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- 2 Spring Divisionals & Club Leadership Education Divisions 11 & 12
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- 4 Club Boards should elect delegates to District Convention in Bay City
- 7 Spring Divisionals & Club Leadership Education Divisions 10 & 17
- 7 Michigan District Day of Service
- 11 Final District Convention Planning Meeting-Bay City
- 14 Third District Board Meeting- 9:30am, Mason
- 21 Kiwanis MI Foundation Board Meeting
- 27-30 MEMORIAL DAY- District Office Closed







**Rosemary Robinson**

2021-22 Governor  
Michigan District  
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## Our Spring Celebrate and Educate Divisionals are in full swing!

I am so looking forward to seeing all of you between now and the beginning of June! In the meantime, I wanted to give a quick update on the progress towards this year's goals.

This year we have the best opportunity in all the years of Kiwanis to increase our impact to the kids! After crunching the numbers, Michigan Kiwanians have consistently increased their service hours year over year by 10% and we are well on our way to continuing that trend!

Our Foundations still need our help. Right now, we have about 50% participation from clubs in giving to the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation and the Kiwanis Children's Fund. Traditionally, clubs donate at least \$45 per member to the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation and \$365 per club to the Kiwanis Children's Fund. I ask that clubs or individual members personally consider making a donation to our wonderful foundations.

Kiwanis members are the heartbeat of our clubs. They provide the hands to increase our impact to the kids in our communities. So far this year, we have added 203 new members to help out the kiddos. Also, we are in the process of forming a new Kiwanis Club in the north Grand Rapids area and this April four clubs will be boosting their membership during a three-day blitz. You are invited to join in and learn the techniques used in club opening or a club blitz to take back to your own club. This month, we are very excited to premiere a new tool to help clubs with membership. The two for two guide will help your club grow month by month, person by person. Two for Two Tool I am challenging you and your club to use these available resources to add at least 5 new names to your roster over the rest of this Kiwanis year!

**Thank you for all you are doing! Keep up the good work!**

**Yours in service,**

*Rosemary*



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



**Vicki Okuniewski**

2021-22 Governor-Elect  
Michigan District

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As I have been working with the Past Governors on my journey to become the next Governor of the Michigan District of Kiwanis, I spoke with Past Governor Denny Kiroff regarding my dismay in trying to find Kiwanis members who are eager to step up to serve in the position of Lt. Governor in their Division.

With a few edits and his permission, here is Denny Kiroff's perspective on our current challenges!

## Observations and Solutions for the Future of Kiwanis

I have been a Kiwanian for almost four decades when I started out with an invite for dinner with people of like mind and cause. From that point, I progressed to Secretary, newsletter editor, Treasurer, President, Lt. Governor (not once, but twice - 10 years apart), followed by becoming Governor-elect and on to Governor.

I also was the Executive Director of the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation to which I am forever grateful for the opportunity to serve.

Of course my time with Kiwanis did not just end there. For I was asked to be on the International Kiwanis staff for building clubs and membership United States wide by former International Presidents with whom I rubbed shoulders in our work to help the children of the world. To that end, I really enjoyed working with many different Kiwanians from around the world.

In all that time, I never met a Kiwanian that did not want to serve in a leadership role and make a mark, District wide and Internationally, that meant something to them and the ones who followed them.

These current times, with Covid-19 and isolation at home and office, have put a significant dent in the work of Kiwanians, as we lead and help people with lesser gains than we have to better their lives.

We, as an organization, have thought that Zoom, along with other methods of distance communication, is the way to go to make ourselves heard and understood. This is not true. The truth of the matter is that it has helped, but we have taken it to the other end and become dependent on it to communicate. It has lengthened the distances between us, so we do not meet on a regular basis and interact even less.

So here we are, at this juncture, in a time where our present Governor-elect Victoria "Vicki" Okuniewski is unable to fulfill her commitment as incoming Governor to have a full class of Lt. Governors to work with and to assist in making headway in each respective Division of the Michigan District, and building and growing the District and the projects that we perform for others.

What are we to do about this dilemma, sit back and watch it falter because of the lack of enthusiasm on our part, or are we going to step up and go for the win?

