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## KANSAS DISTRICT

### Kansas District of Kiwanis International Newsletter

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Greetings to the Kansas District,

I am having a wonderful time as Governor. It really is a fun position and more of you should consider running for office! Give me a call if you have any questions about the process and I will share all the details. Every club has given me a warm reception and I look forward to visiting as many as I can throughout my term.



What is the next exciting Kiwanis event? Why MID-YEAR, of course! It will be held in Topeka at the Capitol Plaza Hotel & Convention Center on Feb 28 & 29, 2020. The Friday evening entertainment will be dinner and a Magician!

The signature project selected by the Topeka club is the Capper's Foundation. They are celebrating 100 years of helping children with disabilities.

This year the breakout sessions are all very important for clubs to attend. I hope each club can send at least 2 people so they can attend all sessions.

**Some of the Topics covered:**

1. More in depth discussion over the Governor's new project: "Don't Meth With Us", with handouts on what your club needs to do to get started. (We do have several clubs that are already beginning the process!)
2. Explanation and sign up for the membership "boost". Any club can request assistance with special consideration given to those under charter strength.
3. KI offers free website to every club. Now what do we do?

**Time is being set aside to hold DIVISION Council meetings. Do you have a Lt Governor waiting to serve? Now will be a time you can vote on this. LTG training is May 8 & 9. New LTG's need time to prepare.**

A big thank you to everyone that has agreed to offer a breakout session. (The nicest thing your club can do is bring a friend and attend them all!) I look forward to seeing you in Topeka.

Warm Kiwanis hug,  
Jo

Jo Schwartz  
Kansas District Governor, 2019-2020

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## **2020 KANSAS KIWANIS DISTRICT MID-YEAR CONFERENCE**

Governor Jo Schwartz, Governor-elect Ron Moser, and the Topeka Kiwanis Club invite you to the 2020 Kansas Kiwanis District Mid-Year Conference which will be held 28 & 29 February 2020 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Topeka, Kansas..

The conference will provide you an excellent opportunity to learn more about Kiwanis with motivational speakers and enlightening breakout sessions on:

"Don't Meth with Us"

Free club web site resources  
adding a little SPICE to your life!  
Membership Boosting  
Partnerships with Kiwanis

**Don't miss the fun, fellowship, education and entertainment.**

### **Tentative Agenda for the Conference**

#### **Friday, 28 February 2020**

**Noon - 5:00**

**Registration / Booth set-up**

**1:00 - 2:30**

**Kansas Kiwanis Foundation Board Meeting**

**2:45 - 4:00**

**Kansas Kiwanis Board of Trustees Meeting**

**6:00 - 9:00**

**A Taste of Italy dinner & Astonishing Curtis Magic Show**

#### **Saturday, 29 February 2020**

**7:30 - 12:00**

**Registration**

**8:30 - 9:15**

**Opening Session / Welcome**

**09:30 - 10:15**

**Breakout Sessions**

**10:30 - 11:15**

**Breakout Sessions**

**11:30 - 12:15**  
**Breakout Sessions**

**12:30 - 2:00**  
**Luncheon**

**2:30 - 4:00**  
**Division Council meetings**

[Register Now!](#)

### **In the Fire or Out?**

Get-togethers have been a staple of human existence almost from the beginning. Some 4,000 years ago, God instituted three annual feasts when the people of Israel should gather together; in the early Nineteenth Century, hundreds of trappers, hunters, guides, Indigenous Americans and other mountain folk gathered below the towering Teton Mountain range of Wyoming for the annual Green River Rendezvous; today's equivalent of that is the annual "Boy Scouts of America Jamboree." These gatherings come in all sizes under a plethora of headings, like, "The Smith Family Reunion," "The Cattleman's Association," "The Democratic/Republican National Convention," just to name a few.



No matter the size or the brand, these gatherings have many things in common. They re-ignite camaraderie and unity under a common banner; they provide avenues for fellowship, heritage-preservation, skill-discovery and enhancement; they provide fun, vision-sharpening, motivation and inspiration, discussion and debate, idea-sharing, personal and interpersonal improvement; and perhaps most important of all-progress toward a common goal.

