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Serving the Children of the World



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Together, we're serving the children of the world.

Yours in Service, Kiwanis Michigan Leadership Team

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CALENDAR

February

- 8 Second District Board Meeting,
9:30am Mason
- 10-14 **K-Kids Week**
- 12 Great Lakes Conference Meeting,
Kalamazoo
- 15 Deadline for **ALL CLUBS** filing IRS 990
- 15-16 Circle K District Convention &
Snowpia Day of Service
- 21-23 Key Club Service Leadership
Conference
- 24-28 **Builder's Club Week**
- 25 Kiwanis Day of Giving

March

- 1 **Deadline for ALL CLUBS** annual report of club elections due
- 1 Kiwanis**ONE** Divisions 1 & 2
- 3-7 **Aktion Club Week**
- 8 Kiwanis**ONE** Divisions 13 & 14
- 15 Kiwanis**ONE** Divisions 16 & 18
- 29 Kiwanis**ONE** Divisions 3 & 7

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Reflections by the Governor

STAN NELSON, GOVERNOR 2024-25

Dear Fellow Kiwanians:

As we step into a brand-new year, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your unwavering dedication to serving our communities. The work we do together—through every project, every act of kindness, and every shared moment of service—changes lives and creates brighter tomorrows.

A new year brings new opportunities to make an even greater impact. It's a chance to dream bigger, serve more, and inspire others to join us in our mission to improve the world, one child and one community at a time.

As Kiwanians, we have the unique privilege and responsibility to be beacons of hope and compassion. Let this year be one where we strengthen our bonds, rise to challenges, and lead with purpose. Together, we can achieve extraordinary things.

Thank you for your commitment to service and your passion for making a difference. Here's to a year filled with hope, growth, and countless opportunities to transform lives.

Happy New Year, and let's make it one to remember!

WE STILL HAVE WORK TO DO!

The Winter months are numbered. Spring will soon be at our doorstep. For Kiwanians Spring is the season for KiwanisONEs. These regional events will be a little different this year. We will eliminate officer training and replace our morning time offering topics that we hope appeal to a broader audience of Kiwanians.

Our District Education Chair (Marc Alexander) is leading this portion of these events, and I would like to include some of his message:

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CYNTHIA GREENING, GOVERNOR-ELECT 2024-25

The powerful Kiwanis story is your story ...

You are a Kiwanian. You know why you do what you do and who you are doing it for. So let me ask you this ... are you sharing that story?

Indigenous peoples have long used storytelling to impart beliefs, values, history, and to teach and inspire the next generations. Marketers use storytelling to create a connection. Storytelling is much more compelling than facts and figures.

Although Kiwanis has some incredibly impressive facts and figures when you look at our international membership, student programs, and service hours, when talking with people about our organization, skip the facts and figures and share your personal Kiwanis story. Share what motivates you to give of your time, talent and treasure to Kiwanis and what problems your club's service is solving in your community. People remember stories because they evoke emotions. Stories drive people to take action.

After you tell your story, find out the other guy's story. People join organizations whose values mirror their own. Ask "What's important to you? What need do you see that we could address?" Then invite them to Kiwanis and create a service project to address that need.

I visited a club recently and one of the members shared his story about why he joined Kiwanis so long ago and is still a member today. As a child whose family was experiencing very dire circumstances, Kiwanis gave them Christmas – the presents, the tree, the food – everything they needed for a joyous celebration. I'll never forget that story and, now, neither will you.

Meet people where they're at. Inspire the next Kiwanis generation with your story.





2025

BEN PROBERT, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Last month millions around the world welcomed in the New Year and Kiwanians greeted the start of our 2nd quarter of this Administrative Year. Our first quarter, brought Club Officer installations, visits by Lt. Governors, fund raising and service projects. Many of our Kiwanians “rang the bell” for the Salvation Army and contributed to the Kiwanis of Michigan Foundation, MDK Foundation, Children’s Fund plus other worthwhile charities in our communities. The generosity of Kiwanians never ceases to amaze me.

2025 started by celebrating Kiwanis with this year’s float in the Rose Parade. Next, we celebrated the 110th Birthday of Detroit #1 and the Birth of our great organization. What a spectacular event! This year’s committee outdid themselves and made the District proud. Thank you to all of the Kiwanians from around the District that braved the cold to join in this special celebration. We also formally welcomed our newest club to the Michigan District, Wayne Westland. Please take time to visit them!

