



# The Sunriseser



## The Kiwanis Club of Delray Beach

"Where Ordinary People Provide Extraordinary Service" - Celebrating 47 Years of Service

Meets Wednesday's 8:00 a.m. , via ZOOM. Contact Ezra Krieg at ezrakrieg@yahoo.com for the link to join us.

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## Our First In-Person Meeting in Over a Year

On Wednesday, April 28th, our club met in-person at Poppies. This was the first time in over a year where we all got together for a regular Kiwanis meeting. It was AWESOME!



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## Farewell to a True Friend.....

Long time Kiwanian and great friend to all, **Ben Ruby** passed away April 25, 2021. As a member of our club for the last 17 years, he was a regular attendee at all our meetings and projects. He ran the annual Golf Tournament for many, many years and served on the Board of Directors. He was always available to help out when needed. He will surely be missed.



*"Feel no guilt in laughter, he knows how much we care. Feel no sorrow in a smile that he's not here to share. We cannot grieve forever, he would not want us to. He'd hope that we can carry on, the way we always do. So talk about the good times and the ways we showed we cared. The days we spent together, all the happiness we shared. Let the memories surround you."*

"Say not in grief 'he is no more' but live in thankfulness that he was"

- Hebrew Proverb

To his wife Susan, extending deepest sympathy for you and your family in your loss. And hoping too, that comfort and peace may come to you. You're in our thoughts during this difficult time.

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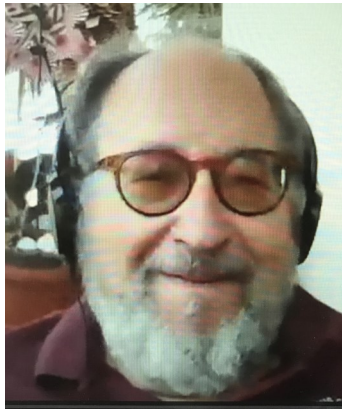
[www.delraybeachkiwanis.org](http://www.delraybeachkiwanis.org)

## Other Doings. . . . .



### Hail! President of the Month!

\*\*\*\*\* April \*\*\*\*\*



### Mark Scheinbaum

Here are the upcoming scheduled POTM's:

May - **Bill Morse**

June - **Carlene Laseter**

July - **Bob Barcinski**

August - **Larry Schroeder**

September - **Steve Rubin**

*Thank You!*



On April 14th, Ezra Krieg was going to read This Day In History when **Gina Sablo** interrupted him, "what about the 50/50?", She exclaimed. "Well, OK, we will do the 50/50 first", replied President Mark.

Guess who won the 50/50? Yep, it was Gina. She must have known all along and was anxious to get the BIG bucks.



Our club donated \$200 to the Pancreatic Cancer Network in Ben Ruby's name.

## \$\$\$ Happy Dollars \$\$\$



### Upcoming Important Dates:

#### Upcoming Birthdays

None

#### Wedding Anniversaries:

**May 20** - Bob & Connie Barcinski

**May 23** - Bob & Gail Colvin

#### Membership Anniversaries:

**May 8** - Carlene Laseter, 14 years

**May 16** - Steve Rubin, 37 years!!!

**April 7th "Zoom" Meeting:** **Peggy Kelleher** is starting a new job. Everyone wished her well. **Gina Sablo** celebrated a wedding anniversary. Her son called the restaurant from NJ and paid for the tab. **Jay Alperin** is happy to sit after problems with his back. **Bob Barcinski** was happy to see Jay. **Ezra Krieg** thanked Steve Rubin for his Zoom duties today and his Flamingo. **Gene Sapino** put in for **Mark Scheinbaum** being President and Mark put in for Gina, Jay, Peggy and the Flamingo. **Steve Rubin** put a dollar in for **Mike Salem** and his progress recovering from a Kidney transplant. Finally **Dave Freeburn** enjoyed his Grand-Niece's wedding in Georgia.