That's why I am challenging each club across our great Kansas Kiwanis International District to sponsor at least one member to attend these two dynamic Kiwanis, International gatherings:

1. Mid-Year Conference, February 28-29, in Topeka.
2. The 105<sup>th</sup> Kiwanis International Convention, June 17-20, Indianapolis, Indiana.

I am like you: I am a Kiwanian because I believe that we are involved in one of the greatest volunteer organizations in the world. But what makes Kiwanis great is not the organization; it's the vision of the organization-serving the children of the world.

Having come from Governors' training this past November, I am gripped by the immensity of our task, yet motivated and inspired by the quality of our leadership and the steps we are taking to fulfil our mission. International President-Elect Art Riley has communicated his heart for the mission of Kiwanis, International for the coming year 2020-2021; that vision is shaping up to be realized:

1. Increase membership through club enhancing, strengthening and opening.
2. Promote a positive image of Kiwanis in our communities.
3. Increase and expand our Service Leadership Programs.
4. Enlist, inspire, train and challenge new and existing leaders.

When Mr. Riley outlined these priorities to the gathering of Governors-elect at our gathering in Indianapolis, I was amazed to find that they are the very same desires I set as my learning goals for the trainings.

Getting back to my challenge, at your earliest board meeting, please place on the agenda a discussion to sponsor at least one person to attend the Mid-Year Conference in Topeka as well as for the International Convention in Indianapolis. The sacrifices your club makes together to do this will come back as tremendous rewards. Remember, take a burning log out of the fire, and it quickly goes out; put it back in and once again it becomes involved in the warming, light-giving gathering. See you at Mid-Year!

Ron Moser, Kansas Kiwanis International Governor-Elect, 2020-2021

**Fellow Kiwanians,**

Greetings Kansas Kiwanians, Hope that everyone had a joyous and peaceful holiday season. Hard to believe that we have entered not only a new year, but a new decade. My article this go around is short. There are just a few points that I would like the membership to keep in mind.



First, I hope that many of you are planning on attending Kansas Kiwanis Mid-Year Convention the last weekend of February, and maybe bring along some new faces. While attending, I hope that many will take advantage of the breakout session covering membership blitzes that is being offered by Jan Maxwell and myself as co-chairs of membership development. We will be joined by Salina Club member Craig Dassaw, who has personal information to share on the success of a mini blitz that was recently held for his club. Governor Jo Schwartz goal for this year is to improve the membership in our existing clubs in lieu of focusing on new club building, and this breakout session will provide you the information needed to take advantage of your Kansas Kiwanis District and the assistance that is available.

Second, it is never too early to start planning on attending Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis this year in June. Information about the convention has been forwarded to District Secretary Jim and we plan to have a table available at mid-year to help you plan. ICON provides members, especially newer members, with a better and clearer picture of our service organization, and offers a vast selection of educational courses. In addition, it provides the membership to see where our Kiwanis International group is headquartered.

My final point will be to ask that each Lt. Governor plan their Official Governor visits and division council meetings early so that Governor Jo can work you in to her schedule. At your division meetings, I would ask that you

work diligently to develop a plan for succession of leadership, and identify those members that will take over roles as Lt. Governors and become future prospects for District Leadership. Also, Jan and I are also available to attend your division council meetings if it fits our schedules if you would like information and assistance on club membership building.

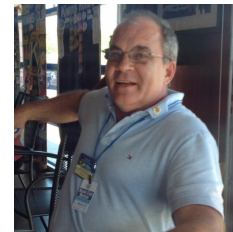
In closing, I want to thank each and every one of you for making our Kansas Kiwanis District the best that it can be and for all the service you provide for your communities and children.

Yours in Kiwanis Service,

Richard "Rick" Dickman Immediate Past Governors  
Membership Development Co-Chair

*"Sowing the Seeds for Growth!"*

#### **District Secretary - Jim Germann**



We are now a quarter of the way into the Kiwanis year, clubs in the district are still having some difficulty getting clubs to submit monthly reports to Kiwanis International. We have 34% of our clubs that have submitted all of their reports for the year, but we have 51% of clubs that have not submitted a single report to Kiwanis International this year.

As I reported in the October Kiwanian, timely submission of club reports to Kiwanis international will be a part of the distinguished club criteria for the 2019-2020 Kiwanis year. We already have 49 of our 74 clubs who have disqualified themselves from being distinguished clubs for the year.

