



JANUARY 2024
KT NOTES

Achieving District Mid-Year Goals “Rebuilding District Membership”

As we approach our Mid-Year conference, let me encourage every Kiwanian to intensify their efforts to complete our club and district goals. Every Kiwanian sits on the membership committee of our clubs and district. As Kiwanians, to fulfill our purpose of serving our communities and schools, helping the children and families, we must have members. So, please be mindful, that in strengthening our existing clubs and building new clubs we ARE serving our children.

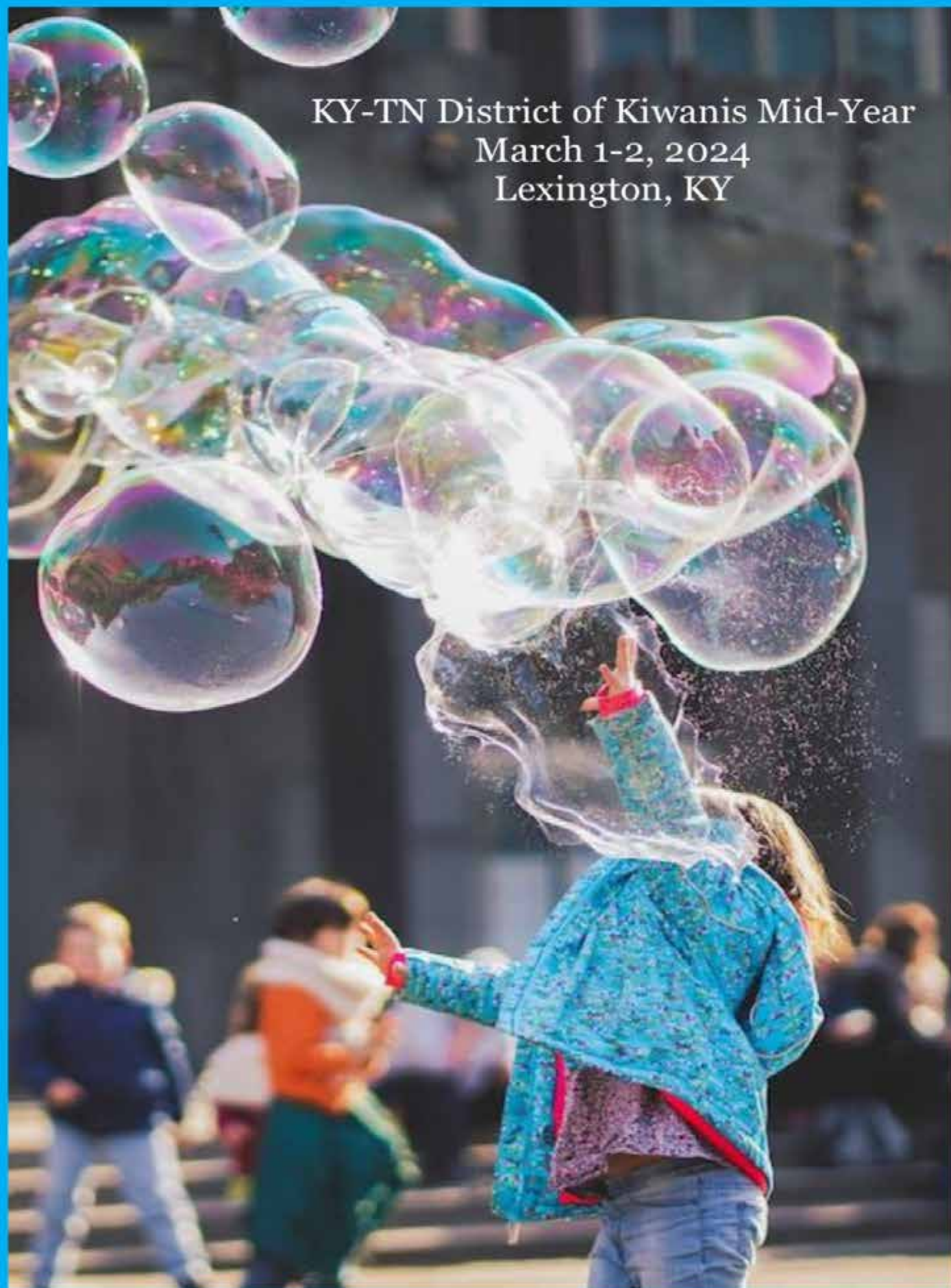
I encourage every Kiwanian to empower your club leaders to seek out opportunities that will help us rebuild our district membership in existing clubs and new communities. We must think outside the box, break traditions, take calculated risks and work together to rebuild our district membership, which has fallen below 4000 members for the first time in our K-T history. Additionally, we have approximately 40 clubs that have fallen below charter strength.

