

District Convention Schedule 2026
Wyndham Hotel, Gettysburg PA
 (Schedule and locations subject to change, if necessary)
All events at the Wyndham Hotel otherwise noted

Thursday, August 13, 2026

12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Convention & Credentials Registration - Assembly
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Convention Office - JW Boardroom
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Theme Baskets, Foundation, Service Project - Salon F
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Vendors and Displays - Presidential Ballroom Foyer
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Current and Incoming Lt. Governors, Trustees, District Chairs Meeting - Salon B
5:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	Welcome Events: Gettysburg Evening Activities (Ticketed) - Ghost Tour or Battlefield Tour <i>Buses will depart from the Wyndham Hotel from the Presidential Ballroom Foyer.</i> (Note: optional alternative is to explore Gettysburg on your own)
9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	Welcoming Reception - Salon E Kiwanie-oke
9:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.	Social Game Room - Lincoln Room

Friday, August 14, 2026**Note: Breakfast on your own**

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	NAMI Walk – Hotel Parking Lot	
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Convention & Credentials Registration - Assembly	
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8:30 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Orientation for First Time Attendees - Stars and Stripes Presenters: Past Lt. Governor's Association members	
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Opening Session Kickoff: Celebrating our Legacy...Making a Difference with Many Hands <i>Salon C&D</i> Opening Remarks – Governor Barb Carter <u>Presenter:</u> Brian Root, Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation President Welcome Kickoff, District Awards & Recognition, and PA Kiwanis Foundation Awards.	
10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Breakout Forum Session Round 1	
	Forum #	Forum Name
	1A	Club Presidents-Leading and Leaving a Legacy Amy Zimmerman
	1B	Club Secretary- Kiwanis Live Game Show – Emily Saalfrank
	1C	Club Treasurer – Show Me the Money - Ben Osterhout/PA Treasury/ Shawn Smith
		Room
		<i>Salon E</i>
		<i>Stars and Stripes</i>
		<i>Salon A</i>

11:45 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.	Lunch and Learn: The State of Mental Health in America and What Kiwanis Can Do - <i>Salon C&D</i> Opening Remarks/Moderator – Governor Barb Carter <u>Panelists:</u> Representatives from NAMI York-Adams; The Caring Place; High School Counselor; Child Therapist Panel Discussion with professionals in the Mental Health field on the state of Mental Health for children in America and strategies that Kiwanis clubs can implement/expand to address this issue and decrease/eliminate the stigma of Mental Health concerns														
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3:15 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Club Membership Success Stories <i>Salon C&D</i> <u>Presenters:</u> Mike Coolbaugh, District Membership Coordinator and Emily Saalfrank, Kiwanis International Area Director. Presentations from clubs that have had success growing and retaining membership. Additional topics include New Club Chartering, Strengthening, Retention, Sponsoring Club Stories.														
6:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m.	Excursion: Gettysburg Train Ride (ticketed event) – Depart from <i>Presidential Ballroom Foyer</i> (Note: optional alternative is to explore Gettysburg on your own)														
Upon Return	Social Game Room – <i>Lincoln Room</i>														
Saturday, August 15, 2026															
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Convention & Credentials Registration - <i>Assembly</i>														
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8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Service Leadership Program Breakfast - Celebrating the Legacy of our K-Family <i>Salon C&D</i> Presenters: Service Leadership Administrators and Governors Hear from the Service Leadership Program Administrators and Governors, watch special video messages, and recognize the outstanding service and impact of our Service Leadership Programs. Buffet breakfast.														
9:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Past Governor’s Association Meeting - <i>Salon B</i>														

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Breakout Forum Session Round 4

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4A	Meet the Candidates - Past. Lt. Governor Assoc.	Salon E
4B	Investing in Impact: How the Foundation Supports Service and Strengthens Kiwanis – PKF Directors	Stars and Stripes
4C	More Than Meetings: Building a Legacy of Service - Amy Zimmerman	Salon A

10:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Breakout Forum Session Round 5

<u>Forum #</u>	<u>Forum Name</u>	<u>Room</u>
5A	Declaring Independence: Founder's Debate to Final draft – Marc Anderson, Social Studies Teacher, PA House Of Representatives	Salon E
5B	From Data to Action: Building a Stronger Early Care and Education System for Pennsylvania Families. – Jen DeBell, PennAEYC	Stars and Stripes
5C	Giving Clubs a Boost - Emily Saalfrank	Salon A

11:45 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Lunch and Learn: Why Early Childhood Education Matters: Brain Science, Business and National Security Perspectives*Salon C&D*

Moderator: Steve Doster, PA State Director of Mission Readiness and ReadyNation

Panelists: Jennifer Zosh, Professor of Human Development and Family Studies, Penn State Brandywine;

Robert Carl, President & CEO, Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce; Rear Admiral Thomas J. Wilson, III, USN (Ret.), Mission: Readiness-Military Leaders for Kids.

Panel discussion on importance of investing in early childhood care and education as these earliest years of life shape the foundation for learning, health, behavior, workforce readiness and long-term civic and economic strength.

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Business General Session - Salon C&D*Presided by Governor Barb Carter*

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance & National Anthem

Invocation – Rev Wayne Meyer

Legion of Honor Presentations

Memorial Tribute of Deceased Kiwanians

Remarks – Amy Zimmerman, Kiwanis International Trustee District Counselor

Credentials Committee Report – Past Lt. Governors Association

District Secretary Report - Melissa Simpson

District Treasurer Report - Ben Osterhout

Proposed Resolutions & Proposed Bylaw Amendments

Endorsement of Cathy Szymanski for KI President 2027-2028

Pennsylvania Kiwanis Foundation Annual Meeting – Brian Root, President

2027 Kiwanis District Convention Announcement/Presentation

Election of 2026-27 District Governor-elect

Election of 2026-27 District Governor

6:00 pm – 6:30 p.m.

Governor's Reception – Presidential Foyer

6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Governor's Banquet and Recognitions –*Salon C&D*

Introductions of 2025-26 District Officers, Lt. Governors, and Past Governors

Welcome remarks - Governor Barb Carter

Invocation – Wayne Meyer

Dinner

Special Guest Historian: "**Abe Lincoln**" brings the spirit and legacy of Gettysburg to life through engaging first-person storytelling.

Kiwanis Hero in Service Awards

District Special Presentations

Acknowledge Outgoing Trustee, LTG and District Chairs – Amy Zimmerman, Kiwanis International

Trustee District Counselor

Farewell Remarks – Governor Barb Carter

Keynote: Cathy Szymanski, Kiwanis International President-Elect Designate

Theme Basket Auction Report

Kiwanis Kash Raffle Drawing – Ben Osterhout, District Treasurer

Sunday, August 16, 2026

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Kickoff Breakfast – *Salon C&D*

Introduction of 2026-2027 Governor

Invocation – Rev. Wayne Meyer

Breakfast

Induction of 2026-2027 Governor-Designate, Governor-Elect Designate,
District Trustees, Lt. Governors, and Chairs

Remarks – Governor Designate

Closing