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SAVE THE DATES!

District Spring Rally

March 7 & 8, 2025

Great Bend Conv. Center

Great Bend, KS

On line sign up with details coming soon!

District Key Club Convention

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District Convention

August 8, 9, 10, 2025

Hilton Garden Inn,

Salina, Ks

Kiwanis International Convention

June 25 – 28, 2025

Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Registration is open

Kansas Key Leader

Rock Springs Ranch

July 18, 19, 20, 2025

NEW CLUB-SPRING HILL

The Kiwanis Club of Spring Hill, Kansas organized on Thurs., Oct. 3 with 15 members. There are three more members processing paperwork to join and there will be a charter event planned soon.

Several members expressed concern over the opportunity divide in their community and how they were looking forward to changing the disparity for the children. Welcome new Kiwanians!



KEY LEADER FUN 2024

Key Leader was held the weekend of Sept. 27-29 at Rock Springs 4-H Camp. Although it was a wonderful experience, numbers of students participating have fallen. To fix this problem, please note the change of month for the 2025 event. Please reach out to your schools to make sure your community benefits from this great program provided by the district!



CKI FALL INTO SERVICE

Circle K International in the Kansas District will hold their Fall Into Service on the Fort Hays State Univ. Campus Nov. 1-3



REMINDERS

- **File the club annual report with the Secretary of State.** Update officers on this report and make any necessary changes that need to be made. Recently, the state has made this a two-year requirement instead of every year. So please make sure you are current with the Secretary of State – it only takes a few minutes to get this done. Go to: Kansas Secretary of State | Businesses | Businesses Home (ks.gov)
- **File the club 990N.** If your club is below \$50,000, did you know about the 990N? Go to: Annual electronic notice (Form 990-N) for small organizations FAQs: How to file | Internal Revenue Service (irs.gov)
- **Have you paid your club dues yet?** You should be in communication with your club's Secretary in regard to your dues invoice, it is available on the Secretary's dashboard.

MEMBERSHIP TRAINING

Please have one member from your club join the **Kiwanis International Membership Leaders Facebook Group**.

This is the training conduit for membership growth. Upcoming trainings for the launch of the **Build Nurture Retain** program kick off Oct. 21! These are the webinar events group members will participate in!

Join NOW and attend!

- Build Nurture Retain Launch
Mon., Oct. 21, 12 CDT
- Build Nurture Retain Club Boosts
Tues., Oct. 22, 12 CDT
- Build Nurture Retain Open House/Guest Days
Wed. Oct 23, 12 CDT
- Build Nurture Retain reMember Campaign
Thurs. Oct. 24, 12 CDT
- Build Nurture Retain Two for Two
Fri. Oct. 25, 12 CDT



HAPPY FALL Y'ALL

Clubs across the district of Kansas are starting the new year with projects to build a better world for their communities and the children who live there.

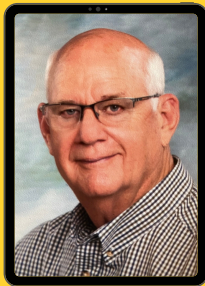
Some clubs have strong membership, while other clubs dwindle to even 4 or 5 members!

WHY?

Kiwanis International has done a deep dive into the reasons and have wonderful tools (ACE Tools) to strengthen and grow each club! Do these two things in the New Kiwanis Year for your kids,

- register for the Build Nurture Retain trainings
- explore the tools at the KI website.

<https://www.kiwanis.org/members/club-toolbox/achieving-club-excellence/>



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WELCOME!

Hello and welcome to a new Kiwanis year! Congratulations to all of the new officers and Board members who have been serving this past year. Many projects are already in full swing. Our excellent membership team has put together a new club in Spring Hill, Ks. While Lt. Governors and others are busy doing installations and celebrations. Other clubs are doing great service projects and fundraising across the state. One of the best parts of my job is meeting so many people doing wonderful things across the District and beyond.

At the District level, we are working hard to help you be the best club you can be. If you have questions, or problems, please let us know how we can help. Please consider stepping up in your local clubs, and at the District level. We need people like you to help keep Kiwanis a viable, worthwhile, organization. Kiwanis International (KI) is there to support every club and has started the new "Possibilities" campaign. It's a project to raise \$25 million dollars for the Children's Fund, to better serve the children of the World. The Children's Fund is the nonprofit foundation arm of KI. The goal is for each club to raise \$500 per member over 5 years. The total amount per club is based on their membership at the start of the 2023-24 year. More to come on that- It's going to be a great and busy year ahead. I look forward to working with you in any way that I can. **The kids of Kansas need your help and support and they appreciate your helping hands.**



NEW YEAR-NEW GOALS!

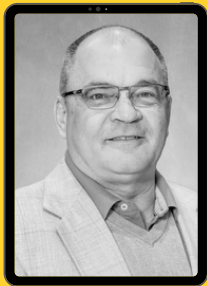
Secretaries, let's shoot for 100% of monthly reports filed on time.

