



Kiwanis[®] District NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT **2021 Convention** Sioux City, Iowa

Aug. 6 & 7, 2021
Stoney Creek Conference Center



Your Adventure Awaits!

Welcome

Welcome to the Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis 102nd District Convention, or as we are calling it this year, Camp 206.

Connie and I are happy to have you in North-west Iowa to celebrate this year. We, along with our convention committee, have spent the last several months planning for a fun, educational and informative weekend. Our adventures this weekend will begin Friday with an evening of fun and fellowship. Saturday's adventure will include two keynote speakers, regional meetings, election of officers and action on a bylaw amendment. The afternoon will include educational breakouts and the day will wrap up with Baskets of Adventure and our annual district awards.

We invite you to discover what Sioux City has to offer while you are here. Take in a ballgame with the minor league baseball club, the Sioux City Explorers, or roll the dice at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. It is usually hot in August so why not check out one of the area's microbreweries like Jackson Street or Marto Brewing. There is something for everyone. Sioux City is uniquely situated at the confluence of the Floyd, Big Sioux and Missouri rivers in the Loess Hills, a formation of wind-deposited loess soil in the western most parts of Iowa and Missouri.

Connie and I certainly hope you enjoy your adventure here at Camp 206. Take your backpack of information back to your club and create new adventures that leave a positive mark on your community and the youth you serve.

Curt & Connie



Nebraska-Iowa
Governor
Curt Reis



WOW! Thank you to the
Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis District.

Your district is full of **Extraordinary Kiwanians**, making an **Extraordinary impact**.

I hope Nebraska-Iowa continues growing in membership and service. There is so much need and the more hands of service the more we can help our babies.

Remember this: in order to become everything we are meant to become in this life, we are going to have to embrace change. We have to head fearlessly into new territories with a belief that the best is yet to come.

2020-2021 Kiwanis Year is not finished yet. Your district started **strong**, and will finish even **stronger**. Thank you everyone for everything you do.

Cathy & David Szymanski



Kiwanis International
Trustee
Cathy Szymanski



District Officers

2020-2021

ADVENTURES



IN SERVICE

#KIDSNEEDKIWANIS

NE-1A DISTRICT 2020-2021



Governor
Curt Reis



Governor-Elect
Don Fritz



Vice Governor
Lynda
Henningsen



Immediate Past
Governor
Lenora Hanna



District
Administrator
Lisa Brichacek



District Treasurer
Larry Ziska



KI Trustee &
Counselor
Cathy
Szymanski

Trustees

Region
1



Gary Muckel
Term 2018-2021
Divisions 21, 22, 23, 24, 25

Region
2



Barb O'Donnell
Term 2019-2022
Divisions 17, 18, 19, 20

Region
3



Norma Beaver
2019-2022 Trustee
Divisions 3, 4, 5, 6

Region
4



Gary Lindgren
Term 2018-2021
Divisions 1, 2, 7, 8

Region
5



Andy Webb
Term 2020-2023
Divisions 11, 12, 13, 16

Region
6



Jim Dane
Term 2020-2023
Divisions 9, 10, 14, 15

Lt. Governors

2020-2021

- Div. 1
- Div. 2
- Div. 3 Brent Harris, Spirit Lake
- Div. 4 Lee Mellema, Sioux Center
- Div. 5 Barb Hames, Le Mars
- Div. 6 Pam Henderson, Alta
- Div. 7 (no clubs in this division)
- Div. 8 Brian MacLearn, Greater Waverly
- Div. 9 Doug Dix, Cedar Rapids
- Div. 10 Frank Moran, Marshalltown Matins
- Div. 11 Randy Griffith, Ames Town & Country
- Div. 12 Larry Buss, Logan
- Div. 13 Janet Hromatko, Polk City
- Div. 14 Barrie Tritle, Iowa City Old Capitol
- Div. 15
- Div. 16
- Div. 17 Elaine Armstrong, Clarinda/Steve Green, Atlantic
- Div. 18 Celise Swanson, Norfolk
- Div. 19 Steve Hamilton, Florence
- Div. 20 Brian Wells, Bellevue
- Div. 21 Keith Prettyman, Lincoln Center
- Div. 22N Shirley Daugherty, Lincoln Cornhusker
- Div. 22S
- Div. 23 John Boltz, Hastings
- Div. 24 Charlene Vance, Dobytown Kearney
- Div. 25

Thank you division leaders!



