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HAPPY NOVEMBER!

I hope your Kiwanis year is off to an amazing start! It has been a busy month for me traveling around the District to attend installations and service projects. It is great getting to see and meet so many of you.

As part of my travels, I was able to attend Key Leader and CKI's Fall Conference this past weekend at Camp Sunshine in Casco, ME. Our Service Leadership Programs (SLPs), are the shining jewel of Kiwanis. Personally, I credit Key Club for instilling in me many of the leadership and organization skills that I have today and include some of my fondest memories from high school. A number of my favorite experiences as a Kiwanian also involve our Service Leadership Programs.

Many of clubs in the District sponsor one or multiple SLPs and I encourage those clubs to find ways to interact with them. Besides having the Kiwanis Advisor present at meetings, is there a project the clubs can work together on? Food packing events are a great way to work together to help feed those in your community or maybe a park cleanup. Hosting a combined meeting where there the different clubs come together to talk about what each club is up to. Have Kiwanians present at the officer installations. Maybe have SLP members assist with the Kiwanis club's website or social media feeds?

Half of the funds being raised by my pin sales and silent auction funds, will go towards creating a new K Kids and Builders Club grant to give clubs the opportunity to request funds for service projects. KFNE has generously agreed to house and match any funds donated. These two groups do not have service project funding sources through KI, like Key Club and Circle K do, so I am excited to be offering this opportunity to these clubs.

Included in this newsletter are writes up from attendees from both Key Leader and CKI's Fall Conference. Both weekend long events focus on developing leadership skills through small and large group discussions and activities. Enjoy taking a moment learning more about these two events.

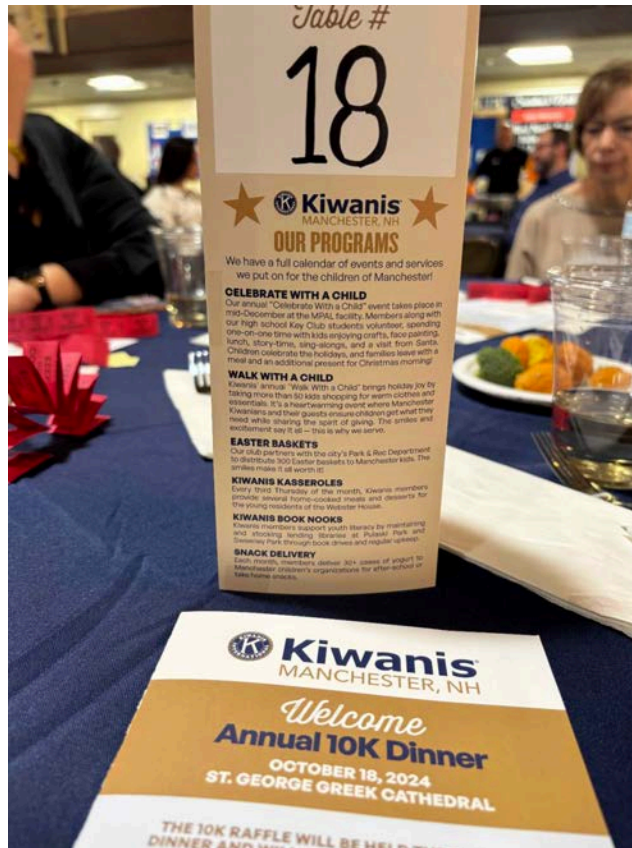
Yours in Kiwanis,

Governor Kristin

MANCHESTER 10K DINNER

The Manchester, NH club once again had a successful 10K raffle dinner! All proceeds went to benefit the Kiwanis Club of Manchester, NH supporting their programs that make a tangible difference in the community. Great Job Manchester!





