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MEALS, SHELTER,
AND MENTAL
AND SPIRITUAL
HEALING FOR
NEARLY 23 MILLION
AMERICANS**

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Every holiday season from Thanksgiving Day Detroit Lions game to Christmas Eve we see the Salvation Army Red Kettles in front of many stores across the country. Bell ringers from various walks of life and service organizations, including Kiwanis Clubs, each year. The Salvation Army Red Kettle program began in San Francisco in 1891 to fund Christmas Dinner for 1,000 people in need. Bells were not rung until 1900 when Salvation Army Officer Cadet Amelia Kunkle was a kettle ringer in New York City. Amelia and her girl-cadets would stand outside in The Battery, near Wall Street, and she noticed many businessmen who came to and from the financial district each day would rarely stop to put money in the kettle.

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One day Amelia went to one her Administrators, Major Chadwell, and complained to him about these businessmen who largely ignored the kettles. He suggested she get a stick and knocked it on the outside of the metal bucket to draw attention to it. Kunkle did not like the idea, so Major Chadwell encouraged her to come up with another idea.

The next day, Amelia was in a nearby Woolworth's store and found a small bell with a short, dark wooden handle. She picked it up and the bell made a nice tinkle. It was only 10 cents.

During her next kettle duty day, she rang her bell during her shift. More people stopped and she greeted them with a cheery "God Bless You" and "Merry Christmas". Her idea spread quickly and soon all cadets were ringing bells, raising funds for the Salvation Army's Christmas Dinner.

The Red Kettle Campaign celebrated 125 years in 2015 and set a fundraising record. That year, roughly 25,000 bell ringers and corporate sponsors raised close to \$150 million, with \$.85 per dollar going directly into the communities where the money was raised.

As Kiwanis International continues their focus on human and spiritual values in the 2023-2024 year, the Salvation Army's Red Kettle program is a great way to show support to the children and families in your community by volunteering as bell ringers. Let's channel the spirit of Officer Cadet Amelia Kunkle and have fun doing the honors of ringing the bells to collect funds in the Red Kettle campaign. The funds you raise impacts the community through social services assistance, homeless shelters, disaster relief, children's programs, rehabilitation services, anti-human trafficking, and more.

There are three main ways to register your Kiwanis club as bell ringers. First, you will want to go to the Salvation Army's Register to Ring website at Register to Ring. Then you will choose to either "I'm Ringing as an Individual", "I'm Ringing with a Group", or "I'm a Virtual Ringer". You will need to create an account so you can login and schedule your bell ringer hours. In most areas, there is a minimum of two hours per shift, but if you choose to



do more, you can do so. The Salvation Army encourages volunteers to work in teams of two, if possible, and it can be more fun volunteering with a friend.

Of particular interest to some of our Kiwanis members who are unable to participate as a bell ringer in person is the Virtual Ringers option. You can create a virtual Red Kettle and share it on your social media websites – including your Kiwanis club's page – from the comfort of your home. Make sure to share your virtual Red Kettle with family and friends and especially your community so they can donate online as well.

Kiwanis clubs will soon receive a letter from the Michigan District of Kiwanis Human and Spiritual committee chairperson, Krista Surratt, inviting individual clubs to join in the Red Kettle campaign. It has information you need to submit your bell ringing deeds for service hours and how to receive your patch. The deadline to send in your club's information is February 10, 2024.

Many of us do not have to worry about our next meal, where we are going to sleep, or how to find mental health or spiritual programs for our children. But, if you ever do find yourself in this situation, remember the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign and why it's necessary to support the work of this service organization. More importantly, as a Kiwanis club member, volunteering before the need arises is even better.

The time to start is now.

December

22-29 CHRISTMAS- District office closed

31 Year-End Gifts to KCF

January

1 NEW YEARS- District Office closed

11-13 Governor Training- Denver

13 Kiwanis MI Foundation Board Meeting

20 Second District Board Meeting, 9:30 am Mason



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Renea Callery

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governor || a lot of happy I'm sending you!

Happy Thanksgiving

During the upcoming holiday season, I hope you get to spend time with family and friends to help or continue to bring happiness into your home and heart.

I also hope that you Re-Flect on the difference you all make by being a member of Kiwanis. Your community service, your leadership, leading our future students, so many ways to look at **RE-CONNECTING** in the new year.

If you are one who makes a New Year's Resolution – this is a terrific way to start your New Year. In doing that – let's look at ways we can motivate our members in 2024. What as leaders can we do to ensure that members who seem burned out can look at starting the new year with motivation and passion once again?

Some of the ways we lose our members' excitement is perhaps they are bored, poor communication, lack of recognition, and having nothing to really strive for.

I will continue to work with our Lt. Governors to make sure that they are reaching out to you and sharing diverse ways to get that excitement for Kiwanis going again.

My team has developed a "simpler" way for your club to receive the "Outstanding & Distinguished" awards. We are looking at ways to let you know that what you are doing matters to us and the Kiwanis family. We will be having a bit of healthy competitions to engage our members.

As leaders in your clubs, you can also help the "spark" come alive now and in the new year.

At some of the past events, I have used puzzle pieces to "Re-Connect" the members of the clubs. I use the "Re-Connect" theme when putting these puzzle pieces together, because

you all play a big part in making that puzzle whole. One piece, one leader, can't possibly be truly successful without help from the members – it's like putting the puzzle pieces together to make that club whole again.