We can find new members by expanding our club reach through social media, community events, taking advantage of business chambers, network groups, non-profit organizations, and the resources available through Kiwanis International and the KT District Office. For example, our membership chair through KI can get a boost for a Facebook page to reach more people in your existing club area or in building a new club. It is my continued wish, when I come to a function, whether division council, club fundraiser, or dinner, that instead of any gifts for me, I would greatly prefer a donation to the K-T Foundation or the Kiwanis Childrens Fund.

In closing, I am asking for your help. Please commit, with me, to make this the year we make the extra effort, because, honestly, we need to. There are more kids in need today, than ever. They need food, and material things, but they REALLY need is Kiwanis in their lives. Together, let us help kids have a healthy, happy life.

Yours In Service,
Jim Gazay
Governor Kentucky-Tennessee District

KY-TN District of Kiwanis Mid-Year
March 1-2, 2024
Lexington, KY



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 Tentative Agenda

Thursday Feb 29, 2024

6:00	11:00 PM	Office Setup
6:00	11:00 PM	Foundation Sales & Setup
7:00	10:00 PM	District Foundation Board Meeting

Friday March 1, 2024

Begin	End	
9:00 AM		District Office
9:00 AM	6:00 PM	Registration
10:00 AM	5:00 PM	Foundation Sales
9:30 AM	10:30 AM	CLE Education Committee
10:45 AM	11:45 AM	District Finance Meeting
1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Train the Trainers
2:00 PM	4:30 PM	CLE (Club Leadership Education)
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Past Lt. Governors
1:00 PM	1:30 PM	New Members & First Timers
1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Signs of Child Abuse
3:15 PM	4:45 PM	FBI - Cyber Safety
3:00 PM	4:30 PM	District Board Meeting
4:45 PM	5:15 PM	2024-2025 Lieutenant Governor Greet
6:30 PM	8:30 PM	Banquet
8:30 PM	9:30 PM	Musical Bingo (Brain Blast)
9:30 PM		PAC Meeting

Saturday March 2, 2024

Begin	End	
7:30 AM		District Office / Registration
8:00 AM	1:00 PM	Foundation Sales
9:00 AM	10:00 AM	General Session
		10:00 to 10:30 check out
Workshops		
10:30 AM	11:45 AM	Risk & Youth Protection
10:30 AM	11:45 AM	How to start a free KI website
10:30 AM	11:45 AM	Back to Our Roots: <i>Gardening with Children and Youth in a Digital Age</i>
12:00 N	1:15 PM	What it takes to do a publication - <i>Meet your new KT Notes editor</i>
12:00 N	1:15 PM	KI What is AI (Artificial Intelligence)- <i>How AI can help you.</i>
12:00 N	1:15 PM	What does growth mean? <i>Survival by numbers</i>
1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Lunch

Happy Kids, Healthy Kids

**2024 KT District Mid-Year Conference
Embassy Suites March 1-2, 2024
Lexington, KY**

Name _____ Division _____

(One Kiwanian per form)

(1-19)

Club Name _____ KY TN GA VA

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Spouse or Guest _____

Early Registration <i>(Includes 2 meals listed below)</i>	135.00 x _____ = _____	On-Site Registration 140.00 x _____ = _____
Registration Only-No Meals	85.00 x _____ = _____	90.00 x _____ = _____
Mid-Year Banquet with Governor <i>(Banquet included with full registration)</i>		58.00 x _____ = _____
Mid-Year Luncheon <i>(Lunch included with full registration)</i>		48.00 x _____ = _____
		Total _____

**Early Registration Ends February 16th
No refunds after February 16th**

Special Food Requirements:
No Sugar Vegetarian Gluten Free

*Registered guests of the
Embassy may enjoy a full
breakfast and free parking*

I plan to attend CLE Friday March 1, 2024 YES NO

Office you are training for:
President
Secretary

**CLE Training
2:00-4:30 PM**

Are you a first-time attendee? YES NO

To make room reservations please call: Embassy Suites by Hilton
1801 Newtown Pike
Lexington, KY 40511
(859) 455-5000

**Reservation listed
under
KYK**

Room Rate is 139.00 per night plus tax. This rate is good until February 6th.

