

## The latest news for you

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## Together We Can

**FROM YOUR  
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This is a special, brief issue of the *KT Notes* being sent to you at this special time as we all face the COVID-19 world-wide Pandemic. There will be a regular issue sent in May in accordance with our usual publication schedule.

You don't have to hear me say it, unless you have been in hibernation for the past month. You are well aware that we are currently experiencing the scariest times of our lives. You, like the rest of us are distancing yourselves as much as you can, from others as they distance themselves from you. We are Kiwanians, we want to stay in touch and we want to do everything we can to help others, but we are being asked to provide that help in new and sometimes, for many of us, strange ways.

Governor Kendra has made the information in this issue available to us. I trust it will help all of us as we face the next several weeks or months of the COVID-10 Pandemic.

### Governor Kendra Skidmore



Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

We are currently living in an unprecedented time with ambiguous challenges that have modified our serving capacity and potential. While the end of the Covid-19 Pandemic is uncertain, our mission to serve our communities is still very relevant, even more so now than ever. I ask you to join me in prayer for our leaders, health care professionals and essential workers to stay healthy as they all work to keep us informed, supplied and as

they combat obstacles they are facing while they help heal those who ill.

While the situation has caused modifications to our normal routines, this presents us with a great opportunity to learn and grow. I am asking club leaders to check in on your members, many of whom are at high risk. We can connect utilizing technology on widely available platforms. Make sure your bylaws are up to date, conduct officer elections and report the results, and verify through your submitted reports that roster information is correct. The administrative tasks our clubs complete now clear a path for opportunity once we are in control of this Pandemic. We will then be better able to engage in and catch up with our in-person service and fundraising potential.

What other ACTION can we take? I have seen and heard from many of you about all the creative and compassionate support you are providing while complying with the recommended CDC guidelines. Regular meeting day meal donations, sewing masks, pantry drives, and blood donations are a few of the many actions that have been shared. WOW!! The commitment of your presence and influence has truly served to make communities better, and to be helpful is especially honorable. The goal to strengthen reminds me that the theme this year is, "A Heart to Serve." As Kiwanians you have truly answered a high calling. THANK YOU. We will get through this and be stronger as a result. I look forward to getting to be with many of you all again after the restrictions are lifted.

I am in regular contact with the staff and officers at Kiwanis International (KI). As they are also advised, they are complying with all the health regulatory and governmental requests for separation and are providing updates for the duration of this Pandemic. The KI website regularly provides a COVID 19 update that is being revised and expanded as information is received and develops.

If your club needs assistance setting up a virtual platform to connect with members, be aware that Zoom is available and that it offers a free platform that I can also utilize through my account to support your needs. Many of you have also extended invitations to me to attend your meetings which is AWESOME!! You are exceptional. Feel free to call me, 740-357-5720 or email [ktgov2019@gmail.com](mailto:ktgov2019@gmail.com) concerning any of your support needs and I can probably steer you in the right direction to get you that support.

Yours in service,  
Kendra Skidmore  
KT District Governor

## How We Are Coping

### **Kiwanis of Paducah, Kentucky**

The Paducah, Kentucky Kiwanis Club serves as one example of how one club is meeting, while still maintaining social



distance. They are staying connected through virtual meetings. They had a guest speaker who, as a counselor, shared ideas about how to cope in these difficult times.



**Kiwanis of Hardin County, Kentucky**

The Kiwanis Club of Hardin County provided 30 Easter Bags to two different facilities supporting foster kids in that area. This was one of the service projects scheduled to take place in April 2020.



**THE KIWANIS CLUB OF FORT OGLETHORPE GEORGIA ADJUSTS TO THE VIRUS**  
P.R. Cook

**Our Kiwanis Club works with the North Georgia YMCA on their "Back Pack Blessings" project. When the project first started we were packing approximately 300**



bags every two weeks. During the current school year, we had been packing 1,300 bags every two weeks. Then the coronavirus hit.

The YMCA had been assisted by various school, church and other organizations in packing the meals. Since these organizations have been informed about the program, each meal pack has been fully staffed with volunteers, at times we have had too many volunteers.

Since schools in the county are not in session, the YMCA wanted to assist the students with a meal pack. The county superintendent is currently sending out buses with food during the week so the problem of getting the back packs to the students could be handled by having the meals delivered on the buses. We met at 9:30 in the morning with the

YMCA Director and his wife, three of us who usually meet to pack with the assistance of four volunteers, sanitized our hands, put on gloves and went to work. In about 90 minutes we had packed 888 meals to be delivered the next day (Friday) so the students would have something to eat over the weekend. A great time was had by all.

We all are trying to adapt to the new way to meet, conduct meetings, work and socialize. This meal pack was in accordance with current suggested CDC guidelines with regard to the number of individuals in a meeting, sanitation, and keeping our distance. We all need to work out ways to get our projects done while continuing to serve others, especially our youth.

## Electronic Voting

To aid Kiwanis club voting in the elections, as required by the Kiwanis bylaws, a *“Guide to Electronic Voting”* and a copy of Excerpts from the *“Standard Form Club Bylaws”* have been provided by Governor Kendra.

[Click Here for Covid 19 Voting Guidelines](#)



## Ideas For Your Club

**Governor Kendra shares some helpful ideas from Kiwanis International for things that Kiwanians can do as we cope with the changes brought on by the COVID-19 Pandemic.**

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