As leaders, there are many pieces to the puzzle. It's all about the words I listed in the beginning. Are you ready to use them – to be that difference to a member, a student, a community?

What do you want to do in 2024? If you have some ideas to help our organization grow, please feel free to send them to me... I'm in the directory.

Being Governor is not a one "woman" job. It is truly a Team effort. It is an opportunity for me to meet so many amazing people, and to help them believe like I have. Believe that you can Make A Difference. It's an opportunity to collaborate with members, friends, the Governor-Elect, Lt. Governors, District Chairs, the Foundations, the Past Governors, the SLP's and the Administrative team. I am learning so much, and we are all working together.

If you have time and want to become a part of this strong and amazing team – just let me know.

We are all here for the same reason – we love Kiwanis and see the Difference We Make in so many lives.

Go have a great year. I will be seeing you for sure starting in February when we start up our KiwanisOne events. We will continue to bring a strong program to each of the KiwanisOne events around MI.

May peace and happiness continue to be with you throughout all these holidays.

Thank you for being a Kiwanian!

Think about how you can "Re-Cognize" their achievements. Do you have a newsletter to put their name in and what they have been doing?

- "Re-Warding" them for their efforts. It doesn't have to be a major reward, something as simple as a card.
- "Re-Minding" them how far they have come since they joined, and the difference they have made.
- "Re-Affirming" their desired outcome. How can you help them by reaffirming their desired outcome?
- "Re-Assuring" their skills and knowledge if needed. Share their talents and abilities so they have the confidence to move forward.

Happy Holidays

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Frank Palazzolo
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Where have all the workers gone?

I am sure you have seen these signs at various businesses near your home, they are now commonplace. People everywhere are asking where have all the workers gone. Kiwanis could ask the same as 49% of our membership has disappeared since 1991, our peak year.

Scholars for centuries have looked at the Fall of the Roman Empire and determined that its fall was due to a decline in the birth rate and the aging of their population. They didn't have enough people to defend the Empire.

A co-worker of mine once said, 'history is easier to understand once you've lived it.' So, since I have witnessed our membership decline firsthand, I feel confident when I say I believe we are at a tipping point. It is imperative for us to find new members or like many businesses without workers, we will be forced to close. In 2022 KI reported that 490 Clubs turned in their charters, twice as many as were opened.

I have spent most of my adult life helping the vulnerable through Kiwanis. I believe in it.

I state the following as both a warning and as a call to arms. In the 1950s Detroit No.1 had 350 members with its own paid Secretary. When I joined in the 1980s there were 110 and the average age was about 45. By the time I was its 104th President there were around 40 and the average age was around 52. These trends mirrored those throughout KI. Today our average age is 63.

It is Job 1 of the Governor to grow the organization.

It is the No. 1 Job of the Governor Elect to put together their team so that they can hit the ground running.

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Therefore, today I am placing my Help Wanted sign in the window for 2024-25.

Why come 'work' for me. In a word, experience. I have helped to build companies, subsidiaries and divisions for the Henry Ford Health System from mere ideas. I have worked in mergers & acquisitions, treasury, finance, operations & sales. I have been a public speaker, an author, an inventor, a Mayor and was considered an expert in my field. As such I was asked to give testimony before the US House Judiciary Committee. I appeared on CSPAN. All before I was 45. I have the skill set to help us succeed, if you help me.

After a catastrophic car-bus accident that took 8 years for me to recover, my career was over. I have been officially a "has been" for over 20 years. But I still know what it takes to succeed.

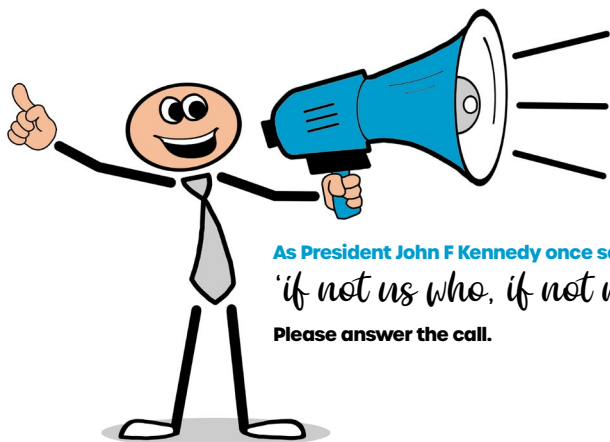
THIS IS THE TEAM I WANT TO BUILD:

I want the best people for the job. We don't need to be friends. You don't even have to like me. This is a focused goal-oriented working relationship.

But... you must love Kiwanis and you must be dedicated to her survival.

Will you help me, help Kiwanis? I can't do it alone. If you want to make a difference, be part of something bigger than yourself and you believe together we can succeed in putting Kiwanis back on a sustainable path then send a short bio to me at frankpalazzolo820@gmail.com

If you have questions text me at 313-802-3199 & leave a call back number.



As President John F Kennedy once said,
'if not us who, if not now when.'
Please answer the call.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS: First and foremost, I need energetic, outgoing and focused problem solvers. No experience necessary, training provided. Previous sales experience preferred.

FINANCE/ACCOUNTING COMMITTEE: CPAs & Financial professionals needed.