It is time for each one of us to fill the gaps and produce a District wide altering result to the Kiwanians that have worked so hard to accomplish over the years, and not let it falter!

We are counting on you to do the right thing and be noticed while enjoying your accomplishments in the role as the next Lt. Governor of the Michigan District in your respective Division.

By Denny Kiroff, Past Governor, Michigan District- February 2022

## We need to revitalize our pipeline of prospective leaders, and you can help!!

I invite you join us in our weekly Lt. Governor Zoom training, going on now, and discover more about how you could serve your Division and the District! Email me at [vaokuniewski@gmail.com](mailto:vaokuniewski@gmail.com) or Sue Petrisin, if you would like to join our training!

Yours in Kiwanis, Vicki Okuniewski, Governor-elect 2021-22





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# Book Recommendations

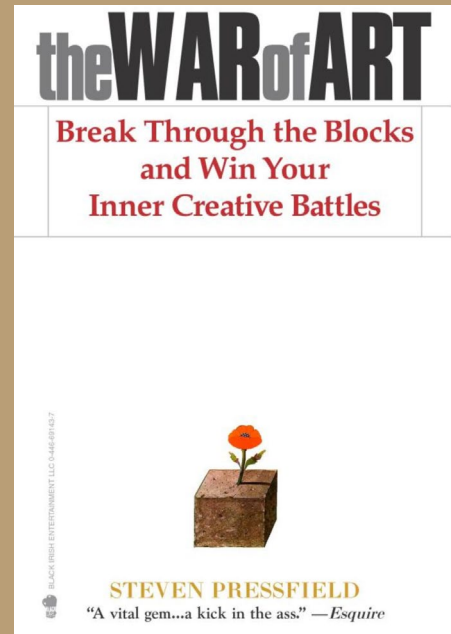
As Kiwanians we are continuously looking for ways to improve our clubs and build that leadership pipeline so there will be more hands, more ideas and more leaders to help us make a greater impact helping youth in our communities. Books can help us in these areas because they can present new ideas or new ways of viewing what is right in front of us. Here are 6 books that may help you and your club. They are The War of Art by Steven Pressfield, Developing the Leader Within You by John Maxwell, The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People by Stephen Covey, Leading Change by John Kotter, Almost Isn't Good Enough by Wayne Elsey and The Five Love Languages by Gary Chapman.

Three of them are about developing yourself and your leadership abilities. Three of them are related to ideas and ways to improve your club so it will remain relevant and vital in your community. I will **HIGHLIGHT** the first 3 this issue and the remaining 3 in the June Builder.

*I hope these books will help you on your journey in life and Kiwanis. Of course, other books may provide the inspiration you are looking for and I encourage you to utilize them as well.*

## The first book is the The War of Art by Steven Pressfield

This book talks about a resistance out there that keeps us from doing things. We all live two lives. One is the life we live and the other is the unlive life within us. Between these two stands resistance. Resistance arrives from within. It is self-generated and self-perpetuated. It is the enemy within. We find that the more important a call or action is to our soul's evolution, the more resistance we feel toward pursuing it. Procrastination is the most common manifestation of resistance. However, resistance can be beaten. This book tells us ways to do it. It describes the process to go from an amateur in something to a professional and what that means. We can discover forces that are our allies in overcoming resistance. What's stopping you from pursuing and accomplishing your dreams?



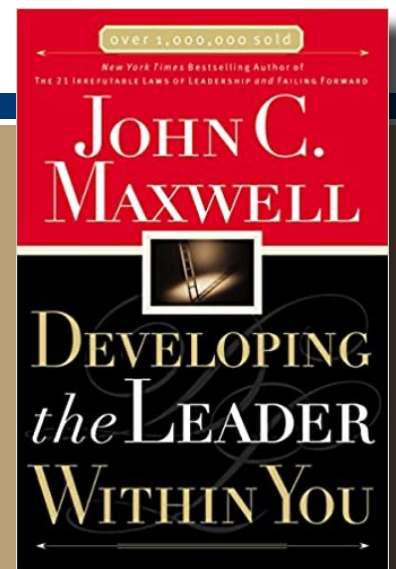
## The second book is *Developing the Leader Within You*

by John Maxwell

Leadership is influence. He who thinks he is leading and has no followers is only taking a walk. There are 5 levels of leadership:

1. Position (Rights) - This is related to a title and the rights associated with that title. People follow you because they have to.
2. Permission (Relationship) - People follow because they want to.
3. Production (Results) - People follow because of what you have done for the organization.
4. People Development (Reproduction) – People follow because of what you have done for them.
5. Personhood (Respect) – People follow because of who are and what you represent.