St. Governor Elects

2021-2022

- Div. 1
- Div. 2
- Div. 3 Kristi Franker, Spencer After Five
- Div. 4 Joe Vander Zee, Rock Rapids
- Div. 5 Ann Crawford, Onawa
- Div. 6 Pam Henderson, Alta
- Div. 7 (no clubs in this division)
- Div. 8 Brian MacLearn, Greater Waverly
- Div. 9 Cathy Weber, Cedar Rapids
- Div. 10 Frank Moran, Marshalltown Matins
- Div. 11 Jody Melcher, Nevada
- Div. 12 Larry Buss, Logan
- Div. 13 Janet Hromatko, Polk City
- Div. 14
- Div. 15
- Div. 16
- Div. 17 Elaine Armstrong, Clarinda/Steve Green, Atlantic
- Div. 18
- Div. 19 Emily Wageman, Fremont
- Div. 20 Brian Wells, Bellevue
- Div. 21 Keith Prettyman, Lincoln Center
- Div. 22N Marcia Wallen, Lincoln Southeast
- Div. 22S
- Div. 23 Jen Barker, Grand Island
- Div. 24 Glen Powell, Kearney Dobytown
- Div. 25 John Guzallis, North Platte

Candidates

2021-2022 District Executive Officers & Trustees



Governor
Don Fritz



Governor-Elect
Lynda
Henningsen



Vice Governor
Dale Doudna



Trustee Region 1
John Boltz



Trustee Region 4
Gary Lindgren

Election of the District's executive officers will take place during Saturday afternoon's House of Delegates meeting.

Region 1 and Region 4 will elect trustees during Saturday morning's Regional Meetings.

Convention Schedule

Friday, Aug. 6

8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.	District Board Meeting.....	Pioneer
1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	Lt. Gov. Meeting.....	Pioneer
2:15 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Lt. Gov. Elect Meeting.....	Pioneer
3:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Past Governors Meeting	Pioneer
4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Amplify Class of 2021 Get Together	Lewis & Clark
4:00 p.m.	Registration Check-In Opens	
4:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Baskets of Adventure.....	Salon B
5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.	Social Hour	Salons B/C
6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	District Dinner	Salons B/C
	<i>Welcome by Master of Ceremonies Bob Marshall</i>	
	<i>Pledge of Allegiance & The Kiwanis Mission</i>	
	<i>Taste of Aggies Buffet</i>	
7:30 p.m.-8:15 p.m.	Camp-wide Adventure Games.....	Salons B/C
8:15 p.m.-9:30 p.m.	Adventure Master's Dance	Salons B/C

Saturday, Aug. 7

7:00 a.m.	Registration Check-In Opens	
7:30 a.m.-2:35 p.m.	Baskets of Adventure.....	Salon B
8:30 a.m.-9:10 a.m.	New Adventures	Salons A/B
	<i>Master of Ceremonies Bob Marshall</i>	
	<i>Advance of Flags & Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Troop 188, Le Mars</i>	
	<i>National Anthem</i>	
	<i>Invocation by Rev. Dr. James S. Brewer</i>	
	<i>Welcome by Nebraska-Iowa Gov. Curt Reis</i>	
	<i>Greetings from Kiwanis International Trustee Eliane Ott-Scheffer</i>	
	<i>Message from Kiwanis Children's Fund by Angie Monger</i>	

9:10 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Adventures with Larry Wentz Salons A/B

Larry Wentz, a news anchor with Siouxland News for CBS14/ FOX44, received a life-saving transplant at the Lied Transplant Center in Omaha. Larry will share his story about being an organ recipient and how fresh starts are not only possible but can also create new opportunities for adventure.