**April 14th "Zoom" Meeting:** **Ezra Krieg** was very happy for the Police and the way they are helping the Homeless. Also, his son Zachary finally got his tax refund from... last year. **Scott Youngberg** was excited to get the Kiwanis bill from **Dale Morrison** which included all the happy dollars & 50/50 donations. **Bill Morse** is getting hammered by Tax Season. **Jay Alperin's** daughter April, also a Kiwanian, got the Planning Job for Sanford NC and has already created hundreds of new jobs. **Rich Pollack** said his niece is looking for a new job. **Carlene Laseter** had a great visit from her youngest son and grandson, and will see the rest of the family this weekend. **Steve Rubin's** daughter got her 1st Covid Shot, and **Dave Freeburn** got his 2nd shot, with no side effects. **Gina Sablo's** son is celebrating a birthday. **Reeve Bright** put in for Ezra's Letters to the editor piece that was published in the Sun-Sentinel and Post. Everyone else was "Just Happy."

**April 21st "Zoom" Meeting:** Everyone was happy to see **John Crane-Baker** back after surgery. He's doing well and is happy to be back. **Ezra Krieg** is looking forward to our Poppies meeting next week. **Carlene Laseter** got to see her grandkids over the weekend. **Bob Barcinski's** grandson made it to his 13th birthday without his mother killing him. **Mark Scheinbaum** showed up clean-shaven. He finally got to see his daughter in Montana. **Steve Rubin** didn't recognize Mark at first. **Rich Pollack** put in for our International Zoom Meeting - Mark zoomed in from Montana. That's international, right? **Peggy Kelleher** is happy to be able to get out and see people. **Gina Sablo** was happy she had clients fly down from Philly to look at houses. And **Reeve Bright** was happy to be vertical for another day.

**April 28th "Zoom" Meeting:** This was our first live, in-person meeting in over a year at Poppies. Everybody put in for that and we all had a good time. **Scott Youngberg** and **Jay Alperin** were awarded the Arthur and Jean Antin Heart of the Club Award. Everyone put in for that as well. In addition, **Jay Alperin** was happy to see everybody. **Matthew Byrne** was happy to see "beautiful faces". **Tom Carney** was happy to be back. **John Crane-Baker's** son turned 21 and he also put in for a mentor who passed away. **Dave Freeburn** survived babysitting a 2 year old and a 6 month old. **Sophia Youngberg** said to think of the mothers who do that every day! Finally, **Scott Youngberg** had to mention FSU. The women's Beach Volleyball team won the National Championship.

I ♥ MY CLUB



They say every  
piece of chocolate  
you eat shortens your  
life by two minutes.

I've done the maths.  
Seems I died in 1537.







**50/50 Winners:**  
Here are the holders of the "Winning Tickets" for last month:



**April 7 - Mark (It's good to be Pres) Scheinbaum**

**April 14 - Regina (I knew it!) Sablo**

**April 21 - Gene Sapino**

**April 28 - Dave Freeburn**

## The "Golden" Years ...



**We are not aging, we are ripening to perfection.**

## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

### **CELL PHONES: DIAL "C" FOR COLLISION!**

Studies show that your collision risk increases by 400 percent every time you use your cell phone while you are driving. The most distracting (and therefore dangerous) cell phone conversation is an argument or emotional discussion. "Inattention blindness" is experienced by drivers on the phone who "see" conflicts in the road but fail to properly perceive their meaning and therefore fail to react to them in a timely manner. A cell phone is great to have for emergencies, but if you need to "just talk," pull off and park in a safe location.

Meanwhile, a study by the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute found that, unsurprisingly, it was texting that caused the real problems. The study found that truckers who send text messages while driving are 23 times more likely to crash or to get into a near-wreck than undistracted drivers. The reasons are obvious: Good luck paying attention to the road when you're staring at the display of your mobile device while mentally composing a message and manipulating a tiny keyboard!

It is against the law to operate a motor vehicle while manually typing or entering multiple letters, numbers, symbols, or other characters into a wireless communications device, or while sending or reading non-voice communications (text, email, instant message, etc.).

To stay safe behind the wheel, refrain from using any handheld electronic devices while you're driving!

## KEY CLUB®



We are proud to announce that we have 6 Key Club students from American Heritage and Atlantic High that have been selected to each receive a \$500 scholarship from our club.

The students are:

### Atlantic High School

Debra Nelcidor  
Nia Jackson  
Amanda Maldonado

### American Heritage

Brendan Detamore  
Emily Peterson  
Emily Dylan Schleifer

The money will be placed in their expense accounts at the school of their choice.