**Please send registration form and payment to: KY-TN District of Kiwanis
PO Box 4327
Lexington, KY 40544**

**Please make check payable to KT District of Kiwanis International
Questions? Please call 859-721-5685 or email ktdistrict@kytnkiwanis.org**



*Make Your Reservations Before February 6th
To get room rate of 139.00+taxes*

Embassy Suites Lexington / UK Coldstream
1801 Newtown Pike, Lexington, KY 40511

Call Hotel: 859-455-5000

OR

*Use your phone to scan the code to make your
Hotel Reservation On Line*



Register for Mid-Year on line at ktkiwanian.org

OR

*Use your phone to scan the code to Register
On Line*

**UPDATE:
As of 1-16-24**

**The Embassy Suites is experiencing difficulty with the phone number we provided in the Mid-Year materials distributed earlier this month. Please use this new number to reserve your room.
Embassy Suites Reservation Number 859-455-5110**



BrainBlast Trivia Presents



Join Us For
Fun and Prizes!
Kiwanis KY-TN District
8 p.m. March 1, 2024
Embassy Suites, Lexington



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KIWANIS CLUB OF CYNTHIANA



Pictured is the members L to R-- Betsy Haley, Carole Garrett, Robbie Morris, Tara Mccall, and Brian Kinney.

Kiwanis Club of Cynthiana purchased 10 Full Thanksgiving Meal for 10 families the Harrison County School Resource Center gave our club to purchase for. The meals were purchased at Rulers which will be delivered to Harrison County Family Resource Center.

Thank you to everyone for coming together today (Sunday Nov. 19, 2023) to shop for these families!



Brian Kinney (President of the Club) is shown delivering the meals to Tara Custard at the Harrison County Family Resource Center.

Kiwanis Club of Athens, Tennessee, Bags Groceries to Support United Way



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Athens, Tennessee, are used to serving food to raise money. But they've also proven to be good at bagging it.

Athens Kiwanians again participated in the 17th Annual United Way Celebrity Bagging Event hosted by Food City. During the event, always held on the Tuesday prior to Thanksgiving, teams of local "celebrities" bag groceries in one-hour shifts throughout the day to support the local United Way serving their store's community. Patrons are encouraged to

provide "tips," all of which supports United Way's efforts in various communities across East Tennessee, northern Georgia and Alabama, and southwestern Virginia.

Since 2018 when the Athens store opened, the Athens store has been the number one or number two store for fundraising out of the more than 30 stores that compete each year. The Athens Kiwanis Club team has always been the top team at the Athens store, always raising more than \$1,000 in tips within the hour, all of which pairs with the



Kiwanians also participate as members of other teams competing throughout the day, which greatly increases the Athens Kiwanis Club's overall impact in raising funds for this vital community effort. More than 20 Kiwanians from the Athens club are involved in both the planning and execution of the event and as baggers, meaning Kiwanis makes up more than one third of the communitywide group that comes together to make the event happen each year and raise more than \$7,000 for the local United Way.



tips of other teams at the Athens store to support the United Way of McMinn & Meigs Counties, which supports a variety of children-centric programs that are also supported by the Kiwanis Club of Athens, Tennessee, including the McMinn County Imagination Library and Athens-McMinn Family YMCA, among other organizations and causes.

In addition to the eight Kiwanians serving on the Athens Kiwanis team, other

Kiwanis Club of Berea Breakfast With Santa



Santa & the Grinch with those in attendance

The Kiwanis Club of Berea held its 15th annual breakfast with Santa and added the Grinch this year. He was a big hit with the kids of all ages. There was a great turn out for club member participation and they even had little help from some volunteers from Madison Southern High School come out to help. The event also had a very good response from the community Santa reported that he gave out over 200 canes, the clubs largest crowd to date. They raised over \$600.00 for our projects that the club supports.



Grinch with guest who dressed like Grinch



Berea Fire Department with Santa and the Grinch

East Brainerd Kiwanis Club Gives Back to Kids at Woodmore Elementary



Cleveland Kiwanis Club Has Been Busy Over Holiday Season



Competition judging, and volunteering for the RAM Free Dental, Vision, and Medical Clinic on March 22-23. The RAM Clinic of Cleveland is currently looking for additional professional dental, vision, and medical providers to volunteer their time and services. For more information visit ramusa.org.

