the Kiwanis Club of Fort LeBeouf for 5+ members (top photo)
- Douglas Hohe from the Kiwanis Club of Emmaus for 5+ members
- Emily Reed from Kiwanis Club of Dillsburg Area for 5+ members (second photo)
- Bob Raub from the Kiwanis Club of Centennial Internet for 5+ members
- Judy Raub from the Kiwanis Club of Centennial Internet for 10+ members



Kash Raffle
1st Prize: \$4039
2nd Prize: \$1154
3rd Prize: \$577







From the DIRECTOR

BY KEVIN THOMAS | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director's Report – 2022 Convention

- The District ended the 2020-21 year with a net membership loss of 126. As of October 1, 2021, District membership stood at 2,916 members, our lowest membership level in nearly 100 years. The District has not seen a membership gain since the 2005-06 administrative year.
- We lost 7 clubs in the 2020-21 year. These clubs were Millcreek Area, New Castle, Titusville, Northumberland-Point Township, Greater York, Nazareth Area and Valley Forge. We did not open any new clubs in the 2020-21 year.
- For the 2021-22 year and as of July 31st, the District was showing a membership gain of 110 members. The leading club gain is Emmaus in Division 17/18 with a gain of 13, followed closely by Scottsdale in Division 8 and Centennial Internet in Division 16 with 12 each and then Fort LeBoeuf in Division 1 and Dillsburg Area in Division 13N each with 10. Based on history, I would not expect the District to see a membership gain for the 2021-22 year.
- To date in this administrative year, the District has lost three clubs; those clubs were Wilksburg, Johnstown and Kingston. Additionally, we know we will be losing the Kiwanis Club of Hatboro-Horsham and Squirrel Hill. As well, the Sharon and Hermitage clubs will be merging but hopefully that will result in a minimal loss of members.
- We have not opened any new clubs. We may open one or two new clubs before the end of this administrative year. However should that not happen, it will be the third year in the last four that we have not opened any new clubs and we will have only opened one in the last four years. Let me be unequivocal here. Based on membership trends over the last 100 years, until and unless we start opening five or more new clubs in Pennsylvania a year, every year, we will not solve the challenge of membership growth as a District.
- For the second year, the District held a virtual midyear conference with an attendance of 123 Kiwanians. The evaluations were very strong. The financial risks of a virtual conference are minimal. Accordingly, your District Board voted to have the Midyear in 2023 as a virtual conference with a date to be determined. However, events that have since transpired may mean that we will have to call a special convention to adopt some bylaw amendments which might necessitate that we schedule an in-person midyear conference.
- In our 2020-21 audited financial statements, which include the Kiwanis, Key Club and Circle K District operations, the District saw a loss of \$7,543.00. That loss was due entirely to Key Club operations which incurred an operational deficit of \$24,681. Taking out that loss, Kiwanis and Circle K had a collective surplus of \$17,138.
- The Kiwanis District applied for and received a second Payroll Protection Program loan of \$13,820; that loan has been forgiven and does not need to be paid back.
- The deficit incurred by Key Club was brought about primarily from a steep, dramatic and rapid decline in membership. From March 2020 to March 2021, Key Club membership and thus dues collection fell by 50%. Additionally, Key Club was not able to adjust its expenses as rapidly as membership declined. The good news is that membership rebounded in the last year and as of March 2022, about half the loss was recovered with membership being at about 7,500 members, up nearly 50% from slightly over 5,000 members in the previous year. While not expecting to see membership gains of 50%, I do expect to continue to see Key Club membership grow to between 8,500 to 9,000 members. Additionally, Key Club has made budgeted expense adjustments to bring spending in line with revenue. For the first time since 2019, Key Club returned to having a live convention using a restructured format. The 2022 convention had about 200 attendees, about 50% of the attendance of 2019. The convention was financially successful.