Once again, if any secretary is having issues filing the reports, please contact me and we can figure out a way to fix the issue.

The district has a new interactive map of club locations on the District Web site, [Clubs Map](#). The map shows all 74 club locations and by clicking on a club, you can see information about the club.

Kiwanis International is in the process of identifying **current** Kiwanis projects in each district. They have asked the District secretaries to assist them in compiling a list of Kiwanis projects in their respective districts. I have send a request for this information to each club secretary and I will keep the list current as I receive the information for the clubs.

Here is what they are looking for on each project

If there is a bench/building/etc. with the Kiwanis name on it - that is current.

If it is a fundraiser or service project that is happening now or will happen in the future, that is current."

Kiwanis International is compiling the list for 2 reasons:

**(1) To identify all the good that Kiwanis is doing.**

- As we identify these projects, each District will be able to create a brag sheet demonstrating their success; and
- Kiwanis International can create a map showing all the areas where Kiwanis has benefited the community.

**(2) To improve our liability protection through proper diligence and education.**

- As we compile information, Kiwanis International can work with District Leadership and District Risk Managers to obtain indemnification agreements and insurance certificates that will better protect the Kiwaniverse for all of its projects.

**Just a couple of reminders:**

The club 990EZ report are due to the IRS by 15 February. [990EZ information](#)  
The club annual report to the Kansas Secretary of State is due by 1 March. [Annual Report Information](#)

There are about 10% of our members who either do not have an email address or do not have it listed with Kiwanis International. That means that they are not receiving information about what is going on in the district or Kiwanis International. So please print them out a copy of this newsletter.

As always, I encourage EVERY Kiwanis member in the district to take a few minutes and explore the resources and learning opportunities that are available on the [Kiwanis Connect](#) (formerly known as Portalbuzz). This is an online resource that is available to EVERY Kiwanis member, not just that club and district officers. Go there, find out what is available, put your picture on the site, take an online course and learn what is available to you. See what you can do to make both your club and the district better.

Jim Germann  
District Secretary  
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**Kansas Kiwanis Foundation**

Kansas District Kiwanis Members:

Another busy holiday season is behind us and hoping everyone had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. The Kansas Kiwanis Foundation is busy getting ready for the selecting of the scholarships, this year the Foundation will award 45 Scholarships totaling almost \$30,000, and preparing for the Board Meeting at Mid-Year Conference in Topeka, Kansas on February 28 and 29. The Kansas Kiwanis Foundation Board Meeting will be at **1:00 PM** on February 28 in the Capitol Plaza Hotel. All are invited to attend.



The Foundation has received several Club Contributions for 2019-2020 and encourages all clubs in the Kansas District to make an annual club

contribution to the Foundation. The contribution can be \$5, \$6 or \$10 per member on the membership as of October 1,2019. If you need information on the Club Contribution please feel free to contact me.

The applications for the Kiwanian of the Year, Grants and the R. C. "Pete" Loux Achievement Award are on the Kansas District Web Site with a deadline of **May 15, 2020**. The Kiwanian of the Year and the R.C. "Pete" Loux Award will be awarded at the Saturday Luncheon during the Kansas District Convention. The Grants will be approved at the Kansas Kiwanis Foundation Board Meeting on Friday during the Kansas District Convention.

During the Mid Year Conference we will have a Silent Auction with proceeds going to Governor Jo's **"Don't Meth With Us"** program. There will also be the opportunity to purchase Life Memberships and Putnam Awards. Since the 2019 District Convention the Foundation has awarded 16 Life Memberships and 4 Putnam Awards. Kansas Kiwanis Foundation President Steve Russell has made a pledge to donate \$10 to the Kansas Kiwanis Foundation for each new Life Membership during his year as President of the Foundation. The Foundation will also have a Raffle during the Mid Year Conference for Gift Cards with the proceeds going to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Scholarship Fund.

Those of you that are shoppers on Amazon there is an opportunity to help the Kansas Kiwanis Foundation with your purchase, by going to **www.amazonsmile.com** and selecting the Kansas Kiwanis Foundation, the Foundation receives one-half of 1% of the amount of your purchase. This does not add anything to the cost of your purchase this is a program that Amazon has to help Non Profit Organizations.

