



MICHIGAN *Builder*

Serving the children of the world | Michigan District | **OCT/NOV 2021 Issue**



NEW INITIATIVE ENCOURAGES ALL SERVICE CLUBS TO WORK TOGETHER

Kiwanis club members around the world traditionally join forces on the fourth Saturday of October to participate in Kiwanis One Day — the one day in each year that all members of the Kiwanis family can work together on a project that improves communities.

This year, clubs have an additional option. During the week of October 10-16, Kiwanis club members can join members of Lions Club International, Optimist International and Rotary International to “Celebrate Community.” This first public effort encourages the organizations’ clubs to reach out to one another to work together on projects that improve and benefit local communities.

The joint initiative launches this year with a focus on local community service. Over the past 18 months, the leadership of the four organizations has shared ideas on future opportunities for clubs to work together. The leaders determined that this first effort is one way to showcase clubs’ common goals and objectives.

This new initiative is one way to motivate all the clubs to work on a project that will have a measurable impact on communities around the world. Kiwanis clubs are encouraged to reach out to local Rotary, Lions or Optimist clubs in their communities to determine whether there’s a local project they can all work on to make a bigger impact.

Clubs are encouraged to work together on projects such as health and wellness, food insecurity and hunger, education

and literacy, and environmental projects. Efforts could include community cleanups, food donations and distributions, walks or runs to raise money for specific causes, and book collections and donations to help children’s families build personal libraries. A full list of ideas can be found by clicking the link below. Clubs should follow all local guidelines for meetings and gatherings. Clubs that involve youth participants should follow organizational youth protection guidelines.

Leadership at all four of the service organizations consider this initial effort a springboard to the future — envisioning an annual project in which all the clubs around the world collaborate with each other and bring along their youth clubs as well. The joint project also allows community members who are serving in different clubs to learn more about each other, their organizations and their combined efforts to help children and adults who are challenged by environmental or financial difficulties.

Kiwanis clubs that have already planned One Day projects should certainly proceed with those. If there’s time, a joint project the week before One Day would be a great way to show participation. If not, clubs can begin planning for next year.

[>> Click Here <<](#)



Michigan Builder

Michigan District of Kiwanis International
(USPS344-660)

Vol. LXXXV

October/November 2021 No. 1

Phone: (517) 676-3837

Toll Free: (877) MIKIWANIS

Fax: (517) 676-6600

E-Mail: executivedirector@mikiwanis.org
www.mikiwanis.org

GOVERNOR

Rosemary Robinson

GOVERNOR-ELECT

Vicki Okuniewski

IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR

Fran Babbage

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greg Smith

PUBLISHED BI-MONTHLY

Fountain Communications, Inc.

Julanne Williams

email: julanne1@me.com

DESIGN AND LAYOUT

Gerry Talarico

THE MICHIGAN BUILDER

is published Bi-monthly for \$20 per year, by
The Michigan District of Kiwanis,
P.O. Box 231, Mason, MI 48854.

Articles are due to the editor by the 5th of the month
prior to the month of publication.

Builder Publication Schedule

Issue	Deadline	Issue	Deadline
Feb/Mar	Jan. 5	Aug/Sept.	July 5
Apr/May	Mar. 5	Oct/Nov.	Sept. 5
June/July	May 5	Dec/Jan	Nov. 5

Attention: Club Presidents, Secretaries & Bulletin Editors;
Lt. Governors and District Chairpersons. Submit all articles, photos and
video to Thebuilder@mikiwanis.org. All photo and artwork must be sent
as either jpg or bmp files. Video must be sent as mpeg files.

October

- 10 Circle K Fall Rally-online
- 10 Member Deletes due for 2021-22 billing
- 16 Kiwanis MI Foundation Board Meeting
- 21-25 Governor Elect Training Conference, Indianapolis
- 23 Kiwanis One Day

November

- 7-10 District Secretaries Conference
- 11-14 Charity Poker - Shelby Township
- 13 Key Club Fall Rally
- 25-26 THANKSGIVING- District Office Closed
- 30 Prior Year's monthly and annual reports
due on dashboard

* indicates dates and events Club Presidents and Secretaries should note

calendar



During my college years, my nickname was Ears as I would sit and listen to the conversations around me. "Ears" has continued to be a useful trait as the goals for this next year have come from conversations with Kiwanians around the district. Everything we do, stems from our mission of serving the children of the world. When we put a priority on service, the rest starts falling into place.