Recognizing these different levels and moving through them can get you to a place where you can start to develop other leaders so you won't have to be the President of your club for the next 5 years or you can't find a Lt. Governor for next year. A follow up book by John Maxwell is *Developing the Leaders Around You*.



## The third book is *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*

by Stephen Covey

This book presents a principle-centered, character-based, inside-out approach to personal and interpersonal effectiveness. It talks about private and public victories to help achieve these aims.

### Private victories are:

- Be proactive
- Begin with the end in mind
- Put first things first

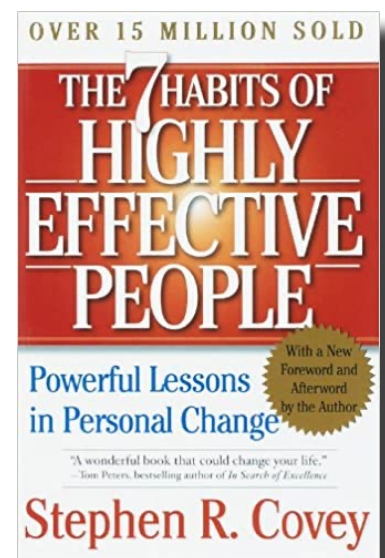
### Public victories are:

- Think win/win
- Seek first to understand and then to be understood
- Synergize

Finally, sharpen the saw which means keep working on all of the above. By achieving the first 3 you can go from dependence to independence. After the second 3 are achieved, you go from independence to interdependence.

There is a difference between personality ethic and character ethic. Your personality ethic consists of your public image, attitudes, behaviors, skills and techniques. Your character ethic consists of integrity, humility, fidelity, temperance, courage, justice, patience, industry, simplicity, modesty and the Golden Rule.

We want to be focused on our character ethic.







*Still fishing for hospitalized kids!*

# Earl O'Brien Memorial FISHING DERBY



**Kiwans of Michigan Foundation**

**Thursday, May 26 & Thursday, July 28, 2022**

**Earl O'Brien** spent his life creating opportunities for kids to enjoy sports and life, even if disadvantaged, disabled, or suffering from catastrophic disease. In 2005 Earl launched an offshore fishing tournament benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Over the years, **In honor of Earl, we keep fishing for kids — all proceeds support Child Life programs in Michigan hospitals.**



Sponsors are assigned to professional charter boats for a morning of exciting salmon fishing on Lake Michigan. Each boat holds up to six participants, and sponsors can invite family, friends, employees, or customers to fish on their boat. **Or, sponsors can choose to donate their boat to young "Patient VIPs" from our beneficiary hospitals.** Grand prizes are awarded for the largest fish in Sponsor and Patient VIP categories. Additional prizes are awarded by drawing, and a fun prize is awarded to the smallest fish of the day.



**Boats Depart at 6:00 a.m. from Chinook Pier, Grand Haven**  
and Return by Noon for Fish Weigh-In, Lunch, Program and Prizes

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Three boats holding up to 18 participants.

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Two boats holding up to 12 participants.

**Coho Sponsor — \$2,000**  
One boat holding up to 6 participants.

**Pink Salmon Sponsor — \$1,000**  
Up to 3 participants; no boat choice.

**Patient VIP Boat Sponsor — \$2,000**  
For 3 patients and their adult chaperones.

**Patient VIP Benefactor — \$600**  
Sponsor 1 patient and adult chaperone.

Sponsorships are for one date only; sponsors wishing to participate in both dates may double their sponsorship. **Sponsors may donate one or more boats to patient VIPs. Donations or gifts of food or prizes are gladly accepted.**

Sponsorships must be received no later than two weeks in advance of event date. Boats are chartered and assigned based on paid sponsor request whenever possible. All boat participants must register in advance.