Hope to see everyone in Topeka, Kansas. If anyone has questions or needs additional information please feel free to contact myself or any of the officers or your Division Representative on the Kansas Kiwanis Foundation Board.

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## Kiwanis - *Just the Facts*

Spreading the word & sharing the good news about Kiwanis should not be difficult for any member. Hopefully Kiwanis members are proud of the work their clubs are doing in communities and in our world. But perhaps a member lacks the knowledge of Kiwanis "in general" or a member is still fairly new to the entire organization and is not familiar with our Kiwanis family. Maybe a member needs help verbalizing what Kiwanis is. Wouldn't it be great to have a facts sheet handy to share with individuals and help familiarize oneself with just the facts?



Have no fear, your prayers have been answered with a handy, updated Kiwanis Facts Sheet. Click on the link to check it out.

[https://www.kiwanis.org/docs/default-source/about/just-the-facts/fact-sheet-kiwanis-pdf.pdf?sfvrsn=4e12cef\\_34](https://www.kiwanis.org/docs/default-source/about/just-the-facts/fact-sheet-kiwanis-pdf.pdf?sfvrsn=4e12cef_34)

Download this document & save to your computer for future use. Print up extra copies to share with non-Kiwanians. Heck, share with your fellow Kiwanis members too! Share with media contacts, share with educators and administrators in education. Keep a copy near your computer and post a fact about Kiwanis daily or weekly on your social media pages. Put the Kiwanis facts in front of as many people as possible and encourage them to "ASK YOU ABOUT KIWANIS"!

**Mary Hammond**  
**Public Relations Coordinator**

### **What is it like to be a Kiwanis International Trustee?**

First of all, you must make the decision to run. This is not a simple or easy decision. After that, comes the campaign part. Cards, emails, tee shirts, banners, Facebook pages, Twitter accounts, just to name a few pieces of that job.



Then comes the international convention itself. As everyone told me, it comes down to the speech. Of course, I didn't believe them, but, that piece is absolutely correct. A day or so before the business session/election, the candidates drew for speaking position. I got to go last, which is exactly where I wanted to be. Seems to me, I delivered a bit different speech than had ever been given before.

After, all the candidates were ushered into a small room backstage to await the election results. I am happy to report, I was the top vote getter. Then, it's off to get your district counseling assignments.

This is all within the first 15 to 20 minutes after the election!

The most surprising thing was the vast number of Facebook friend requests one gets from Kiwanians all over the world. Truly astounding.

After the convention, it was home for a short time, then off to Indianapolis for a couple days of trustee training. Then off to begin duties as a counselor. First trip was back to Orlando, Florida for the Florida District convention. Great folks, good meetings, and well received. Next, we traveled to Springfield, Illinois, for the Illinois-Eastern Iowa meeting. Again, well received and a good series of meetings. Then, home for a few days and once again off to Norfolk, Virginia for the Capital district convention. Very enjoyable and again good meetings, etc.

Then home for a while. Near the end of September, Pat and I got the chance to host International President Daniel Vigneron in our home and then take him to the Kansas Key Leader event. The next day after Daniel had departed, we headed for Indianapolis for my first face to face meeting of the entire board of trustees.



The board is made up of a number of sub-committees. I am on the audit and budget, and public relations pieces. Then there the meetings of the entire board. Kind of long and at times a bit boring, but pretty fascination all in all.

I was asked to write about the surprises, and such of becoming trustee and I guess the biggest one is that to me, the board seems somewhat disconnected from the average member. We tend to deal with issues that seem to be fairly distant from Joe Average Kiwanian. But, nonetheless, these are issues that must be addressed to provide for the future of our organization.

Most enjoyable thing was the social time we got with the other trustees and their spouses. Pat really enjoyed meeting the others and bonding with them, as they got to tour around Indianapolis while I got to be in meetings all day!!! All in all, it is a pleasurable experience that I would highly recommend. Not for the faint of heart that's for sure, but certainly a chance to influence the direction our fine organization will be going in the coming years.

David Hurrelbrink  
International Trustee

From the Kansas Partnership Coordinator:

I'm looking forward to see as many of you as I can during our Mid Year Conference in Topeka February 29, 2020. I will be presenting an overview of Partnership services for your club and for you as a Kiwanis Member, so come with questions and see some of the many benefits of being a Kiwanian.



I have outlined a summary of Marketplace offerings that you may want to personally use.

