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August 26-28, 2022

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This year's convention will include the following:

- Boat ride and dinner on the Princess Wenonah
- Three different hands-on service projects
- Bay City Trolley Tour
- Night out in Bay City
- Vendor Showcase
- Fabulous Education Sessions
- Fun, Fun, Fun

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February

Circle K Snowpia CMU

- 15 Deadline for ALL CLUBS filing IRS 990
- 17 District Convention Planning Meeting

March

- 1 Deadline for ALL CLUBS annual report of club elections
- 5 Spring Divisionals & Club Leadership Education Divisions 1 & 2
- 18-20 Key Club- District Convention, Dearborn
- 18-20 Circle K- District Convention- Dearborn
- 26 Celebrate & Educate. Spring Divisionals & Club Leadership Education Divisions 4 & 5 & 6



Rosemary Robinson

2021-22 Governor
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governor || fresh ideas

This year, we all want to help more children and make our communities a better place!

This month, I want to touch briefly on three areas where we can accomplish that goal.

1. Invite new folks to join your club. New hands bring fresh ideas and energy to help with current service projects and dream up new ways to help out the kids. (Keep a watch on your emails and magazine from Kiwanis International for a new toolkit on recruiting new members next month.)
2. Donate to the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation or to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. Funds donated to these two organizations go to helping out the kids—sometimes immediately.
3. Send members to Club Leadership Education. You don't have to be an officer to attend and this year it's combined with Spring Divisional—ideas and partnerships abound when we chat with our friends from nearby clubs.

As a bonus, these three areas provide points for the District Distinguished Club Award. More information about the award can be found here <https://k12.site.kiwanis.org/awards/3/>.

PS. If you need an extra pair of hands for your event or service project, please feel free to put me to work!

Thank you for all you are doing!

Yours in service, *Rosemary*





Vicki Okuniewski

2021-22 Governor-Elect
Michigan District

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In our Jan/Feb 2022 issue of the Kiwanis Magazine, our Kiwanis International President Peter Mancuso reminded us about his priorities of focus for this Kiwanis year. His third priority is to “Expand the Kiwanis Youth Programs to make a positive impact on more young people around the world and to develop leaders.”

What is your club currently doing to help the young school aged children?

Some clubs sponsor a simple Bringing Up Grades (BUG) program at one of their local schools. Some clubs go a bit further to support and sponsor a K-Kids Club or a Builders Club. Are you doing this currently?

Reach out to your local school principal and let them know about our SLP’s – Service Leadership Programs for elementary students. Plant the seed now with your conversations to show what the benefits for the students and teachers would be. When students return to school in the Fall, your local schools may be ready and willing to start a new program!

What other student projects does your club support?

My home club of Kalamazoo recently delivered dictionaries to all the third and fourth grade students in Kalamazoo Public Schools. We were not able to deliver to the 2020 third graders because of Covid-19. This year we made the commitment to dedicate \$7,400 to the Dictionary Project for our local public school children.

Some clubs support a weekend food backpack program at their local school. Some clubs regularly add books to the school library through various donations or awards. Some clubs provide iPads to classrooms.

What do you do personally to help your local preschool or elementary school?

One well known Kiwanis member, Cathy Szymanski from the State of Pennsylvania recently crafted handwritten cards for children at her local elementary school. She asked that the cards be given to students who needed a lift after having a difficult day or needed some appreciation to let the children know someone is thinking about them. How simple is this?

Are there children on the edge of the free and reduced lunch program? Maybe you could anonymously pay off some of those lunch bills at your local school!

Even small gestures of kindness and thoughtful gifts can give a child and their teacher an uplifting day! Again, make an appointment with your local school principal to ask how you and your club can help a classroom or a group of students.

As I follow in the footsteps of Governor Fran Babbage and Governor Rosemary Robinson, I hope to expand on our Kiwanis involvement within our local schools! We Serve the Children of the World!

Yours in Kiwanis,
Vicki Okuniewski, Governor-elect





Greg Smith

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As Kiwanis clubs and individuals, we are all more than ready to get back to meeting in person all the time, adding new members, maintaining contact with our current members and doing more hands-on service. In preparation for all this, it is a good time to look at ways to reset, refresh and re-energize ourselves and our clubs.

The list below is from Investors Business Daily and can apply to each of us as well as how our club functions. Investor’s Business Daily has analyzed leaders and successful people in all walks of life. Most have 10 traits that, when combined, can turn dreams into reality.