- The Circle K program made a change in the position of District Administrator. Long time administrator Kelly Shaup stepped down. We thank Kelly for his many years of dedicated service. Kelly has been replaced by two Kiwanians, both former Circle K members. They are Jodie Welser from the Kiwanis Club of Sheraden and Jen Vare from the Kiwanis Clubs of Consohocken, Levittown-Bristol and Norriton Circle K. We appreciate the work these two Kiwanians have already done for the program.
- In the 2020-21 year and due to Covid related issues, Circle K membership fell from about 460 members to about 320 members. Unfortunately, membership has not rebounded and remained relatively flat during this year. We believe that we will see some increase in membership in the upcoming year. Circle K, also, returned to having an in-person convention in 2022, the first since 2019. Attendance was about on the same as it was in 2019. Circle K has some convention operation challenges which it will need to address moving forward and is already in the process of doing so.
- While I am talking about convention attendance, I should tell you that as of the writing of this report, we have 208 registered attendees for this convention which is on par with our 2019 convention attendance. Last year at the 2021 convention in Harrisburg, our first live event since 2019, we had 147 attendees.
- After 14 years in the same location, the District office successfully moved from a location on Linglestown Road outside of Harrisburg to Enola, Pennsylvania. We expect to save more than \$11,000 over the course of the next two years. Further the District has adopted a new strategic plan and as part of that plan, we hope to be operating virtually by October 1, 2024, and have no physical office.
- The District has adopted several policies in the last year to insure the financial strength of our organization. However, the long-term trend is not sustainable for us if we cannot reverse the long-term decline in membership across the District. If we do not eliminate membership losses and begin having membership gains, the Pennsylvania District will be challenged to maintain operations and remain a District on its own.
- Last year I reported concerns to you about the impact of Covid-19 on our Service Leadership program. All of them were adversely and significantly impacted from the Covid closures. All of them are starting to rebound but all of them have a journey yet to make if they are to return to pre-Covid levels. Now and more than ever each Kiwanis club that sponsors a Service leadership club or clubs needs to recommit itself to the obligations and duties of sponsorship. That commitment is essential to ensure the rebound of our Service Leadership programs.
- Finally, I have informed the District Board that when my contract expires on September 30, 2023, I will not seek or accept an extension as District Executive Director/Secretary/Treasurer. I started working professionally for Kiwanis on June 20, 1986. It has been and will be my privilege to have served over 37 years. It has been a great opportunity. The District Board will be working to come up with a plan to fill the role and the responsibilities of the position. This may require that we call a special convention to adopt some changes to the District bylaws.

Thank you for your attention to this report. I would be glad to answer any questions you may have after reading the report.

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.

REGION 2

Kiwanis Night at PNC Park

BY SHAWN "SPIKE" SMITH

What do you get when you add Pirates baseball, Kiwanis, and a need for something fun for Region 2 to do together? How about Kiwanis Night at PNC Park? Over 100 people attended our first annual Kiwanis Night at PNC Park, and the event was a HUGE success! For only \$30, Kiwanians and their guests from Region 1 and 2 (and a few members of the PA Circle K District Board) enjoyed a pre-game tailgate party across from the stadium, seats in section 131 (end of the 3rd base line), got a \$10 concessions credit, a Pirates baseball hat and were treated to an AWESOME firework display after the game!

Clubs in attendance included Sheraden, Transfer, Main Line (yes...we let those people into the game wearing their Philly gear...), Greensburg, Greenville, Glenshaw, Clarion and Fort LeBoeuf. Tailgate fare included hot dogs, pasta salads, fruit and veggies, baked beans, cookies of all sorts, soda/water and the occasional beer (no it was not provided, yes it was present... it's a tailgate party in Pittsburgh!!) We even had a Community Treasures table inside the stadium where volunteers handed out Early Childhood Learning Guides, free books and information about Kiwanis. Three dollars from each ticket was donated back to the clubs that sold the tickets. Most clubs chose to donate their kickback to the newly forming Kiwanis Club of Northside (Pittsburgh), raising a little over \$200 for the new club to start their service account!