February brings the deadline for ALL Clubs to file their IRS Form 990. In addition, our SPL Kiwanis family members (Circle K and Key Club) will be holding their Conventions. These activities generate a lot of enthusiasm and fun for all that attend! We thank our Advisors for all that they do to make these programs successful.

March begins our Kiwanis One schedule. This is the Governors official visit with each Division in the Michigan District. In addition to Governor Stan, Past Governor Renea will be presenting awards to last year’s teams, and Governor Elect Cindy will be presenting her vision for our future. 2025-2026 Candidates for the office of Governor Elect will be in attendance. We hope that you will find time to attend this educational and fun activity.

In April, the Kiwanis Ones continue and in addition, the US/Goodwill Banquet takes place in Windsor. I hope that you will join me in what promises to be a great program. Speaking of fun and fellowship, registration is now open for our International Convention in Pittsburg, PA June 25th – 28th. We already have several individuals registered!

In closing, take a minute to invite someone you know to share in the Leadership and Service that Kiwanis offers to everyone in our communities. Extending an invitation, will be the gift that keeps on giving!





Introducing Eric Stezowski

Governor-Elect 2025-26 Candidate

Hello, my name is Eric Stezowski, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for Governor Elect (2025-2026) of the Michigan District of Kiwanis. Kiwanis has been a life-changing organization for me, shaping my values, fostering my leadership abilities, and connecting me with an incredible network of individuals who are all dedicated to making a positive impact in our communities. I believe in Kiwanis' mission of "Serving the Children of the World," and I am eager to contribute to its ongoing success in Michigan.

I started my journey with Kiwanis back in high school with the South Haven Key club. There I served two years as Lt. Governor working side by side with my Kiwanis mentor Ron Lindeman from the South Haven Kiwanis club. I have gained firsthand experience of how the organization operates at both the local and district levels. I have had the privilege of working on several service projects, attending district events, and collaborating with fellow members to make tangible differences in our communities. I have served two years as Lt. Governor for division 13 and as Lt. Governor chair for both years. These experiences have inspired me to take on a larger leadership role, where I can help further Kiwanis' impact in Michigan and support our local clubs.

In my personal life I have been a first responder for over twenty years. I have been a Fire fighter, Paramedic and a Police officer. I now work as a trauma counselor in a private practice. During my years of service as a first responder I learned the importance of building a strong team. I will take this experience and build the best team possible for the Michigan district to ensure our growth as a district. I have been fortunate to have several mentors in Kiwanis that have previously served on the district team.

If elected as Governor, I will focus on three key areas:

- 1. Enhancing Club Support and Growth:** I believe that a thriving Kiwanis district begins with strong, well-supported local clubs. I will prioritize helping clubs recruit new members, share resources, and develop programs that engage and retain members of all ages.
- 2. Youth Engagement:** The future of Kiwanis depends on engaging the next generation of leaders. I will work to strengthen our relationships with Key Club and Circle K, ensuring that young people continue to have opportunities to serve, learn, and grow within the Kiwanis family.
- 3. Fostering Community Impact:** Kiwanis' strength lies in its ability to mobilize volunteers for meaningful service. I will promote collaboration between clubs to tackle the most pressing needs of our communities, ensuring that we continue to make a measurable impact on the lives of children and families.

I am passionate about Kiwanis, and I am committed to using my experience, energy, and vision to support our district's growth and success. I humbly ask for your vote as Governor Elect, and I look forward to working together to build a brighter future for Michigan and for Kiwanis.

Thank you for your consideration.

Eric Stezowski Candidate for Governor Elect (2025-2026), Michigan District of Kiwanis



