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NEW ENGLAND & BERMUDA DISTRICT

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Merry Membership!

As we enter the busy holiday season, it is sometimes a great time to take a moment to connect or reMember those members of the club who you haven't seen in a while or whose membership has lapsed. Look over your club's roster and place a call or send a note to those members who haven't been to a meeting or participated in a service project. Check in with them about how they are doing and invite them to an upcoming meeting, project or holiday party. Look over the list of members who recently left the club and reach out if you see a project or speaker that might interest them. Remember most members don't leave because they dislike Kiwanis, most leave because life gets in the way.

Clubs sometimes have a committee called the Sunshine Committee, which is responsible for reaching out to members who are sick, dealing with a significant life event, or death in the family. This small gesture can mean a lot to members. This committee can also be the ones who reach out to those members who haven't been around in a bit.

While my engagement in Kiwanis is rooted in giving back to the organization that gave me so much in my youth through Key Club

and helping my community, it is the comradery that refills my soul and keeps me involved. Make sure that you take some time this holiday season to reconnect with those in the organization who may have stepped back from the club, but are still an important part of our Kiwanis Family.

Chris, Lindsey and I wish everyone in the New England and Bermuda District a wonderful holiday season filled with laughter, love and memories!

Yours in Kiwanis,

Governor Kristin

PRESQUE ISLE MONSTER MASH!

The Presque Isle club had a frightfully good time with their annual Monster Mash!



The winners of the Halloween Costume Contest for Funniest were Upside Down Clown, Sparkiest, Black Dress Witch Emma Beaton, Scariest, Headless Soldier, Coolest, Shrek Family, Peter, Chelsie & Lochlan Johnson, Most Original, Hunter & Deer, Amanda & Chris Beaulieu, and Best, Pirates of the Caribbean, Andy & Amanda Greave and family. Judges, AJ Cloukey, Past President and Sue Watson, Secretary



George Watson, Past President and a hitchhiker he picked up and took to the Monster Mash



Dan Amero, President, Jay Amero, Sue Watson, Secretary, George Watson, Past President Travis Ouellette, Member



Setting up crew / Sherry Clark, Past President, Hillary Lundgren, Vice President, Travis Ouellette, Member, Sue Watson, secretary, George Watson, Past President, Eric Lundgren, Dan Amero, President

CHILDREN'S FUND INTERNATIONAL



by Lindy Falconer

As your New England and Bermuda District Chair for the Kiwanis Children's Fund, I am hoping that members throughout our District will volunteer to be "Champions." If you are interested, please email me at lindy@linjo.com and please put Children's Fund in Subject area of your email.

Be a Champion for kids!

Thanks to The Possibility Project, Kiwanis will reach ten million kids in communities around the world. To achieve this remarkable impact, we need the support and dedication of volunteers. That is why we are calling on enthusiastic individuals to join us as Champions.

As a Champion, you will work closely with Kiwanis Children's Fund staff, the District Chair, and other purposeful volunteers across the U.S. to help raise awareness and funds for The Possibility Project. In this vital role, you will:

- Meet with clubs in your area (within your division and potentially in surrounding divisions).
- Promote the impact of the Children's Fund by serving as a representative for your area.
- Encourage Kiwanis clubs to contribute gifts that support children through Kiwanis.
- Your involvement will be instrumental in transforming lives and creating brighter futures for children worldwide. Join us and be a Champion for kids! To Learn more go to [The Possibility Project Interest Form - Formstack](#).

Calling all Clubs – The IMPACT Challenge:

Please consider donating \$10.00 per member or better yet becoming an "IMPACT CLUB." With a commitment to give a per-member average of US\$500 or more over five years, your club becomes an **Impact Club**. This is an extraordinary commitment. As children's needs are growing, it is crucial to ensure that their possibilities are keeping pace. Your club can make it happen — with a gift that makes a true impact through The Possibility Project.

The Possibility Project is the first fundraising campaign created solely to support the Kiwanis family and the children we serve. The present is the perfect time for clubs like yours to make an impact.

By coming together for The Possibility Project, we have an opportunity "make a difference" in the lives of at least ten million kids. By working together, we will raise US\$25 million for the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

Oh, imagine the possibilities for it takes just US\$2.25 to impact one child.

Thank you all for your efforts in helping to raise funds for children throughout the world. If your club is interested in applying for a Grant through this fund, check out the following site: [GDKCF-1023-271-Guide-to-Club-Grants.pdf](#) and/or this one for clubs with 35 members or less: [Microgrant Program | Kiwanis International](#).

DIVISION EIGHT IS GREAT! Governor's Visit







LET'S CRUISE

2025 CRUISE to Bermuda

Let's all get together on the Norwegian Jewel from May 16 to May 23

- Balcony cabin \$1783.97 pp or \$1956.37 pp with the drink & specialty dining pkg.
- Picture window ocean view \$1216.51 pp or \$1388.97 pp with the drink & specialty dining pkg.
- Inside cabin \$1085.63 pp. or \$1250.03 with the drink & specialty dining pkg.
- As part of the group, each cabin will receive a \$100 spending credit.