1. How You Think Is Everything:

Always be positive. Think success, not failure. Beware of a negative environment.

2. Decide Upon Your True Dreams and Goals:

Write down your specific goals and develop a plan to reach them.

3. Take Action:

Goals are nothing without action. Don’t be afraid to get started. Just do it.

4. Never Stop Learning:

Go back to school or read books. Get training and acquire skills.

5. Be Persistent and Work Hard:

Success is a marathon, not a sprint. Never give up.

6. Learn to Analyze Details:

Get all the facts, all the input. Learn from your mistakes.

7. Focus Your Time and Money:

Don’t let other people or things distract you.

8. Don’t Be Afraid to Innovate; Be Different:

Following the herd is a sure way to mediocrity.

9. Deal and Communicate With People Effectively:

No person is an island. Learn to understand and motivate others.

10. Be Honest and Dependable; Take Responsibility:

Otherwise, number 1-9 won’t matter.

Please take time to think about this list and how it can apply to you and your Kiwanis club. The community needs us and we need to be ready and strong for them.

Celebrate & Educate!

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

March 5 - Divisions 1 & 2

March 26 - Divisions 4, 5 & 6

April 2 - Divisions 11 & 12

April 9 - Divisions 13 & 14

April 23 - Divisions 16 & 18

April 30 - Divisions 19, 20 & 21

May 7 - Divisions 10 & 17

June 4 - Divisions 3 & 7

It's Spring Divisional
& Club Leadership Education

ONE DAY

In Person

8 A.M. - 3 P.M.
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

Clubs earn points for the outstanding & distinguished club award program by attending the day's activities.

Please complete your club elections by March 1, 2022 so your 2022-23 officers can attend the club leadership education.

2020-2021 club leaders will be recognized for club achievements

2022-23 leaders are encouraged to attend Club Leadership Education.

District Convention *at a glance*

26-28
AUGUST
2022

*** THURSDAY || August 25th**

3 PM - 6 PM REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS
5:00 PM DISTRICT BOARD MEETING
7:00 PM DISTRICT DINNER

*** FRIDAY || August 26th**

7 AM - 5 PM REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS
7:30 AM BREAKFAST
8 AM - 4 PM EXHIBITS AND DISPLAYS
8:30 AM RESOLUTIONS AND BY-LAWS
9:00 AM NOMINATING SESSION
9:00 AM BAY CITY TROLLEY TOUR
9:00 AM RAMP BUILDING
10:30 AM VENDOR SHOWCASE
12 NOON LUNCH
2:00 PM EDUCATION SESSIONS
2:00 PM OFF-SITE EVENTS
5:30 PM SUMMER IN THE CITY

*** SATURDAY || August 27th**

7 AM - 2 PM REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALS
8:00 AM BREAKFAST
9:00 AM FOOD PACKAGING
9:00 AM EDUCATION SESSIONS
12:00 PM HONORS LUNCH
1:30 PM HOUSE OF DELEGATES
4:00 PM MEMORIAL SERVICE
5:30 PM DINNER AND CASINO TRIP
6:30 PM BOAT TRIP AND DINNER
AFTER TRIPS SATURDAY NIGHT IN BAY CITY

*** SUNDAY || August 28th**

8:00 AM BREAKFAST
9:00 AM INSTALLATIONS
10:00 AM SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE SERVICE PROJECT

*** In Person**



ONE HUNDRED STRONG

The last couple of years have been very challenging for service clubs in Michigan and Kiwanis is no exception. Covid 19 has forced clubs to stop meeting, cancel their service projects, and fund raising activities. All of this has led to the loss of many Kiwanis clubs that have served the children of their communities for years. The desire of Kiwanians to improve the lives of children is strong, in spite of the challenges that have been put before us, the successes of the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation is proof.

Founded in 1922 by the Ann Arbor Club to provide non-medical support for children to help them heal, **this year marks the 100th anniversary of YOUR Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation.** What started as one hospital (now Mott's Children's Hospital) the list has grown to include Mary Freebed Rehabilitation Hospital, Grand Rapids, McLaren Northern in Petoskey, and Detroit Children's Hospital. These 4 hospitals serve about 18,000 inpatients and 196,000 outpatients annually, birth through 19 years of age. These services are truly serving the children of Michigan and their families.

