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### **Governor SPOTLIGHT**

BY MIKE COOLBAUGH, 2022-2023 PENNSYLVANIA DISTRICT GOVERNOR

#### **HELLO SUPERHEROES!**

Wow, I can't believe that it is the middle of November already. It seems like it was just yesterday that I started my journey to visit some of the District Superheroes of Service. We started off with trips to the Kiwanis Clubs of Montrose, Easton, and Williamsport for officer installation programs, in the first week of my term. Our first District Board meeting was held on

October 8th. What a smooth transition it was, thanks to Immediate Past Governor Sarah Zulueta, Executive Director Kevin Thomas, and the rest of the members of the District Board.

Now, to the most exciting journey of the year so far. The Dillsburg Farmers Parade. When I decided to seek the Governor Elect position one of the first things, I heard from several people was "make sure you make it to the Dillsburg parade". I mean this was an invite 18 months before the parade. I must thank Lt. Governor Emily Reed and all the members of the Kiwanis Club of Dillsburg for the great work that they put into the design and construction of the float and the awesome Bat Signal Light. All the K-Family children and adults who road on the float wore Kiwanis Superhero Capes. Well, everyone except me of course.



Since, I Am Batman! I was dressed as Batman and road the float with my new little friend

Batman Jr. at my side. My family and I had a great time at this event and plan to return next your just to watch for the smiles on the children's faces as they travel through the parade route.

Our final stops on this part of the journey around the district were in Regions 1 and 2 for their Fall Regional meetings. Both regions did a great job on the programs and Halloween Costume Contest. But I still can't figure out why I didn't win either of the contests. I really think the judges made a huge mistake.

In closing I want to remind all of you that we are all members of the greatest service organization in the world. Let's get out there and serve the children and the communities around the district. Be someone's Superhero today and always.

Batman Out...

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## Stay in the Loop with the Latest District Updates

Did a Kiwanis email with a "this message seems dangerous" warning land in your spam folder?

Fear not! This is one of those rare occasions where the email is perfectly legit!



Starting this past June, the PA Kiwanis District has been sending out a new bi-weekly e-newsletter using a service called Sendinblue. Unfortunately, due to some technical issues, we are getting reports that the email was marked as spam and never made it into some members' inboxes.

We are asking that you please add "pennsylvaniakiwanis@ gmail.com" to your contacts and/or whitelist us. We want to make sure you are kept up-to-date with all of the latest events and opportunities happening in Kiwanis PA!

The newsletter is sent out every other Monday (except when the District Office is closed for a holiday), so keep an eye out for the next issue - it should be hitting your inbox soon!

## J.E.D.I. Committee Encourages Diversity

BY SHAWN "SPIKE"SMITH

It's hard to believe that 2022 is almost over. Between holiday planning, visits with family, and helping to spread goodwill towards others, its easy to forget that the Kiwanis year has only started! So here is a question for you...has your club added diversity and inclusion into your calendar? If you haven't, or aren't sure, don't worry, because that's where the Pennsylvania District's Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee can help!

As our communities grow and become more diverse, so should our clubs. For some members, change can be overwhelming, for others, its downright difficult, and how do we even begin to become more diverse? The answer to that is simple. By simply highlighting a different cultural, social or historical focus each month, you can help your club and its members become a more welcoming, inclusive, and diverse place for people with different backgrounds to serve your community!

Throughout the 2022-23 Kiwanis Year, the PA J.E.D.I. Committee will be encouraging clubs to celebrate different social, cultural and historical focuses each month in whichever way your club would like to celebrate! Invite a speaker to join your meeting to talk about the significance of the month's focus; serve a meal at a meeting that highlights the rich cultural history, set up a tour (or even better...a service project) with a local organization or group that works in the area of focus!

There will be social media blasts to help give you a little insight into the significance of each month, a monthly children's book spotlight that your club can add to their local school, library or Little Free Library, and don't forget to post photos from your celebration on the PA Kiwanis Facebook Page! Clubs that use the hashtag #PAcelebratesJEDI in their post will be entered into a drawing to win a copy of every diverse children's book we highlight in the 2022-23 year (there may even be something special for the most unique club celebration!)

Thank you for being a member of Pennsylvania Kiwanis and an even bigger THANK YOU for everything that you and your club does for the children of Pennsylvania and around the world.