On the next page, these goal statements are expanded into measurable and rewardable actions.

I'd love to hear from you -- questions, concerns, victories to celebrate, etc. Please feel free to invite me out to your fundraiser or service projects!

Thank you for all you are doing!

Yours in service,



Yours in service.

Rosemary Robinson
2021-22 Governor Michigan District
Governor@mikiwanis.org

IMPACT: Increase our service for the children and our communities by 10% in hours of service performed and funding supplied. In addition, we will continue & enhance our support to the Kiwanis of MI Foundation and the Kiwanis Children's Fund.

ENGAGEMENT - Members, including those in our Service Leadership Programs, are the heart of Kiwanis. We will continue to focus on ways to improve their member experience and provide needed resources and personnel to clubs to assist with membership, fundraising, and service. As we increase our service, we will add additional members to join in the fun--not only in Kiwanis but in our Service Leadership Programs as well.

LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION:
We will dedicate time and resources to increase our member's education by sponsoring Leadership programs for all members, sending club officers and chairs and potential club leaders to Club Leadership Training, and sending members to other relevant member education programs.

WHY: We will remember that **SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD** is fun and rewarding!

Look around you...

This is the time of the year where you look around you. The skies are bright blue with puffy white clouds overhead. You can see and feel the change in the cooler air and the seasons. This is also the time of year when you make plans for your Fall retreats, holiday gatherings, and club activities.

I see more people feeling comfortable with getting back to some normalcy, now. Some Kiwanis clubs have just begun meeting in person again in the last couple of months! This is the time of the year where we renew our commitments to our Kiwanis clubs on October 1st. We begin with our annual meetings, new officers and new members, new budgets, and new ideas for projects and fundraisers.

We renew our support of our Service Leadership Programs, as the students go back to school, some for the first time in almost 18 months! As we reconnect with our local school administrators and SLP advisors this Fall, we want to renew our support that has been put on hold for the last year and a half. The students need our support and we can and we should restart our SLP's and their projects as soon as we have approval.

Last year was a good year in Michigan Kiwanis. Many new projects were started to help the children under five years old. We saw many of these new "Children are our Future" projects displayed at the recent Michigan Kiwanis Convention! Many Kiwanis clubs were as active as they could be, even though they did not meet as often. Many clubs still held their fundraisers. As Governor Fran Babbage gave her recap of this last year's activities during the "Kiwanis Let's Talk," we were surprised and pleased to see how much was truly accomplished during this last year!

As I begin my year as your new Governor-elect under Governor Rosemary Robinson, I see good things beginning to happen, again. The excitement and comradery was very real as we met at the District Convention on August 18th to the 21st. I believe Kiwanians are excited to get back to doing what we do best; and this is supporting all of the children in our communities.

I am grateful for your encouragement these last few months in my pursuit as your next Governor-elect. I thank all of you who cast your vote for me at the Convention. I am deeply honored to serve my fellow Kiwanis members in this position! I look forward to your input when we meet, and your support when I work on my duties and serve our Michigan District of Kiwanis this next year.

I look forward to working with and supporting Governor Rosemary and all of our new committee chairs and new Lt. Governors during this next year. I am optimistic that, as a team, we will also accomplish great things!

Yours in Service,



Vicki Okuniewski
2021-2022 Governor-Elect Michigan District
Governor-Elect@mikiwanis.org

THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW KIWANIS YEAR

Best wishes for a great year in your personal, business and Kiwanis life

- Success is not the result of spontaneous combustion. You must set yourself on fire.
- Do you question your goals by asking, "Does this goal help me move toward my ultimate purpose in life?"
- When you help someone up a mountain, you'll find yourself close to the summit, too.
- Ten years from today what will you wish you had done now?
- Most people are willing to change, not because they see the light, but because they feel the heat.
- Always tell the truth and you will never have to remember what you said.
- If you can say it with "Blah," don't say "Blah, Blah!"
- Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself.
- If you don't know where you're going, you're never gonna get there.
- A ship in the harbor is safe. But that's not what ships are built for.
- You can make excuses or you can make money. But you can't make them both at the same time.
- The most delightful surprise in life is to suddenly recognize your own worth.
- There is no security on this earth. There is only opportunity.
- Life lives on the tip of your tongue. Things are the way they are because you say so! What you think about, and speak about, you bring about!
- If you focus on what might have been, it gets in the way of what can be.
- Where you are going is more important than how fast you are going.
- The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your own arm.
- Hit your ball over the fence and you can take your time around the bases.
- If you had to wear a T-shirt printed with a message of no more than eight words most accurately describing your outlook on life, what would your T-shirt say?



