



# Kiwanis®

NEW ENGLAND & BERMUDA DISTRICT

February 2025

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Happy Birthday Kiwanis! Hard to believe that Kiwanis International celebrated its 110th birthday on January 21st! Did your club celebrate the day? Celebrating milestone events like this, Key Club's 100th anniversary on March 23rd, or your own club's milestone charter anniversary is just one way to highlight all the wonderful things our organization is doing in the community. Don't forget to take time to celebrate even the smallest of milestones like a job well done chairing an event, increased impact at a service project, a new fundraising goal met or even a club

member's birthday or Kiwanis anniversary. There is always a reason to celebrate and people appreciate being recognized!

Speaking of celebrating, I hope you will join your fellow Kiwanians at our upcoming Mid-Winter Conference March 21-23, 2025 at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland, ME. I am excited to announce that we will be joined by International President Lee Kuan Yong! We also have programming for each meal, including the breakfasts, as well as 15 educational and two service projects. Registration is live on the [District website](#) and hotel room reservations close February 28, or when the block sells out. February 28th also serves as the deadline for event registration as well, but there will be late registration until March 12 with a \$25 late fee. Can't wait to see you there!

Yours in Kiwanis,

Governor Kristin

# NOMINATIONS FOR GOVERNOR-ELECT WANTED

Unfortunately, we no longer have a candidate for Governor-Elect for the 2025-2026 year. If you are interested in leading the District in this important role of distinguished service, please have your club submit a letter of nomination to Secretary Judy Barrett: [judy.kiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:judy.kiwanis@gmail.com)

Or if you have questions, feel free to contact Governor-Elect Adam:  
[adamkiwanis@gmail.com](mailto:adamkiwanis@gmail.com)



**Deadline: February 28, 2025**

**Late Registration Deadline: March 12, 2025 (plus \$25)**

**Hotel Reservations**

\$131/night plus tax.

**Call-In Room Registration**

Ph. 207.775.2311

Block Name: NE District Kiwanis

Three letter booking code: KIW

Note: accessible rooms are available by calling the hotel.

Information and Registration

<https://k17.site.kiwanis.org/events/midwinter-conference/>

**REGISTER HERE!**

# BERMUDA & HANSON

## Socks across the water!

On December 10, 2024 President Lionel Swan presented 1,969 Pairs of Socks on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton in partnership with the Kiwanis Club of Hanson & Foundation who donated 200 Pairs of Bombas Socks, to Kiwanian Major Darryl Simms and Kiwanian Director Capt. Dennis Maybury of The Salvation Army, Bermuda, to be distributed through their Annual Christmas Hamper Campaign throughout the Bermuda Community.





**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.

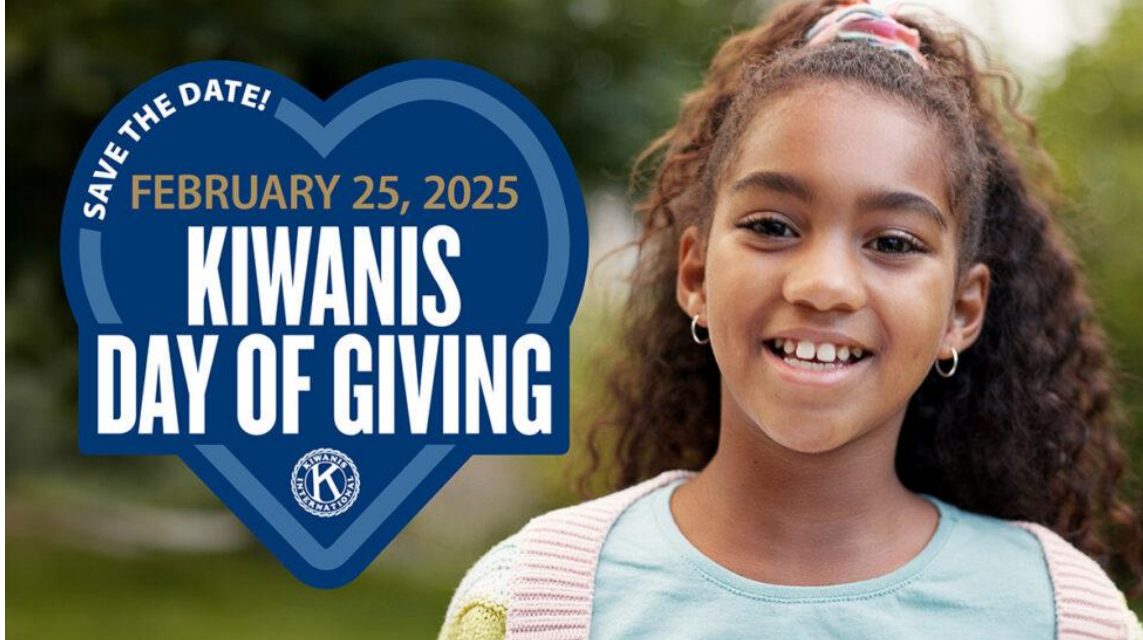
The deposit is only \$250 per cabin to secure the cabin of your choice. The staff gratuities are \$20 per day pp. Your final payment is due by Jan 16 2025