**CONGRATULATIONS!**

# DID YOU KNOW?

## A glass of wine

To my friends who enjoy a glass of wine and those who don't and are always seen with a bottle of water in their hand: As Ben Franklin said: In wine there is wisdom, In beer there is freedom, In water there is bacteria.

In a number of carefully controlled trials, scientists have demonstrated that if we drink 1 litre of water each day, at the end of the year we would have absorbed more than 1 kilo of Escherichia coli, (E. Coli) - bacteria found in feces.

In other words, we are consuming 1 kilo of poop annually.. However, We do NOT run that risk when drinking wine & beer (or rum, whiskey or other liquor) because alcohol has to go through a purification process of boiling, filtering and fermenting.

**Remember: Water = Poop, Wine = Health**  
Therefore, it's better to drink wine and talk stupid, than to drink water and be full of Shit .

There is no need to thank me for this valuable information: I'm doing it as a public service....



## Membership

Carlene Laseter - Chairperson



### It Takes Teamwork To Strengthen Our Club

When you love your club, you'll want to share that experience and invite others to be part of it. After all, 74 percent of members joined a Kiwanis club because someone invited them—and for 48 percent of them, it was a friend or relative.

The best way to attract new people to our Kiwanis club is by grabbing their interest—and respecting their time. Kiwanis International developed this "[elevator speech](#)" to help you. [Create your own](#) "one-minute speech" by thinking of answers to a few simple questions.

#### Membership Benefits

There are lots of reasons to join of club, but here are some of the benefits you can remind your friends, family and acquaintances they'll enjoy as a member of Kiwanis.

As a member of Kiwanis, they will:

- \* Change children's lives
- \* Improve the community and the world
- \* Build friendships
- \* Enhance their leadership skills
- \* Develop business contacts

Kiwanis also offers members access to [special products and services](#), [Kiwanis magazine](#) and other great tools.

#### Identifying New Members

Part of Kiwanis' appeal to potential new members is that it affords them the opportunity to be a part of meaningful, hands-on service experiences. But you should know they also want:

- \* Service leadership programs
- \* Reasonable dues
- \* Few meetings
- \* Social events
- \* Their voices to be heard
- \* Opportunities to be active
- \* Value for their time and money

Think about friends, family, neighbors, colleagues – anyone who has expressed interest in our club or service activities in the past. Work as a club to identify prospective members on a regular basis. It will take teamwork to strengthen our club.

**Remember, This is The Formula:**  
**Love being a Kiwanian. Love your club. Share it with others. Live it.**

**Doing Good.....  
Feeling Good!**

**THE**     
**FORMULA**  
**LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.**

**Just had my 1st shot,  
gonna get my second  
one as soon as the  
waitress comes back.**



## Calendar Of Events

May 12 ..... Police Appreciation Breakfast

7:30 am - Hosted by

**Delray Beach Market**

33 SE 3rd Ave, Delray Beach, FL  
561-562-7000

**DELRAY BEACH  
MARKET**

EAT • DRINK • BEACH • REPEAT

Join our weekly ZOOM meetings, every  
Wednesday at 8 am. It's easy-peasy!

August 5-8.....  
**2021 Kiwanis Florida  
District Convention**

Diplomat Beach Resort  
Hollywood, FL



October 30.....  
**Kiwanis "Swing For Kids"  
Annual Golf Tourny**  
Westchester CC, Boynton Bch



## HUMAN AND SPIRITUAL VALUES

(One of the six Objects of Kiwanis)

"I don't know what sort of world she will live in and I have no fixed opinions concerning how she should live in it. I only know that if she does not come to value what is true above what is useful, it will make little difference whether she lives at all."

— Cormac McCarthy, All the Pretty Horses



## Coronavirus throat spray



My doctor asked if anyone in my family suffered from mental illness. I said, "No, we all seem to enjoy it."



### Healthy food for kids starts with breakfast

Kids who enjoy breakfast every day have better memories, more stable moods and energy, and score higher on tests. Eating a breakfast high in quality protein—from enriched cereal, yogurt, milk, cheese, eggs, meat, or fish—can even help teenagers lose weight.

- Breakfast needn't be time consuming. Boil some eggs at the beginning of the week and offer them to your kids each morning along with a low-sugar, high-protein cereal, and an apple to go.
- Make breakfast burritos filled with scrambled eggs, cheese, chicken, or beef on a Sunday and freeze them.