Gov. Sarah and Spike had a bet that if the Pirates won, Gov. Sarah would have to attend the Phillies game wearing Pirates gear. Fortunately for her, and much to his chagrin, Spike attended a Phillies game wearing Phillies gear AND got his picture taken with the Phillie Phanatic. He posted the photo on his social media accounts saying he loved the Philadelphia team—a move that will most certainly get him ex-communicated from the city of Pittsburgh.

A very special thanks to the following members for making this event happen: Barb Byers, Wayne Meyer, Brian Root, Janine Surmick,



Jeff Carter,

Melisa Cardillo, Marianne Muraska, Tracy Smith and Maureen Reynolds for helping set up, tear down and work the Community Treasures Table. Thank you to everyone who cooked food for the tailgate and provided "libations".

Thank you to the Pirates Organization for their assistance setting up the event. But the biggest thanks goes to every member in attendance that evening! We will definitely hold this event again next year, and it will be bigger and better! We will set the date once next years schedule comes out. ALL MEMBERS are encouraged to join us!



KIWANIS CLUB OF BENV

SUBMITTED BY MATT WISE

The Kiwanis Club of Bald Eagle and Nittany Valleys was pleased to hold their annual Kids Day, returning this year to the Mill Hall Fire Company. Approximately 160 children and their families were in attendance.

Each year, the BENV Club hosts this signature event, with the 2021 event being named the winner of the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Signature Project competition! Kids and their families are welcomed with a gift and many chances to win fun and educational prizes. After visiting with local and state agencies, they have the opportunity to participate in some old-fashioned carnival games, learning-centered crafts, as well as a reading corner where all children receive free books, courtesy of the club and made possible through a grant from the Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation.

“These kids just love the event,” said Penny Meyers, longtime chairperson of the event, “It’s great to see so many smiling faces and kids just having fun! They are learning, while they are at it, but it is fun for them. That’s what Kiwanis is all about – putting smiles on the faces of children.”



KIWANIS CLUB OF EASTON

SUBMITTED BY WILLIAM WALTERS

The Easton Kiwanis Club presented \$1,500 continuing education scholarships to two students graduating from Career Institute of Technology (CIT).

This has been an ongoing yearly scholarship event at the CIT facility with a lunch prepared by the culinary students. For the past two years that has not been possible, but we look forward to returning in 2023.



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

This year we had a pizza and salad party for lunch at the SURV Restaurant. As we hold hybrid Zoom meetings for members who cannot attend in person, we received a comment that makes it all worthwhile. 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.

FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

\$21,000 Awarded

SUBMITTED BY MATT WISE

The Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation (PKF) recently awarded \$21,000 in scholarships to nine deserving students. We are pleased to announce these winners. Our scholarships are made possible by the generosity of Kiwanians and clubs across the state.

Kiwanis Dependent (\$2,000)



Madison Kouf – Warrior Run High School, to attend Lock Haven University

Key Club Scholarships (\$2,000)



Abby Killam – Indiana Area High School, to attend Grove City College



Casey Schaeffer – Pennsbury High School, to attend University of Delaware



Hannah Santos – Daniel Boone High School, to attend DeSales University

NOT PICTURED
Evan Grove – Southwestern High School, to attend University of Pennsylvania

Circle K Scholarship (\$2,000)



Meghan Williams – to attend Elizabethtown College

Neiman Scholarships (\$3,000)



Angie Confair – to attend Slippery Rock University for Special Education



Cassidy Dunn – to attend Elizabethtown College for Business Administration



Makaylia Gerver – to attend University of Pittsburgh for Applied Statistics

PA AKTION CLUB

26th Annual Convention Recap

BY BARB BYERS, PA DISTRICT AKTION CLUB ADMINISTRATOR

On Saturday, August 20, the 26th Annual PA District Aktion Club Convention was held IN PERSON! Like the other SLP Conventions, this was the first time in three years that we were able to meet in person. We met at the Laurel Lodge, our annual home for convention due to the ongoing generosity of Barry and Marlene Halbritter. Everyone was so happy to see each other!