See ya in Topeka.

Robert (Bob) Ross



## Kiwanis Marketplace

- Protect America
- Kiwanis Insurance
- Kiwanis Visa Rewards
- Kiwanis Travel
- IdentityForce
- HomeAdvisor
- Hilton
- Avis/Budget
- LegalZoom
- eHealth – NEW!
- Cruise & Vacation Desk – NEW!

Kiwanis Marketplace is where all member benefits can be found go to

<https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/member-resources/kiwanis-partners/Kiwanis-Marketplace>

Summary of Kiwanian Benefits:

Protect America provides discounted, automated home security.

Kiwanis Insurance offers supplemental insurance products that help provide extra coverage as members age.

Kiwanis Visa Rewards is our affinity Kiwanis credit card where a portion of every purchase benefits the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

IdentityForce is a benefit that protects credit, privacy and personal identity.

HomeAdvisor offers exclusive concierge service when selecting a home-improvement contractor.

Hilton -- enhances your member experience with its Fast Track to Gold program, where you can earn gold status four times faster.

Avis/Budget - up to 25% off rental cars.

LegalZoom - discounts on common legal services like wills.

eHealth - medicare supplement insurance.

Cruise & Vacation Desk - offers deep discounts on cruises with major cruise carriers, plus members receive 3% cash back on each trip as well as other bonuses and discounts offered throughout the year.



## **USING SERVICE FUNDS FOR CONVENTION EXPENSES**

Did you know clubs can pay all or a portion of each member's expenses for the [Kiwanis Education Conference](#) - part of the Kiwanis International convention - from its service account? The Kiwanis Education Conference qualifies as an acceptable educational expense of the club.

Covered expenses can include:

- Registration fees up to US\$299

- Hotel
- Airfare or mileage
- Meals
- Per diem
- Other expenses as determined by the club

The increased educational tracks offered at the [2020 Kiwanis International Convention](#) meet the requirements of educational expenses allowed to be deducted from a club's service account. If a club chooses, a fair practice could be to provide two-thirds of any reimbursement from the community service account and one-third from the administrative account for a member attending all three days. Expenses related to a member attending only the Kiwanis Annual Meeting would not qualify for any reimbursement from the community service account by Kiwanis standards. Clubs may continue to cover any portion of members' convention expenses from their administrative account.



### SPECIAL LEADERSHIP PEOPLE NEEDED

Much of the impact of Kiwanis happens under the umbrella of our SLPs (Service Leadership Projects). From BUGS to Circle K, these SLPs require another kind of SLP- **Special Leadership People**. As a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, it naturally takes Special Leadership People who will volunteer to fill these positions. Governor-Elect Ron Moser is seeking out SLP volunteers to serve on his leadership team for the year 2020-2021. The areas needing **Special Leadership People** are listed below. Please consider the rewarding privilege of serving in an area that interests you. The out-going chairs are given along with their contact information should you have questions for them.

#### STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

AKtion Club	Cindy Bender	785-472-1850	<a href="mailto:c.bender@sccpas.com">c.bender@sccpas.com</a>
Circle K	Charles Keefer	316-680-9464	<a href="mailto:charleskeefer7@gmail.com">charleskeefer7@gmail.com</a>
Key Club	Chuck Sack		<a href="mailto:chuck.sack@gmail.com">chuck.sack@gmail.com</a>
Key Leader	Cindy Bender		<a href="mailto:c.bender@sccpas.com">c.bender@sccpas.com</a>
K-Kids	Duane Oestmann		<a href="mailto:dcoest@cox.net">dcoest@cox.net</a>

#### OTHER KEY DEPARTMENTS

Youth Protection Mgr	Tomi Foust	<a href="mailto:batfoust@gmail.com">batfoust@gmail.com</a>
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Willing-to-give-it-a-whirl - **Special Leadership People** may apply to:

Ron Moser, Kansas Kiwanis International Governor-Elect  
Ph. or Text (620) 388-0068  
Email: [prattpreterists@sbcglobal.net](mailto:prattpreterists@sbcglobal.net)

We had a fantastic Key Leader event this past fall at Rock Springs Ranch. We had 42 students attend and 14 chaperones/volunteers. The event was a great success! We were very excited to have International President Daniel Vigneron attend our event and participate with the students. As a District Advisor I have to comment on the level of respect these young participants showed our International President. It gave me a warm feeling inside to know these individuals are going to be our leaders in the future. As Kiwanians we can be very proud of the event we host for high school students all across Kansas. We were also very lucky to have our International Trustee Dave Hurrelbrink and International Trustee of the Children's Fund Robert Maxwell in attendance. A shout out to the staff at Rock Springs Ranch for making sure all our needs were met.