The main source for funding is the \$45 per member that our clubs pay to the Foundation. The loss of clubs and members mean that some of the funding also diminishes, so it is important that every member pays their \$45 to support the programs of family need at the hospitals. Your trustees have worked hard to supplement income for the hospitals. One source is the Oliver Holiday Greeting program that appears in the December's "Builder Magazine". Members make a donation to the Foundation and they have a greeting placed in the Builder. Last year set a new record, \$17,000 was collected. An additional example was last year's "Vacation Cash Raffle", that benefited the Foundation and the District, set a new record of \$27,000. Despite all the setbacks last year Kiwanis rallied to help support the Foundation and the Hospitalized children that benefit from the services from Child Life Programs at the 4 Hospitals. For all of you that rose to the need, THANK YOU!

In November the Foundation Board voted to assume the "Earl Obrian Memorial Fishing Derby", started by the Tri-Cities Kiwanis Club of Grand Haven. The proceeds will benefit our four hospitals as well as Devos Children's Hospital, which works closely with Mary Freebed.

The Foundation is continually looking for new sources of funding such as Facebook Campaigns, and donations to the Endowment fund will build income for the future. There are numerous awards to present to members of your club or community members that help to build income for the Foundation. See your Division Trustee to explain holding a Facebook Campaign, selecting awards, additional information, or a presentation.

Watch for a special event coming soon to celebrate 100 years (yep 100!) of Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation serving hospitalized children through Child Life Programs.

Gary Surratt

President, Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation
Helping Hospitalized Children around Michigan

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SERVICE
LEADERSHIP
PROGRAM

SHARING INFORMATION
AND IDEAS, WHILE
MENTORING AND PROVIDING
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
OPPORTUNITIES
TO THE MEMBERS

Engage your Service Leadership Programs as part of the Michigan Kiwanis Family

Thank you for supporting your district Service Leadership Programs. Do invite us to be a program for your club meeting. We love to share how K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K and Aktion Club are providing service to local communities and building leadership skills.

Aktion Club Administrator

Position Available

K-Kids Administrator

Position Available

Builders Club Administrator

Position Available

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Hello Michigan Kiwanians

The Michigan District of Circle K International has been hard at work serving those in our communities. This year we have had a dedicated board who have been able to continue to develop our district. Our district is starting to grow again, we have seen an increase in members now that schools are able to host meetings and events again. We added one new club this year Oakland University! Rebecca and her team are off to a great start getting their club up and running this semester! Our service chair Olivia has hosted two blood drives for the Red Cross this year. University of Michigan Dearborn is preparing to host their second annual fashion gala in Dearborn this year! The event is February 26th doors open at 5pm! The fashion gala showcases diverse fashion from different cultures around the world! Proceeds from this event will benefit the REHMAT foundation to raise awareness of mental health issues. Ticket sales will become available soon stay tuned for details!

The Michigan District has done quite a bit of service given the circumstances that our clubs are facing. However, our presidents need the support of Kiwanians to help them find service projects in their communities. The majority of volunteer sites are unable to bring in groups of volunteers due to the pandemic. If you have a CKI club in your area and know of a location in need of volunteers reach out to the club! CKI could not exist without the support of our advising Kiwanis clubs, and we are thankful to have such supportive groups assisting our team along the way!

The district has two big events. First, we had Snowpia, on January 23rd! CKI members will be joining us in Mount Pleasant for an afternoon of service and fellowship. We will be bagging treat bags for a local animal rescue facility, learning how to become pastry chefs by helping a new donut shop in town, doing yard work and snow removal for disabled members of the community and packing supply bags for the infant's food pantry in town!

Our district convention this year will be held in Dearborn with the Key Club convention. DCON will be from March 18th-20th. I am excited to host our event with the Key Clubbers that way we can encourage them to continue with the Kiwanis family when they are off to college. We will be giving out our district awards and electing the 2022-2023 Executive Board! Along with our workshops, service, fellowship and leadership!

I would like to thank all Kiwanis members and clubs who have supported a CKI club. College is busy and having a strong supportive Kiwanis club allows for CKI clubs to flourish and stay on track. Whether it be financially, physically, emotionally or in some other way, your support is helping us continue to effectively serve those in our communities. Thank you all.

Yours in service,

Emma Ingalls

Michigan District Governor 21-22



Dear Kiwanis Leaders,

As we welcome a new year and are a full quarter into the Kiwanis year, you may have found that your club is in need of some extra guidance in a particular area. Whether it's fundraising, service, governance, even handling personality conflict, Kiwanis International has invested in developing its club coach program the past few years. Kiwanians around the world have recently been certified through an invite-only training program and are available immediately to help your club and its leadership with both identifying and working through whatever challenges it may be facing.