KEY LEADER & CKI FALL CONFERENCE AT CAMP SUNSHINE

My Key Leader Experience by Jamie McClain

Key Leader is one of the top events I look forward to every year as a key club member. My favorite parts of Key Leader is having the opportunity to meet new people and learn leadership skills with them over the course of the weekend. Especially being from a small area, meeting new people is far and few so being able to meet people from other areas is really nice. The lectures and book you fill out teaches you a lot and the activities in between keep it fun and enjoyable. I also very much enjoy the service projects that take place during the event.

I've attended Key Leader before but I continue to return for the people I've met over the past couple years and the opportunities it brings. I would recommend Key Leader to anyone that shows interest because the service projects feel extremely rewarding, the friendships you make, the fun you have, and the wonderful skills you learn over the course of the weekend. I have attended the event as just a participant and as a student facilitator and doing so helped me extremely academically and honestly just personally. Having to meet and work with new people greatly helped me manage some of my anxiety, and the leadership skills I left with helped me to be better in my leadership positions at school. This year I am looking forward to seeing everyone this weekend, doing activities, acts of service, and overall just having fun with people that have a love for leadership and service just like I do.

NED CIRCLE K FALL CONFERENCE

By two members of the Boston College Circle K

This year's NED Circle K FallCon was the first district event I have attended since joining Circle K 3 years ago. Between the peak foliage, friendly faces, and jam-packed event schedule, it was a weekend to remember. On Saturday, we did team building and leadership activities, service projects for Camp Sunshine, mini golf, and even roasted s'mores by the campfire! Though I was unfamiliar with Camp Sunshine before this weekend, I quickly fell in love with its mission, campgrounds, and staff. Having been a camp counselor for children with special needs in the past, their service to families of children with medical conditions resonated with me. We made no-sew blankets to add to the piles of handmade quilts and blankets for families to take home, decorated envelopes to send to donors, and strung lights outside for an upcoming event.

On top of all the service, I left feeling like I had made fast friends with the district board members and members of other NED CKI clubs that I had never met beyond an email prior to this weekend. Going home to Boston College, I am excited to bring back the motivation to tackle problems head on and find actionable solutions, as well as share the mission of Camp Sunshine with everyone in our home club. It's important for me to remember that we are not just a CKI community at Boston College or in the greater Boston area, but that our fellowship transcends state and international lines.

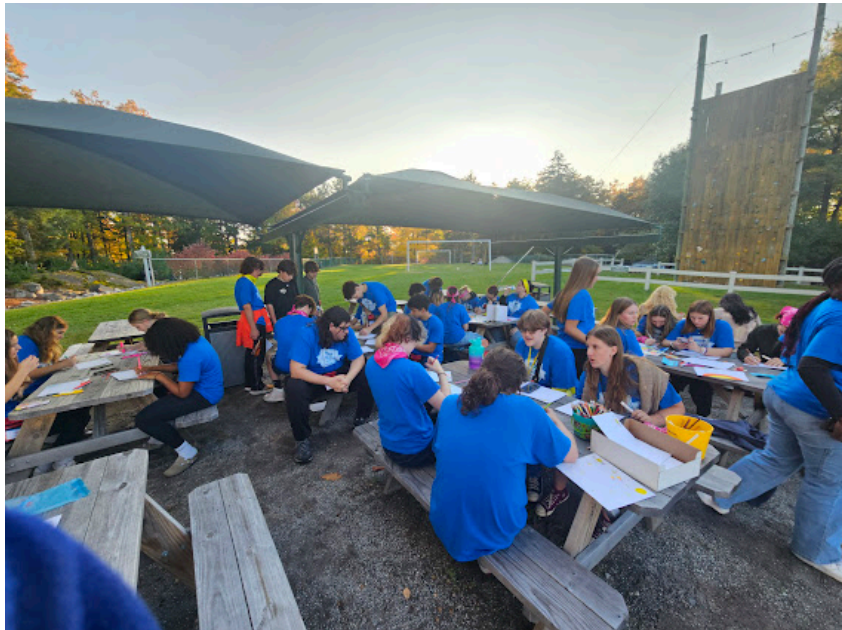
This past weekend, I attended the New England District Circle K FallCon with my club's president. Before we even made it to the venue, Camp Sunshine, we were shown so much hospitality by other Circle K members. We were picked up at the train station by the district editor, Jessica, which was a 50 minute drive from the campgrounds. She was extremely nice to us two strangers, and even went out to dinner with us. Arrival at the camp was a very warm welcome, with other members introducing themselves excitedly and talking to us like old friends. I found myself looking forward to the weekend ahead.