We are waiting on the contract from Rock Springs for our event in 2020. It will be held October 2, 3 & 4. I will not be able to attend Mid-Year in Topeka but I will make sure there is a table set up with information on this year's event for clubs to take back to their club memberships.

Before I finish this article I want to express my thank you to all the clubs that sponsored Key Leader students or sent money for scholarships to cover the cost of enrollment. Thank you also to the individuals that sent checks. Without your generous donations we would not be able to fund this event. If anyone has questions I can be reached at [gbender@eaglecom.net](mailto:gbender@eaglecom.net) or 785-472-4936.

Cynthia "Cindy" Bender  
Key Leader Coordinator

### **Kiwanis Club Leadership Training / Coming Soon!**

CLE (Club Leadership Education) training season is quickly approaching and a new Leadership Guide will be introduced. After speaking with many volunteer trainers over the last year, it became clear to Kiwanis International that CLE needed to change to better fit the needs of club leaders. For example, instead of juggling 4 different books with separate instructor guides and a leadership guide, one book was created to meet the needs of all club leaders and hopefully inspire members to work their way up the leadership pipeline.



**PLEASE NOTE:** Classroom participation will be the focus this year. All club leader-elects are encouraged to take in-person CLE training instead of the online education. Kiwanis is in the process of changing the online education system and will be taking the current online education offline. Details regarding this change are forthcoming. Our Kansas district will receive a shipment of training materials and each club will receive 5 copies of the leadership guides. Volunteer trainers will be conducting leadership training in EVERY

DIVISION in the Kansas Kiwanis District. To ensure the success of our Kiwanis Clubs, it is imperative that every club leader-elect attend these trainings. Interested club members are also welcomed to attend and learn. If anyone has questions or needs to contact their division trainer, please contact District Master Trainer, Jim Mitchell at 785-375-2512 or through e-mail at [wildman1@fhrd.net](mailto:wildman1@fhrd.net).

### Service Leadership Programs (SLPs) host District Conventions in Kansas.



CKI in Kansas will host their district convention in Salina during the weekend of February 21 - 23. The logo to the left was designed by their talented social media administrator to advertise the event. Any Kiwanis member is welcomed to attend some or all of the event but if you plan to eat the meals, registrations are needed, along with payment. For more information contact Charles Keefer, CKI District Administrator at [charleskeefer7@gmail.com](mailto:charleskeefer7@gmail.com).



The Kansas District Key Club will host their district convention in Wichita during the weekend of March 20 - 22. The convention will occur at the Wichita Marriott and any Kiwanis member is welcomed to attend all or part of the event. Registrations are needed and encouraged as well as payment for meals, etc. For more information contact Chuck Sack, Key Club District Administrator at [chuck.sack@gmail.com](mailto:chuck.sack@gmail.com).

### KS Kiwanians & Friends Volunteer with Kiwanis Rose Parade Float

Four individuals from Hays, KS traveled to Pasadena, CA to help decorate the Kiwanis International float for the 2020 Tournament of Roses Parade. Two are Kiwanis members (Laura Dougherty & Mary Hammond, former KS Kiwanis Governor) and Ed Hammond & Schuyler Coates. This trip fulfilled a bucket list item for Mary as she has wanted to make this trip before she ever became governor. "When I was going through training to become the KS Kiwanis Governor, I had the desire to help decorate the float and ride on it as well. But at that time, timing wasn't right for our schedules", said Mary. That was back in 2011 and although none of these Kansas volunteers rode the float this year, their decorating opportunity brought them very close to 20 floats.



Ed Hammond worked at a table that processed & recorded all roses designated for various floats. The creators of floats had ordered a specific number of various colors & Ed kept record as roses were going out to various floats.