Greg Smith

Executive Director
Michigan District

executivedirector@mikiwanis.org

IT IS HARD TO BELIEVE MY KIWANIS YEAR AS GOVERNOR IS OVER.

It seems like only a short time ago I was installed via Zoom as the Governor of the Michigan District. Covid changed our methods of operation but we have remained positive.

We all have become very efficient at using Zoom and other online communication programs.

We have readjusted and accomplished both developing and holding our service projects.

We have conducted a successful Foundation/District raffle. Many clubs also purchased decals from our District fundraiser.

We have opened several new Key Clubs even when many schools were operating at a different pace than usual.

WE ARE KIWANIS and as Kiwanis members were able to help get food to those in need and help children adjust to their ever-changing school environments. Most importantly we have reached out and supported each other and those in our community during this pandemic and in their times of need.

Kiwanis is a service organization and even in these difficult times we have performed many hours of service to the children and our communities.

Over 75 clubs this year were able to create new service projects for the young children and participated in my Governor's CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE project.

I am proud of what we have done and am looking forward to what we can still do.

All of us will be ready to start the next year off with enthusiasm and great ideas and service projects and will enjoy being able to conduct them in person.

Thank you to ALL THE KIWANIS MEMBERS for your support during this year.

I have been proud to have served as your Michigan District of Kiwanis Governor.



Fran Babbage
2020-21 Governor Michigan District
FranBabbage@yahoo.com



I want to thank those that have helped guide me throughout the year. Thanks to everyone for taking my calls, emails and text messages and participating in our many, many Zoom sessions.

THANK YOU TO:

Past International President Sue Petrisin for her constant guidance and help.

Past Governor Dave for always being there with a beverage and a snack as I was on the long Zoom meetings, driving me to many of the in- person events and always there to listen and help me see a different side of some of the issues

Past Governor Larry Memmer who was constantly answering my many inquiries.

Past Governor Dee Hudson for guiding me along.

Past Governor Marian O Higgins and Lt. Governor Nancy Memmer for working along with me on the Children are our Future Project.

Past Governor Linda Lawther for helping develop the 5 year strategic plan.

Governor Elect Rosemary Robinson and Lt Governor Chair Lori Stillwell for our many long into the night discussions dealing with Kiwanis issues.

Executive Director Greg Smith for calmly answering my many questions and dealing with my many ideas and suggestion in a professional manner.

The terrific Lt. Governors for informing and updating all your clubs and checking on their needs throughout the year and most of all keeping me updated on what was happening in their division.

The hardworking Department chairs and committee members who overcame some really difficult times in reaching out to others . You did it and several of you have actually created new programs and events during this year. The Youth Summit of Suicide, the K.I.D.S. project the Key Clubs did and many other events that were conducted even during Covid quarantines.

PAST GOVERNORS COUNCIL

The Past Governors Council is a group of past governors who help with various activities in the district. During the District Convention, they took charge of the district store and were successful in having record sales. Thanks to everyone who helped. Here are some other things the past governors are doing.

- Steering Committee
- Membership committee
- Leadership Development and education
- Club coaching
- Reviewing and proposing bylaw changes
- Support to Governor and District Board

WE ARE GOING TO DO SPOTLIGHTS OF SOME PAST GOVERNORS AND HOW THEY HAVE BEEN HELPING THE DISTRICT.

LINDA LAWTHER PAST GOVERNOR 2015-2016

Past Governors have the experience to truly help our clubs so they can do what they do best for the children in their communities. I had a chance to meet with several members at our DCON this year and there were two tasks that I truly enjoyed the most.

1. I had the opportunity to meet with several members regarding coaching availability and opportunities in the district. Meeting with a club looking for support, with coaches who are doing their best to make a difference and with the new Club Coach lead, Mark Ott meant a lot to me and hopefully will help many clubs as they work to overcome recent struggles.
2. I also really enjoyed working in our district store with past Governors and other volunteers. We helped raise a lot of money for the district and helped more of our members find logo wear to "shout their K" while volunteering or for everyday wear in the community, bringing more attention to Kiwanis.