**See website for complete rules and prize eligibility.**

**For further info, sponsorship form, donation options, photos of past events and more...**

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# Happy 100th Birthday, Herb!



Our good Kiwanis member, Herb Elfring, turns 100 on March 29th. Herb has beaten all the odds – survived the Great Depression, World War II, and just lately COVID. Imagine 1922 when there were no televisions, computers, cell phones, microwaves, electric cars, or even movies in color – you would not miss these things if you never had them but witnessing the technology explosion of the last 100 years must be an experience that very few of us can relate to. For many of us, all these conveniences have always been there!

We need to recognize the grit shown by the sacrifices and hardships endured by the greatest generation. Most of us know that Herb served in the Army and was stationed in Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, when the Japanese attacked the island and that a line of bullets missed him by just a few feet. While well trained, he will tell you he was one of the fortunate ones to survive the attack. He saw our fleet of battleships destroyed and over 2400 fellow service men killed. He certainly did not give up but rather fought all the harder for the duration of the war.

At the end of WWII, Herb enrolled in the University of Michigan where he graduated in 1950 and met his wife, Ruth. Their 57-year marriage produced five children, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Herb worked at Consumers Power Company in Jackson until his retirement in 1985.

He joined Kiwanis in 1994 and immediately took an active role as chairman of our wheelchair ramp building team. Herb has worked on many of our projects over the years including rebuilding a lodge at the Girl Scout Camp, planting, and harvesting flags, Michigan International Speedway race tram ambassador, Racing for Dollars, Halloween Party, Interclub visits, Travel-Adventure Series, Newspaper Sale, Salvation Army Bell Ringing, Michigan Theatre host, Any Soldier Project, and our annual Winter Chili Golf Project.

Herb is not one to sit still and has traveled to Egypt, England, Scotland, New Zealand, Australia, and all over the U.S. and Europe and returns annually to Pearl Harbor where this last year commemorated the 80th anniversary of the attack. You can always pick Herb in a picture of the Pearl Harbor survivors as he is the only one not in a wheelchair!

Our member, Denny DaPra, sums it up best. "He is still sharp as a tack at 99 years old. As an active Kiwanian he continues to support the Jackson Community and he is very engaging in conversation during our morning breakfast get-togethers. I call him a "super senior" because he skis out West, bikes in Europe, dances 3 times a week and is very knowledgeable about current events. He is one of the best".

**Happy Birthday, Herb! From all your Kiwanis friends!**



# A Flamboyance For Service!

## Are you looking for FUN, EDUCATION, SERVICE, and MORE FUN?

Then you will not want to miss the Michigan District of Kiwanis Convention August 25 through 28, 2022 in downtown Bay City.

For service, we will be packing 10,000 meals with "Kids Against Hunger" on Saturday morning in Wenona Park, building a handicap ramp on Friday, and knitting baby beanies for the local neonatal unit (bring your needles and yarn, we will supply the pattern!).

Of course, there will be ample opportunities to learn focusing on leadership and membership right in The Double Tree Hotel.

*And downtown Bay City will "knock your socks off" with a Wine Walk on Thursday night and summer's "Feet on the Streets" Friday night featuring free concerts, street musicians, bars, and restaurants all a tiptoe from your hotel door.*

Saturday night offers multiple options including a concert in the park with Dusty Springfield, a dinner dance party cruise aboard the Princess Wenona, or a party bus trip to Soaring Eagle Casino. Of course, "Feet on the Street" in downtown Bay City will continue Saturday night too!

While Kiwanians are in education and training sessions during the day, Kiwanis families can pedal their way around Hell's Half Mile on the Sunshine Pedal Trolley, ride their bikes or walk along the river's miles of Rail Trail, take in a show at the Delta Planetarium, visit the Antique Mall, shop the myriad of downtown stores, or visit Bay City's Historical Museum.

And best of all, park your car and walk everywhere! Downtown is just a block away.



Simply FOLLOW *the* FLAMINGOES!



# DECIDING WHO TO MARRY

(Written by Kids)

Since Kiwanis is all about working with kids, we should make sure we do all we can to understand how they think. This may help.