Officers and members, you may think this isn't important, but it is! Without information KI and the Districts are not able to provide clubs with the necessary materials and ideas to help their clubs prosper and grow. Our children are our future and we all need to work together to allow them thrive. Kiwanis is there to help us accomplish that.

The monthly report, which can be found on the secretaries dashboard, is due on the 10th of the month after the previous month ends.

After it is submitted to KI, click on the envelope and it will be emailed to your club president, Div. Lt Governor and District Secretary at kansaskiwanis@gmail.com. You may have to put in their email addresses the first time. Presidents, please make sure you received a copy. If you don't receive it, let your secretary know. Discuss the report with your board members at your meeting. Work with your secretary on club communication to make sure ALL members know what is happening. Some may never make it to a meeting, but they are still members and should not be forgotten! This is one of the steps to reach Distinguished Club! **Last year in the first 6 months only 20% of the 70 clubs were filing club reports.** Not a very good rate. I know all of you are great secretaries and we all do have a lot on our plates, but maybe you can squeeze 20 minutes in each week for the report.

The Kansas District is awesome and we have very talented and inspiring members! Let's tap the resources and grow! If any "new" or "seasoned" secretaries need assistance please reach out to me any time. We do offer in person training in August each year at our District Convention, online training thru KI, or I can set up to Zoom with you.



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LEADERSHIP

I would like to touch on a subject that is widely discussed among current and previous leaders of the district, but may not be as well known by the district membership. That subject would be the lack of district members willing to step up and assume additional leadership roles within both the divisions and the district levels. This lack of willingness leads to a smaller and smaller pool of people who are available to help facilitate the successful operations of the district. This dwindling pool results in several detrimental effects for the district:

1. The “wearing of many hats” by members of the district leadership to ensure the successful operation of the district. There are numerous positions currently filled at the district level by the same person. There are several examples of this in the district, but I will use myself as the example for this point. I am currently the Governor-elect, but I also act as the assistant district secretary, and webmaster. While this may not sound like a lot, it shows that there are at least two positions that could theoretically be performed by other members of the district, if members were interested. There are also others in the district with more “hats” than I.

2. The lack of qualified members to be elected to leadership positions for the district. Many members may not realize, but in order to serve in one of the elected positions at the district, a candidate must have completed a successful term as a club president or secretary and as a Lt Governor. There are currently several Lt. Governor positions vacant in the district, and others filled by the same Lt Governor for several years. These vacancies and successive terms in office over a period of time reduce the available candidates for these district elected positions.

At some point in the future, the district will face the possibility that they will have no individuals “qualified” to be elected to these positions. My division, division 4 for example, had a vacancy in the Lt Governor position last year for the first time in over 20 years. This vacancy, in addition to the reduction of candidates mentioned above, also prevents the clubs in my division from having a voice in the operations of the district because they have no representation of the district board.

3. Lack of new ideas for how things are accomplished within the district. This is not to say that the current leadership is lacking in ideas or not willing to try new approaches to operations in the district. But as anyone who has attempted to organize anything by committee knows, everyone has a different idea on how to accomplish any goal. The strength of an organization is the discussion of these ideas, coming up with a plan that works best for the organization and putting that plan into action. Without new people to provide new ideas for discussion, organizations tend to fall into doing the same things while expecting different results and this rarely happens. For those members who don’t know me personally, you may think that I am being rather pessimistic in my outlook for the future of the district, but I do believe in informing members of what I perceive to be issues that need to be corrected before they reach the point of no return. I personally like to be more optimistic about things in life and know that by putting this information out to our membership, others will start thinking about ways that they can help find a solution to these perceived problems and start solving them. After all, we are Kiwanians and that is what we do – We find and implement solutions to improve our communities. We just sometimes need to be reminded that our communities don’t stop at the city limits. Many members feel they don’t have the time to give to do more, but I once had a very good friend of mine tell me “that just means that it’s not important enough to you for you to find the time to do it”.

So I am asking you as a member of the district, find one thing in Kiwanis that is important enough to you to give a little of your time to, then contact someone in the district leadership and offer to help make our district a better organization.



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NEW LEADERS

It's been a whirlwind since receiving the nomination to be your new Vice Governor at the Convention in August. My wife and I were invited to be chaperones at the September Key Leaders course and it definitely was a wonderful experience. We are blessed to have Kansas District Key Leaders who have a lot of potential. I hope that next year we have more volunteers and more clubs willing to sponsor more Key Leader campers.

On October 1st, I had the chance to observe a Club Opening in the making. I was partnered with Jay Hubbard from Kiwanis International, and to say I learned something is an understatement. He was very knowledgeable as he talked with potential Kiwanis members who care about their community; it was heartwarming. At the end of the day, we compared notes with membership committee members Jan Maxwell and Dawn Gabel, who had been interviewing other potential candidates. **If you have the chance, please volunteer for one of these Club Openings or introduce a BOOST or Two for Two Program in your club's area.**

One of my goals in the next three is to get out and visit clubs throughout the Kansas District. **Hope to see you soon!**

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Welcome to the old and the new!