The deposit is only \$250 per cabin to secure the cabin of your choice. The staff gratuities are \$20 per day pp. Your final payment is due by Jan 16 2025

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NOTES FROM DISTRICT SECRETARY JUDY



SIGNATURE PROJECT CONTEST:

The 2025 Signature Project Contest will open up on **January 7th** and entries are due by **January 30th**. For the upcoming 2025 Signature Project Contest, clubs will submit their project details using the online contest entry form that will be posted at the bottom of this link <https://www.kiwanis.org/members/service-projects/signature-contest/> in January 2025 or will be sent to you from your district leadership.

Using this link you can now **See the questions that will be asked on the online submission form** so that your club can start preparing for your submission.

Each club's entry will be sent to their district for judging and selection of their Group I and/or Group II projects that will be entered into the 2025 Signature Project Contest. The top three selections from each group will be recognized as the gold, silver and bronze winners at the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention. The winning projects in each group will be awarded US\$2,000,

\$1,500 and \$1,000!

KIWANIS ENGAGE UPDATE:

Many of you have asked about the new Kiwanis Engage website. I was given a preview this month at my District Secretary meeting in Indy. The final roll out date will be June 2025 at the International Convention in Pittsburgh. We hope to have enough information to be able to share with clubs sometime after March 2025.



District Secretary Judy visiting KI in Indiana

HAPPY Holidays



Governor officer hours will be on hiatus for
December. I look forward to seeing everyone
again on Wednesday, January 15 at 7pm EST!

Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season and
happiest of new years!



RISK MANAGEMENT

By Risk Management Chair Matt Barrett

Greetings fellow Kiwanians,

I want to say a few things about Risk Management without boring you. Good luck, right!

Most requested topics that I hear all the time from Kiwanians are producing certificates of liability and Youth Protection Guidelines.

Online Resources that you can access.

<https://www.kiwanis.org/members/risk-management/> web page on the KI site

- member resources
- club leader tools
- Club Insurance Resource Guide. Club Liability and Directors and Officers Liability
- certificate of insurance request form
- risk management techniques
- safety inspection(pre event) Report
- optional insurance resource guide-club crime and club accident(October 31, 2024, deadline to apply!)

[-riskmgmt@kiwanis.org](mailto:riskmgmt@kiwanis.org) (email)

Kiwanis is a children's organization and the work that we do spans the world. As we grow it is important to always be vigilant and aware of the inherent risks in working with children. Background checks and Youth Protection Guidelines are put in place for a reason. Please be sure that when you are working with children that you adhere to all the guidelines. They can be found on the Kiwanis website or the link here.

<https://www.kiwanis.org/who-we-are/youth-protection/>

PACKING IT UP!

Congrats to the Kiwanis clubs from Division 5, 9 and 16 packing meals for people in the Westford, Nashua and Lowell communities. They were joined by Key Clubbers, Boys and Girls Scouts as well as members of the community. In total they packaged 15,000 meals. Thank you to Rob Sherbs for organizing!



Way to go Mashpee Kiwanis with your annual fill the van donation!





SHEFFIELD SHINES!

Governor Kristin and Governor-Elect Adam visited Sheffield for their annual installation. Special congrats to Pat Salvi for becoming Kiwanian of the Year! Way to go Pat!







Wild in Weston

Governor Kristin was back on the road to visit the Kiwanis Club of Weston. She was honored to present Assistant Club Secretary Dan Gilbert the Governor's Exemplary Club Secretary Award that was awarded by Governor Eli at DCON in August as well as the District Publication Award to Bob Uzenoff.





CHEERS 

to

DAVID THORN
Kiwanis Club
of Hyannis

Turned 101 in September
and still attends all meetings
and volunteers at events

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GROWING IN THE VALLEY!

The Mount Washington Valley club inducted 6 new members at a recent meeting. Here they are with their sponsors. Great job MWV!



The Danvers Kiwanis Club assembled 100 child safety bags at a recent meeting. President Linda and Secretary Kay delivered them to Boston Children's Hospital Peabody for their upcoming safety event.



Danvers has also been an inter club champion! Attached are 3 photos of the Danvers members at 3 InterClubs: with Wilmington, Georgetown and Greater



K for Kids Kicks

Kiwanis Club of Presque Isle had the great pleasure of giving a donation to the Presque Isle Community Center for the team t-shirts and the "K" for the gym floor. Andrew Perry was on hand to talk about how this helps the soccer team these are given to. Children, families and our community is what we are all about and any time the club can and is able to donate brings a huge smile on our faces and in our hearts.

George Watson, Past President, Sue Watson, Sherry Clark, Past

President, Andrew Perry, Program Director, Community Center, Deirdre McMahon, Treasurer, Penny McHatten Asst Secretary, Timothy McMahon, Past Kiwanis Governor



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