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The official newsletter of the Utah/Idaho District of Kiwanis



District Convention

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ONCE MORE, GOVERNOR DEBI IRISH

This is the last issue of the U-I Kiwanian for fiscal year 2024-25. I can't believe how fast time has flown! It seems like just yesterday I started my journey as Governor of the Utah-Idaho Kiwanis District. As we near wrapping up this remarkable year, I just want to say thank you—from the bottom of my heart—for your dedication, teamwork, and relentless spirit. Your commitment has made all the difference, and it's been an honor to serve alongside each of you. I have truly enjoyed visiting each of the clubs in our District and getting to know the members.

Individual clubs have worked hard to add new members. The District added one new club so far this year in Cedar City Utah (Iron County Kiwanis), with two more in the works for this year: West Jordan, Utah and Mountain Home, Idaho. The result is that, as of August 5, 2025, we have a net increase of 23 members. If we are able to save the Filer Club, this will be even higher. I have a couple of people working very hard to breath life into that club. But even more importantly, the clubs in our district have served a total of over 6,300 hours in their communities, improving the lives of children along the way. We stuffed backpacks, collected food, read books, flipped pancakes and burgers, awarded scholarships to high school seniors, and financially supported other

non-profits in our communities.

You will be in good hands with Blair Hope as your Governor, Rick Excell as your Governor Elect, and Mandy Garcia as your Vice-Governor. I look forward to continued collaboration with them. We also have some awesome lieutenant governors stepping up to the plate for this next year. Thank you again, from the bottom of my heart, for this opportunity to serve the clubs in the Utah-Idaho Kiwanis District.

Imagine what your community would be like without your Kiwanis club there. Who would do all the things you do? We are all working hard to spread the good word about Kiwanis.

Remember, "We Are Stronger Together!"

Yours in Service,

Debi Irish





I think this is one we're all going to remember. Holding our District Convention in a town on the border of Idaho and Nevada, with little claim to fame except as a gambling destination for Idahoans was a risky proposition. Jackpot is not even in the boundaries of our district, but Kiwanis International gave us permission to do it anyway. And Cactus Pete's did NOT disappoint!! The facility was the perfect size for our 49 attendees, the service we received from the staff was better than we'd received at any convention we've held in the last 5 years, and the Dinner Saturday night was the best I've had at any Kiwanis event. It'll be hard to top this next year. Cactus Pete's offered to give us a Craps lesson, and those who attended learned a lot. While not an officially sanctioned workshop, I do think it added a little non-Kiwanis flavor to the conference.





During our House of Delegates Blair Hope officially became District Governor, and Rick Excell became Governor-Elect. Mandy Garcia was nominated for the office of Vice-Governor, and the house enthusiastically voted to approve her nomination.

Our keynote speaker for the convention was Nora Carpenter, former CEO of the United Way of Treasure Valley. Nora spoke on how to collaborate effectively, how to establish a vision for our clubs, and where to find data to help us know what our communities really need. Our own Jodi Gempler spoke on fundraising, teaching us that fundraising is relational, not transactional. We also learned that effective fundraising needs to serve the dual purpose of being fun and engaging. Governor Elect Blair Hope challenged us with the questions: "Why are you here?" "What do you want your legacy to look like", and "What are you going to do about it?". To say that Blair's story is impactful is an under statement.







known we were raising money to help kids so she cut us some slack. A few spots needed to be reseeded after my group finished, but all in all I think we left the course in good shape. If you combine the golf tournament, raffle tickets, and the silent auction, convention attendees raised over \$4,000 for the District Foundation to use toward scholarships, and grants. Every year that number grows, and gives the foundation the opportunity to give more back to supporting our district Service Leadership Programs.





Each year on the Sunday morning after convention Steve Fields helps us memorialize the Kiwanians we lost during the year. It's always inspiring to hear the accomplishments of the great Kiwanians you built our district and spent their lives serving our communities. This year's memorial service was particularly difficult as we memorialized Chad Bunn. Chad was a friend and inspiration to us all, and he will be sorely missed. I for one will spend my time in Kiwanis trying to live up to Chad's standard of service and dedication to Kiwanis.