Division Dates & Registrations

Date of KiwanisONE	Divisions	Location	For registration & more information
March 1, 2025	1 & 2	Park Place Banquet Hall 23400 Park St. Dearborn, MI 48124	Cost: \$30 per person Contact: Div 2 Lt. Governor Peggie Pedenelli (313) 460-4171
March 8, 2025	13 & 14	TBD	Cost: TBD Contact: Div 13 Lt. Gov. Eric Stezowski Div 14 Lt. Gov. Carol Dwyer
March 15, 2025	16 & 18	TBD	Cost: TBD Contact: Div 16 Lt. Gov. Marvina Bloomfield Div 18 Lt. Gov. Jim Demis
March 29, 2025	3 & 7	Velocity 6633 18 Mile Rd Sterling Heights, MI 48314	Cost: \$25 Contact: Div 3 Lt. Gov Sarah Hayden sarahahayden@gmail.com
April 5, 2025	10 & 17	Swartz Creek Community Church 7400 Miller Rd. Swartz Creek, MI 48473	Cost: \$20 per person Wear your best Western or Kiwaniis Gear for a prize! Registration: Div 10 & 17 KiwanisONE Flyer
April 12, 2025	19, 20 & 21	Gaylord Eagles Banquet Hall 515 South Wisconsin Ave Gaylord, MI 49735	Cost: \$35 Contact: Div 20 Lt. Gov. Syrina Dawson (231) 633-0453
April 26, 2025	5 & 6	Cooke Center 14100 Navarre St. Gibraltar, MI 48173	Cost: \$30 per person Registration: https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/kiwanisone-2025-divisions-5-and--6 Contact: Div 5 Lt. Gov Denise Browning (734) 771-2290 Div 6 Lt. Gov Angela Lee (313) 626-1822
May 3, 2025	11 & 12	Promedica Coldwater Regional Hospital 370 East Chicago St., Ste 500 Coldwater, MI 49036	Cost: TBD Contact: Div 11 Lt. Gov. Bonnie Bartlett bartlettbonnie4870@gmail.com



Kiwanis International Convention 2025

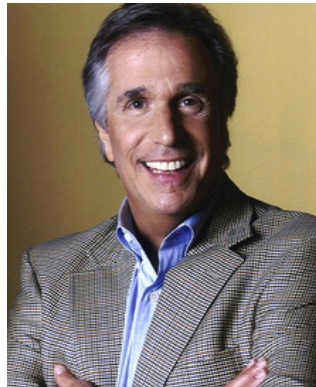


Forging the Future

Pittsburgh is known for its innovative industries, thriving cultural scene and a landscape distinguished by rivers and bridges. Of course, the city is also known for its place at the heart of American steel manufacturing.

Join us in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S., for the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention. You'll be a part of an event that can help you transform your club and its impact in your community. Education. Fellowship. Decision-making. Explore all the ways the Kiwanis International convention can help you forge the future — for your club and for our worldwide organization.

Convention Speakers



Henry Winkler

Henry Winkler is instantly recognizable from his role as "The Fonz" on the long-running 1970s TV series "Happy Days," but he is also an award-winning producer and director of family and children's programming. Join us at the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention to be inspired by Winkler's story and his commitment to helping children reach their full potential!

Hotel Information



HAMPTON INN & SUITES
 247 Smallman St.,
 Pittsburgh, PA 15222

US\$189 plus tax per night

The Michigan District Hotel is less than a 5-minute walk from the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

Off I-578, we're adjacent to the Heinz History Center and David L. Lawrence Convention Center. PNC Park and other downtown attractions are in walking distance, and Pittsburgh International Airport is 18 miles away. Enjoy our indoor pool, fitness center, and views of the Allegheny River. Free parking, WiFi, and daily hot breakfast

Registration is open on KI website - Make plans to attend!

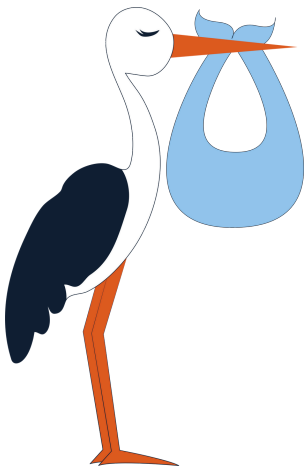
<https://schedule.kiwanisone.org/KI2025>

Welcome Kiwanis Club of Wayne-Westland and John Glenn Key Club

Congratulations to the Wayne - Westland newly chartered Kiwanis Club on this remarkable milestone. Your dedication to Service and Community impact is truly inspiring. A special thank you to the Mayor of Westland and community guests and Kiwanis members who joined in the celebration to acknowledge and highlight the importance of the Kiwanis mission.

This moment is even more historic as John Glenn High School also commemorated the charting of the 100th Key Club in the 100th year of Kiwanis Key Club history, a testament to the lasting impact of youth, leadership and service.

Here's to a future, filled with growth service and making a difference in the lives of children and communities in the City of Wayne-Westland.