An egg sandwich, a pot of Greek yogurt or cottage cheese, and peanut butter on wholegrain toast can all be eaten on the way to school.



- 1. Fact or Crap** - Nadia Comaneci was the first gymnast to be awarded a perfect score of 10 in an Olympic gymnastic event.
- 2. Fact or Crap** - The second o in the Google logo is yellow.
- 3. Fact or Crap** - A group of ferrets is known as a business.
- 4. Fact or Crap** - Leonardo da Vinci was the first Western artist whose biography was published while he was alive.
- 5. Fact or Crap** - A teg is a sheep in its second year.
- 6. Fact or Crap** - Ewe is the most common language within the Gbe language group.
- 7. Fact or Crap** - Shakira is the first Colombian to have a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

(Answers on Page 7)

## Krieg's Korner

As a regular feature of our weekly meetings, **Ezra Krieg** brings us up to date with what happened on **"This Date in History"**. Here are a few interesting items from the past few weeks:



### April 7:

1862, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.  
 1922, the Teapot Dome scandal had its beginnings as Interior Secretary Albert B. Fall signed a secret deal to lease U.S. Navy petroleum reserves in Wyoming and California to his friends, oilmen Harry F. Sinclair and Edward L. Doheny, in exchange for cash gifts.  
 1927, the image and voice of Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover were transmitted live from Washington to New York in the first successful long-distance demonstration of television.  
 1945, during World War II, American planes intercepted and effectively destroyed a Japanese fleet, which included the battleship Yamato, that was headed to Okinawa on a suicide mission.  
 1954, President Dwight D. Eisenhower held a news conference in which he spoke of the importance of containing the spread of communism in Indochina, saying, "You have a row of dominoes set up, you knock over the first one, and what will happen to the last one is the certainty that it will go over very quickly." (This became known as the "domino theory," although Eisenhower did not use that term.)  
 1966, the U.S. Navy recovered a hydrogen bomb that the U.S. Air Force had lost in the Mediterranean Sea off Spain following a B-52 crash.  
 2016, "American Idol" crowned 24-year-old Trent Harmon its 15th and final winner as the influential TV show came to an end.

### Birthdays:

Country singer Bobby Bare is 86.  
 R&B singer Charlie Thomas (The Drifters) is 84.  
 Movie director Francis Ford Coppola is 82.  
 Singer Patricia Bennett (The Chiffons) is 74.  
 Singer John Oates is 73.  
 Actor Jackie Chan is 67.  
 College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Tony Dorsett is 67.  
 Actor Russell Crowe is 57.  
 Former football player-turned-analyst Tiki Barber is 46.

### April 14:

1828, the first edition of Noah Webster's "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published.  
 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth during a performance of "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington.  
 1910, President William Howard Taft became the first U.S. chief executive to throw the ceremonial first pitch at a baseball game as the Washington Senators beat the Philadelphia Athletics 3-0.  
 1912, the British liner RMS Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic at 11:40 p.m. ship's time and began sinking. (The ship went under two hours and 40 minutes later with the loss of 1,514 lives.)  
 1935, the "Black Sunday" dust storm descended upon the central Plains, turning a sunny afternoon into total darkness.  
 1960, Tamla Records and Motown Records, founded by Berry Gordy Jr., were incorporated as Motown Record Corp.  
 1981, the first test flight of America's first operational space shuttle, the Columbia, ended successfully with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.  
 2004, in a historic policy shift, President George W. Bush endorsed Israel's plan to hold on to part of the West Bank in any final peace settlement with the Palestinians; he also ruled out Palestinian refugees returning to Israel, bringing strong criticism from the Palestinians.  
 2016, ABC canceled two of its longtime soap operas, "One Life to Live" and "All My Children."

### Birthdays:

Country singer Loretta Lynn is 89.  
 Actor Julie Christie is 81.

Retired MLB All-Star Pete Rose is 80.  
 Actor John Shea is 73.  
 Actor Catherine Dent is 56.  
 Baseball Hall of Famer Greg Maddux is 55.  
 Actor Sarah Michelle Gellar is 44.  
 Roots singer JD McPherson is 44.  
 Actor Skyler Samuels is 27.