DISTRICT FOUNDATION GRANT

Honoring G. Chad Bunn's Legacy: Announcing the New Children's Book Grant Program

Dear Kiwanians,

It is with both heartfelt pride and a touch of sadness that we officially announce the commencement of the **G. Chad Bunn Memorial Utah-Idaho Kiwanis District Foundation Children's Book Grant Program**. Yes – it's a long name, but one that carries the weight of a remarkable legacy and an even greater purpose.

As many of you know, our dear friend and Foundation President, **G. Chad Bunn**, passed unexpectedly earlier this year. Chad's heart for service, especially his passion for youth literacy and the *Reading is Fundamental* program, made an immeasurable impact on the children and communities in our district. In his honor, we have created this grant program to carry forward the work that mattered so deeply to him – placing books into the hands of the children who need them most.

To launch this program, the Utah-Idaho District Foundation has committed **\$5,000 in seed funds**. But as with everything in Kiwanis, it is the collective heart and generosity of our members that will determine how far this program can go, and how many young readers' lives it can touch.

We invite you to join us in growing this fund, whether through club donations, individual contributions, or by simply spreading the word. Together, we can ensure that Chad's love for literacy continues to brighten the futures of the children we serve for generations to come. More details about the grant guidelines and application process will be shared in the coming weeks. In the meantime, we hope you'll consider making a donation in Chad's memory and being part of this meaningful endeavor.

Thank you for helping us honor an extraordinary Kiwanian and friend in a way that truly reflects the heart of our mission.



OFFICER TRAINING VIDEOS

2025-26 Kiwanis International-led Club Leadership Education

For any incoming or existing club leaders looking to further their education or who missed their district led training, please watch the Kiwanis International-led Club Leadership Education videos below. The slides, important links and questions from the chat are also provided in PDF form for your convenience.

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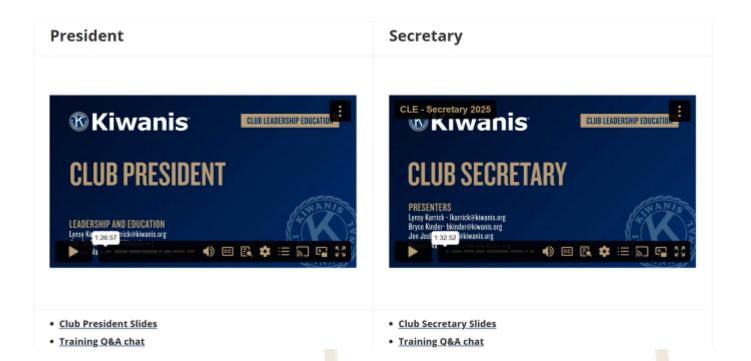
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Dear Builders Club Sponsors:

Thank you again for sponsoring and supporting a Builders Club in your community.

In June, we let you know that postage and printing costs have led us to anticipate a price increase in club renewal fees, which include items such as club kits, for this upcoming program year. During the July 1, 2025, Kiwanis Youth Programs Board meeting, the board passed a 2025-26 budget with a price increase of \$20 per club.

As we move forward, we continue to examine all costs associated with Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs to make them more efficient and effective for sponsors, advisors and students.

Don't forget to save the date for our third annual K-Kids and Builders Club Global Kick-off! This year's kick-off video will premiere October 1, 2025, and will remain available for you to use anytime.

Sincerely,

The Service Leadership Program Team

INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT LEE KUAN YONG VISITS PRESTON RODEO

The Utah/Idaho District recently had the honor of hosting Kiwanis International President Lee Kuan Yong, marking a memorable weekend filled with camaraderie, celebration, and community spirit.

The festivities began on Friday with a delightful lunch attended by some of the Kiwanis leadership, including Jim and Sandy Vaughn, and Chuck and Jane Humphrey. The Brigham City Kiwanis Club hosted a fabulous barbecue in the evening, which saw members from several other Kiwanis clubs in attendance. The highlight of the picnic was when Terry Schow presented President Kuan Yong with a replica of the Golden Spike, and he was gifted a cowboy hat to wear to the rodeo.