**Charter Members of the
Kiwanis Club of Wayne-Westland**



**Charter members of
John Glenn Key Club**



the POSSIBILITY PROJECT



Every day, around the world, children are going hungry. Students are struggling to read. Potential leaders are lacking mentors. And even as Kiwanians serve them, the need continues to grow.

The good news: Through the Kiwanis Children's Fund, just US\$2.25 is enough to address the needs of one child. It's time to put our sense of what's possible into action — and help make the future better for 10 million children around the world.

INTRODUCING THE POSSIBILITY PROJECT.

The \$25 million we raise together will support the mission of the Kiwanis Children's Fund, serving the kids, projects and programs of greatest need.



HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?



The Kiwanis Children's Fund offers multiple ways to donate. For many people, the easiest way is to give at kiwanis.org/give.

The webpage also presents other options — including a downloadable form to print and mail when paying by check, and opportunities for legacy, stocks or estate gifts. There is no expected per-member gift for clubs. Clubs *and* individuals are encouraged to dream

of what's possible and **consider a gift that is personally significant and will help the most kids.**

Individuals who commit a minimum of US\$15,000 over three years are recognized through a new giving level, the Cornerstone Society. For other giving levels, the campaign uses existing recognition opportunities such as the George F. Hixson Fellowship for gifts of US\$1,000 and the Dr. Wil Blechman Fellowship for gifts of US\$2,500.



Kiwanis
CHILDREN'S FUND



LEARNING & LIVING LEADERSHIP OUT LOUD

Build your leadership skills. Improve your career, your community and your Kiwanis club.

Kiwanis Amplify is a program for emerging leaders who want to amplify their ability to lead a team. Participation is encouraged for, but not limited to, young leaders, new members and members of Circle K International who have completed the Global Leadership Certificate.

Participants will:

- Explore the value of servant leadership.
- Discover their personal strengths so they can lead confidently and successfully.
- Strengthen the ability to lead others in a strategic manner.
- Build and manage a strategic plan that works.
- Learn from experts as well as from peers from across the globe.
- Earn a certification of completion.

Participants will take a deep dive into eight leadership topics:

1. The qualities of a good leader.
2. Methods of communication.
3. Planning engaging events.
4. Promoting diversity, equality and inclusion throughout a team.
5. Working with others.
6. Sharing a message.
7. Planning for the future.
8. Staying focused.

The participation fee is US\$50. The participation fee may be covered by the Kiwanis Amplify participant or they may be sponsored by their club, division, district or even their place of business.

To enroll, learn more or recommend someone for the program, visit kiwanis.org/amplify.

Kiwanis[®]
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Kiwaniis[®] CAN-AM Goodwill Banquet

"Launching into Literacy"

\$40 USD/ \$55 CAD



April 12, 2025 6-9pm

Hellenic Cultural Centre

3052 Walker Rd, Windsor, ON N8W 3R3



Keynote Speakers

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library:
Jeanne Smitiuch, Senior Regional Director,
Canada. Lauren Wirt, Regional Director; MI, OH.

With Very Special Guest

Kiwaniis International Vice President Hope
Markes, Kiwanis Club of Hanover Jamaica



Register Here:



Contact: LG Angelo Ciardella, KC of Windsor
info.kiwaniswindsor@gmail.com

226-787-7940

BRICK BY BOOK BUILDING A SCHOOL OF READERS

BY RENEA CALLERY, IMMEDIATE PAST GOVERNOR



Kiwanis International Children's Fund has gifted the Michigan District a grant to use towards a program that will help Serve the Children of the World.

As Immediate Past Governor, I was granted the choice of children's program this gift would support, and I chose the gift of reading. Back in 2014, I developed the **Brick by Book: Building a School of Readers** program for an impoverished school in Detroit. It was a huge success, significantly improving reading scores for elementary students. This grant will enable us to bring the program to Michigan District students.

Brick by Book: Building a School of Readers engages first and second graders and their teachers, who will encourage the children to read to obtain and complete their "bricks". They will then take their signed bricks to the Principal's office. Every morning the Principal will pull two random names from the bricks submitted and will announce the children's names over the intercom system.