Our theme this year was “25+1 years... Celebrating Service in A1-Tune-A” as there was a music component to this year’s Convention. We danced to the DJ sounds of DJ DreamTeam (B-Mon\$y and N.I) and learned each other’s musical preferences. Some of us did the Cha-Cha Slide, Cupid Shuffle and even the Chicken Dance! There was even a little karaoke!

We were joined by Governor Sarah Zulueta and learned about Change for Change and Little Free Libraries and how we can contribute to these projects with our local Kiwanis clubs. We designed bookmarks to be included in each of these Little Free Libraries and donated books to contribute to them as well. Please let us know how we can partner with you all to keep this project going!

We were so excited to see one another in person! We laughed at jokes. We shared ideas of how we are serving despite COVID and how we can address barriers moving forward to continue to serve our communities. We trained our club officers and learned about Membership drives to continue to grow our clubs. We also were joined by special guest, Luida Shearer, past Aktion Club Administrator and dear friend for the afternoon—it was so lovely to see her. In our free time (of which there was not much...), we enjoyed the grounds and watching the fish.

After dinner, we had awards. Jessyca Hogan from the State College Aktion Club was awarded the 2022 Unsung Hero Award and Tim Lawrence from the Abington Aktion Club was awarded the 2022 Barry J. Halbritter Member of the Year Award. Both awardees were well-deserved and have servant hearts.

A Special Thank You goes out to the PA Kiwanis Foundation for their ongoing generosity and grant funding, without which this Convention would not be possible. Thank You from each of us!

We had a wonderful time and are looking forward to our Quarterly Zoom meetings and to Convention next year! Until then, we will continue to serve our communities with enthusiasm and love.



Barb trying her DJ skills with DJ DreamTeam



Socializing and Making Bookmarks



2022 Aktion Club Convention

KIWANIS CLUB OF CONSHOHOCKEN

SUBMITTED BY JEN VARE

The Kiwanis Club of Conshohocken recently celebrated its fifth anniversary with a celebration at Jillian's Café at Conshohocken UMC. Jen Vare, the club's current president, presided over the affair and described how the club has grown and integrated itself into the community.

Efforts of the club have resulted in support for Tooth Buddies programs at local schools; support of food banks, including the Colonial Neighborhood Council; Easter Egg Hunt; Scarecrow Contest; and awarding of scholarships to graduating seniors of local high schools, to mention a few. Mayor Yaniv Aronson was a guest at the celebration, and thanked the club for its continued efforts, particularly during the recent pandemic.

This year's scholarship recipients were recognized during the club's celebration:

- Aiden Abiuso from Archbishop Carroll HS, who will be attending Drexel University.
- Jessica Cabibo from Plymouth Whitemarsh HS, who will be attending Millersville University.
- Caroline Melillo from Plymouth Whitemarsh HS, who will be attending Moravian University.

Each student was awarded \$1000 to help defray their first year's college tuition.

Also recognized that evening was the Odyssey of the Mind team from Plymouth Whitemarsh HS. In support of their attendance at the national competition in Iowa, the club awarded the team \$1000 towards travel costs.