MARIAN O'HIGGINS PAST GOVERNOR 2017-2018

21-22. Chair State Police Academy

20-21 Co-Chair Children Are Our Future

2012-present Key Leader participant

1. Ongoing- pursuing Leadership potential for Governor and other Leadership positions in MI District of Kiwanis
2. Thanks to all the past Governors for their leadership and ongoing service to the District. We have a wealth of knowledge and experience. We are willing to help out. Put us to work.

LARRY MEMMER PAST GOVERNOR 2018-2019

It has my honor be part of membership since 2014 in the Michigan District. It continues to be a passion of mine to work on increasing membership in the district.

Working with Sue Petrisin on Education helps to spread the word about Kiwanis and develop leaders. In my International role as Membership and Recruitment Chair, I hope to bring more emphases on membership, not only in Michigan but to Kiwanis Internationally.

DEE HUDSON PAST GOVERNOR 2016-2017

1. Michigan Foundation Trustee – Working to obtain as many donations as possible to help hospitalized children. Division 14 – The only one with 100% donations @ the \$45 level for ALL CLUBS.
2. Worked at DCON in the Michigan District Store 2021



YOUTH PROTECTION

Nothing is more important than the safety of the children Kiwanis serves. Through KYP, Kiwanis serves over 250,000 youth each year. Kiwanis student & youth protection goals focus on protecting youth members from predators. Empower and educate adult members and provide youth with positive skills development tools.

Kiwanis clubs are required to educate members annually on Kiwanis Youth Protection Policies and Procedures. These resources are available at [Kiwanis.org/youthprotection](https://www.kiwanis.org/youthprotection) or you can contact the Michigan District Youth Protection Manager, Jackie Wickham at jlynnwickham@gmail.com for support.

All Service Leadership Program Kiwanian Advisors must have a Kiwanis cleared background check. Kiwanis partnered with BGC vendor Safe Visitor-Safe Hiring Solutions to conduct US & Caribbean searches. Service Leadership (SLP) includes Circle K International, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids and Aktion Club. Additional training is required for Kiwanis advisors through Praesidium youth protection training support.

YOUTH PROTECTION WEEK OCTOBER 11TH – 15TH

Youth Protection Policies and Procedures and other resources will be available during Youth Protection Week to make it easy for your club to meet the training prerequisite. Take time during the week to train members on youth protection during a Kiwanis club meeting. Club members also can use the online resources to complete the training on their own.

Click on the links below for these resources:

[Kiwanis Youth Protection](#)

[Updated Kiwanis Youth Protection Policies and Procedures.](#)

[A list of districts' youth protection managers \(via the HELP button\) and information about their role within Kiwanis leadership.](#)

[How to get your background check.](#)

CONTINUED ON PAGE 9

DISTRICT CONVENTION BIDS & SELECTION - PROCEDURE

RELATED TO POLICY ARTICLE 601

NOTIFICATION - the District Executive Director shall notify the clubs of the Michigan District in the March issue of the "Michigan Builder" of the opportunity to bid for the annual District convention noting the year for which the bids will be received.

REVIEW - the Executive Committee may visit each of the convention sites, carefully reviewing all accommodations, and prepare a report of their findings along with a recommendation, to be presented to the appropriate District Board.

ACCEPTANCE - bids, for the next convention to be awarded, will be reviewed at the first meeting of the new District Board. Clubs with bids to be considered will be invited to make a short presentation to the Board at that meeting. Along with the review and recommendation of the Executive Committee, the Board will make the final determination as the awarding of the bid.

FOLLOW-UP - following the acceptance of a bid by the District Board, the District Office shall confirm all arrangements with host clubs and hotels. Housing requirements for rooming and spaces for events shall be the responsibility of the District Office. Programming of events and activities shall be done jointly by the local club or clubs, and the Governor, Governor-Elect, Executive Director, and Chair for Education.

Reference: Article 601; Addendum 601

Adopted 6/12/17

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 8

Praesidium youth protection and child abuse prevention training support.

Information about Kiwanis' dedicated, confidential Youth Protection Helpline
1-888-607-SAFE

KI is hosting youth protection webinars for members, officers, volunteers and youth as a new resource this year.

Click on the links below for these resources:

Kiwanis Youth Protection Week

Get educated! Youth protection policies in practice for clubs.

Club secretaries' role in youth protection.