Each District has a team of coaches at the ready to assist and are capable of doing so either in-person or remotely. There's even a team of super coaches in North America Area 1 that are standing by to help coach clubs through very specific matters. That Club Excellence team is comprised of Brenda Leigh Johnson (NY), Delores Lewis (EC&C), Lori Stillwell (MI), Matt Wise (PA), Jason Miller (OH), and Jim Janosik (OH).

To address the elephant in the room, let's just take a moment to clarify what club coaching is, and is not, along with what types of clubs that coaching is suitable for.

First, having a coach help your club is not a long-term commitment. It can be if that is needed, desired, and agreeable by all parties though. Second, a coach isn't there to tell your club what to do. Their purpose is to listen, connect to resources, brainstorm, and generally help you work through issues while sharing their personal knowledge and experience. Third, club coaching is not just about membership. Clubs may have a strong membership but lack relevant service or adequate fundraising, and a coach can help with those areas as well.

Finally, club coaching is for ANY club. Any size, any location, any age, any demographic. Even the largest clubs in Kiwanis can face an issue that they might need some outside counsel on. Fresh eyes to look at a challenge can benefit a club even if they are already running on all cylinders. We can always do better!

If you'd like to explore having a coach work with your club, please reach out to your District Membership Coordinator.



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from December 1-
February 25.**

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6. Sharing a message.
7. Planning for the future.
8. Staying focused.

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Downriver West Kiwanis Club Donates Gloves and Hand Sanitizer to Local Elementary Schools

{Brownstown Township, MI} – The Downriver West Kiwanis club kicked off their 2022 year with a successful “3rd Monday Service Project” called “Gloves of Love”.

The club’s motto is “Serving the Children of the World” and the Downriver West Kiwanis club certainly did that at their meeting on January 17th, when they packaged over 300 pairs of children’s gloves and small bottles of hand sanitizer. All of these items were donated by club members, their family and friends, and local business and community groups. The packages will be handed out to students at Barnes and Bobcean Elementary Schools in Flat Rock, Brown and Miller Elementary schools in Huron Township, and Gudith Elementary School in Brownstown/Woodhaven.

Along with the club members, Downriver businesses and other community groups who also participated were the Woodhaven - Brownstown Rotary, Toys 4 Tots, Drumatic Fitness, and Community Focus Credit Union.

Every month, the club works on a different service project to assist the communities they serve in some way, and the club is always looking for new ideas for their projects, which can be submitted through the club’s FB page. All the information on the club’s meeting schedule, upcoming service projects and community events can be found at: facebook.com/downriverwestkiwanis

The club’s February “3rd Monday Service Project” will be Appreciation Bags for Police Officers, on Monday Feb. 21st at 6:30pm in Brownstown. Details can be found on the Facebook page. They are seeking donations of gift cards of varying values from a variety of places Downriver, or donations of candy, hand lotion, hand sanitizer, and other small gift items that will show appreciation to our first responders!

Downriver West Kiwanis is an organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the lives of children, one child and one community at a time.

2021-22 OFFICER INFORMATION CHANGES

(Also make appropriate Secretary changes on pages 17-22)

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WARREN

K04791 (1957)

Division 1

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BROOKLYN

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American Legion, 211 Chicago St.,
Tues, 11:30 AM,
Jerry's Pub, 4th & 5th Thurs., 6:00 PM

WARREN

K04791 (1957)

(starting Feb 10th)
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Sterling Heights

2nd & 4th Thurs., 12:10 pm

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2021-22 GOVERNOR'S MEMBERSHIP TROPHY

Clinton Valley	+6
Lac Ste. Claire	+5
Delta Township	+4
Battle Creek	+4
Chelsea	+4
Pontiac	+3
Monroe	+3
Kalamazoo	+3
Saginaw Thomas Twp	+3
Rogers City	+3
St. Ignace	+3
Cheboygan	+3

Net gain is from 10-1-21 thru 9-1-22 and includes clubs only with at least a net gain of +5 based on official membership numbers supplied by Kiwanis International.

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Active Clubs	137
District Beginning Membership	3451
As of January 3, 2022	3486

Net Gain +35 members

SLP MEMBERS

	CLUBS	PAID MEMBERS
K-Kids	10	-
Builders Club	33	-
Key Club	90	2750
Circle K	8	167
Aktion Club	15	22

In Memoriam

Lawrence A. Potvin
Sterling Heights

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& 2000-01

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