10:00 a.m.-10:10 a.m. Break

10:10 a.m.-10:40 a.m. Regional Meetings

Region 1 (Divisions 21, 22, 23, 24 & 25).....	Pioneer
Region 2 (Divisions 17, 18, 19 & 20).....	Nebraska
Region 3 (Divisions 3, 4, 5 & 6)	Stockyard
Region 4 (Divisions 1, 2, 7 & 8)	Lewis & Clark
Region 5 (Divisions 11, 12, 13 & 16).....	Siouxland
Region 6 (Divisions 9, 10, 14 & 15)	Dakota

10:40 a.m.-10:50 a.m. Break

10:50 a.m. Adventures with Service Leadership Programs Salons A/B

Kids & Kiwanis: Laurie Nappier, a former Key Club International Board member, is an active member of the Carolinas Kiwanis District and a North Carolina licensed clinical social worker. COVID has had a huge impact on our kids, and Laurie will share how Kiwanis, especially our SLPs, can help them not only cope but still thrive.



Nebraska-Iowa Circle K Governor Tatum Vondra

Nebraska-Iowa Key Club Governor Sivani Manimaran

Kiwanis International Key Club Trustee Ellie Nusbaum

Recognition of SLP advisors

11:40 a.m.-12:25 p.m. Lunch Salons A/B
(Please place meal card in registration packet on table for servers to see)

Convention Schedule

Saturday Afternoon

- 12:25 p.m.-1:50 p.m. **House of Delegates** Salons A/B
Call to Order by Gov. Curt Reiss
Report of Regional Election Results
Report of Delegate Committee
Resolution & Bylaw Amendment
District Officer Election & Installment
Retirement of 2020-2021 Lt. Governors
Installation of 2021-2022 Lt. Governors
District Financial Report
Special District Presentation
- 1:50 p.m.-2:00 p.m. **Break**
- 1:50 p.m.-2:35 p.m. **Youth Protection Q&A** Display Area
- 2:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m. **Educational Breakouts**
 Membership Pioneer
 Planning & Visioning Nebraska
 Hybrid Meeting Lewis & Clark
 Service Leadership Programs Siouxland
 Aktion Clubs Dakota
- 2:30 p.m.-2:35 p.m. **Break**
- 2:35 p.m.-3:05 p.m. **Educational Breakouts**
 Leadership Lewis & Clark
 Fundraising Pioneer
 Planning & Visioning Nebraska
 Service Leadership Programs Siouxland
 Aktion Clubs Dakota

3:05 p.m.-3:15 p.m. **Trail Break**

3:15 p.m.-3:40 p.m. **Awards** Salons A/B
Nebraska-Iowa District Foundation Grants
Lay Person of the Year
Distinguished Service Leadership Program
Everyday Hero Award
Everyday Hero Organization Award
Key Club Scholarship Recipients

3:40 p.m.-4:00 p.m. **One More Adventure** Salons A/B
Basket of Adventure Winners
Mystery Basket Adventure
Looking Ahead with Gov. Designate Don Fritz
Adjournment

Friday & Saturday:

Nebraska-Iowa District Key Club Board Meeting Iowa

See you next year in Lincoln!

**Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis
District Convention**

Aug. 5 & 6, 2022

The Lincoln Marriott
Cornhusker Hotel
Lincoln, Nebraska



Breakout Sessions

★ Planning and Visioning

Presented by Don Fritz, Nebraska-Iowa District governor-elect

As clubs emerge from a pandemic world, it is a good time to ask the question, "What do we want our club to look like?" This session will be an overview of a simple process to assist clubs in planning for the near future. You can find out how all members can be involved in helping create a vision for club success.

★ Hybrid Meetings

Presented by Mark Hoeger, Kiwanis Club of Omaha Inc.

Clubs are beginning to meet in person again, but it's now a new world. A virtual link can still be a way to get members and guests to attend meetings. This session will provide information on how to prepare and use Zoom for a hybrid meeting format.