How to get districts to comply, led by Josh Hiscock, Capital District youth protection manager.

Watch Kiwanis International's Lunch with a Leader: Youth Protection on Facebook.

What you need to know about background checks with April Murray-Clayton, Safe Hiring Solutions.

Webinar descriptions, times and registration are available on the website. After completing training for the 2021-22 Kiwanis year, the club secretary should update the reporting dashboard.

Kiwanis Clubs need annual YOUTH PROTECTION training.

Let's strive for 100% of our clubs trained in Michigan!!

S L P

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

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

Dear Michigan Kiwanian

My name is Emma Ingalls, and I am also currently serving on the district board as the District Governor.

I come to you looking for support for our Michigan District Circle K District.

In order to fund our service ventures and to help us change the lives of others, we are reaching out to people and organizations willing to donate to the Michigan District of Circle K International. These donations will provide us with the resources that allow our Governor and other board members to speak and travel to other chapters, assist struggling clubs, create resources, reestablish connections with Kiwanis clubs, and help allow us to serve the district more ably.

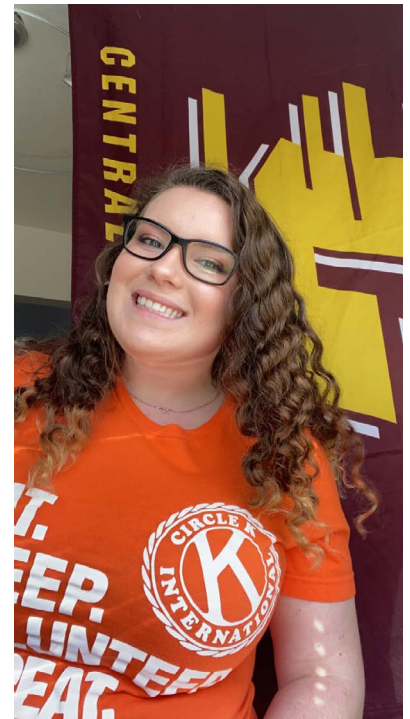
In raising funds for our community, we ask for a monetary contribution which helps benefit us all as a district board. Our responsibilities are expanding to meet the ever-growing needs of the district. As a thank-you for your donation, you'll receive a leadership fund patch that can be placed on Kiwanis banners and a lapel pin.

One of my goals during my term is to increase Kiwanis relations and help bridge the gap between the K-Family counterparts. In order to do so, I am seeking your donation to our Leadership Fund. If your club or any members cannot donate, I completely understand. However, if you could direct me to anyone who might be interested, I would be extremely grateful.

Our district and clubs have been substantially affected by COVID-19. A lot of our clubs are not meeting in person and this is impacting the ability of clubs to recruit new members, which ultimately impacts our dues revenue. Any amount of financial help will be greatly appreciated.

Over the past several years, our district has accomplished so much. Without your help, this would not be possible. Thank you for everything you do and how you continue to contribute to the good of your club and communities. I hope you will consider contributing to the Leadership Fund. I would love to schedule a time I could come and present to the club on what the district is up to along with the Leadership Fund sometime in the future.

If you wish to donate, you can send your donation attn: Lori Stillwell CKI District Administrator | 487731 Meadowbrook Dr, Macomb MI 48044



Thankful and grateful for your support!!

Emma Ingalls

Michigan District Governor Governor.micki@gmail.com



THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT
OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

P.O. Box 231, Mason, MI 48854-0231 PH: (517) 676-3837 Fax: (517) 676-6600
Email: districtoffice@mikiwanis.org Web: www.mikiwanis.org

2025 MICHIGAN DISTRICT CONVENTION QUESTIONNAIRE AND BID FORM

The Kiwanis Club of _____ wishes to extend an invitation to the Michigan District to hold its Annual District Convention in

_____ in 20_____.

(Name of city)

I. DATES

Preferred dates are the third or fourth weekend of August, second preference is the second or fifth (if any) weekend in August. In any case, the convention cannot be held prior to March 15 or later than September 25. The suggest pattern is for a Friday through Sunday AM conference, with some guests arriving on Thursday.

The proposed dates are _____.

II. HOTELS

A minimum of 125 first class rooms must be guaranteed for Friday and Saturday nights. A minimum of 50 rooms must be guaranteed for Thursday night. Please list the hotels and/or motels that will enable you to meet this requirement. List the suggested headquarters hotel first. The District historically utilizes 275 room nights for this event.

