

Thursday, August 13, 2026

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Conference Registration <i><u>Location:</u> Lobby</i>
6:00 PM	Live music, food, drinks at Wachusett Brewery <i>Drinks not included with registration</i>

Friday, August 14, 2026

7:30 AM – 4:00 PM	Conference Registration (closed between 11:45am - 1:30pm) <i><u>Location:</u> Lobby</i>
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM	Exhibits, Silent Auction <i><u>Location:</u> Lobby</i>
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Opening Session Join us for the official opening of DCON 2026 and hear about the workshop themes for the weekend. <i><u>Location:</u> Schubert/Strauss</i>
9:00 AM- 5:00 PM	Pause & Recharge: Wellness Room Take a quiet moment between sessions to relax, recharge, and take care of yourself. Stop by for a peaceful space to unwind before returning to your next conference session. <i><u>Location:</u> Rogers</i>
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	Introduction to CliftonStrengths Gain an overview of the CliftonStrengths framework. Learn the value of a strengths-based approach, identify themes that influence how we think, feel, and act, and reflect on how your unique talents can enhance your leadership, service, and impact your communities. (This workshop is repeated at 10am.) <i><u>Presenters:</u> Lynsy Karrick, Director of Leadership Development, Kiwanis International</i> <i><u>Location:</u> Schubert/Strauss</i>
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	AI for Good: A Kiwanian Introduction to Artificial Intelligence Artificial intelligence is becoming part of everyday life, but many of us are still learning what it is, how it works, and how it can be used responsibly. This beginner-friendly workshop introduces free AI tools and practical ways to use them from club communication to planning. <i><u>Presenter:</u> Governor-elect Karl Uzcategui, New England and Bermuda District</i> <i><u>Location:</u> Cole Porter</i>
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	Understanding Social Identity Understanding and awareness of oneself is essential when working in a large group of people. We will review our social identities and the identities of those around us to better understand shared experiences but also differences that we may all face in our daily lives and the way that we approach the work that we do in Kiwanis based on our own lived experiences. <i><u>Presenter:</u> Daniel Norwood, Kiwanis Club of Portland (ME)</i> <i><u>Location:</u> Irving Berlin</i>

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10:00 AM – 10:50 AM	Take the Mic: Public Speaking Made Practical Effective communication is a skill that can be learned. Learn some practical techniques to build confidence and engage your audience. <i><u>Presenter:</u> George Delise, Kiwanis Club of Westfield (MA)</i> <i><u>Location:</u> Cole Porter</i>
10:00 AM – 10:50 AM	Learning Your Community's Needs Kiwanis has long been a staple in many communities across the globe for many years. How do we know that the projects that we continue to put on are meeting the needs of our communities? By being able to perform a community assessment, clubs will learn how to use that information to help build upon current projects but also learn about growth areas for new projects that could benefit the public. <i><u>Presenters:</u> Daniel Norwood, Kiwanis Club of Portland (ME)</i> <i><u>Location:</u> Irving Berlin</i>
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	2025-2026 District Board meeting with Governor Adam Wright <i><u>Location:</u> Ellington</i>
11:00 AM – 11:50 AM	Pechakucha: Our Stories, Our Service Join fellow Kiwanians for a meaningful, story-centered session created to help us get to know one another in a deeper and more personal way. Each presenter will share a brief 6-minute presentation with 6 image-based slides, offering a glimpse into why they are, where they come from, what childhood looked like for them, and the path that led them to Kiwanis. Attendees will select one room for this session, and presenters will rotate through the spaces. This smaller-group format will give everyone the opportunity to hear personal stories and reflect on the many paths that bring us together in service. <i><u>Presenter:</u> District leaders</i> <i><u>Location:</u> Cole Porter, Irving Berlin, and Gershwin</i>
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Foundation Luncheon <i>Ticketed event</i> <i><u>Location:</u> Brahms/Beethoven/Mozart</i>
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Kiwanis Foundation of New England (KFNE) Board Meeting <i><u>Location:</u> Ellington</i>
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Leadership Development Roundtable Join in an engaging discussion where all will have an opportunity to share ideas, express challenges, and share best practices. Through facilitated discussion and peer learning, participants will explore practical strategies for strengthening member engagement, developing future leaders, and growing your club and its impact in the community. <i><u>Presenter:</u> Lynsy Karrick, Director of Leadership Development, Kiwanis International</i> <i><u>Location:</u> Schubert/Strauss</i>