★ Membership

Presented by Gary Wattnem, Nebraska-Iowa District membership chair

How do we get more hands for service? Difficult roads can lead to great rewards. Come learn effective practices for recruiting new members and retaining existing membership. There will also be an update given about the District Membership Contest underway through Sept. 30.

★ Service Leadership Programs

Presented by Sivani Manimaran, Nebraska-Iowa Key Club District governor, and Tracey Domgard, Nebraska-Iowa District Key Club administrator

Does your club want to get more involved with youth? You will leave this breakout with new information. This will be a discussion of how we can "walk the walk!" You will find this breakout valuable, even if your club is not a SLP sponsor.

The Kiwanis Club of Lincoln, Nebraska - Lincoln Center We Stayed BUSY!



In the fall, we collected food for Elliott Elementary, & Hope Spoke and then in Feb, Everett Elementary. For each we supplied 70 - 200 books.



Our ScoutReach group at Elliott and our Builders group based with Theatre Arts for Kids kept meeting. They helped Kiwanis with projects. Including Holiday gifts & our Little Laundromat Libraries.

We give 60+ books/week from 5 locations.



We packaged soil for over 3,000 second graders. We collected diapers for the HUB to distribute to student parents. We've given over 1500 new & gently used books so far this year. And we have started the renovation of the Pow Wow circle at the Indian Center. We have been joined by several other Lincoln area Kiwanis Clubs. We intend to complete this major project by mid July for Pow Wows that will help 600 young people learn more about their culture. We expect many of our regular projects to resume this year.

Our club is ready to serve the children of Lincoln in 2021-22.

Breakout Sessions

★ Leadership

Presented by Jane Erickson, Kiwanis International and Kiwanis Children's Fund past president

This session is designed for both members who have participated in the Amplify Program and members who are interested. Join Jane and other Nebraska-Iowa Amplify graduates as they tell all about Kiwanis Amplify, what it is, how it can be used to help grow Kiwanis for kids and communities and why you might wish to join the next Amplify class.

★ Fundraising

Presented by Brad Boyd, Kiwanis International area director

This past year forced clubs to find new and innovative ways to raise funds. Many clubs had to find non-traditional ways to raise the dollars for those important service projects. What are some new and innovative practices for fund raising? Come to this session for key strategies and creative examples.

★ Aktion Clubs

Presented by Jim Brewer, Nebraska-Iowa Aktion Club administrator

This session during both breakouts will be an open discussion of ways to build and strengthen Aktion Clubs. It is designed for Aktion Club advisors and anyone interested in creating a new Aktion Club. Bring your questions and concerns to help restart existing clubs and start new ones in the Nebraska-Iowa District.

★ Youth Protection Q&A

Presented by Linda Placzek, Nebraska-Iowa District youth protection manager

Linda will be at a table in the area outside of the general meeting room with youth protection information and handouts. This informal chat time will be your chance to ask questions and get answers about the Youth Protection Guidelines, Kiwanis Background Checks and other aspects of keeping both youth and members safe.



Get adventurous with a different type of fundraiser this year!!!

Instead of a silent auction, where you write down your bid, this year's fundraiser for the Nebraska-Iowa District Foundation is a basket auction using tickets.

Here's how it works: Buy your tickets at the tables in the main salon or from designated ticket sellers. Then, use those tickets to bid on the baskets by dropping them in a bag in front of the basket you want to take home. You can put as many tickets as you want into a bag.

The more tickets you drop in, the better chance you have to win it!

Tickets prices: \$1 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets or \$10 for 12 tickets

Winning tickets will be drawn following the 2:35 p.m. break on Saturday and announced during the final session of the day.

Thank You
NE-IA District for
your excellent
support and
assistance to local
clubs!