FUNDRAISING CHAIR & COMMITTEE: An out of the box thinker with the ability to bring ideas to life in order to fund our aspirations.

DIRECTOR OF SPONSORSHIPS & PARTNERSHIPS: Previous sales experience preferred. Will work closely with the Fundraising & Events Chairs.

EVENTS CHAIR: Experienced Event Planner preferred but enthusiastic newcomer considered. Can train. Will plan the Great Lakes Conference and help with the 110th Founder's Day Celebration.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: Must work with KI to find new locations for new Clubs. Lead the LG's to organize Club building and Boost type events. Be a resource for existing Clubs interested in growing their membership.

EDUCATION CHAIR: Experience Necessary. A veteran, possibly a former Governor who knows all the ins and outs and is respected by the membership for their knowledge and dedication. Must be a well-organized presenter.

MINISTER OF FUN: There are numerous District Events and attendees want to enjoy their time together. Fun is serious business. An enthusiastic light-hearted party planner would be ideal.

SLP ADMIN: Work with Clubs to establish and maintain relationships with Key Clubs, Circle K and Aktion Clubs.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR: Experience preferred but will train enthusiastic newcomer. Be in contact with all Clubs & other Chairs to create a schedule of key events locally & statewide. Establish relationships with media and use social media to reach younger audiences.



Greg Smith
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The Twelve Days of Michigan Kiwanis

- 1. ON THE FIRST DAY** of Christmas Michigan Kiwanis gave the communities, clubs that do service for free.
- 2. ON THE SECOND DAY** of Christmas Michigan Kiwanis gave the communities, two scholarships and clubs that do service for free.
- 3. ON THE THIRD DAY** of Christmas Michigan Kiwanis gave the communities, three child life programs, two scholarships and clubs that do service for free.
- 4. ON THE FOURTH DAY** of Christmas Michigan Kiwanis gave the communities, four food packagings, three child life programs, two scholarships and clubs that do service for free.
- 5. ON THE FIFTH DAY** of Christmas Michigan Kiwanis gave the communities, Five Bell Ringers, four food packagings, three child life programs, two scholarships and clubs that do service for free.
- 6. ON THE SIXTH DAY** of Christmas Michigan Kiwanis gave the communities, six park clean ups, Five Bell Ringers, four food packagings, three child life programs, two scholarships and clubs that do service for free.
- 7. ON THE SEVENTH DAY** of Christmas Michigan Kiwanis gave the communities, seven (x) five law academy students, six park clean ups, Five Bell Ringers, four food packagings, three child life programs, two scholarships and clubs that do service for free.
- 8. ON THE EIGHTH DAY** of Christmas Michigan Kiwanis gave the communities, eight partnerships, seven (x) five law academy students, six park clean ups, Five Bell Ringers, four food packagings, three child life programs, two scholarships and clubs that do service for free.
- 9. ON THE NINTH DAY** of Christmas Michigan Kiwanis gave the communities, nine SLP's, eight partnerships, seven (x) five law academy students, six park clean ups, Five Bell Ringers, four food packagings, three child life programs, two scholarships and clubs that do service for free.
- 10. ON THE TENTH DAY** of Christmas Michigan Kiwanis gave the communities, ten families Christmas gifts, nine SLP's, eight partnerships, seven (x) five law academy students, six park clean ups, Five Bell Ringers, four food packagings, three child life programs, two scholarships and clubs that do service for free.
- 11. ON THE ELEVENTH DAY** of Christmas Michigan Kiwanis gave the communities, eleven dozen dictionaries, ten families Christmas gifts, nine SLP's, eight partnerships, seven (x) five law academy students, six park clean ups, Five Bell Ringers, four food packagings, three child life programs, two scholarships and clubs that do service for free.
- 12. ON THE TWELFTH DAY** of Christmas Michigan Kiwanis gave the communities, twelve thousand service hours, eleven dozen dictionaries, ten families Christmas gifts, nine SLP's, eight partnerships, seven (x) five law academy students, six park clean ups, Five Bell Ringers, four food packagings, three child life programs, two scholarships and clubs that do service for free.

*Happy Holidays to all Michigan Kiwanians,
your families, friends and those we help throughout the year.*

**U.S. / Canada
Kiwaniis
Goodwill Dinner**

SAVE THE DATE



**April 26, 2024
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Alexander's
1200 Gratiot Blvd. || Marysville, MI**

**Special Guest Speaker –
Wendell L. Brown, Sr.**

Join us to hear his story about going from a professional football player to wrongly imprisoned in China for 3 years.

He will also share what he is doing now to work with youth in the Detroit area.

More Details will be sent out early in 2024.

IS YOUR CLUB TAX COMPLIANT?

This is the time of year when individuals and corporations take the time to minimize their tax exposure for the year. All Kiwanis Clubs should also take the time to ensure that they are compliant with the tax filings required each year by both the IRS and the State of Michigan to avoid possible fines and loss of tax-exempt status.

IRS TAX FILING REQUIREMENTS:

YOU CAN CHECK YOUR CLUB'S FILINGS WITH THE IRS

Form 990 series are annual information returns that most tax-exempt organizations must file with the IRS. They provide information on the organization's mission, programs, finances, governance, and compliance with federal tax laws. The IRS uses this information to monitor the activities and operations of tax-exempt organizations and to enforce the tax laws that apply to them.