### April 21:

1649, the Maryland Toleration Act, providing for freedom of worship for all Christians, was passed by the Maryland assembly.  
 1789, John Adams was sworn in as the first vice president of the United States.  
 1836, an army of Texans led by Sam Houston defeated the Mexicans at San Jacinto, assuring Texas independence.  
 1918, Manfred von Richthofen, 25, the German ace known as the "Red Baron" who was believed to have downed 80 enemy aircraft during World War I, was himself shot down and killed while in action over France.  
 1977, the musical play "Annie," based on the "Little Orphan Annie" comic strip, opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 2,377 performances.  
 1980, Rosie Ruiz was the first woman to cross the finish line at the Boston Marathon; however, she was later exposed as a fraud. (Canadian Jacqueline Gareau was named the actual winner of the women's race.)

### Birthdays:

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II is 95.  
 Actor Charles Grodin is 86.  
 Actor Tony Danza is 70.  
 Actor James Morrison is 67.  
 Actor Andie MacDowell is 63.  
 Actor-director John Cameron Mitchell is 58.  
 Rapper Michael Franti (Spearhead) is 55.  
 Actor Toby Stephens is 52.  
 Actor Rob Riggle is 51.  
 Actor James McAvoy is 42.  
 Former NFL quarterback Tony Romo is 41.

### April 28:

1788, Maryland became the seventh state to ratify the Constitution of the United States.  
 1945, Italian dictator Benito Mussolini and his mistress, Clara Petacci, were executed by Italian partisans as they attempted to flee the country.  
 1952, war with Japan officially ended as a treaty signed in San Francisco the year before took effect. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower resigned as Supreme Allied commander in Europe; he was succeeded by Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway.  
 1958, the United States conducted the first of 35 nuclear test explosions in the Pacific Proving Ground as part of Operation Hardtack I.  
 1967, heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali was stripped of his title after he refused to be inducted into the armed forces.  
 1986, the Soviet Union informed the world of the nuclear disaster at Chernobyl.  
 1988, a flight attendant was killed and more than 60 persons injured when part of the roof of an Aloha Airlines Boeing 737 tore off during a flight from Hilo (HEE'-loh) to Honolulu.  
 2001, a Russian rocket lifted off from Central Asia bearing the first space tourist, California businessman Dennis Tito, and two cosmonauts on a journey to the international space station.  
 "Avengers: Endgame" shattered the record for biggest opening weekend with an estimated \$350 million in ticket sales domestically and \$1.2 billion globally.

### Birthdays:

Actor Paul Guilfoyle is 72.  
 Former "Tonight Show" host Jay Leno is 71.  
 Rock musician Chuck Leavell is 69.  
 Actor Mary McDonnell is 69.  
 Actor Bridget Moynahan is 50.  
 Actor Penelope Cruz is 47.  
 Actor Jessica Alba is 40.

**AND.....**"If you're sitting in a bar this afternoon, like Jay and his friends will be doing.....(Oh wait.....Bars aren't a good idea. Let's all join Jay at his house.... ) and Actor-singer Ann-Margret joins us, we hope that you will buy her a "Hubba-Hubba" drink, as she is 80 years old today.

## This Year's Winner of the Annual Arthur & Jean Antin "Heart Of The Club" Award

### Jay Alperin & Scott Youngberg

This award goes to the member(s) that best exemplify their dedication and commitment to the club. Thank you for your efforts.

## Congratulations Jay & Scott!





# WHY?

**Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak?**

**Why do banks charge a fee due to insufficient funds when they already know you're broke?**

**Why is it that when someone tells you that there are one billion stars in the universe, you believe them but, if they tell you there is wet paint, you have to touch it to check?**

**Why do they use sterilized needles for lethal injections?**

**Why doesn't Tarzan have a beard?**

**Why does Superman stop bullets with his chest, but ducks when you throw a revolver at him?**

**Why did Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?**

**Whose cruel idea was it to put an "s" in the word "lisp"?**

**If people evolved from apes, why are there still apes?**

**Why is it that, no matter what color bubble bath you use, the bubbles are always white?**

**Is there ever a day that mattresses are not on sale?**



## This Month's Sudoku Puzzle....

A sudoku puzzle is a grid of 9 by 9 squares that has been divided into 9 smaller regions of 3 by 3 squares. The goal is to write the numbers 1 through 9 in the squares so:

- Each horizontal row has every number only once.
- Each vertical column has every number only once.
- Each 3 by 3 region has every number only once.