The three ladies had various jobs during their shift but it mostly boiled down to repairing mistakes made by workers in an earlier shift. They are shown on the left replacing the wrong water vials with correct ones.  
(Photo L-R is Mary, Schuyler and Laura)

Another task the ladies did was gluing lentils on the "Soaring with Hope" sign which was on the front of the Kiwanis International float. These lentils were cut with razor blades and there was a precision about it that needed to be followed. Laura commented that the opportunity to work and see these floats up close gave her a better perspective of the large scale in which these floats actually are. All four individuals would recommend to anyone attending future Rose Parades to volunteer on a decorating shift as it's free and a great way to see many floats up close. And you get a great FREE Kiwanis t-shirt!



The group did get to enjoy the Rose Parade and the weather was amazing this year. Mary said she would do this again but would choose to volunteer for the last shift which starts around 11:00 PM and wraps up with the float is complete. This year that time was 3:00 AM but Mary imagines that shift would be a flurry of action but hectic fun. Below is a photo of the completed 2020 Kiwanis International Float.





RUN DON'T WALK to the 2020 Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis.

Registration is now open! The new Kiwanis Education Conference - part of the 2020 Kiwanis International Convention - will help you raise your game.

Create a personal game plan to help your club have the most impact in your community. Improve your leadership skills. Find service project inspiration and return home with a plan, ideas about funding sources and maybe even blueprints for change. Discover innovative fundraising initiatives that can fuel your service and administrative accounts. Click on the link for more information.

[https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2020?\\_zs=OvQVe1&\\_zl=D4XQ6](https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2020?_zs=OvQVe1&_zl=D4XQ6)

## Kiwanis 2020 International Convention Speakers & Events

In addition to Captain "Sully" Sullenberger (see story below) the 2020 Kiwanis International Convention will provide a great line up of interesting speakers & events to challenge you as Kiwanis leaders. Information that you can use to take back to your clubs and your communities, to help in your efforts in making a positive difference in the lives of children and in the lives of all people. To see a more expanded list of opportunities and speakers, click here.

[https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2020/schedule-education?\\_zs=OvQVe1&\\_zl=F4XQ6#speakers](https://www.kiwanis.org/convention/2020/schedule-education?_zs=OvQVe1&_zl=F4XQ6#speakers)



Captain "Sully" at  
Kiwanis International  
Convention!

Captain "Sully" Sullenberger  
became internationally  
renowned on January 15,

2009, when he and his crew safely guided US Airways Flight 1549 to an emergency water landing in New York City's frigid Hudson River. The plane's two engines had lost thrust following a birdstrike.

Sullenberger and his crew received international acclaim for their "Miracle on the Hudson," including the passage of a Congressional resolution recognizing their bravery. Sullenberger was ranked second in Time magazine's "Top 100 Most Influential Heroes and Icons of 2009" and was awarded the French Legion of Honour. Sullenberger is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of "Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters" and also wrote "Making a Difference: Stories of Vision and Courage from America's Leaders."

Clint Eastwood directed the 2016 major motion picture about Sullenberger's life, titled "Sully." Tom Hanks starred in the lead role. Sullenberger is an expert in innovation in the face of disaster.

He will speak to Kiwanians on Thursday, June 18, about leadership and preparedness, particularly in times of change and challenge. He will empower you to reach new levels of excellence as a Kiwanis captain.

Don't miss this great opportunity to hear from this hero on leadership & courage.

Register for the Kiwanis International Convention at <https://schedule.kiwanisone.org/ki2020>



### **AKTION CLUB NEWS ARTICLE**

October 12, 2019 the Wellington Aktion Club hosted our District Conference in Mayfield, KS. I want to say a BIG thank you to Cristy Harris & her club for the full day of festivities they planned!

There were over 90 Aktion club members that attended from across Kansas! We had club sharing, several service projects from making hygiene baskets, tying blankets, painting a building, to making dog chew toys. Cristy also had training for club officers.



Her club members hosted a fanatic conference and they should be very proud of the event. A Kiwanis hug for all of you!

We currently have seven Aktion Clubs in Kansas and thank you to the clubs that sponsor an Aktion club in their community. It means so much to these individuals to have you become their friends, work on their service projects & teach them leadership in their daily lives.

As a sponsoring club it is important to attend some of their meetings. Please Presidents visit with your club members and fellow Kiwanians and encourage participation.