PHOTOGRAPH BY JESSICA

## 1 HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming. ~Alan, age 10

## 2 WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then. ~Camille, age 10

## 3 HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids. ~Derrick, age 8

## 4 WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

Both don't want any more kids. ~Lori, age 8

## 5 WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough. ~Lynnette, age 8

On the first date, they just tell each other lies and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date. ~Martin, age 10

## 6 WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

When they're rich. ~Pam, age 7

## 7 IS IT BETTER TO BE SINGLE OR MARRIED?

It's better for girls to be single but not for boys. Boys need someone to clean up after them. ~Anita, age 9

## 8 HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

Tell your wife that she looks pretty, even if she looks like a dump truck. ~Ricky, age 9





# Savings Spotlight

This flier reflects pricing as of 2/28/2022

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Item #810838

Reg: \$11.99  
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**Office Depot® Brand File Folder Labels, Pack Of 750**



Item #220472

Reg: \$25.79  
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Item #993562

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**Our Price**  
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**Office Depot® Brand Scissors, 8", Pack Of 2**



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## Engage your Service Leadership Programs as part of the Michigan Kiwaniis 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

Amy Urick  
Phone: 616-644-5715  
Email: amy.urick@gmail.com

### K-Kids Administrator

Position Available

### Builders Club Administrator

Position Available

### Key Club Administrator:

Audrey Salesberry  
Phone: 269-277-4638  
Email: administrator@mikeyclub.org

### Circle K Administrator:

Lori L. Stillwell (Rowdy),  
47731 Meadowbrook Dr. Macomb, 48044-2756  
Cell: (586) 295-7957  
Email: lori2547@yahoo.com

## Michigan District Aktion Clubs Are Alive and Well

Michigan Aktion Clubs have been something for Kiwanians to be proud of. The number of these Kiwanis Clubs for persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities grew to 35 in 2020. Over the last two years though, the Covid Pandemic has affected our Kiwanis clubs and Service Leadership Program clubs. Some Aktion Clubs ceased to function because of closing of agencies that supported them and loss of advisors. But others continued meeting and doing community service. Read below how one Michigan Aktion Club used Zoom to continue to meet online and how other Aktion Clubs are returning to life as the pandemic restrictions are being lifted.

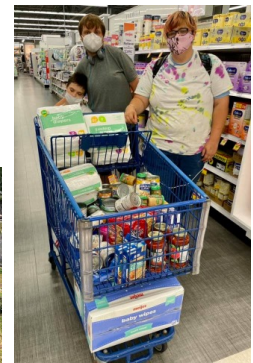
In other good news, this year will mark the return of the Aktion Club Convention in Vestaburg Michigan September 16-17. As usual the convention will feature fun outdoor activity, training for club officers, election of an Aktion Club Governor, club awards, advisor sharing and oh yes, a dance. And the Aktion Club E-newsletter has returned with an issue this month.

As a past Aktion Club Administrator for 14 years, I now serve as interim administrator. Amy Urick, advisor for the Tri-cities Aktion Club will be the new Aktion Club administrator. She has many years of Kiwanis and Aktion Club experience. Amy is updating the Aktion Club directory of clubs and contact information so reach out to her if your Kiwanis Club sponsors an Aktion Club or if your Kiwanis club wishes to, or you just want to know more. Her phone and email are listed in this Builder under Service Leadership Programs.

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## The Tri-Cities Aktion club didn't miss a beat when covid hit

The members jumped right onto Zoom and continued meeting every week, switching to Facebook Messenger video chats to accommodate members who couldn't use Zoom. Some



members were called by phone during each meeting so they could hear and speak that way. Through the summer months we met outdoors at parks in Spring Lake and Grand Haven, made cards for nursing homes, volunteered at the Community Garden in Grand Haven, and raised funds by selling candy bars at outdoor concerts. Members



saw that a community micro-pantry was constantly empty and stepped up to shop and fill it with the money they raised. This winter we were able to continue meeting indoors with our masks on thanks to the generosity of the Momentum Center in Grand Haven.