2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Clubs Must do More than Meet: They Must Matter Members are looking for meaningful experiences, measurable impact, strong connections, and a clear return on their time and commitment. Explore what “value” really means in a Kiwanis context - beyond meetings and service projects. Learn practical strategies to strengthen member experience, increase engagement, enhance community relevance, and build a culture that attracts and retains passionate leaders. <u>Presenter:</u> Taka Ogata, Kiwanis International Trustee <u>Location:</u> Cole Porter
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Treasurer Training Learn the role of treasurer and prepare for your year. <u>Presenter:</u> Heather Archibald, Kiwanis Club of Lee (MA) <u>Location:</u> Irving Berlin
2:00 PM – 2:50 PM	Secretary Training Attend this training to learn the role of secretary and prepare for your year. <u>Moderator:</u> Elyse Denorfia, eKiwanis of New England and Bermuda District <u>Location:</u> Gershwin
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Kiwanis Amplify Capstone track Open to all Kiwanis Amplify participants, past and present. Continue to explore your strengths, infuse them into course content, and apply what you’ve learned through engaging activities. <u>Presenter:</u> Lynsy Karrick, Director of Leadership Development, Kiwanis International <u>Location:</u> Schubert/Strauss
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Making your Mark: Social Media and Club Branding Essentials Learn how to build a strong club brand using social media to share your story, engage members, and connect with your community. <u>Presenter:</u> Gayla Bartlett, Kiwanis Club of Danvers (MA) <u>Location:</u> Cole Porter
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	President Roundtable Facilitated discussions on topics such as member engagement, retention, leading effective meetings, working with club officers and committees, and navigation common leadership challenges. <u>Moderator:</u> David Wyskiel, Kiwanis Club of Meriden (CT) <u>Location:</u> Irving Berlin
3:00 PM – 3:50 PM	Secretary Roundtable Facilitated discussions on topics such as record keeping and reporting, communication strategies, and staying organized throughout the year. <u>Presenter:</u> Elyse Denorfia, eKiwanis Club of New England and Bermuda <u>Location:</u> Gershwin
4:00 PM – 4:50 PM	Membership Committee Training Learn the “ins and outs” of being an effective Membership Chair to recruit and retain members in your club. <u>Presenter:</u> Rachel Farris, Kiwanis Club of Cheshire (CT) <u>Location:</u> Cole Porter

4:00 PM – 4:50 PM	President Training Delve into the essential responsibilities of effective leadership within Kiwanis. You'll learn how to develop a vision for your club, create strategic plans, and set achievable goals. <i><u>Presenter:</u> Governor Adam Wright, New England and Bermuda District</i> <i><u>Location:</u> Irving Berlin</i>
4:00 PM – 4:50 PM	Treasurer Roundtable Facilitated discussions on topics such as budgeting and financial planning, dues collecting and reporting requirements, fundraising practices, and financial transparency. <i><u>Moderator:</u> Heather Archibald, Kiwanis Club of Lee (MA)</i> <i><u>Location:</u> Gershwin</i>
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Cocktail Hour Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres <i><u>Location:</u> Lobby</i>
7:00 PM	2025 - 2026 District Board Retirement Dinner Featured speaker is Jonathan Jacobs, founder of Rawkstars Inc., a youth development nonprofit focused on providing equitable access to music programming for kids in Massachusetts and Rhode Island since 2003. <i><u>Ticketed event</u></i> <i><u>Location:</u> Brahms/Beethoven/Mozart</i>

Saturday, August 15, 2026

7:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Conference Registration <i><u>Location:</u> Lobby</i>
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Memorial Breakfast This breakfast honors Kiwanis members who have passed away over the past year. <i><u>Ticketed event</u></i> <i><u>Location:</u> Brahms/Beethoven/Mozart</i>
8:00 AM – 5:00 AM	Exhibits, Silent Auction <i><u>Location:</u> Lobby</i>
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	Power of Influence Influence is at the heart of Kiwanis service, from inspiring members to join and engage to encouraging support for projects and causes. Explore how influence can take many forms and discover how your unique talents and strengths can help you make a meaningful impact, even if traditional persuasion doesn't come naturally. <i><u>Presenter:</u> Lynsy Karrick, Director of Leadership Development, Kiwanis International</i> <i><u>Location:</u> Schubert/Strauss</i>