The filing requirement and penalties for non-filing vary depending on the type and size of the organization. Generally, organizations that have gross receipts of \$200,000 or more, or total assets of \$500,000 or more, must file Form 990. Organizations that have gross receipts greater than \$50,000 but less than \$200,000 with assets less than \$500,000 may file Form 990EZ. Smaller organizations with annual gross receipts normally less than \$50,000 may file Form 990-N (e-Postcard), which is a simple electronic notice. Some types of organizations, such as churches, are exempt from filing any Form 990 series return.

Form 990-N is an annual electronic notice that most small tax-exempt organizations must file with the IRS by the 15th day of the 5th month after the end of their fiscal year. It is also known as the e-Postcard. The purpose of Form 990-N is to help the IRS maintain an accurate list of active nonprofits and monitor their compliance with tax laws. If an organization fails to file Form 990-N for three consecutive years, it will automatically lose its tax-exempt status and may face penalties and back taxes.

The penalty for failing to file a required Form 990 series return is \$20 per day for each day the return is late, up to a maximum of \$10,000 or 5% of the organization's gross receipts, whichever is less. For larger organizations, the

penalty is \$100 per day, up to a maximum of \$50,000. In addition, the IRS may revoke the tax-exempt status of an organization that fails to file a required Form 990 series return for three consecutive years.

MICHIGAN FILING REQUIREMENTS:

Annual Report

YOU CAN CHECK YOUR CLUB'S ANNUAL REPORT FILINGS

If you are running a nonprofit corporation in Michigan, you need to be aware of the annual report filing requirement. According to the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act, every nonprofit corporation must file an annual report with the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) by October 1 of each year, starting from the year after incorporation. The annual report fee is \$20 and can be paid online or by mail. The annual report form (CSCL/CD-2000) is mailed or emailed to the corporation's resident agent about three months before the due date. You can also file the report online at www.michigan.gov/corpfileonline. Failing to file the annual report or pay the fee within two years of the due date will result in the automatic dissolution of the corporation. To restore the corporation's existence, you will have to file all the missing reports and pay all the fees plus a \$5 penalty for each delinquent report.

LICENSE TO SOLICIT

YOU CAN CHECK ON THE STATUS OF YOUR CHARITY

Nonprofits that solicit or receive contributions more than \$25,000 per year are required to file an annual License to Solicit with the Attorney General's office, unless exempt by law. Not filing or renewing a license may lead to penalties, fines, or license loss. Check with a lawyer or the Charitable Trust Section if you are not sure about your exemption status.

Mike Raham

Member-Michigan District of Kiwanis Finance Committee

Treasurer-MDK Foundation



take extra care of your mental health this season

Just a quick reminder with the holiday season coming up. We need to take extra care of our mental health. The main way we can do this is by practicing good coping skills.

Mental health is an essential aspect of our overall well-being. It is the foundation of our emotional, psychological, and social health. Coping skills and self-care are two critical components of maintaining good mental health.

Coping skills are strategies that help us manage stress, anxiety, and other mental health issues. They can be simple or complex, depending on the situation. Some examples of coping skills include deep breathing, meditation, mindfulness, physical activity, and setting goals.

Self-care is another essential aspect of maintaining good mental health. It involves taking care of our physical, emotional, and psychological needs. Some examples of self-care include getting enough sleep, eating a healthy diet, staying hydrated, and engaging in activities that bring us joy.

Here are some tips for practicing self-care and coping skills:

- Practice deep breathing exercises to help calm your mind and body.
- Engage in physical activity, such as yoga or running, to help reduce stress and anxiety.
- Set realistic goals for yourself and celebrate your accomplishments.
- Take time to do things that bring you joy, such as reading a book or listening to music.
- Connect with others and build a support system.

Also remember that living in the great state of Michigan we need to plan out coping skills to match the weather. So, make sure you review your list of coping skills for each season of the year. Remember, taking care of your mental health is essential. By practicing self-care and coping skills, you can improve your overall well-being and lead a happier, healthier life.



Eric Stezowski

Lt. Governor Division 13

Dear Fellow Michigan District Kiwanians,



I HOPE THIS MESSAGE FINDS YOU ALL WELL.

My name is Marc D. Alexander, and I am the President of Utica Shelby Kiwanis. We have an exciting opportunity that not only showcases the innovative spirit of our Key Club students but also strengthens our bonds with them. The Utica Shelby Kiwanis Club is hosting the Kiwanis Pitch Competition—an initiative designed for Key Club students to transform their creative ideas into impactful community projects. This “Shark Tank” style pitch competition will award 3 teams with a 3rd Place \$2,500 Prize, a 2nd Place \$5,000 Prize and a 1st Place Grand Prize of \$10,000!

Why should you get involved?

WELL, HERE’S THE KEY POINT: each participating team must have a Kiwanian advisor. This means by encouraging our Key Club students to join, we not only foster their growth but also re-engage with them on a meaningful level.

How does it work?

STUDENTS PITCH TEAMS: Key Club students form teams and pitch their ideas for community projects.

KIWANIAN ADVISORS: Each team must have a Kiwanian advisor, who will help with coordinating and acting as the main point of contact for Key Club pitch teams.

Why should you share this with your Key Club(s)?

STRENGTHEN RELATIONSHIPS: This is a chance to deepen our connection with Key Club students, contributing to a more robust and engaged Key Club-Kiwanis relationship.