The children then take their "bricks" and tape them to a cardboard house. Schools may also choose to have a student group, such as Honor Students, post the bricks. The children get excited about reading as they hear their names called on the intercom and place their signed bricks on the cardboard house for the whole school to see. The challenge becomes a bit of a contest among the children, all while Building a School of Readers.

The schools can develop this into whatever works best for their teachers. If funding is available, for example, they may decide to have a year-end reading party, celebrating the students for their accomplishments.

Just as important, is that the children are each gifted with a book or two to keep and take home to share with their families. It's up to the school if they want to gift the books during March Reading Month or at the end of the school year so the children don't fall behind on their reading over summer vacation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me reneaewi@gmail.com or 313-505-0331.

Kiwanis Club partners with school district for food drive for the holidays

BY: KARA SZYMANSKI | SHELBY-UTICA NEWS | PUBLISHED JANUARY 6, 2025

The Kiwanis Club of Utica-Shelby Township partnered with Utica Community Schools for a food drive for the holidays.

In the past this project was handled by the Sterling Heights Kiwanis Club; however, the club dissolved over the past year. Former members of the Sterling Heights club informed the Kiwanis Club of Utica-Shelby Township of this opportunity. The Kiwanis Club of Utica-Shelby Township didn't hesitate to take on this project.



In November, the Kiwanis Club of Utica-Shelby Township members dropped off empty boxes to 20 schools: Henry Ford II, Stevenson and Utica high schools; The Gene L. Klida Academy for International Studies; Bemis and Davis junior high schools; and Beacon Tree, Beck, Browning, Collins, Duncan, Ebling, Graebner, Harvey, Havel, Messmore, Oakbrook, Plumbrook, Rose Kidd (the temporary location of DeKeyser while it is being reconstructed) and Schuchard elementary schools. These schools held a canned food drive for several weeks.

Over the course of three days in December, the Kiwanis members picked up more than 1,200 boxes of food from the schools and delivered the food to local food pantries at St. Ephram Catholic Church, Heritage Church and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Theresa Farmer, from the Kiwanis Club of Utica-Shelby Township, said they are thankful to the high schoolers who helped load up a truck with the food boxes when they were collecting the donations at the schools.

"Those boxes were heavy. The food pantries were so surprised by the amount of food. Thanks to the generosity of UCS families, there is plenty of food for those facing food insecurity during this time of year," she said.

Rob Peterson, Kiwanis Club of Utica-Shelby Township 2024 project chair and past president, said it was an incredible experience working with Katherine Beck and the Utica Community Schools on this year's holiday food collection and distribution project.

"Our club provided manpower and logistical support; however, none of it would've been possible without the generosity of the students, teachers and administrators at UCS. This project impacts the lives of hundreds of people within the communities in which we live and work. Hats off to all the volunteers who brought this project to life and to the Sterling Heights Kiwanis Club who started this initiative nearly 40 years ago," he said.

He said they are honored to carry-on the tradition at the Kiwanis Club of Utica-Shelby Township.

UCS Superintendent Robert Monroe said the district is proud of the continuing partnership with the Kiwanis that engages students in the district's focus of a "culture of caring" and makes a difference for many UCS families.

For more information, visit uticashelbykiwanis.org.

Kiwanis Club of Troy Supporting School Youth Mental Health Initiatives

On December 16, 2024, the Kiwanis Club of Troy took a significant step toward supporting youth mental health by presenting a check to International Academy East Principal Patrick Griffin and Counselor Whitney Bernstein. This funding will bolster school-based mental health initiatives, aligning with the Kiwanis Club of Troy's mission to empower every youth to be their best self by providing the tools necessary to thrive.

Recent statistics highlight the urgent need for such initiatives. According to Mental Health America, 20.17% of youth aged 12-17 reported experiencing at least one major depressive episode (MDE) in the past year, with 15% suffering from severe impairment impacting their daily lives. In Michigan alone, nearly 60% of teens experiencing depression cannot access the help they need. These alarming figures emphasize the importance of community-driven solutions like those spearheaded by the Kiwanis Club of Troy.

Kiwanis' KIT Program: Addressing Barriers to Mental Health Care In collaboration with the Troy School District and ARISE Counseling & Training Institute, Kiwanis Club of Troy has established the Kiwanis Inspired Teens (KIT) Program. This initiative is designed to streamline access to mental health care, reducing long wait periods.