## Kiwaniis AKTION CLUB

The Charlevoix- Bergmann Center Aktion Club after two years of shut-down has resumed action after being an active club since 1999. The shut-down has affected our members in many ways. Thanks to the Bergmann Centers staff whose Love and constant encouragement enabled us to not lose hope and to Tracy Edger, our Advisor, whose support never ended and the Charlevoix Kiwanis Club.

A Christmas Party put on by the Bergmann Centers Staff became our first gathering. The Bergmann Center clients, family members and all Aktion Club members were invited. Everyone looked great as the attire was very cheerful. The time together was joyful with lots of laughter and fun.

After the Holiday Season and a new year, we had our first Aktion Club meeting. It was an experience to witness!! Constant suggestions and ideas as topics were discussed. Seems like everyone had an idea to help meet the needs in our community. For fundraisers a chili cook-off took place on Valentine Day and a Pasty Drive is in the works. Our summer schedule includes a baseball game in Traverse City, a Bowl-a-Thon and the Aktion Club Convention.

***Ed Buday, first Administrator of Michigan Aktion Clubs***

The St. Louis Center Aktion Club began meeting this year decorating 80 Valentine Cards for SLC staff, caregivers and nurses. The cards contained a prayer to Saint Louis to watch over and protect SLC residents and workers. Each year the club makes and sells Christmas cards as their primary fundraiser. The St. Louis Center is a residential community for people living with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Since 1960 the Servants of Charity Congregation of Italy has administered the residential care and life skills training for its 70 residents. The Chelsea Kiwanis Club is privileged to support SLC ministry and Aktion Club.

**Gordon Schleicher, St. Louis Center Aktion Club (Chelsea, MI) advisor**

## *Candidate for Governor-Elect*

# **Renea Anastasia Callery**



They say if you believe, you can make it happen. I believe that I can make a difference, and I can make it happen as Michigan Kiwanis Governor-Elect and Governor.

My name is Renea Anastasia Callery. I started my Kiwanis journey with the Detroit Kiwanis No. 1 Club in 2016, transferring to the Dearborn Club near my home. But I have been involved in community service since 1985 when, as administrative assistant to the CEO and Board of Directors for Detroit Edison Credit Union, I was given the opportunity to join Executive Women International (EWI). Over my 36 years in EWI, I served in all Detroit-Windsor Chapter board and committee positions, including President (twice). I was also elected to the International Board of Directors, overseeing all chapters throughout the United States, Canada, and Europe.

EWI afforded me the chance to work with a number of strong, accomplished women who mentored me on leadership, organization, listening, public speaking, effective communications and accountability. In turn, I mentored young women who would become future leaders.

My legacy, or signature project, from those years was the literacy program I developed for impoverished Southwest Detroit schools. Children were mentored, given free books to take home, and inspired to read avidly through friendly competition and rewards.

When joining Kiwanis, I was excited to be able to continue to collaborate with clubs on literacy for children. After several months in the Dearborn Club, I additionally accepted the role of the Big Goober (peanut) chair. During my two years as the Big Goober, we raised over \$60,000 in peanut sales.

When a Kiwanis friend suggested to Greg Smith that I would be a suitable candidate for the newly created Partnership Chair, I began my leadership path in the Kiwanis District of Michigan. I went on to serve as Michigan District Fundraising Chair for two years and Dearborn Club President for 17 months, succeeding to Lt. Governor for two terms.

As you can tell by my path, my number one passion is literacy and education. During my first few months in Dearborn Kiwanis, Edsel Ford High School students approached our club to be their sponsor – and my love for students made that an easy decision for all. I became - and remain - their Key Club Advisor. When we merged with Dearborn Outer Drive Kiwanis, we welcomed the Key Clubs for Annapolis and Melvindale High Schools, and I became their Advisor as well. Then Crestwood High School approached me to be Advisor for their renewed club. I am now the Advisor for four Key Clubs and the U of M Dearborn Circle K. We sponsor six Key Clubs!

In terms of my greatest achievement with our Key Club students, I would have to say it was working with them to develop the PROJECT K.I.D.S. event at DCON 2020. And my greatest surprise and honor was to receive the Distinguished Lt. Governor Award during Spring Divisional from Fran Babbage.