Foster Innovation: By encouraging participation, we support the development of innovative projects that benefit our communities.

Let’s come together to inspire, guide, and empower our Key Club students through the Kiwanis Pitch Competition. Share the excitement, and let’s make a lasting impact!

Important Details:

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: January 15, 2024

COMPETITION FOCUS: Community Project

AWARDS: Up to \$17.5K, including a \$10,000 Grand Prize

REGISTRATION FEE: FREE

Visit www.uticashelbykiwanis.org/kiwanis-pitch for more information.

Best Regards,

Marc D. Alexander

President & CEO

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Kiwanis 2024
CLUB OF UTICA-SHELBY TOWNSHIP



KIWANIS PITCH COMPETITION

**Ideas That
Impact The
Community**

\$10,000
GRAND PRIZE

THE 2024 KIWANIS PITCH IS
DESIGNED TO SUPPORT
“IDEAS THAT IMPACT THE
COMMUNITY” BY
SUPPORTING OUR KEY
CLUB STUDENTS WHO ARE
CATALYST OF CHANGE IN
THE COMMUNITY.



APPLY NOW

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APPLICATION SUBMISSIONS
OPEN NOV. 1ST AND CLOSE JAN. 15TH



 www.uticashelbykiwanis.org/kiwanis-pitch



KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL ANNUAL SIGNATURE PROJECT CONTEST

It's that time of year again for the Kiwanis International annual Signature Project Contest! This is an important club and district event that has been growing each year since it started in 2017. We annually receive over 420 club entries from around the world and learn about the amazing things Kiwanis members are doing in their communities to help others. Below is a summary of the contest, which includes an important district-level requirement of selecting the top two entries to represent your district.

IMPORTANT DATES

Contest Opens 01/02/24,
Tuesday, 8:00 am ET

Contest Closes 01/25/24,
Thursday, 11:59 pm ET

District Entries Due to KI 02/15/24,
Thursday, 11:59pm ET

Please reacto your clubs with their submissions!

Elizabeth Warren

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1. Clubs complete the online form (follow your language link here) containing questions about their clubs' signature project. The forms are not active until the start of the contest at 8:00 AM ET January 2, 2024. All entries must be completed using the online form. No other format (word, email) will be accepted.
2. When the club hits "Submit" an email containing their answers is automatically generated to all District Governors and Secretaries, as well as the club member who submitted the entry and Kiwanis International.
3. Despite the 3-week+ window for contest submissions, 87% of them are historically received within the last four days of the deadline. Please encourage your clubs to enter them early so if there is a technical issue at their end there will be plenty of time to work through it. The contest close date is firm.
4. At the end of the 3-week+ contest window each district should coordinate judging process with district staff to select your two best entries – one from Group I clubs (27 and few members) and one from Group II clubs (28 and greater members) that have been chosen to represent your district in the contest. Some districts may not have club entries from both small and large clubs to judge and submit to KI.
5. Using the contest judging criteria (attached), district judges review and rate/score each entry. Using this online form districts submit their selections. District entries cannot be received by KI via email, only via this online form.
6. Districts will be notified in early April if either of their club projects have been selected to the Top 10 of each club group.
7. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners for each club group will be recognized at the annual Kiwanis International convention in July.
8. Complete contest rules are found here.
9. Clubs can read the application questions ahead of time to prepare their answers (highly recommended).

Suggested judging rubric for districts to select their top two entries in each group, click link below. Total points for each question possible are 25. More is better; therefore, an excellent/perfect score would be 100. Please copy and paste this for each Group, add more rows as necessary and share with your judges.

>>CLICK FOR ATTACHMENT<<

From your friends across the
Michigan District of Kiwanis

Season's Greetings

Thomas Oliver Holiday Greeting Program

Kiwanians listed below have made a contribution to the Program to wish you and your family happy holidays and to ensure a better holiday season for hospitalized children around our Michigan District

Individual Greetings

Gary & Bev Surratt, Addison
David & Fran Babbage, Past Governors, Allen Park
Mark Brannon, Allen Park
Judy Greer, Alpena
Rocky Roland, Alpena
Elaine Orr, Alpena
Stacie Anderson, Alpena
David Weber, Alpena
Gail Barr, Alpena
Past Governor Stan and Gerri Nelson, Alpena
Beth Pelkey, Past President, Alpena
Linda and Larry French, Ann Arbor
Bonnie Bartlett, Lt. Gov Division 11, Brooklyn
Dee Hudson, Past Governor, Caledonia
Gordon Schleicher Margie Schleicher, Chelsea
Ben and Jeri Probert, Past Governor 2000-2001, Chelsea
John Allen, Clare
Lori Fassett, Clare
John Radcliffe, Clare
Jack Hofweber, Clare
Walt Kraszewski, Clinton Twp
Mark and Janet Ott, Coldwater
Tony Kho, Cosmopolitan Detroit
Eleonor Madiclum Jenks, (Pres, KCCD), Cosmopolitan Detroit
Jeff Jenks, Cosmopolitan Detroit
Peggie & Dennis Pedenelli, Dearborn
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Meschke, Dearborn