**KRISTY - (603) 382-3596 - KLACROIX@CRUISEPLANNERS.COM**

## BELLS IN CLAREMONT

Jeff Coburn, Claremont Kiwanis Bell Ringing Committee Chair and Division 14 Lt. Governor, presented the Stevens High School Key Club with a check for \$1,000 in recognition for all of their hard work ringing bells this season. They rang for 138 hours and covered 68 spots. Well done students.





## Kiwanis Children's Fund Day of Giving – 2/25

Please help the Kiwanis Children's Fund raise \$100,000 to reach 45,000 children through funds raised in one day. The date is February 25 (2/25). This date is fitting for it costs only \$2.25 to make an impact on one child's life.

As the date approaches, look for more information about "Kiwanis Day of Giving" via email and on social media. **Gather online (Facebook and more) with other Kiwanians, February 24-26.** You will learn about the Kiwanis causes and hear examples of grants that support Kiwanis service.

### How can you participate?

1. Mark your calendar as a reminder to participate on February 25, 2025.
2. Start things off by donating to the Kiwanis Children's Fund.
3. Encourage others to donate on February 25. Include a link to **the donation page**, ([Kiwanis Day of Giving | Kiwanis International](#)). Individual and club gifts on February 25 will count toward the final goal. If you send a check, put "Day of Giving" in the memo.
4. Like, share and comment on posts February 24-26. Kiwanis will post updates about the fundraising progress along with inspiring stories of Kiwanians' impact on children around the world. Use the hashtag **#KiwanisDayofGiving** in your posts.
5. Create your own social post. Kiwanis International will post updates that you can share, with inspiring stories of Kiwanians' global impact. However, personal posts sharing what you are doing in your communities are the most effective way to reach your Facebook network for support. Make it your own — do not hesitate to share your Kiwanis story!



## **Governor Kristin's Office Hours!** **Monday, February 10, 2025 at 6:30pm EST**

**Join Governor Kristin for her February Office Hours! Hop on the Zoom call for a couple of minutes or an hour to catch up with her and share any thoughts or concerns you may have!**



Register:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/AWhjshHQeeEGVYOp8StMg>





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## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR 2025-2026

**We**

**Need**

**You**

**Interested in leading membership for the district,  
and helping to expand our mission?**

**Contact Governor-Elect Adam (413)564-5200  
adamkiwanis@gmail.com**



## WEBINAR

*The forgotten art of  
onboarding*

Wonder why so many members don't make it past their first anniversary in your club? And others rarely show their face at your meetings or events? The answer may very well be as simple as the lack of onboarding your new members into your club. Effective onboarding can be the difference between joining and belonging to your club. Come and learn ways to start the process or enhance the process you are currently

using. It could make all the difference in your club.  
Join us for the most up-to-date club opening training on  
**Wednesday, February 19 at 8 p.m., Eastern.**

Register at <https://kiwanis-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcrc-yprDouGdEO6FGdiM56EHEhE8I8xvfk>.

# Kiwanis 2025 ONLINE AUCTION



**Kiwanis**  
Club of Westfield

PREVIEWS START MARCH 3  
BIDDING OPEN MARCH 7-9

**HUNDREDS OF ITEMS  
TRIPS - ART - GIFT CARDS  
MERCHANDISE - SERVICES  
MUCH, MUCH MORE!**

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT GREAT LOCAL  
CHARITIES, INCLUDING  
WESTFIELD BOYS & GIRLS CLUB,  
SCOUTS, LITTLE LEAGUE, AND MORE**

**PREVIEWS AND BIDDING AT**  
[KIWANISAUCTION.COM](http://KIWANISAUCTION.COM)



## KPTI KITS AVAILABLE!



As an advocate for  
**YOUNG CHILDREN I**  
am writing to remind  
you that materials are  
currently available from  
the **KIWANIS  
PEDIATRIC TRAUMA  
INSTITUTE (KPTI)** at  
Tufts Medical Center in  
Boston. You may have  
heard that Tufts  
Children's Hospital has  
ended its trauma

services. This is true BUT the Kiwanis Foundation of New England's trauma prevention and community education programs continue this year.

Tufts' administrators indicated that the programs offered through KPTI are valuable and necessary so a contract has been signed to continue services from KPTI through September 30, 2025 and possibly longer. The Early Childhood Injury Prevention Kits, Bike Rodeo materials, Cubby Bears, Bike Helmet program, First Aid Chart and other printed educational materials are available to Kiwanis Clubs in our District.