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Pause & Recharge: Wellness Room Take a quiet moment between sessions to relax, recharge, and take care of yourself. Stop by for a peaceful space to unwind before returning to your next conference session. <u>Location:</u> Sky Class
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	Working Across Differences When it comes to working as a club there is going to be a difference of opinions on what service projects to do and how to complete them. It is important to be able to not only embrace those differences but learn to be able to move past them to host successful events and make sure that all members' voices are heard in the process. <u>Presenter:</u> Daniel Norwood, Kiwanis Club of Portland (ME) <u>Location:</u> Cole Porter
9:00 AM – 9:50 AM	Youth Protection Training Kiwanis Advisors to SLP clubs and other Kiwanis members who interact with youth are required to stay up to date on Youth Protection training. Learn what is annually required at a "train the trainer" workshop. <u>Presenter:</u> Dawn Fitzgerald, Kiwanis Club of Malden (MA) <u>Location:</u> Irving Berlin
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Past Lieutenant Governor's Committee Meeting <u>Location:</u> Gershwin
10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Service in Action: Supporting Young Children and Families Join for a hands-on service opportunity focused on supporting children and families. Attendees will be able to participate in one of two service project rooms: assembling kindergarten backpacks with school supplies or creating sensory bottles for Head Start classrooms. Connect with other attendees and help provide children with tools that support learning and care. <u>Location:</u> Hammerstein and Ellington
11:00 AM – 11:50 AM	Team Dynamics This interactive workshop will help you understand the dynamics that contribute to effective teamwork, recognize the value of diverse perspectives and talents, and identify practical ways to strengthen collaboration within your club. Through discussion and activities, explore how team members contribute differently and how those differences can become strengths rather than challenges. <u>Presenter:</u> Lynsy Karrick, Director of Leadership Development, Kiwanis International <u>Location:</u> Schubert/Strauss
11:00 AM – 11:50 AM	Building and Understanding Empathy Empathy is at the very core of what it means to be a Kiwanian. It is an essential component of what we do as it helps build trust and strong relationships amongst club members and the communities that we serve. Join us as we take a deeper dive into the importance of empathy; on how to continue to build it in our daily lives and how we can use it to create more inclusive clubs. <u>Presenter:</u> Daniel Norwood, Kiwanis Club of Portland (ME) <u>Location:</u> Cole Porter
11:00 AM – 11:50 AM	If You Don't Ask, the Answer is No: Club Fundraising Ideas This hands-on session will be for generating money for your clubs' service and administrative budgets. Come prepared to learn and to share your club successes and failures. <u>Presenter:</u> Jim Roehm, Kiwanis Club of Newport (RI)

	<u>Location: Irving Berlin</u>
11:00 AM – 11:50 AM	Introduction to Zeffy Learn about Zeffy, a software to help manage donations, fundraising, and event registrations with no platform fees. <u>Presenter: Joe Carreiro, Kiwanis Club of Chelsea (MA)</u> <u>Location: Gershwin</u>
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Past Governors Committee Meeting <u>Location: Boardroom</u>
12:00 PM – 1:30 PM	Luncheon Come hear from Katie Jordan from Life Connections Foster Care Services. <i>Ticketed event</i> <u>Location: Brahms/Beethoven/Mozart</u>
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Meet the Candidates Hear from and ask questions of candidates for District Governor and Governor-elect. Attendance is strongly encouraged for club delegates (three per club) who will vote on the candidate. <u>Location: Brahms/Beethoven/Mozart</u>
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	House of Delegates Election of 2026-2027 District Governor and Governor-elect. Open to three voting delegates per club. Delegate registration must be completed prior to the House of Delegates session. Non-delegates will be admitted to the designated seating area. <u>Location: Schubert/Strauss</u>
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM	Private Reception for the 2026-2027 District Board <u>Location: Private room off the Hotel Bar</u>
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	District Cocktail Hour Cash bar and hors d'oeuvres <u>Location: Lobby</u>
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	A Circle of Service: 2026-2027 District Board Installation Dinner A meaningful evening of gratitude and celebration as we honor those completing their year of service and formally welcoming the incoming district leadership team. The evening will include an introduction from the Human and Spiritual Values Chair, remarks from our International Trustee, a message from the incoming District Membership Chair, installation of officers, the passing of the banner, and closing remarks from the Governor-Designate. <i>Ticketed event</i> <u>Location: Brahms/Beethoven/Mozart</u>
Following dinner	Hospitality <u>Location: Presidential Parlor</u>

Sunday, August 16, 2026

7:30AM	Breakfast <i>Ticketed event</i> <u>Location: Brahms/Beethoven/Mozart</u>
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8:30AM - 9:20AM	District Chairperson Teambuilding Session This session brings the district leaders together to strengthen relationships, enhance collaboration, and build a shared commitment to supporting clubs and advancing district goals. Through interactive activities and meaningful discussion, explore how to leverage individual strengths, improve communication, and foster a more connected and effective leadership team. <u>Location:</u> Hammerstein
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM	2026-2027 Kiwanis District Board Meeting <u>Location:</u> Schubert/Strauss