Hotel or Motel	Current Rates:	Single	Double or King

Suite prices are: _____ for 1-bedroom suite, _____ for 2-bedroom suite.

Indicate percent of discount from regular room rates for the convention _____%.

THESE RATES ARE GUARANTEED TO BE THE LOWEST AVAILABLE RATES ON THE ABOVE DATES.

Three complimentary 1-bedroom suites and 2 double or dbl/dbl rooms must be committed by the hotel(s), motel(s), or convention bureau.

2.

The hotels and motels must agree there will be no charge for the use of meeting and dining rooms. This also applies if the convention auditorium is located outside the hotel or motel.

AGREED BY: _____

Signed: _____

Date of signature: _____ 20____.

III. MEETING FACILITIES

The auditorium for general convention sessions must seat a minimum of 300 theatre style. Is this space available?

If so, please supply the following information:

1. A.V. systems available _____.

Costs, if charged _____.

2. Technicians, stagehands, and custodial costs, if charged _____

_____.

3. WI-FI availability and costs _____

_____.

IV. DINING FACILITIES

1. There are usually 3 Breakfast events, 2 Luncheons, and one Dinner Banquet. Meal events need to accommodate from 125 to 375 attendees.

Are such accommodations available? _____. Please specify and substitution to these needs. _____

2. The Governor's Reception requires adequate room for a maximum attendance, at any given time, of 150. Preferably, this area should be near the Banquet Hall and accommodate a cash bar.

Is such room available? _____. Location _____.

3. Breakout rooms to accommodate groups of 50 to 85, for up to five group sessions meeting simultaneously.

Are these available? _____.

V. EXHIBITS

Arrangements should be made for 30-36 exhibits. Each exhibit requires an 8 ft. table and electric outlet availability for at least 10 of those tables.

Are such facilities available? _____. Are exhibit tables available? _____.

(There should be no charges for these spaces or tables/ state if power source does necessitate a charge.)

VI. PARKING

Most of the persons attending the convention will travel by car. Parking is a very important consideration.

1. Free parking should be furnished by hotels and motels, with unlimited take-out privileges.

Is this agreed to? _____.

2. Free parking or low-cost parking should be made available at all convention sessions and meal functions. This is particularly important when some hotels and motels are located at a distance from the convention events.

Will such parking be available? _____.

VII. DISTRICT'S HEADQUARTERS & HOSPITALITY ROOMS

The headquarters' hotel should provide suitable space for a District Office room (preferably, able to be locked) and a Hospitality room/area on a comp basis, and in near proximity to the registration area.

Can this be done? _____ Location _____.

VIII. LOCAL CLUB PARTICIPATION

The following clubs have pledged their complete cooperation, and sufficient manpower before and during the convention period to execute all host committee assignments.

KIWANIS CLUB OF _____

KIWANIS CLUB OF _____

KIWANIS CLUB OF _____

Signature for the Kiwanis Club(s):

_____	_____	_____
President	President	President

_____	_____	_____
Secretary	Secretary	Secretary

RETURN TO: GREG SMITH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
P.O. BOX 231, MASON, MICHIGAN 48854-0231
(517) 676-3837 FAX: (517) 676-6600



Seasons Greetings



Please support Past Governor Thomas Oliver and his simple Christmas Tradition of supporting hospitalized children through our own Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation! Rather than sending holiday cards ... **send your "Card and Stamp Money" to help hospitalized children.** The Michigan Builder will print your name in the Seasons Greeting of the December/January Michigan Builder.



JOIN YOUR FELLOW KIWANIANs:

This Holiday Season make helping hospitalized children part of your holiday tradition!



See your Division's Michigan Foundation Trustee for more information.
Our deadline is Wednesday, November 17



If you don't know who your Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation is, contact Paul Eelsey at pelsey@comcast.net

- Cash Contribution, Amount \$ _____
- Check made payable to Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation, Amount \$ _____
- Charge my contribution of \$_____.00 to my: (Your Contribution must be at least \$20⁰⁰ to charge it.)
- VISA MASTER CARD (Sorry, we only accept VISA & Master Card)

Account Number Expiration Date _____

Name as it appears on your credit card _____ Zip Code Back of Charge Card

Signature _____

Please complete this information for your Thomas Oliver Greeting to appear in the Builder.
Your name and title as you would like it to appear in the Builder (Please Print)

Name _____ Kiwanis Title (If desired) _____

Your Kiwanis Club _____ Your Division _____

Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation, P. O. Box 231, Mason, Michigan 48854-0231

In 2019, we raised \$12,892.21 through the Thomas Oliver Program. This year due to COVID-19 the need is even greater. Join the Holiday Tradition with your Foundation.