Marian O'Higgins, Past Governor '17-'18, Detroit #1
Sejla Kulagic, Detroit #1
Past Governor Sarah Chave and Michael Chave, Downriver West
Al & Angie Cotto, Downriver West
Scott Greenlee, East Lansing
Diana Miller, Treasurer, Gladwin
Rev. Duane Miller, Lt. Gov Div 19, Gladwin
Dr. Karen Moore, Gladwin
Dave CrazeFord, Past President, Gladwin
Nelson & Janet Haan, Past Governor, Grand Rapids Golden K
Denise Browning, Greater Gibraltar
Larry Memmer & Nancy, Past Governor,
Greater Grass Lake Club
Vic Samuelson, Haslett-Okemos
Wesley & Jackie Wickham, Hillsdale
Sue Caulkins, Hillsdale
Beth Caswell, Hillsdale
Karl Rainer Hermann, Past President, Hillsdale
Joe & Judy Wolfe, Jackson
22-23 Governor Vicki Okuniewski, Kalamazoo
Linda (& Jeff) Lawther, KI Trustee, KI Trustee /Belleville/
Ypsilanti
C Gartner, Kwassee
Allan Joseph Medwick, Macomb
Kelly Dougherty and Brian Anderson, Metro Detroit YP
Doug & Carrie Kuras, Monroe
Joseph Sowmick, Vice President, Mt. Pleasant
David & Mercia Foster, Mt. Pleasant
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Austin & JoAnne Hoffman, Woodhaven
Katie Cassette, Woodhaven
Jim & Rosemary Robbins, Woodhaven
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Renea Callery, Governor 2023-24, Dearborn
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Carol Horn, Woodhaven
Jim & Kay Jorgensen, Woodhaven
Clif and Cathy Stone, Downriver West
Kathie Wilder - Ann Arbor

Club Greetings

Ann Arbor Western Kiwanis
Brooklyn Kiwanis Club
Eastpointe Kiwanis Club
Kiwanis Club of Dearborn
Kiwanis Club of Saginaw
Kiwanis Club of Shorewood
Kiwanis Club of Westside Kalamazoo
Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven
Members of Mendon Kiwanis Club
Metro North Troy

In Memory Greetings

Merry Christmas! In memory of Skip Clack, Gary Hawkins, Bob Walicki, and all the Kiwanians who have passed on to their Eternal Reward. - Cathy and Clif Stone
In Memory of Denny Kiroff, Governor 2008-09, Dearborn
In Memory of Susan Brenner, my best friend and supporter, Shorewood
In Memory of John C. Fountain, Ann Arbor



EXTRA-ORDINARY SERVICE

This Kiwanian, a member of the Chelsea Kiwanis Club for two years, has led the club in volunteer hours and set the example of serving others beyond self.

Sherri Rizzo performs between 40-90 volunteer service hours each month as part of the Chelsea Kiwanis satellite at the Chelsea Retirement Community, a continuum care living facility for four hundred residents. Six of her monthly hours are spent with her therapy dog Zeva visiting nursing and dementia residents.

She leads activities that bring residents together who might otherwise spend their days alone. And she brings hope to people whose health has severely reduced their former abilities. As a senior citizen and widowed, Sherri knows the social needs of residents and the limitations aging can bring. Although an eye disease limits her vision such that she can no longer drive, she gets around campus on her three-wheeled bicycle.

Her service includes maintaining a monthly display of former and current hobbies. Past displays included resident wood carving, antique toys, veteran memorabilia, and "what's in your purse or wallet".

Sherri leads the Monday night Bingo game and helps staff host the monthly birthday celebration and new member welcome tea. With paid staff shortages she fills in by arranging outdoor lawn games, potlucks, and picnics for independent residents.

The assisted living and dementia units look forward to therapy dog Zeva's visits and Sherri's help with weekly activities. Sherri is also the volunteer coordinator for the Chelsea Kiwanis satellite at the Chelsea Retirement Community, keeping records of volunteer hours.

When Sherri Rizzo sees an unmet need she brings it to the attention of the administration and if staff is unable to address the need she finds a way to complete the task. Her example has led many other residents to volunteer their time and talents. While others may not be able to match the time she gives to volunteer service, her example calls others to examine what they can do to serve others.

Written by Chelsea Kiwanian Gordon Schleicher, a 53-year member of Kiwanis and convenor for the Kiwanis @ CRC satellite.



CLINTON VALLEY KIWANIS COMES TO THE AID OF HOMELESS CHILDREN IN MACOMB COUNTY

Macomb County is a wonderful place to call home, that is, if you have a home. While most students attend school in new clothes, fully supplied, after a good night's rest in a secure and comfy home, there are currently over 1,700 school-aged children in Macomb County who are not as fortunate. They are homeless. They go to school from a shelter, a cheap motel, the family car or the crowded home of a relative. These children often find themselves moving frequently and falling behind academically. They lack basic needs like appropriate clothing, food, school supplies and transportation.

To help alleviate the difficult situation in which these children find themselves, the Kiwanis Club of Clinton Valley hosted its 16th annual wine tasting benefit last month to benefit the Macomb Intermediate School District's Homeless Education Project (MISD) and the Macomb Charitable Foundation (MCF) to provide clothes, food, school supplies, and, just as critical, transportation to ensure a child stays in their school so they don't fall behind. They also provide a summer camp for these children. During the 2022/2023 school year, MISD helped 1,326 homeless students (a 17% increase over the previous year), and the MCF assisted nearly 600 children of all ages and their families.

