



Kiwaniis Update

A newsletter for members



THE BIGGEST EVENT OF THE YEAR

It's been a few weeks since Kiwanians from around the world gathered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, U.S., and virtually for the 2023 Kiwanis International Convention, but the fun and inspiration can still be felt!

This issue of the KI Update member newsletter is dedicated to the

convention's big moments — plus a fun upcoming service opportunity to mark on your calendars!



RELIVE THE EXCITEMENT

Did you miss out on the convention fun this year? Or just want to relive it? Here are just a few highlights from this year's celebration of service and fellowship.

Fun and fellowship everywhere: Whether it was meeting CKI members during a Kiwanis celebration, building Little Free Libraries

for the convention host city or dancing to the music of The Oak Ridge Boys, attendees connected with fellow [Kiwanis family volunteers from around the world](#).

Inspiration abounded: We had the chance to hear from featured speakers, including Emmy Award-winning professional drummer Clint Pulver and Andrew Zimmern of the Travel Channel's "Bizarre Foods," and we got tips and ideas from experts during sessions devoted to volunteer education.

The top service projects were recognized: The [Kiwanis Club of Nilgiri](#) in the Nepal District won gold in the 2023 Kiwanis International Signature Service Project Contest for Group I (clubs with 27 members or fewer) with its vision screening project. The gold winner for Group II (clubs with 28 members or more) was the [Kiwanis Club of Daragang Magayon](#) in the Philippine Luzon District and its reading hub project.

It's not too early to [begin planning your entry](#) for the 2024 Signature Project Contest!

SAVE THE DATE: Join us for the 2024 Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado, U.S., July 3-6.

MEMBER CORNER



Elizabeth Duncan, Southwest District

"When I joined Kiwanis, I had no idea of the enormity of the association. I started coming to conventions, and I realized not only is it a district or state, but it's around the world. When you say, 'serving the children of the world,' you don't really understand it until you see all of these people from countries around the world. Some have

come from a long way, at a lot of expense, to be here. Kiwanis is not a small thing."



Bharat Dhungel, Nepal District

"This is my first time. There are more than 25 people here from Nepal. Convention is about meeting new friends and developing relationships. The seminars have been my favorite part. Next year in Colorado – I'll come."



Loredana Voinea, Romania (district in formation)

"I am overwhelmed with gratitude and inspiration. The convention was a melting pot of ideas, with sessions covering a diverse range of topics, including membership strategies, leadership development, attracting youth to the organization and the power of motivation."



MEET YOUR NEW LEADERS

The [newest members of the Kiwanis International Board](#) have been elected. Katrina Baranko (pictured, above) of the Georgia District was elected as 2023-24 Kiwanis International president.



Other elected leaders for 2023-24 are President-elect Lee Kuan Yong of the Malaysia District and Vice President Michael Mulhaul of the New Jersey District.



Three United States and Pacific Canada trustees were also elected to the board: Dennis Baugh of the Capital District, Matthew Cantrall of the Florida District and Cathy Tutty of the Montana District.



Mohan Lamsal of the Nepal District will join the board as trustee at-large.

Also joining the board will be Chang-Ching Hsu of the Taiwan District. Hsu was elected at the Kiwanis Asia Pacific convention in March.

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CHILDREN'S FUND CHALLENGE

Thanks to the amazing Kiwanians who attended this year's 2023 Kiwanis International Convention or participated online, the Kiwanis Children's Fund raised US\$140,000 during convention week. This will help reach 62,000 kids through our [club grant program](#) and [microgrant program](#), which enable Kiwanis service projects to impact more children around the world.

[Continue supporting kids with a donation today!](#)

GIVE NOW



CELEBRATE COMMUNITY

Mark your calendars for the next Kiwanis event: [Celebrate Community](#)! From September 11-17, Kiwanis members are encouraged to collaborate with members of Lions Clubs International, Optimist International and Rotary International on service projects to help their communities. Check out kiwanis.org/celebratecommunity for more information, including a list of project ideas and tools to help find other service clubs in your area.

GET STARTED



JUST THE FACTS

How many service hours do Kiwanis members complete each year?
How many clubs exist worldwide? How many children does the
average Kiwanis member help?

Get the answers to these questions — and so much more — with
the [newest Just the Facts PDF](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

4 – Kiwanis International Office in Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.,
closed

11-17 – [Celebrate Community](#)