**SouthPointe Kiwanis
of Lincoln, Nebraska**

Kiwanis
Wahoo Area Club
Chartered Dec. 13, 2001

*Celebrating 20
Years
Of
Serving
Youth In Our
Communities*



Service Leaders

Service Leadership Program Officers



Nebraska-Iowa Key Club Governor

Sivani Manimaran, Ames High School

Key Club International Trustee

Ellie Nusbaum, Ames High School

Key Club International

Immediate Past President

Alex Drahos, Linn-Mar High School

**Nebraska-Iowa
Circle K Governor
Tatum Vondra,
University of Nebraska
at Kearney**



**Nebraska-Iowa
Aktion Club Governor
Tamara Lloyd, Newton, IA**

As of Oct. 1, 2020: 165 Service Leadership Programs

31 K-Kids, 30 Builders Clubs, 63 Key Clubs,
9 Circle K Clubs, 32 Aktion Clubs

District Leadership

Service Leadership Programs

K-Kids Administrator — Kathie Uhrmacher, Lincoln Northeast
Builders Club Administrator — Jim Dane, Iowa City Old Capitol
Key Club Administrator — Tracey Domgard, Lincoln Northeast
Circle K Administrator — Travis Grafe-Cline, Lincoln Northeast
Aktion Club Administrator — Jim Brewer, Lincoln Cornhusker
Key Leader Administrator — Lynda Henningsen, Omaha

Committee Chairs/Leaders

Membership ~ Gary Wattnem, Mason City-River City
Youth Protection Manager ~ Linda Placzek, Omaha Golden K
Club Leadership Education ~ Shirley Daugherty, Lincoln Cornhusker
Leadership Development & Education ~ Jane Erickson, Bellevue-Offutt
District Convention ~ Barb Hames, Le Mars/Connie Ries, Storm Lake
International Convention ~ Tracey Domgard, Lincoln Northeast
Human & Spiritual Values ~ Mark Holmer, Algona-Morwens
Advocate Eliminate ~ Milford Hanna, Lincoln Northeast
Parliamentarian ~ Bob Marshall, Lincoln Northeast
KI Leadership ~ Milford Hanna, Lincoln Northeast
Childhood Hunger ~ Charlene Johnson, Atlantic
Public Relations ~ Lynda Henningsen, Omaha
Young Children ~ Bob Marshall, Lincoln Northeast
The Kiwanian Editor ~ Lisa Brichacek, Wahoo Area
Past. Lt. Governors Committee ~ Lynda Henningsen, Omaha
Past Governors Association ~ Sue Waldren, Lincoln Northeast
Webmaster & Technical ~ Ron Petsch, Milford/Seward Helping Hands
Bylaws/Policies/Procedures/Resolutions ~ Jan Burch, Norwalk Area
Partnership Coordinator ~ Mark Hall, Norfolk Morning
Finance ~ Gary Lindgren, Mason City-River City
Nominating ~ Lenora Hanna, Lincoln Northeast
Children's Fund ~ Jody Melcher, Nevada
Risk Manager ~ Lon Olson, Fremont

District History



**Nebraska-Iowa
Kiwanis District**
Chartered Jan. 6, 1920

Anniversary Clubs

Clubs Celebrating 100 Years in 2019

- Des Moines • Lincoln Center • Omaha

Clubs Celebrating 100 Years in 2020

- Cedar Rapids • Fremont • Mason City
- Council Bluffs Downtown • Grand Island • Ottumwa
- Fort Dodge • Kearney • Sioux City
- Waterloo

Clubs Celebrating 100 Years in 2021

- Beatrice • Marshalltown • Storm Lake
- Grinnell • North Platte • Webster City
- Iowa City • Oskaloosa



Ready For Our 101st Year!

Kiwanis
 Nebraska-Iowa District Foundation

**Supporting our
Nebraska-Iowa Clubs,
Kiwanians & Youth**

Raymond
Crossman District
Centennial
Fellowship
available through
September 30

Information & Application on the
Foundation tab of the
Nebraska-Iowa District Website



Chartered Dec. 7, 1920

We support
Grand Island Key Club
Walnut Builders Clubs
Grand Island Aktion Club

Kids Need Kiwanis!