In February the Kiwanis Club of Cleveland plans on hosting a presentation by the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation, concerning the issue of internet crimes against children.

The Kiwanis Club of Cleveland has been busy over the holiday season. They delivered coats to children at two different head start locations and even had some of their fellow Kiwanians ringing the bells for the Salvation Army.

They have several projects coming up over the next few months which includes their "Dr. Seuss Give Away" at Cleveland State University, 4H Speech

Kiwanis Club of Frankfort



On December December 2, 2023, members of the Frankfort Club rang the bell for the Salvation Army.



Out going President (Gary Stratton) and incoming President (Time Reynolds) passing the gavel.



Members of the club helped with the Aviation day in Frankfort. First time being held since COVID.



CKI Advisor presenting donations to the CKI club.

Kiwanis Club of Tellico Village Loudon TN



Katey Bailey, President-Elect



Lou Antico, Ruth Thornton, and Angie Antico

Kiwanis Tellico Village Elves volunteered at Lenoir City Family Resource Center from December 2nd through 12th, 2023 wrapping Christmas gifts for more than 400 disadvantaged children.



Debbie Jones, Kevin Meyer, Tellico Village Kiwanis President and Project Leader, Stan Painter, School Principal, and Wanda Davis, Maryville Kiwanis Club President.

Three more Buddy Benches were delivered the first week of December 2023. This brings the total to 41 since Tellico Village Kiwanis Club started this environment saving project in the fall of 2019.

The Kiwanis Club of Lebanon



The Kiwanis Club of Lebanon, Tennessee approved a donation of \$1,500 and dedicated a meeting to serve at Christmas for All, a local organization run entirely by volunteers to provide toys for approximately 2000 under-privileged children, ages newborns to 13. The club "shopped" donated items to make sure every child's wishlist was personalized to their interests.



Kiwanis Club of Richmond Rings Up Some Holiday Cheer



Stephanie Bowman and Victoria Bengel



Jennifer Lainhart and Bob Lilly



The Richmond Kiwanis club tries to give kids an opportunity to ring the bells.

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Richmond were bell ringers for the Salvation Army on December 2 at the Richmond Kroger Store.



Karen Kelley and Glen Kleine.



Signs of Child Abuse

Department for Community Based Services staff are tasked with making a variety of decisions impacting children and youth, from whether a report meets acceptance criteria for child welfare intervention to determining the finding of an allegation of abuse, neglect or dependency. As well as decisions in active cases such as removals, placements changes, and reunifications. These decisions are guided by various processes and regulations, some of which have changed recently. This session will provide an overview of Kentucky's Safety Model, including review of new Structured Decision-Making tools, acceptance criteria, and other recent regulatory changes. Participants will better understand DCBS protocols and signs around child maltreatment and what it means to be a community supporter and a mandatory reporter.

Back To Our Roots: Gardening with Children/Youth in a Digital Age

Gardening is a fond memory for many of us. Lots of sunshine, soil under our nail beds, packets of seeds, water hoses, and makeshift watering cans. After weeks of watching and waiting, the greatest reward – The Harvest! We want to introduce our children to the wonder and awe of gardening. Join us for an interactive workshop that explores the principles of regenerative gardening – gardening responsibly and in harmony with nature.

Workshop Objectives

1. Training participants will understand the lifelong benefits our children and youth will experience when they exchange screen time for gardening
2. Training participants will explore regenerative gardening with children and youth to promote sustainable garden practices and harmony with the land
3. Training participants will write a plan of action to introduce gardening as a leadership and character-building program for children and youth.

Free Club Websites Platform

Learn how to harness the power of our Free Club Websites platform to maximize your club's reach and impact in the community. The session covers everything you need to know about the platform's capabilities and how to get your free club's website up and running.

KI What is AI (Artificial Intelligence)- How AI Can Help You

Discover how generative AI like Bing Chat and Chat GPT can be used practically to make your club tasks, projects, and events more efficient, creative, and productive. We'll explore user-friendly tools that can bring immediate benefits.

Defining Statement

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

Help grow our club by inviting your colleagues, friends, family or acquaintances to lunch. Once they meet us, they will be hooked on becoming members!

These Six Objects have been unchanged since 1924, and every member who has joined since has agreed to these common principles:

Object 1: To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

Object 2: To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

Object 3: To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.

Object 4: To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.

Object 5: To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.

Object 6: To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.