The next day was full of fun team-building activities that helped us grow closer as a group. Some events, such as building a pasta structure with only one group member seeing the reference model, served as metaphors for the importance of communication and listening skills. My president and I also directly communicated with each other about issues that we noticed in our club chapter that we could help to solve. At the end of the day, we all gathered around a campfire to roast smores, with lively conversations and laughter.

I was very surprised by how much fun I had at FallCon. It was very easy to make new friends and fit into a group where there was a mix of newcomers and long-standing members. This event will help me to try and implement a similar atmosphere at my college.



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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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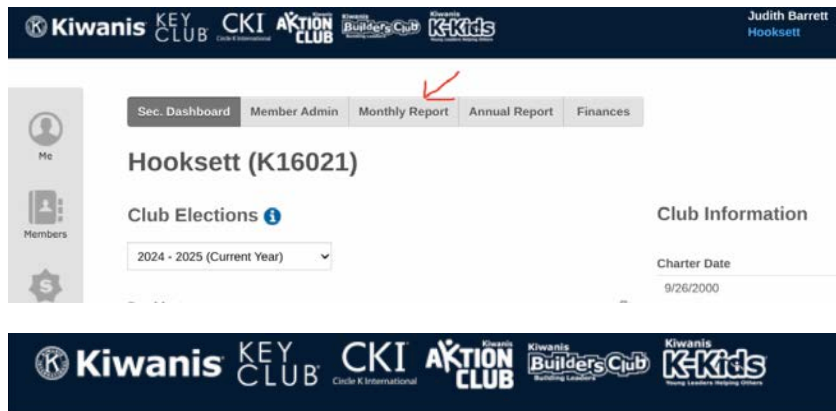
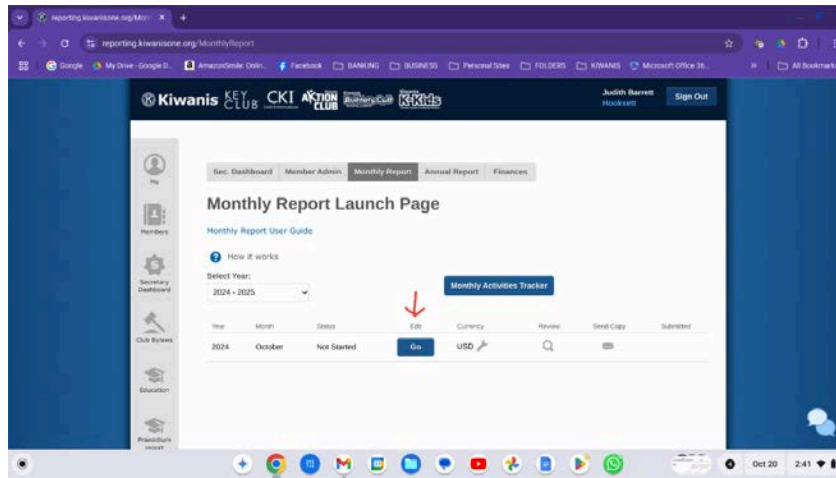
NOTES FROM DISTRICT SECRETARY JUDY



If you are a club President or Secretary, I encourage you to use Kiwanis Connect (reporting.kiwanis.org) to update your club information and submit your monthly report. This will keep the governor and lieutenant governors updated on your club's activities. I have included some screenshots below showing how to access your secretary dashboard. If you still have questions or need more help, don't hesitate to contact your lieutenant governor or me. You should also review your Club's Bylaws at the beginning of this administrative year. We have district members who can also help if you need to make changes or have questions.