Some of your club treasurers have been around for some time and so nothing seems new anymore. But some of the club treasurers are so bright, shiny and new to the position. By now you should be getting acclimated to the club's processes with the help of your previous treasurer and/or your President and Secretary. Take all the advice that is given and don't forget to ask the question – no question is too small or too big to be asked.

Remember your role is very pivotal to the club and the board members. You have been chosen by your peers (if they didn't think you could do the job, they would not have chosen you)!!!

Manage the books, be involved with the fund-raising committee, keep your club on track with finances, and lastly-have FUN!!!! Enjoy what you are doing – helping your club, your community, and children around the world. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. **We are here to help!**



GET TO KNOW A RISING LEADER

Greetings my fellow Kiwanians! I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Kimberley Mancuso and I am delighted to be the new Lt Governor for Division 9. I am a proud United States Marine Corps Veteran who strongly believes in service to the community. I am currently the Commandant of the General Larry Oppenheimer Marine Corps League Detachment #1025, recent past President of the Johnson County Kiwanis Club, previous President of the Kansas City, KS West Kiwanis Club, and an appointed member of the Kansas Board of Cosmetology where I serve on the Felony and Disciplinary Panel. I am actively involved with the Wounded Warrior Project and was also previously involved with Big Brothers and Big Sisters for many years. My "little" is now an adult with a family of his own. In addition, I hold a Master's Degree in Legal Analysis and am a Certified Paralegal. I live in Olathe with my husband and children and as a family we enjoy watching the Kansas City Mavericks hockey team (season ticket holders), love everything Disney and just being active in general, and I love participating in local 5k races.

I look forward to visiting the clubs within Division 9 and meeting all the wonderful Kiwanis members that make our division the best. My goal is to foster growth and development within the clubs as well as the individual members and the division as a whole.



DIVISION LT GOVERNORS AND OPENINGS

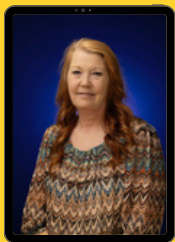
- Div 2 Cindy Henry, Leavenworth Club
- Div 3 Claudia Christensen, Fort Scott Pioneers Club
- **Div 4 Leadership NEEDED Please Step Up**
- **Div 5 Leadership NEEDED Please Step Up**
- **Div 6 Leadership NEEDED Please Step Up**
- **Div 7 Leadership NEEDED Please Step Up**
- Div 8 Suresh Maharjan, Great Bend Club
- Div 9 Kimberly Mancuso, Johnson Co. Club
- **Div 10 Leadership NEEDED Please Step Up**
- Div 11 Greg McLaren, Topeka Southwest Club
- Div 12 David Becker, Thomas Co. Club

HELP WANTED: KS Division Lt Governors

Seeking volunteers with a passion for growing the impact Kiwanis has in their regional communities.

Must have been a PAST club president OR secretary. Must be a member of a club of the division. (You can live in another division but need to belong to a club in the division served.) **DUTIES:** Communicate and encourage the clubs of your division.

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KEY CLUBS IN THE NEW YEAR

Key Clubs are a high school student led organization that involves today's students to be tomorrow's leaders. I started working with the Key Club students last year and have had a great time. A big move for the group was placing our Key Club Conference to coincide with the Kiwanis Spring Rally. It allows for interaction between the organizations and on the practical side saves a little money. There also is no shortage of adult chaperones if we need them. I look forward to this new year and working with the students who are going to lead our world into a new direction.



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CKI CLUBS IN THE NEW YEAR

CKI is the university level of the Kiwanis family. The goals this year are increasing membership across our clubs, providing resources for club development, and facilitating engaging events that inspire students to actively participate in service and leadership opportunities. By working together, we can strengthen our district and ensure that CKI continues to positively impact our communities and shape the leaders of tomorrow.

We are kicking off the semester with Fall-Into-Service at Fort Hays State University on November 1st-3rd by bringing CKI members together to engage in service, leadership development, and fellowship.



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AKTION CLUBS IN THE NEW YEAR

AKTION Club is a disabled adult service organization in the Kiwanis family. The AKTION clubs have been active with attending the annual SACK (Self Advocacy Coalition of Kansas) conference in Wichita this past July. We have started our annual color book and crayon drive, and we are starting planning for the district conference in the spring. There have been a couple of new AKTION Clubs start this past year, but we have lost a couple as well. It has kept us at a certain number, but we are looking to increase for the new year!

HELP WANTED: K-Kids and Builders Club District Admins, Contact: Gov. Dan Soeken at 620-786-6799 OR governor@kskiwanis.org for more information.