PRESTON RODEO (Cont.)

he weekend's events included an official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the club's newly completed food booth at the rodeo grounds. President Kuan Yong and his wife, Cze Yan, rode on a float in the Saturday night rodeo parade, with the help of dedicated volunteers like Blair Hope, Scott Smith, Rick Excell, George Young (Preston), Mandy Garcia, and Ray Westmoreland. The couple also participated in the grand entry parade into the rodeo grounds, riding in the back of a pick-up with Alan and Nelada White, who were the grand marshals for the night. They enjoyed VIP seats at the rodeo, thanks to Alan and Nelada.

Throughout the weekend, President Lee Kuan Yong was impressed with the dedication and hard work of the Kiwanis members in the District.





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KIWANIS CLUB OF REXBURG



PREPARATION OF PERIOD PRODUCT PACKETS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO SCHOOLS AND FOOD BANK

DATE: JULY 17, 2025

On Thursday, July 17th, the Rexburg Chapter of the Kiwanis Club International hosted a service project that was joined by the Idaho Falls Chapter of Kiwanis, the local Rotary Club, and students from Brigham Young University Idaho. Approximately 20 people participated. The Idaho Period Project is a Non-Profit Organization that was formed in 2022, "to create access to essential menstrual products for every woman in Idaho, ending period poverty and ensuring health, dignity and equality for all." They have installed 95 Aunt Flow free-vend dispensers in schools, donated more than 750,000 period products to approximately 1,500 girls across 13 counties in Eastern Idaho and they are just getting started with local community help. The concern is that one in four girls suffer from "period poverty" where the lack of access to sanitary supplies often causes them to miss school and other activities every month. Ready access to donated packets of supplies will help solve this problem through distribution of packets to local schools and food banks.

The volunteers who participated in this service project brought donated sanitary products and set up a production line filling plastic packets with daily and overnight products in monthly quantities. Enough packets were filled, sealed and stored to make a difference in the community. A van was filled with the finished packets that are on their way to various distribution points. This project was extremely worthwhile and will make a difference in many young people's lives, but the need is, of course, ongoing and the Kiwanis Club encourages ongoing donations of supplies, funds and time to this worthwhile project. To participate, please access their website at idahoperiodproject.org.

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KIWANIS CLUB OF POCATELLO

On Wed, July 23 the Pocatello Kiwanis Club hosted a local girls soccer team that recently won the national CGA championship. The club gave them a donation to help with expenses at the national CGA soccer tournament in Florida. Pictured are the team members, coach Rocky Rhoades (right),

and Kiwanis club president Carl Stocker (left).

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KIWANIS GLUB OF TWIN FALLS

In September the Twin Falls Kiwanis Club had a successful golf scramble fundraiser. About 40 members were involved. More than \$15,000 was raised for eight specified community groups, plus Twin Falls Kiwanis Foundation scholarships, with remaining funds for unspecified youth projects. On Thursday, July 24, President Elect Michael Danielson gave a donation check for \$1,000 to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley. Also, on Thursday, July 24, Past President (and incoming Division 5 Lt. Governor) Mike McBride gave a donation check for \$1,000 to the Idaho Pediatrics Cancer Coalition.



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KIWANIS CLUB OF NAMPA

July 17, 2025

The Kiwanis Club of Nampa welcomed guest speaker Ana Moroshan, Board of Directors - The Traveling Food Table. Moroshan discussed the closure of Paul's Market on the Northside of Nampa that created what was deemed "a food desert". This is defined as an area whose citizens do not have reasonable access to food or barriers are created. A group was formed to help solve this problem. A used truck was donated to the group and in 2019 the first neighborhood delivery occurred, and thus The Traveling Food Table was born. Today, the Idaho Food Bank donates food to the organization. As the original truck had reached the end of its useful life, Amazon stepped in and donated funding for the group to purchase a refrigerated truck. This truck, now in use, brought another dimension to the food available and now proteins, dairy products, and items requiring refrigeration were now available to those in need. She also noted that a household is considered to be 3.5 persons - and year to date The



Traveling Food Table has served 1,173 households. The families only need to provide a name and address; no other information is gathered to reduce barriers obtaining food. Companies are encouraged to donate and can sponsor a month. The current food distribution happens on the 4th Wednesday each month and is held at the Vida Nueva church in Nampa.