I want you all to remember, you are all great because you serve and leave a trail of angel footprints. I thank each of you for the time and talents you give to your clubs.

District Secretary, Judy Barrett



PAST FIRST LADY JEN GIVES!



Each Kiwanis year, the Governor's significant other selects a charity to support. During Governor Eli's term (2023-24) First Lady Jen chose the Children's Hospital at Dartmouth (CHAD) for pediatric ophthalmology care. First Lady Jen retired as an ophthalmic nurse at Dartmouth Hitchcock after 35 years and knew the need for funds to support some of the pediatric ophthalmic care for children. During the NEBD conference and convention, clubs and members donate items for a silent auction, with the money raised going to the First Lady's charity. A total of \$6177 was raised, which was matched by the Kiwanis Foundation of New England, for a total of \$12,354.



On Wednesday, Oct 16, 2024, First Lady Jen and Immediate Past Governor Eli Rivera, along with Lt Governor Jeff Coburn, traveled to CHAD to present the Pediatric Ophthalmology Department with the donation. We met with Polly Anton, Director of Development for Child Health Initiative, and Drs Janine Eagle and Erin Salcone, who were all excited by the donation, being that this was the first time their department had ever received a donation earmarked for children's ophthalmic care.

We look forward to continuing the mission of the Kiwanis to improve the world one child and one community at a time.

INTERCLUBS!

By Interclub Chair Jack Savastano

Has your club taken part in an inter-club recently? Inter-clubbing is a means of supporting Kiwanis' fifth Object, which is "To provide, through this club, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build a better

community." This wider scope of Kiwanis can be achieved by arranging visits between clubs in the same town, division, and district, as well as inter-district get-togethers. Inter-clubbing took a backseat during COVID, but we are excited to see it coming back now!

An inter-club meeting is a meeting staged by two or more Kiwanis clubs (including clubs in formation), or by a Kiwanis club and any K-Kids, Builders Club, Aktion Club, Circle K Club, or Key Club. Through the fellowship gained by inter-club activities, members learn how other clubs function, get to know their neighboring Kiwanians, develop new ideas and a broader interest in how Kiwanis operates, find new ideas for use in their own club, and become better Kiwanians. Inter-clubbing creates fun and strong fellowship. It also allows Kiwanians to see the broader scope of Kiwanis when inter-clubs are done with our Service Leadership Programs and see the fine work that is being done by these programs in their schools and communities.

To learn more about inter-clubbing and the prestigious inter-club awards check out the District webpage [here!](#)

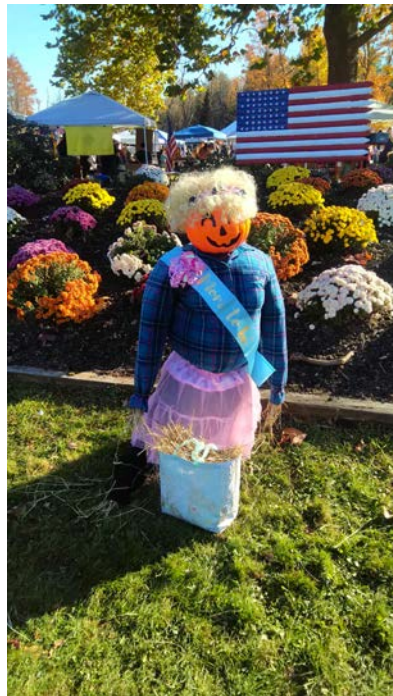
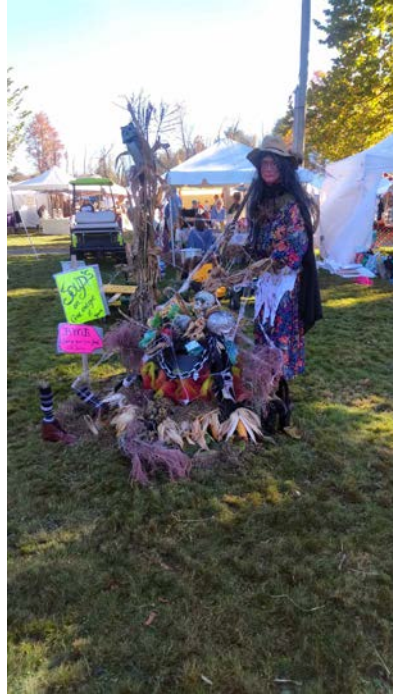