Research will also continue at Tufts with grant money from KFNE (Kiwanis Foundation of New England). Your Club may continue to order materials without interruption. And I encourage your Club to continue its Annual Gift (of \$12 per member) to KFNE . The Early Children Injury Prevention kits are an excellent hands on service project for your club members. Provided with the materials are plastic bags to pack the materials in assembly line fashion. There is no cost to your club to request these materials.

To learn more about KPTI and order materials go to [kpti.com](http://kpti.com) and click on the Community Programs tab where you will also find an order form to download.

If you have questions, please contact me at [faithava2008.com](mailto:faithava2008.com)

Ava Adams, Board Member  
Kiwanis Foundation of New England









Please donate a basket to be  
auctioned on Saturday, March 22, 2025

for

# First Gent Chris' Silent Auction at Mid-Winter Conference

*Spring in New England*

Supporting

Governor Kristin's

K-Kids & Builder's Club Service Project Fund

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## 2025 KIWANIS CONVENTION • JUNE 25-28 • PITTSBURGH

Join us in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S., for the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention. **Our own Past Governor Bart Stevens is running for International Trustee** so let's get a great turnout to support him!

You'll be a part of an event that can help you transform your club and its impact in your community. Education. Fellowship. Decision-making. Explore all the ways the Kiwanis International convention can help you forge the future — for your club and for our worldwide organization.

[REGISTER FOR ICON HERE](#)

# 2025 Kiwanis International Convention Education Workshops at KI

**EXPLORE ICON EDUCATION  
SCHEDULE HERE**



Please join us to raise money for the children in our Community!

**Saturday, March 8, 2025.**

8:30 am Registration with coffee.

9:00 am Tournament

**Sons of Italy** - 459 Merrimack St.

Methuen, MA 01844

Cost: **\$50.00** per person

Teams of 4

This includes Lunch and Bocce

\$20 for Spectator Lunch Tickets

Come enjoy a day with new and old friends, great food and the possibility of winning some great raffles and Bragging Rights for a whole year.

To register your team or purchase a dinner ticket please contact Larry Giordano at:

Email: [oyama24@live.com](mailto:oyama24@live.com)

Cell: 978-360-9256

## **CARNIVAL TIME!**

Hooksett Kiwanis was one of the proud sponsors for the Hooksett Winter Carnival on 1-25-25. While the weather started out cold at approx. 10 degrees, in a short time not only was the weather warming up but so too were the activities and attendance. There were close to 1,000 who attended this event which started in 2018. Outside activities included Snow Shoeing and other outside activities. Also, outside there was fresh cooked popcorn and roasting of marshmallows and making s'mores. Inside there were over 60 arts and craft vendors and Dance School performers as well as food vendors. There was a



raffle with over 100 prizes which totaled more than \$5,000.



## **CARIBOU GETS MICRO GRANT!**

Caribou Kiwanis Club School Snack/Backpack Program was awarded a \$1,000 microgrant through Kiwanis Children's Fund.

This is the third year our club has been doing this



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CHILDREN'S FUND

Caribou Kiwanis members (left to right) Crag Staples, Bill Francis & Mary Beth Francis, deliver food supplies to Caribou Community School Social Worker, Pam Giberson, for the school snack & backpack program. Made possible in part by a grant from Kiwanis Children's Fund.

project, and we plan to continue with it. It initially started by adopting an 8<sup>th</sup> grade class and providing healthy snacks for students who were hungry between meals. We quickly learned that there were many more students in other classes who were also in need, not only for snacks, but meals at home. We collaborated with the school social worker (SSW) who identifies children with food insecurity at home. The SSW provides us with a list of food items that are individually packaged, that only require a microwave to warm up, do not need preparation, and something they can do themselves. We then go shopping for those items

and deliver them to the school.

On Friday's the SSW puts food items in a backpack and places the backpack in the student's locker between classes when other students are not present. The students then return the backpack on Monday to be filled again on Friday. Parental consent is obtained for their child receiving a backpack. We are currently providing meals for 30-40 students on a weekly basis, as well as snacks at school. The SSW contacts the Caribou Kiwanis Club when more food is needed (approximately every 6 – 8 weeks). The SSW also gives our club a list of requested snack items that students can request during the school day if they are hungry. The Caribou Kiwanis Club will continue to raise money through our fund-raising activities to support this need. Snack items consist of microwave popcorn, trail mix, fruit cups, applesauce, granola bars, etc. Backpack food items consist of Mac & cheese, Dinty Moore meals, Raman Noodles, etc.



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## CHILDREN'S FUND

Food closet with snack and food items for distribution

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