November – Indigenous Peoples Month

December – Celebrating the Holidays in Different Cultures

January – MLK Jr. Day / Changemakers Awareness Month

February – Black History Month

March – Women's History Month

April – Autism Awareness Month

May – Asian / Pacific Islander History Month

June – LGBTQ Pride Month

July - National Disability Independence Day

August – Kiwanis History Month

September - Hispanic Heritage Month

October - Learning Disabilities Month

### **KIWANIS DIVISION 17/18 NEWS**

BY ROBERT MORAN, LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR DIVISION 17/18

Well, we have all enjoyed some beautiful Pennsylvania Autumn weather. If the local weatherman is correct today should be 72 degrees. Remember these moments in mid-January.

**The Connection** is being continued from my predecessor Enos Martin, Lieutenant Governor from the Allentown Club and we thank him for his past service.

So what is new in Kiwanis 17/18? I am very pleased to announce that our Division—Emmaus, Allentown Northeast, Easton Suburban, Allentown, Stroudsburg, Stroudsburg Day Break and Palmer—are all doing pretty well. Total Kiwanis membership for September 2022 was 228 and for October is 231. We are healthy and growing.

Lieutenant Governors are directed to pay close attention to clubs below charter strength, which is 15 members. We do not have that problem in this Division and I salute each club on your activity and membership. With visiting each club for installations, I can say that all clubs were in great spirits, well attended, and fun to attend. Most important keep the meetings fun.

**Division Goals:** My number one goal is trying to establish a communication platform for all clubs in the division to participate on. Not sure how this is going to work but nothing ventured nothing gained. We do not do a good job of enhancing and advertising our Kiwanis brand. Look up your own club on the internet (Google if you like). See how current your club's

image, look how attractive your club looks and see how easy it is to find out what your club is doing. My own club—Palmer—has some vintage impression on our web site and Facebook is limited. Stroudsburg is had their 58<sup>th</sup> annual pancake breakfast in November at East Stroudsburg High School. This is a major event for them and how many of you knew this was happening? How many club officers told their membership? Obviously there is a communication void which I consider a problem and worth the time to work on. I hope your club will participate.

**Goal number two.** Pennsylvania Governor Mike Coolbaugh has a statewide goal of starting new clubs a.k.a. new membership. In our division, we have great clubs throughout our area and a healthy vibrant membership. Sadly, we lost what I thought was a great club, the Nazareth Kiwanis Club.

I personally was an annual participant in their golf tournament held at the Lord's Valley County Club. What an excellent golf tournament it was. Nazareth is a wonderful community and most befitting of a great Kiwanis Club. I will be calling on all club presidents to get together and assist in resurrecting this club. Adding Nazareth back to our ranks is worth our effort.

**Lastly, the biggest goal.** To meet regularly with all the clubs and hopefully do my best to meet the involvement and kind friendship that past Lieutenant Governor Enos Martin brought to our district. This is the hardest goal!

## KIWANIS CLUB OF PALMER

SUBMITTED BY BOB MORAN





The Kiwanis Club of Palmer's almost completed Youth Center.

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## KIWANIS CLUB OF ALLENTOWN

BY TOM HARP, PRESIDENT

Our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual LVCC Christmas Party was a huge success! The party was tons of fun! All of the children's activities were held in the gym, except for their visit with Santa. Each child received their very own photo with Santa to take home, along with two toys each, thanks to Toys for Tots.

I would like to thank our club volunteers - Terry Kennedy, Enos Martin, Tom Harp and especially Todd Siegfried, who once again used his close personal relationship with SANTA to book him for the gig. We would also like to thank Allen HS Key Club faculty advisors Mary DiFebo and Steve Patterson, and the eight students who joined them in volunteering for the event. We enjoyed the party nearly as much as the children!

And also, KUDOS to LVCC staff, teachers, aides, and other personnel. They do God's work with these young children. They are often unappreciated. But their professionalism and warmth always shines through.

The 102 or so pre-school children who attended the party were very well behaved and had a wonderful time. It was our pleasure as a Kiwanis Club to bring some comfort and joy to their holiday season.

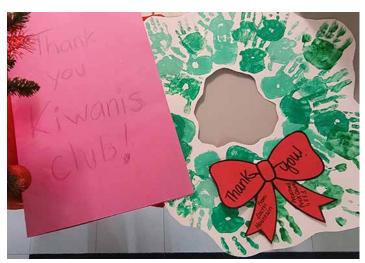
Tom,

LVCC cannot thank you and the Kiwanis Club of Allentown enough for putting together such a wonderful Christmas party for the PreK Counts classes at ELC, Walnut, and the PreK and Preschool classes at South Mountain. All had a wonderful time.

Special thanks for coordinating Santa's attendance and the key club volunteers from Allen High School.