DOWNRIVER KIWANIS CLUB CREATES AND DISTRIBUTES 300 BIRTHDAY CAKE KITS

Birthdays are a great time to celebrate with friends and family. We all have a birthday, but many children and young adults are living in situations where their birthday is just another day and there is no one for them to celebrate with, or any joys of a birthday to celebrate with, such as a birthday cake or even receiving a birthday card.

Recently, the Downriver West Kiwanis club went back to meeting in person after the last 15 months of online meetings due to the pandemic, and they decided to tackle this issue as part of their Third Monday Service Project meetings.

The club decided to have a "Birthday Cake Kit" project. They partnered with businesses throughout the Downriver area, and set up collection sites to collect boxes of cake mix, cans of frosting, packages of candles, other goodies and disposable cake pans. Each kit would also contain a handwritten birthday card.

Monetary donations were also accepted to purchase whatever items were needed to have the exact number of birthday cake kits items. The club received \$679.00 in donations.

Downriver businesses who donated include JSP Dental, A Serendipity Cakery, Sugarr Donuts, Sugared Petal Cake Shoppe, Scoopy's, No Sugar Momma, and Sam's Club. Businesses who had collection boxes include Wild Birds Unlimited, Advantage One Credit Union, Community Choice Credit Union, Sugarr Donuts and the Brownstown Township office.

On July 19th, at the club's regular Monday night meeting, club members and guests assembled a total of 300 birthday cake kits at the Brownstown Community Center. These kits were assembled in less than an hour and then distributed to 10 organizations throughout the Downriver area. A few of the organizations that received the kits were Mimi's Mission, Vista Maria, Fish & Loaves, Penrickton Center, and The Madison Center in Wyandotte.

"We are extremely excited to do this project and be able to donate these birthday cake kits to organizations that work with children and young adults who are dealing with various issues, such as homelessness, or physical, emotional and mental health challenges," said Joann Bomia, club member and project leader for the birthday cake kit project. "We hope to be able to repeat this project and grow it every year to give more children the opportunity to celebrate their birthday."

Information on the club's weekly meetings & programs, upcoming service projects and community events, and membership opportunities, can be found on the club's Facebook page: [facebook.com/downriverwestkiwanis](https://www.facebook.com/downriverwestkiwanis)

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



**For Zoom Link
>> Click Here <<**

Let's Talk!

Mark your calendar and get the link to join zoom call to listen in to these incredible speakers.

Oct. 7th - Peter Mancuso, 2021-2022 Kiwanis International President

Oct. 14th - Bert West, 2021-2022 Kiwanis International President Elect



2020-21 GOVERNOR'S MEMBERSHIP TROPHY

Cheboygan	+13
Lac Ste. Claire	+8
Petoskey	+8
Garden City	+7
Detroit #1	+7
Tri Cities.....	+7
Canton	+6
Shorewood.....	+6
Tecumseh.....	+6
Delta Township.....	+5
Holt	+5

Net gain is from 10-1-20 thru 9-1-21 and includes clubs only with at least a net gain of +5 based on official membership numbers supplied by Kiwanis International.

In Memoriam

BERNICE A. LIRONES
Swartz Creek

JOAN VANARSDALEN
Hillsdale Governor, 2009-10

STEPHEN M GRZESIAK
Saginaw-Thomas Twp

COSTAS KLEANTHOUS
Chelsea

ROBERT C HASTINGS
Saginaw

FRED G MODEL
Chelsea Governor, 2005-06

CASPER O GRATHWOHL
Niles-Southwestern

EDWARD HAYES
Ypsilanti

DONALD A. COLE
Chelsea

DALE WIECK
Saginaw Northwest

DANIEL FULCHER
Davison

as we go to PRESS

Active Clubs	139
District Beginning Membership	3773
Reporting Members July 1, 2021	3794

Net Gain +21 members

SLP MEMBERS

	CLUBS	PAID MEMBERS
K-Kids	12	
Builders Club	35	
Key Club	75	2,559
Circle K	10	198
Aktion Club	16	146