"In Michigan, families seeking mental health assistance often face significant barriers, including long wait times, limited in-person availability, and overwhelming financial burdens," said Colleen Reveley, LMSW, of ARISE Counseling & Training Institute. "Kiwanis' KIT Program steps in to eliminate these obstacles, providing a lifeline of support to youth and their families. This initiative enables and empowers youth in our community to move towards wellness and healing during such a critical time in their lives. We are grateful for Kiwanis' commitment to our community and our youth."

Save the Date: Harvesting Hope Fundraiser To continue supporting youth mental health initiatives, Kiwanis Club of Troy invites the community to attend the Harvesting Hope: Healing Begins with US Youth Mental Health Fundraiser on Friday, May 16, 2025, at the Troy Historic Village. Proceeds from this event will directly benefit the KIT Mental Health Program. Details can be found at [Kiwanis Club of Troy](https://www.kiwanisclubof Troy.org).

Join Us in Making a Difference Kiwanis Club of Troy is dedicated to addressing youth mental health challenges and empowering the next generation. For more information about how you can get involved or support these efforts, contact kiwanisclubtroymi@gmail.com or reach out to President Vicki Cerven-Astell at 248-561-8934.

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About Kiwanis Club of Troy: The Kiwanis Club of Troy has long served the local community with a focus on empowering youth, fostering connections, and addressing critical challenges. Through innovative programs like the KIT Program, the Kiwanis Club of Troy continues to make a meaningful impact on the lives of children and families in need.



Cosmopolitan Detroit Helps Kids in Philippines

Norma Thompson who is a member of Kiwanis Club of Cosmopolitan Detroit (KCCD) unfortunately had to travel back home to bury her sister. Al Thompson the husband and also a member (3x past President and past Lt. Governor) stayed back. Their hometown is Dalipit West Cuenca Batangas, Philippines.

After arriving the Philippines and facing challenges of multiple typhoons damaging houses in the community and still planning funeral/burial for her sister, Norma still was thinking how she can fulfill the Kiwanis motto.

With the coordination of several local organizations, Barangay Councilor, Youth Organization and her grandson, Norma was inspired and led a meaningful feeding initiative in her hometown that fed over one hundred children during the devastating typhoons. Donations were received and sent by Al Thompson to extend the feeding initiative. With every spoonful of Lugaw (rice porridge), there's a smile and hope. Her dedication to serving our community is truly remarkable.

This is exactly what fulfilling our Kiwanis motto of "Serving Children of the World" and what right looks like. Amazing work Norma & Al Thompson for spreading kindness one meal at a time.



Kiwanis Michigan State Police Law Enforcement Academy

WRITTEN BY MARIAN O'HIGGINS, LAW ACADEMY CHAIR

Now in the time to register your students for the Law Enforcement Academy. It will run June 8 -13. You can download the forms on the District Website. Go to SLP-Law Enforcement Academy. Call Marian O'Higgins, Chair at 586 801-6706 for any questions.

We would like a couple of members of clubs to attend their graduation on Friday, June 13th at 12 Noon-1pm.



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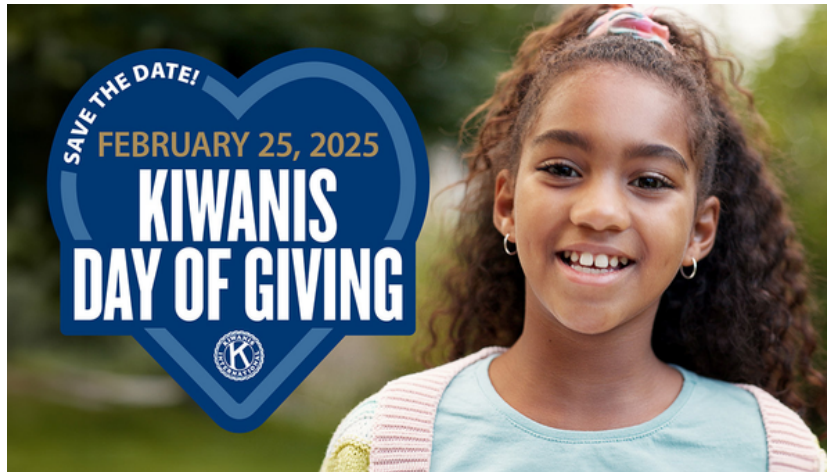


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Kiwanis of Michigan
GREAT LAKES
Conference

August 14-17, 2025
Radisson Plaza Hotel & Suites
Kalamazoo, MI



Help reach 45,000 kids!