Les Gibbs, KCC Treasurer; Jessica Cabibo; Aiden Abiuso; Caroline Melillo; Jen Vare, KCC President



PWHS Odyssey of the Mind Team with Jen Vare and Les Gibbs

NORTH ALLEGHENY & NORTH ALLEGHENY INTERMEDIATE KEY CLUBS

SUBMITTED BY JEREMY RAK, FACULTY ADVISOR

The NAI and NASH Key Clubs combined to participate in over 75 different service opportunities during the 2021-22 school year. The Key Clubs are sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Sewickley. Some of the local and national organizations we collaborated with were the NA Foundation, North Allegheny Swim Club, the Baiert Family YMCA, Meals on Wheels, the Bradford Woods VFC, Boucek's Battalion, The Caring Place, Crisis Center North, International Orthodox Christian Charities, Jared Boxes, the Light of Life Mission, the Muslim Student Association, the North Allegheny Basketball Association, North Hill Community Outreach, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, the Town of McCandless, and Zip with Us.

NAI Key Club members completed a combined total of over 6,000 hours of service and NASH members completed over 3000 hours. The NAI Officers for next year will be: President: Yuki Qian; Vice President: Kelly Tai; Secretary: Ridhima Bhimavarapu; Treasurer: Neil Porwal; and Editor: Anushka Prabhu

The NASH Officers will be: President: Amsu Yallalacheruvu; Vice President: Cate Maldia; Secretary: Samantha Smallwood; Treasurer: Ada Sun; and Editor: Lina Fu.

MEET THE

PENNSYLVANIA
CIRCLE K GOVERNOR



About Me

I am a junior at Thiel College studying Criminal Justice and Sociology

I have been a part of the K-Family for 7 years as I was involved in Builders Club, Key Club, as well as Circle K



I am so excited for this school year as well as my term as Governor. I plan on implementing **Service, Leadership, and Fellowship** to complete the District tasks..

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Important Administrative Reminders

SUBMITTED BY KEVIN THOMAS

- 1. Any former member of a Kiwanis Service Leadership Program/Sponsored Youth Organization who joins Kiwanis has International dues waived for two years regardless of age.** The new member (or its club on behalf of the member) must pay the Kiwanis International Magazine subscription, the Liability Insurance premium and Local Club Dues. As well, the new member interim dues are waived for former Service Leadership Programs.
- 2. Dues, magazine and insurance fees per member for the 2022-23 year:**

International Dues:	\$52.00
Kiwanis Magazine:	\$ 8.00
Insurance:	\$22.00
(This includes the new \$5.00 risk management fee)	
District Dues:	\$35.00
Total:	\$117.00
- 3. If you want new members credit to the 2021-22 year, they must be on the club's roster by September 30, 2022.** If you have any members that will not be continuing as members for whatever reason, be advised that you must remove them from your club's roster by October 10th; any deletions that need to be made to your club's roster must be submitted to the Kiwanis International office by that time. Dues billings for clubs will be based on the club's roster that is in the database at Kiwanis International as of October 10th and clubs will be responsible for payments based on that roster. Dues billings will start being generated and sent to clubs during the week of October 17th. Invoices are to be paid by December 1st or 30 days after receipt.
- 4. From the Kiwanis International office in Indianapolis, a reminder to update a club's roster will be sent to both 2021-22 club secretary and president, and 2022-23 secretary and president (if provided via an election report).** Invoices will be mailed to 2022-23 club secretaries and can be accessed on the online dashboard by secretaries, presidents, and treasurers.
- 5. When adding a new member to your club's roster, your club pays interim dues.** All payments for new members get made payable to Kiwanis International get sent to the Kiwanis International office in Indianapolis. See the schedule attached the amounts due each month.
- 6. Kiwanis Insurance consists of two elements.** The first is a general liability insurance. The other is Directors and Officers Liability. Neither program is optional.
- 7. All Kiwanis Clubs and club foundations must file some version of the IRS 990 non-profit tax form.** Most clubs can file form 990-N, which is available on line only through the IRS website; clubs with higher levels of income will have to file form 990-EZ or 990. For most clubs, the appropriate form must be filed by Feb 15th. By law, no club or club foundation is exempt from filing the appropriate 990 form. If a club does not file the appropriate form 990 for 3 consecutive years, it will lose its nonprofit status. To regain non-profit status, a club will need to complete and file Form 1024 or if it does not, it will need to pay tax on all revenues taken into the club treasury. Which ever version of the Form 990 you club must file, it must be filed electronically. The IRS will not accept paper copies of form 990.
- 8. For clubs that are struggling with their administrative account but have a healthy service account, I'd like to offer the following tip or suggestion.** When paying your dues invoice to Kiwanis International, take the entire \$22.00 per member cost of insurance fee from your service account. The insurance is needed because we are out in the community doing service so it can be treated as a project cost just as any other project cost. Bottom line to help an administrative account, take \$95.00 per member from the administrative account and \$22.00 per member from the service account when paying your dues invoice. Of course if your club administrative account is healthy, you can take all monies for dues, magazine and insurance from that account.
- 9. All expenses associated with any Service Leadership Program club can come out of the service account of your club.** That would include paying for meals if Service Leadership Program members and advisors attend your club meeting. It can, also, include the background checks required by Kiwanis International for Kiwanis advisers to Service Leadership Programs.
- 10. There is one administrative account myth I want to dispel:** You may place a certain percentage (usually the figure thrown about is 10%) of any fundraiser you have in administrative account. That simply is not true and is not permissible or even legal. You may not place a flat amount of any fundraiser in the administrative account. With proper permissions, knowledge and bookkeeping, you can place the proceeds from member sales in the administrative account.