**Difficulty- Very Hard. Be sure to use a pencil!**

	9	2			1	4		
	8	6		9	3	5		
5		1						
8						6		
	2		6		4		8	
		3						5
						1		7
		7	2	4		8	6	
		9	1			2	5	

(Answers on Page 8)

"I'd grow my own food if only I could find bacon seeds."



### Answers.....

1. Fact. Over the course of the 1979 Montreal Olympics.
2. Fact. The g is blue.
3. Fact. It's believed that ferrets have been domestic pets for at least 2500 years.
4. Crap. It was Michelangelo who had his biography published while still alive.
5. Fact. A sheep in its first winter is called a hog.
6. Fact. The 20 or so Gbe languages are most widely spoken across the area between Ghana and Nigeria.
7. Fact. Shakira's star was laid in 2009.



**The Delray Beach Kiwanis Club was Chartered in 1973 as the Kiwanis Club of Delray Beach-Sunrise and is operating in Division 21 of the Florida District.**  
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 Mary-Lynn Desjarlais  
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**2020-21 Division 21 Lt. Governor:**  
 Tom Ramiccio

**Other Division 21 Clubs:**

**Boca Raton**-1st & 3rd Thursdays, 4 p.m.  
 Boca Raton Community Center Annex  
 260 Crawford Blvd  
 Boca Raton

**Boynton Beach** - Tuesdays, 12 Noon  
 Bru's Room  
 1333 N. Congress Ave  
 Boynton Beach

**Gold Coast Knights**-1st & 3rd Wed., 7 p.m.  
 Duffy's Sports Grill  
 Linton Boulevard and Federal Highway  
 Delray Beach

**Hypoluxo-Lantana** - Tuesdays, 7:00 a.m.  
 Maddock Park  
 1200 West Drew Street  
 Lantana

**Lake Worth** - Tuesdays, 8 a.m.  
 Too-Jays Restaurant  
 419 Lake Avenue  
 Lake Worth

**Florida Kiwanis Foundation:**

**2020-21 President:** Richard Leys  
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## Executive Perspective

by Stan D. Soderstrom, *Executive Director of Kiwanis and the Kiwanis Children's Fund.*

It has been about a year since most Kiwanis clubs responded to the pandemic by moving meetings online. For many clubs, of course, the traditional format offers a level of camaraderie and fellowship that only in-person gatherings can provide.

But not all was lost. Late last year, Kiwanis International collected information from more than 1,500 club secretaries — and we got some surprises. For example, 66% of clubs maintained the same meeting frequency. And 41% reported the same number of members — or more — at online meetings. In fact, some members who found it difficult to attend in-person showed up more often.

Many clubs saw improvements: 45% said virtual meetings improved access to speakers. Clubs also reported increases in guests from other clubs, including Service Leadership Programs.

Ultimately, we'll move back to in-person meetings. And that's great. But I hope you'll keep the virtual option. The "hybrid" meeting has become an effective way of engaging members.

It also brings new considerations. If virtual attendees participate in discussions, you might need a fee-based tool like Zoom or GoToMeeting. If they only watch and listen, a free streaming service like Facebook Live or YouTube Live will suffice.

Either way, prepare to make a small investment in lighting, microphones and cameras. Find a member to handle set-up and production. Use multiple meetings to introduce new technology. And get resources at [kiwanis.org/covid](http://kiwanis.org/covid).

Done well, the virtual option can make meetings accessible to more people.

### Sudoku Puzzle....Answers

7	9	2	8	5	1	4	3	6
4	8	6	7	9	3	5	1	2
5	3	1	4	6	2	9	7	8
8	7	4	3	1	5	6	2	9
9	2	5	6	7	4	3	8	1
6	1	3	9	2	8	7	4	5
2	4	8	5	3	6	1	9	7
1	5	7	2	4	9	8	6	3
3	6	9	1	8	7	2	5	4

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 Improved  
 Lives & communities.

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*If you have something for the newsletter, please send it to Scott Youngberg via E-mail: [esysy@att.net](mailto:esysy@att.net)*  
 — Thank you





## From Our Photographer's Camera.....

Our Trusty photographer and a helper or two giving us some great memories from recent meetings and events. ENJOY!