Governor-Elect Adam Wight and Future First Lady Amanda Waterfield visited the Kiwanis Club of Kalispell, Montana on a recent vacation to big sky country!



Members of the Danvers and Wilmington MA clubs join for an interclub.

Bernardston MA Club has a **HAPPY HALLOWEEN** at their Scarecrow event!





Governor Kristin's Office Hours



Wednesday, November 13 at 7pm EST

Join Governor Kristin for her next Office Hours! Hop on the Zoom call for a couple of minutes or an hour to catch up with her about her goals for the year, any thoughts or concerns you may have, or just to chat! Kristin is setting aside time to hear and talk with you so please join her!



Register Here

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83730037936?pwd=QjVML3I5SGYzeVI2aUIPUTlwVkNDdz09>

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR OFFICE HOURS](#)

WINNER WINNER CHICKEN DINNER!

Congratulations to the Westfield, MA club on their successful 2nd annual Meat Raffle! Nearly \$5,000 was raised for community projects by the club!





CHESHIRE KIWANIS PICKLEBALL FUN

Nearly 100 participants and spectators had a great day on the courts!



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MAKING HAY

The Saco River Valley Kiwanis Club donated \$1,000 to LaDawn Therapeutic Riding Center. To learn more about the wonderful work they do, please visit: <https://ladawntrc.org>



TIS' THE SEASON!

The always busy Mt. Washington club recently helped their Angels & Elves group into "Elf Headquarters" at Settlers Green!



ALL TREATS!

The Enfield CT club gets into the Halloween spirit by filling treat bags for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren. What an awesome idea!





SCARBOROUGH PUTS KIDS IN A CORNER

This week, Scarborough Kiwanis created a reading corner at the Scarborough Public Safety Building. The reading corner will provide kids access to books and promote literacy, while keeping them occupied so their parents or caregivers can focus on the complicated process of applying for assistance. The town's General Assistance Program helps about 50 families every year. The reading corner was funded in part by a grant from the Kiwanis Foundation of New England. Club members Ava Adams and Robert Talley donated a table and chair set that Robert's father built, and club president Gloria Goguen donated a bookcase, which has been stocked with over 60 books. The club will continue to stock the corner with new books as needed.

Pictured is Katie Wilcox, Scarborough's Social Services Coordinator, with club president Gloria Goguen.



INSTALLATION, NH STYLE

Governor Kristin and First Dude Chris were invited to the long standing tradition of a combined installation of Brattleboro, Keene, Peterborough and Winchester. Thank you to Brattleboro for hosting the event and President Kathy Ellor and Lt. Governor Jeff Corburn. Jeff did a great job with the installations and it was nice hearing from the outgoing Presidents.

CHELSEA GIVES BACK!

Chelsea, MA club Vice President Cassandra with her co-workers at MassGeneral Brigham Global Advisory helped assemble 62 shoeboxes for local Chelsea Public School

students. Each box was filled with toiletries and other items to help families meet basic daily needs.





THE MIDDLETOWN CLUB IS ON FIRE!

Member of the Kiwanis Club of Middletown had fun at the South Fire Open House.





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