LVCC appreciates the time, support, and partnership from Kiwanis.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas & a blessed 2023! Gina L. Stano Director of Community Outreach & Development Lehigh Valley Children's Center









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## and the Clubs they Serve (see page 2 for website addresses for all listings)

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Kiwanis Club of Erie Term 2022-2023

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Term 2022-2025

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Term 2021-2024

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Lock Haven

Mansfield

Mill Hall

MIII Hall

Montoursville

Muncy Area

PA eKiwanis 2.0 Sullivan County

Valley (The), Athens

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Term 2020-2023

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Middletown

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Chambersburg Chambersburg-Downtown

Gettysburg Adams

Hanover

Shippensburg

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Scranton

Swoversville

Tunkhannock

Wilkes-Barre

Wyoming Area

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Allentown Northeast

Easton

Faston-Suburban

Emmaus

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Term 2022-2025

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Pottstown

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Central Bucks

Glenside

Jenkintown

Levittown-Bristol Old York Road

Southampton

#### Washington Crossing-Yardley

#### Division 22

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Chester

Conshohocken

Main Line (The)

Media Area Phoenixville

South Philadelphia

University City, Philadelphia

Upper Main Line (The), Wayne

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## KIWANIS CLUB OF BLOOMSBURG

SUBMITTED BY FRIN SITLER

Bloomsburg recently sent 22 boxes to Operation Christmas Child. (If you aren't familiar, the boxes are sent to children in Third World countries who don't have Christmas gifts otherwise.) We sent some fun items: A stuffed animal, coloring books and crayons, Play-Doh and shape-cutters, Lego kits, Stickers, and hair bows, along with some essentials: Combs/brushes, drinking cups, and toothbrushes. We also included a club photo with a little note from the group.



## KIWANIS CLUB OF EDINBORO

SUBMITTED BY PATTY LOMIS

For the second year in a row, the Kiwanis Club of Edinboro partnered with McLane Church to sponsor Trunk or Treat for all children in the community. More than 300 kids had a great time collecting candy, playing games and completing crafts.

The costumes were amazing! From the cutest little dalmatian or princess to a very young police officer who arrested his two brothers (one of them escaped before the photo could be taken). Most elaborate was Capt'n Hook who decorated his pickup to look like a ship. He was accompanied by Tinkerbell and Peter Pan!







The event fell on Kiwanis ONE DAY so, appropriately, the Key Club members handed out candy and Builders Club conducted several craft projects for the kids.

#### **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 SWOYERSVILLE

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA HARER

State College Kiwanis and the a Penn State Circle K made hats to give to a local pre-school children during a service project meeting.







## KIWANIS CLUB OF BELLEFONTE

SUBMITTED BY BARBARA HARER





Kiwanis Club of Bellefonte had a successful rose sale.

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## HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL CHARTERS KEY CLUB

BY SARAH ZULUFTA, IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR

A new Key Club has been chartered at the B. Reed Henderson High School in West Chester, PA. The club was organized on October 24, 2022, with 22 students! They have a dynamic President junior Naisha Jaiswal who has been leading an amazing group of student volunteers.

The Key Club's current sponsoring Kiwanis clubs of Kiwanis club of the Main Line and Upper Main Line and Key Club Zone Administrator Howard Cohen have been working with the students to ensure officers are trained and provide service opportunities for students that support the Kiwanis mission. A K-Family night was hosted at Henderson on November 30<sup>th</sup> with Kiwanians to decorate Chester County Food Bank delivery boxes to brighten up families day when received. They are excited to even do more!

Join us to celebrate their charter on Saturday January 7, 2023 at 12:00 pm at Henderson High School in West Chester! If interested reach out to Sarah Zulueta, Key Club advisor at zuluets@gmail.com.







Spotlight on new Charter Key Club President of the Henderson High School Key Club Naisha Jaiwal

Why did you want a Key Club at Henderson High School? I saw so many Key Clubs online and all the things that they were providing for their community. Seeing so much passion in one club is what motivated me to start a chapter in our school. I already enjoyed doing service projects but elevating that to a community level was something that really interested me and so I decided to start a Key Club.

What amazing things has your club participated in since you formed as a group last year? Our group has already accomplished so many amazing things! For starters, we organized a card-making workshop for an organization near us called Meals on Wheels. The cards went to people's meal bags and it was a great way to brighten someone's day. Our club also volunteers every Tuesday and Thursday at a nearby education center. We help tutor kids for their after-school program. We also have many more exciting projects coming

up such as a Family Service Night and volunteering for the holidays!

What would you like to see the club become in the future? I would love for the club to reach out and give back on a bigger scope than just our personal community. Whether that may be district or state projects, I would love to see us broaden the community we want to give back to. I think it would be very special to our club and a huge goal of ours if we could contribute to more communities in addition to our own.