11. **If your club is conducting a 50/50, raffle or another game of chance, it is important you comply with the Pennsylvania Small Games of Chance law.** Kiwanis clubs are not exempt from the law. Please see the following website for more information: <https://www.psp.pa.gov/LCE/Pages/Small-Games-of-Chance.aspx>
12. While one might think that Bingo, being a game chance, would be covered by a small games of chance license, it is not. So if your club has done or is contemplating sponsoring a Bingo game, you need to get a separate license and comply with a separate law to do so.
13. **Training and information are available for club officers.** Here is a link to the where you can find that information: <https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/training/club-leader>
14. **All clubs are reminded to submit a monthly report of their club's activities, meetings and other information.** This information is used to understand what it is clubs are doing and determine future programs and activities. Here is a link to the member login area where club secretaries can log in and complete the report: <http://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources>.
15. **All clubs should have a policy on youth protection and background checks.** All Kiwanis advisers to Kiwanis Service Leadership programs need to complete the required Kiwanis International Background check; here is a link providing more information on that requirement and check. <http://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/training/risk-management/background-checks> As well, it is strongly suggested that all Kiwanians should submit to background checks for volunteers working with youth in Pennsylvania as required by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
16. **Kiwanis International will be implementing a new database system.** Likely, it will be implemented around January 1, 2023. Again in all likelihood, training on its use will be available in November and December 2022.



Kiwanis
PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT

June 20, 2022

Board of Trustees
Kiwanis International Pennsylvania District

District Board Members:

Thirty-six years ago today, I began my career working for Kiwanis. It has been an interesting, rewarding, challenging and life altering experience.

In recent weeks an idea has formed in the back of my mind that perhaps it is time for me to retire from Kiwanis professional work. That idea was affirmed and brought to the forefront while at the convention in Indianapolis and nothing has changed my thinking in the last week.

My current contract with the District expires on September 30, 2023. To paraphrase a famous line from history, I will not seek nor will I accept an extension of that contract beyond September 30, 2023.

The reasons for this are many and varied in nature so I will not go into them here.

It has been the opportunity of a lifetime to fill this role, have so many wonderful opportunities, make so many good friends and serve. It has been rewarding work. I thank each of you and all Kiwanians who served on the District level before you.

I have some thoughts on how the District should move forward and transition if you are interested. And of course, no matter how the District Board chooses to proceed you will have my cooperation in this transition.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin E. Thomas".

Kevin E. Thomas
Executive Director/Secretary/Treasurer

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