This premier event is powerful in keeping with our Kiwanis mission of "Improving the world one child and one community at a time", and Clinton Valley is grateful for the tremendous support of this annual event that we receive from many Kiwanis clubs in our area. We are better together!



An Apple for Ryan

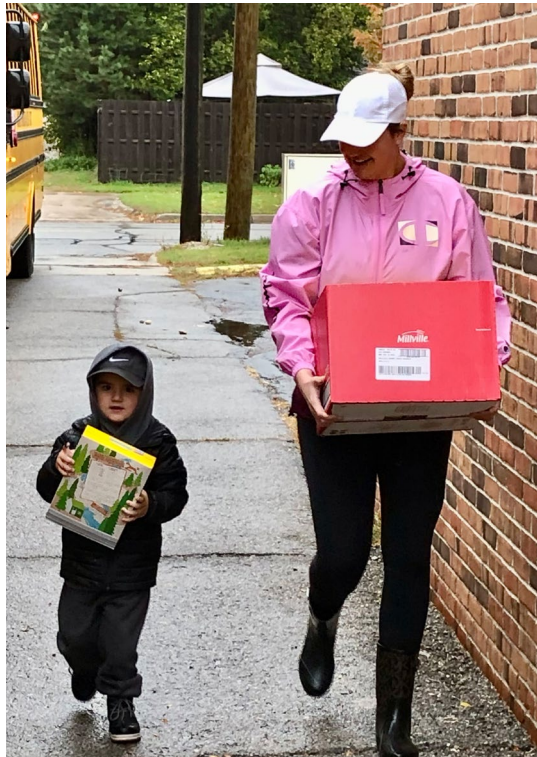
Woodhaven-Brownstown School District Students & the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven

Each October, for the past 26 years, Friends of Ryan Sergent celebrate his passing as a High School Senior at Flat Rock High School. "What would Ryan have done? The answer is simple, he would have helped others. We began **AN APPLE FOR RYAN** non-perishable food drive at Bates Elementary and it quickly spread to all Woodhaven-Brownstown Schools. Long time Bates School Fifth Grade Teacher Evelyn lost her husband Dr. Sergent to cancer and in the next year, lost her son Ryan while he was running Cross Country practice as a senior at Flat Rock High School in the fall of 1997. To make sense out of tragedy, Ryan's Mom, Friends, and Kiwanis started our annual food drive. We gather food in all Woodhaven-Brownstown schools and deliver food to local food pantries.

Bob McCoy, President of the Woodhaven Kiwanis explained. "Every year the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven spear heads a food drive in Ryan's memory. It is personal for McCoy and his wife, Barb, as Ryan's high school sweetheart was their neighbor." This year, with the pandemic behind us we were able to have students in the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District once again collect non-perishable food. When the counting was done students collected 159 cases of food. Yake Elementary School led the way with 58 boxes!

Friday, October 13th, Students from around the District loaded a bus with the food they collected the last two weeks. It was great to see the schools involved once again. Friday evening, the Woodhaven High School Hockey team lent a hand loading \$4,800⁰⁰ worth of groceries purchased at Aldi's on two buses. Ryan's Friends and the Kiwanis Club of Woodhaven purchased the food.

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Saturday, October 14th volunteers met to deliver 1,600 pounds of food to each of six food pantries. Thirty-four volunteers hopped on the three buses to make our deliveries.

Some volunteers like Maverick and Johan were not yet in school, several members of the hockey team helped along with Kiwanians and other interested student and adults. All with a mission of addressing food insecurity in our Downriver Community. Food was delivered to Our Lady of the Woods (Woodhaven) Faith Lutheran (Brownstown) Community Lutheran (Flat Rock) St. Phillips (Trenton) Downriver Food Pantry (Wyandotte) and the Downriver Salvation Army. About 11:00 am 34 soggy volunteers returned to Woodhaven High School - wet but with a real feeling of accomplishment!

A special thank you to the students of the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District for gathering food, the Woodhaven High Hockey team for all their help, and the Woodhaven-Brownstown School District and their staff.





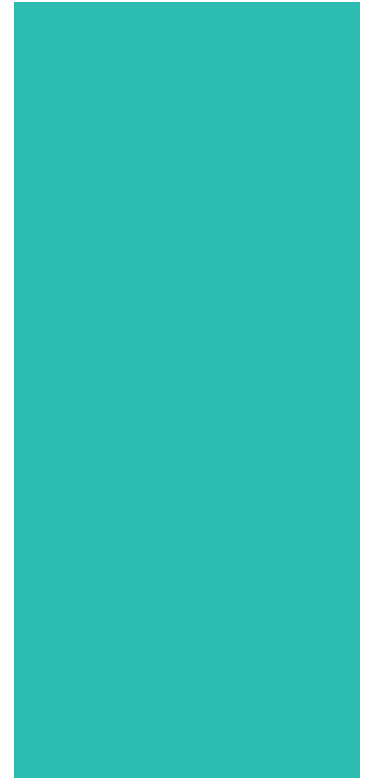
Patrick Henry Middle School Student pack food



Yake Elementary School Students pack food



Erving Elementary School Students pack food



A DAY OF SERVICE IN DETROIT

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Here When You Need Us

Life After Care's "Day of Service" brought together organizations from all across Southeast Michigan!

The event was FREE to the community and attendees received food, invaluable resources and medical assistance during the event.