Also a reminder of the 2020 International Convention in Indianapolis, IN. If any of the Aktion Clubs are interested in attending please reach out to me and together we can form a plan to attend. Contact info - [gbender@eaglecom.net](mailto:gbender@eaglecom.net) or 785-472-4936-cell

Cynthia "Cindy" Bender  
District Aktion Club Advisor

Hello from your Children's Fund Chair

First I want to thank the clubs that have sent in their funds in support of the Children's Fund. The Children's Fund supports five causes around the world. There is support for Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs that impact elementary school children to adults with disabilities', club and district service projects, disaster relief funding for clubs or districts, the Eliminate Project to vaccinate mothers against neonatal tetanus, and the Iodine Deficiency Project that has been going on since 1994.



Your donations help support district and club grants and scholarships. Each year 15 students can be eligible for \$22,000.00 in scholarships for secondary education. These students can be eligible from the 5 districts that raise the most money for the Kiwanis Children's Fund. The Children's Fund was started in 1940 with 25 silver dollars by Walter Zeller and has been built on ever since and continues to affect children's lives the world over. So let's continue our support as some of that money can come back to our district and clubs. Let us not forget our Eliminate Project pledges.

I am still learning this position. I will be having a conference call with Kiwanis International contact person and their Midwest liaison from South Dakota on January 29<sup>th</sup> for more details on the Children's Fund that I will be able to share at Mid-Year.

Thank you,

Greg Bender  
Kansas District Children's Fund Chair

### **Get your Kiwanis Magnetic Ribbons!**

The Kansas Kiwanis District is proud to announce that the magnetic Kiwanis Ribbons are back!

Display your pride in Kiwanis in style with a Kiwanis Magnetic Ribbon.

Ribbons are \$5.00 each.

All profits are donated 50% to the Eliminate Project, and 50% to the Rock Springs Project.

District Clubs will be credited for donations to each project.

[Order Form](#)

For more information or to place an order - contact [kiwanis@cox.net](mailto:kiwanis@cox.net)



New Members in Kansas Kiwanis since October 2019  
**WELCOME!**

#### **Division 2**

Curtis Jones, Lawrence

#### **Division 3**

Callie Carpenter, Parsons  
Tracy Gilmore, Parsons  
Mary Hotchkiss, Pittsburg-Sunflower

Jason Lloyd, Pittsburg-Sunflower  
Steven Lohr, Pittsburg-Sunflower  
Robert Murnan, Pittsburg-Sunflower  
Robert Uhler, Fort Scott  
Kim Vogel, Pittsburg-Sunflower

**Division 4**

Ada Diaz Fajardo, Salina  
Melanie Hedgespeth, Salina  
Lynn Lopez, Salina  
John Miller, Salina  
Ruth Miller, Pott. Co.-Wamego  
Amanda Otto, Salina  
Elis Pomales Morales, Salina  
Kristin Vanwie, Salina

**Division 5**

Zachary Collett, Marion  
Julie Deines, Marion  
Leslie Manning, Lindsborg  
Bradley Yazel, Marion

**Division 6**

Karen Sturchio, Newton  
Teresa Tosh, El Dorado

**Division 7**

Dennis Ramey, Wellington

**Division 9**

Steven Frazell, Johnson County

**Division 11**

Sherry Bellucci, Topeka  
Cody Bletscher, Sabetha  
Charles Lavalley, Topeka  
Thomas Luedke, Topeka  
Naz Shareef, Topeka  
Susan White, Topeka

**Division 12**

Laura Dougherty, Hays  
Beau Fick, Hays  
Thomas Graham, Hays

Jennifer Hecker, Hays  
Matthew Jacobs, Hays  
Travis Kleweno, Hays  
Chelsey Ladd, Hays

Katrina Loftus, Hays  
Nikol Nolan, Thomas County, Colby  
Kristin Parker, Thomas County, Colby  
Roberta Pianalto, Goodland  
Mitchell Pugh, Norton County Kansas  
Noelle Robinson, Hays  
Becky Rogowski, Hays  
Sarah Wasinger, Hays

**In Memoriam**

**Paul E. Maneth**

Great Bend

**Jean Hulbert**

Manhattan

**Larry Frew**  
Kansas City - West

Kansas District of Kiwanis International, 922 Sunrise Hill Dr., Junction City, KS 66441

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