Friends
of the District
Convention:

Kiwanis Club
of North Platte
Chartered Jan. 28, 1921

Pam Henderson
Lt. Gov. Division 6

*Thank you to all of our
District Convention Sponsors!*

Past District Governors

2019-20 Lenora Hanna	1979-80 Wallace Loft
2018-19 Sue Waldren	1978-79 Richard Hogan
2017-18 Jan Burch	1977-78 Larry Vaughn
2016-17 Jim Dane	1976-77 Art Gratias
2015-16 Jody Melcher	1975-76 Walter Morrison
2014-15 Steve McNally	1974-75 G. Vincent Nelson
2013-14 Andy Bradley	1973-74 Ralph Braught
2012-13 Bob Mitchell	1972-73 Carl Hayes
2011-12 Marvel Dunaway	1971-72 Ray Stevens
2010-11 Gus Dornbusch	1970-71 Ronald Hallock
2009-10 Ron Petsch	1969-70 Art Brownlee
2008-09 Don Glenn	1969 Edgar Knox
2007-08 Mark Holmer	1968 Donald LaVelle
2006-07 Dave Hessman	1967 Russell Pearson
2005-06 Ray Ward	1966 Edwin Rogers
2004-05 Bob Dunaway	1965 Herb Plambeck
2003-04 Phil Rooney	1964 Kermit Buntrock
2002-03 Kim Wermersen	1963 Stanley Michael
2001-02 Jane Erickson	1962 Howard Jackson
2000-01 Sheldon Howerter	1961 Wallace Cassell
1999-00 Clark Marshall	1960 Asa A Wolfe
1998-99 Clint McDonald	1959 Donald G Isett
1997-98 Jim Gaul	1958 Lee Miller
1996-97 Steve Siemens	1957 Harry Spencer
1995-96 Gus Erickson	1956 Kermit Doolittle
1994-95 Tony Caponigro	1955 W.G. "Bill" Miller
1993-94 Glenn Tjaden	1954 Vernon Rice
1992-93 Milford Hanna	1953 Wes Bartlett
1991-92 Robert Nedrow	1952 H Pierce Witmer
1990-91 Robert Hastings	1951 Don L Parker
1989-90 Lawrence Ziska, Jr.	1950 Ray L Short
1988-89 James LaRue	1949 Bernard Caine
1987-88 Roger Lawrence	1948 Emmet L Murphy
1986-87 Les Meyers	1947 E L Allphin
1985-86 Louis Hansen	1946 Earnest H Matthias
1984-85 Robert Tollefson	1945 John G Hanson
1983-84 Sheldon Barnett	1944 Paul G James
1982-83 Robert Hegland	1943 Wilbur S Aten/Duane Dewell
1981-82 Gerald Bloom	1942 Duane Dewell
1980-81 Marvin Anderson	1941 Ralph W Swanson

International Presidents From Our District



Raymond M. Crossman
Kiwanis International, 1930-1931



Wes H. Bartlett
Kiwanis International, 1971-1972



Steve Siemens
Kiwanis International, 2005-2006



Jane Erickson
Kiwanis Children's Fund, 2007-2008
Kiwanis International, 2016-2017

**The strength of the Nebraska-Iowa District
stands with the great leadership that has
been shown over the years.**

*Thank you to all
who have accepted a leadership role!*

Past District Governors (Continued)

1940 F W Tomasek	1929 Earnest C Folsom
1939 W F Zimmerman	1928 Henry K Peterson
1938 Wm C Jamagin	1927 Curry W Watson
1937 Glenn Cavanaugh	1926 Sterling Alexander
1936 John S Nollen	1925 John A Lawler
1935 Arthur J Denney	1924 Dr Sidney E Smith
1934 Dr W E Walcott	1923 Raymond M Crossman
1933 Hayden Abmanson	1922 Joe L Long
1932 Clark Beems	1921 A R Edmiston
1931 Robert M Armstrong	1920 A R Edmiston
1930 Heman K Knudson	