The third Kiwanis Day of Giving will be on February 25. Think of it as 2/25 — a fitting date, since US\$2.25 is enough to make a difference in one child’s life through the Kiwanis Children’s Fund.

This year, the goal is more ambitious than ever: to raise US\$100,000 — enough to reach 45,000 kids in one day!

As the date approaches, look for more information about Kiwanis Day of Giving via email and on social media. **Gather online with other Kiwanians February 24-26.** It’s a chance to share stories of your service projects and ways your club helps kids in your community. You’ll also learn about the Kiwanis causes and hear examples of grants that supported Kiwanis service — thanks to support like yours.

In the meantime, spread the word about the event — and the Children’s Fund. Let people know what’s possible when they give!

How can you participate?

- Start things off by **making your own gift** to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund.
- [Check the KI donation page](#) in January 2025 for the **Facebook event link** to share with your network of Kiwanians, friends and family.
- Encourage others to donate on February 25 by matching your gift or making a gift of personal significance to them. Include a link to the [donation page](#). Individual and club gifts on February 25 will count toward the final goal.
- Like, share and comment on **Kiwanis International’s Facebook** posts February 24-26. Your interaction will help remind and encourage the people you’ve shared your page with — because Kiwanis will post updates about our fundraising progress along with inspiring stories of Kiwanians’ impact on kids around the world. Use the hashtag **#KiwanisDayofGiving** in your posts.



**THE MICHIGAN DISTRICT OF KIWANIS
WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS TO THE KIWANIS FAMILY:**

Adrian

Michael Zarnecki
Rev. De'Angelo Boone
Berlyn Murray
Andrew 'Andy' Carver
Rebecca Molina

Ann Arbor

Robb Arbour

Ann Arbor Western

Lawrence Byrk

Bridgeport-Brich Run

Gale McDonald

Brighton

Joana White

Bronson

Mason Himebaugh

Brooklyn

James Baker

Charlevoix

Richard 'Rick' Enlow
Karen Spring
Jessica Jenkins

Cosmopolitan Detroit

Salvador Jr. "Bads" Pante
Anthony 'Tony' Watson

Clinton Twp

Robert 'Bob' Cannon

Detroit #1

Anetta Jean Burroghs
Patricia Greenwood

East Lansing

Betty Briggs
Etta Abrahams

Haslett-Okemos

Margaret "Peggy" Dutcher
Mark Conn

Holly

Frank Rainey
Joshua Scramlin
Brandon Beardsley

Indian River

Dennis Cowles
Becky Fettig
Kelsey Rutowski
Shiloh Slomsky
Michelle Miler

Jackson

Hendrick Schuur

Kalamazoo

Robert 'Bob' Smith
Richard Underwood

Kalkaska

John Freeman

Lac Ste. Claire

Joe Bloxsom
Brian Milstead

Livonia Early Risers

Heather Fowler
James "Jim" Jolly

Monroe

Jasmine Martin

Onsted

Jonathon Royce

Saginaw

Claire Skerry

Saginaw- Thomas Twp

Deidre Frolla

Shorewood

John Caron
JR Maskeny
Dillon Rochon
Frederick Dodge

South Lansing

Harriett Greenstone

Tri Cities - Grand Haven, Spring Lake

Jeffrey Montgomery

SLP members

	Clubs	Paid Members
K Kids	7	--
Builders Club	23	--
Key Club	99	5407
Circle K	6	95
Aktion Club	21	150

In Memoriam

John L. Sampelle
Ann Arbor

Robert Carr
Ann Arbor

Donal D. Hammond
Midland

Robert H. Gray
Ann Arbor

Kent Hall
Williamston

Thomas P. McKenney
Holly

Robert W. Frank
Jackson



2024-2025 Governor's Membership Trophy



Detroit #1	+7
Shorewood.....	+7
Indian River	+5
Adrian.....	+4
St. Joseph- Benton Harbor.....	+4
Charlevoix.....	+4

Net gain is from 10-1-24 to 9-30-25 and includes clubs only with a least a net gain of +5 based on official membership numbers supplied by Kiwanis International.

AS WE GO TO PRESS

Active Clubs: 130

Beginning Membership: 3128

Reporting Members: 3187

Net Gain: +59