In closing, I want to be your Governor in 2023-2024 because I believe. I believe that I can continue to make a difference with students and communities. I believe we can help clubs embrace the many programs that Kiwanis International offers. I believe I can effectively communicate to our statewide audience, reaching out to clubs of every size and location, motivating them to grow, personally and professionally, through the many benefits of membership.

Finally, I believe with all my heart that more of the world needs to hear about Kiwanis -and I want to tell them our story.

I am grateful for the opportunity to be considered for Kiwanis Governor.

*Renea Anastasia Callery*



If you are planning on going to Indianapolis to attend the 2022 KI Convention from June 8-11, you will definitely want to join us on Friday night.

## 2022 Kiwanis International Indianapolis Combined District Dinner

**FRIDAY || JUNE 10**  
**6PM – 9PM**

at the Slippery Noodle Inn  
372 S. Meridian St. Indianapolis

Sponsored by the  
Indiana, Michigan,  
Rocky Mountain  
and Southwest  
Districts

Seating is limited so register as soon as possible. The flyer will describe what's included. We know it will be a fun, memorable evening for all Kiwanians. Net proceeds, if any, will be donated to the Kiwanis Childrens Fund.

To register online, click on the link below. If you want to send a check, make it payable to "Michigan District of Kiwanis" and send it along with all the names, cell numbers and emails of people attending and district name to: **Michigan District of Kiwanis PO Box 231 Mason, MI 48854**

Questions? Contact me. Thanks for joining us for a great time.

**Please pass this on to other Kiwanians in Michigan.**

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## 2021-22 OFFICER INFORMATION CHANGES

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

### CLUB LOCATIONS & CONTACTS

Holt- 2nd & 4th Mon., 6:30 PM  
 Sam Corey Senior Center, 2108 Cedar St., Holt  
**Contact:** Contact: Todd Sneathen  
**Phone:** (517) 294-6193  
**Email:** tsneathen@hrcengr.com

Sturgis Eastside- Fri., 6:45 AM  
 Five Lakes Coffee, 100 W. Chicago Rd  
**Contact:** Janice Warstler,  
**Phone:** (269) 651-9016  
**Email:** jwarstler44@gmail.com

Detroit No. 1 1st Tues, Noon  
 Downtown Boxing Gym, 6445 E. Vernor Hwy, 48207  
 Contact: Kristine Miranne,  
**Phone:** (313) 303-9536  
**Email:** kristine.miranne@att.net

Colonial Plymouth- Thurs., Noon  
 The Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S Main St,  
 Plymouth, 48170  
**Contact:** James Moylan,  
**Phone:** (734) 453-4885  
**Email:** moylanjames44@gmail.com

South Lansing – Fri, 8:00 AM  
 Virtual and South Side Community Coalition,  
 2101 W Holmes Rd.  
**Contact:** Sandra Stevens,  
**Phone:** (517) 755-9942  
**Email:** sandi.stevens1959@gmail.com



## 2021-22 GOVERNOR'S MEMBERSHIP TROPHY

Clinton Valley	+8
Lac Ste. Claire	+5
Battle Creek	+5
Kalamazoo	+5
Delta Township	+4
Chelsea	+4
Pontiac	+4
Monroe	+4
Tri Cities- G.H., S. L.	+4
Ann Arbor	+4
Cheboygan	+4
Adrian	+4

Net gain is from 10-1-21 thru 9-1-22 and includes clubs only with at least a net gain of +4 based on official membership numbers supplied by Kiwanis International.

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Active Clubs .....	137
District Beginning Membership .....	3451
As of March 1, 2022 .....	3507

**Net Gain +56 members**

## SLP MEMBERS

	CLUBS	PAID MEMBERS
K-Kids	10	-
Builders Club	33	-
Key Club	78	3789
Circle K	8	202
Aktion Club	10	122

## In Memoriam

Donald W. Lakin  
*Cadillac*

Ernest C. Fechter  
*Cadillac*

Robert J. Rejewski  
*Charlevoix*

Jerry L. Webb  
*Utica-Shelby Township*

Frederick C. Schroeder  
*Utica-Shelby Township*

Donald L. Schultz  
*South Lyon*

Andrew W. Lakatos  
*Whitmore Lake*