Life After Care: Impacting Youth and Families in the City of Detroit

Jazley Trouser found the need for Life After Care (LAC) after growing up in the foster care system from a young age. The mission at L.A.C. is to provide foster youth with the essential life skills necessary to sustain them beyond the foster care system. The Day of Service not only helped youth within the foster system, but made a dynamic impact on the community at large. Residents showed up and had an amazing time.



A Day of Service in Detroit

01/02



Giving Without Boundaries

Utica Shelby Kiwanis is changing the way we impact others. Our community consists of anyone, anywhere who is aligned with our mission which is why we supported Jazely Trouser of Life After Care. Our club had the pleasure of hearing her speak at our meeting and we knew then that she was someone with a heart of gold. Great job on supporting youth and communities in Southeast Michigan Jazely.

Why Engage?

- **Service Impact:** Ignite a culture of service and community betterment.
- **Inspire Innovation:** Encourage creative thinking and problem-solving.
- **Build Connections:** Strengthen relationships with communities through hands-on collaboration.

How Can You Help?

- **Spread the Word:** Share the wonderful mission of Kiwanis with your network and communities.
- **Be Involved:** The only way for people to KNOW our Mission is to SEE our Mission in action. Connect with a club and get involved today!

South Oakland Kiwanis



Kiwanis Day of Service

Sheryl Stevenson, President of the Kiwanis Club of South Oakland County, and her team were buddled up and in attendance for this amazing event. The only thing better than one Kiwanian is more Kiwanians and we were all in attendance this day.

02/02

2023-24 OFFICER INFORMATION CHANGES

EAST LANSING

K03414 (1949)

Division 18

Coral Gables Restaurant,
2838 E. Grand River Ave,
East Lansing, Mon., Noon

ALPENA

K04145 (1954)

Division 21

19th Hole/Twin Acres, Alpena,
1st, 2nd & 4th Mon., 11:45 AM

CLINTON VALLEY,

MT. CLEMENS,

K05332 (1960)

Division 3

The Pantry Restaurant, 44945 Morley
Dr, Clinton Twp, 48036
1st & 3rd Thurs, 8:00 AM
Giuseppe's Italian Restaurant, 49120
Gratiot, Chesterfield,
2nd & 4th Thurs., 6:00 PM

GREATER GRASS LAKE AREA

(The)

K20981 (2003)

Division 11

Federated Church of Grass Lake, 519
E. Michigan Ave - Grass Lake 2nd &
4th Monday, 6:30 pm

ROCHESTER HILLS

K10061 (1980)

Division 7

Big Boy Restaurant, 3756 S.
Rochester Rd. Rochester Hills, 48307
Wed., 8:30 AM

STURGIS EASTSIDE

K14973 (1996)

Division 12

Bread and Butter Kitchen at 220 W.
Chicago Road, Sturgis
2nd & 4th Fri., 7:00 AM

GRAND RAPIDS

K03836 (1952)

Division 14

Shots on the River, 5760 West River
Drive Northeast, Belmont,
Tue, 11:30 AM

2023-24 Officer Updates

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K18812 (2015)

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K03164 (1948)

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K06245 (1967)

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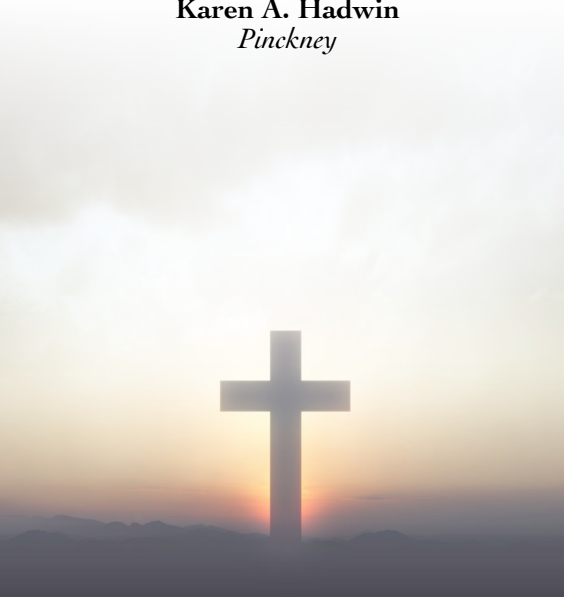
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In Memoriam

Arvey Swartout
Addison

Ronald Payok
Shelby Golden K

Karen A. Hadwin
Pinckney



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Active Clubs 135
District Beginning Membership 3190
Reporting Members Nov. 1, 2023 3240

Net Gain
+50
members

SLP members	PAID MEMBERS	
	CLUBS	
K-Kids	7	-
Builders Club	27	-
Key Club	90	1679
Circle K	6	75
Aktion Club	19	54



2022-23 GOVERNOR'S MEMBERSHIP TROPHY

Congratulations to the Shorewood club for being the overall winner of the 2022-23 Governor's Membership Trophy Award!

Shorewood.....	+9
Utica-Shelby Twp	+7
Kalamazoo Sunrise.....	+7
Traverse City	+7
Monroe.....	+6
Coldwater	+6
Metro North – Troy.....	+5
Tecumseh.....	+5

Net gain is from 10-1-22 thru 9-30-23 and includes clubs only with at least a net gain of +5 based on official membership numbers supplied by Kiwanis International.