What are your personal goals? As for myself, I believe I would want to go into Psychology or Public Health. I have always been interested in the community around me and going into those fields would be a great way to broaden my knowledge.

Favorite subject in school? My favorite subjects in school are Psychology, Spanish, and History!

## KIWANIS CLUB OF SWOYERSVILLE

BY KATHLEEN BREZNAY, PRESIDENT

Our Swoyersville Kiwanis Club may be small but we sure are mighty. We take every opportunity to get involved with our community. We recently worked with other organizations to make the events bigger and better.

Fall is a busy time where we start off with Swoyersville Halloween Parade/Party for the children of our communities. Our work with members of the Swoyersville American Legion Post 644 proves to be a great combination for a safe and fun event for the children of all local communities. We are happy to work with the Swoyersville American Legion Auxiliary Post 644, Catholic War Vets Memorial Post 1601, Swoyersville American Legion Home Association and the S.A.L. Post 644.

Children have chance to win prizes for their costumes - the most original, scariest, cutest and over-all best costume for ages newborn to 12. All children will be treated to hot dogs, refreshments and candy treats. Due to so much support additional prizes will be given to all children.

Moving on we now turn our time to our Trunk for Treat Event with the Knights of Columbus of St Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. We invite local businesses, organizations and residents are invited to take part by uniquely





decorating their vehicles to tailgate with tricks and treats for kids of all ages. The members from both organizations are working to create an atmosphere that allows children to trick or treat in a safe and friendly environment. Also on hand was our newly sponsored WVW Key Club members assisting with the fun and games. Keeping the afternoon full of fun we also have all decorated vehicles eligible to win "BDT" prizes - Best Dressed Trunk. More fun for those attending.....our BOO'ks for you table where children can take home gently used books to enjoy. But that is not all...our story goes that the this year the Kiwanis members were collecting eyeballs. And boy what a bowl full....Each child has the opportunity to make 1 guess of how many we collected. The closest to the count without going over received a gift card to do some toy shopping at target. Two winners this year were eager to get there. President Kathy Breznay was happy to be in the dog house for the day while Secretary Sandi Williams Urzen was our and about as the ghostly train conductor.

## KIWANIS CLUB OF

BY CHARLIE STICKLER

This year the Kiwanis Club's Chocolate Walk raised about \$90,000. This was accomplished with the generous support of the chefs and chocolatiers that donated their time in product, the local merchants that open their doors to provide space for the chocolatiers, the sponsors that covered the expenses of the chocolate walk, the 150+ volunteers that make this event happen smoothly, and of course the 2000 people that purchased the tickets to support the children and to enjoy those special chocolate treats. The luckiest people are the children who benefit from all the funds that are used to help support their charities; Schreiber Center for Pediatric Development, Lancaster Cleft Pallet Clinic, Lititz and Manheim Township libraries, and many other children's charities that the local Kiwanis Club supports.

This is a huge accomplishment for a club with fewer than 25 members. Between the Chocolate Walk and the Pretzel Fest the club will donate well over \$100,000 to the children's charities this year and in it's 30 years has donated over \$1 million to the local children's charities.

Jeff Bierbower, president of the Lititz Kiwanis Club is reaching out to the community. Bierbower said to continue helping children of our community we need more members. Our membership is getting older, and we need more young people to carry the torch and to provide technical skills to help us grow in the years ahead.

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## KIWANIS CLUB OF FORT LEBOEUF

BY VALERIE ROSE

We are all tired of hearing about the pandemic, and how many things it has changed, but our club has embraced the changes and it has made us a stronger club.

Like many clubs, our usual service projects had to be put on a back burner, so we brainstormed to come up with some new ones, and those projects have become some that our town now looks forward to each year.

One upcoming event is our 3rd Annual Snowman Day. We were looking for a safe project for families to do together and came up with this. On January 14, (weather permitting) we will gather with families to judge their snowy creations. Families don't just create the traditional snowman. It's incredible to see what they come up with in their two-hour time frame.

Each Spring, we now host a Spring Fling, and invite families to gather outdoors to plant seeds, make a craft, pet therapy dogs, paint rocks, and use some power tools to make a wooden project. Two years ago kids made a birdhouse, and this past year made bird feeders. Our Kiwanians spent many hours prior to this, sawing, planing and drilling wood to get the kits ready to go.

Our final newer project is our Pumpkin Painting Day. Children take home their creations, listen to a story, make a craft, and have a snack at our local fire hall.

All three of these events rose out of the need to be outdoors, but still gather in a safe manner, and they are ideas we plan to keep going forward. How has our group changed with the times.







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