Pictured: Jeff Lake (President), Ana Moroshan

Submitted: Kenny Wroten

KIWANIS CLUB OF NAMPA

August 14, 2025

The Kiwanis Club of Nampa welcomed speakers from Love Inc, Treasure Valley. Jackie Ralphs, Church & Volunteer Coordinator and Stephanie Jacobsen, Clothroom Coordinator, both presented information. Ralphs explained that Love Inc has been in the valley for 25 years and focuses on supporting families that have an array of needs with the goal of transformation. Love Inc is funded through public donations and Partner Churches, boasting 69 such partners in the area, taking no government funding. Ralphs also noted that approximately 250 volunteers help on a weekly basis coming from more than 117 churches. There is only a staff of 16, both full & part time, 3 case managers among them. In 2020 they built two 4-plexes and are full of families that have gone through or are in the Love Inc program. The program, as Jacobsen explained, has 4 areas of focus to help families and includes Financial, Social, Personal Mentorship, and Belief Sys-



tems. With Love Inc helping to provide many of the items a family needs, along with Business Partners providing goods and services, since 2002 the families have paid off a combined \$6.5M in debt. Jacobsen, who is a program graduate, credited Love Inc and its community for providing her an opportunity to regain her self-esteem as well as custody of her children. She learned how to budget and function as a family and citizens. Noting that her 10-year-old son learned to budget early on and now has short- & long-term goals – but most importantly is showing a generational change. The public can donate money, food, clothing, household items – which may even be picked up. The Love Inc donation center is open Monday thru Saturday and offers tax-deductible receipts, also call 208-466-7810 ext. 308, for furniture and appliance pick-ups. For more information: info@loveinctv.org or facebook.com/loveinctv.

Pictured: Jackie Ralphs, Jeff Lake (President), Stephanie Jacobsen

Submitted: Kenny Wroten

KIWANIS CLUB OF NAMPA

August 14, 2025

The Kiwanis Club of Nampa held Officer and Board elections today. The names of those elected are included and installation will be held in September.

Officer and Board of Directors for the 2025-2026 fiscal year beginning on October 1, 2025:

Immediate Past President: Jeff Lake

President: Maddie Huff

President-Elect: Ana Moroshan

Vice President: Neil Ault Board-1 year: Jimmie Wisler Board-1 year: Melissa Close Board-1 year: Andy Rodriguez Board-1 year: Craig Lindquist

Board-3 years: ** Phil Peterson Board-3 years: ** Melissa Gentry Board-3 years: ** Kenny Wroten

Treasurer (Todd Goode) and Secretary (Dave Palumbo) (maybe elected by the membership or appointed by the President) terms are typically 1 year.

Pictured L-R: Todd Goode, Andy Rodriguez, Phil Peterson, Maddie Huff, Jeff Lake, Dave Palumbo, Kenny Wroten



KIWANIS CLUB OF BRIGHAM CITY

Thanks to the generosity and teamwork of local organizations and residents, this year's *Stuff the Bus* drive was a resounding success—ensuring that 600 local students will start the school year with brand new backpacks and the supplies they need to succeed.

The effort was made possible through a strong community partnership between the Kiwanis Club of Brigham City, United Way of Northern Utah, Elevate Credit Union, Walmart, and the Box Elder Family Support Center.

The Kiwanis Club charity Golf Tournament in helped raise the funds to purchase 600 backpacks and school supplies. In August, Kiwanis members gathered at Walmart to "stuff" the backpacks with the purchased supplies before delivering them to the Family Support Center for distribution.





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U/I DISTRICT FOUNDATION

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Contributions: The only source of funding for the Foundation is through the generosity of its members, Kiwanis Clubs, and other interested persons/corporations. Each year the Foundation makes an appeal to all Kiwanis Clubs to consider a club gift to the Foundation. We ask each club to donate \$6 per person or \$100, whichever is greater.

The Utah-Idaho District Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization (EIN 820446302.)

Reed Culp Medal: One option for contributions is through the Reed Culp Medal. The Reed Culp Medal was created to honor our Past International President Reed Culp. Reed was a member of the Salt Lake Kiwanis Club and was an active Civic leader. He was an owner/partner with his brothers and later with his sons in Culp & Sons Sheep Co. Contributions in amounts of \$1000 or more entitle the donor to a distinctive lapel pin and a medallion depicting the likeness of Reed Culp.

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