

**WISCONSIN-UPPER MICHIGAN KIWANIS DISTRICT** 

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2025** 



The District Convention theme "Mooo-ving the District Forward" was a fun one to decorate for, creating a festive down home feeling.

## **'MOOO-VING KIWANIS FORWARD' AT THE 2025 DISTRICT CONVENTION**

Submitted by Ben Gunderson, 2024-2025 District Convention Chairperson

Governor Kathy Durner, executive director Justin Hahn, and convention chair Ben Gunderson wanted to breathe new energy and fun into the district convention. They reinstated the Family and Friends program for the 2024-2025 district convention, focusing on highlighting Green Bay's local flavor.

Nearly everyone knows about the Packers and Lambeau Field, but did you know that Green Bay is home to the National Railroad Museum? On Friday, August 22nd,



A trolley shuttled convention-goers to the National Railroad Museum.

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## **GOVERNOR KATHY DURNER REFLECTS ON THE 2024-2025 KIWANIS YEAR**

#### Submitted by 2024-2025 Governor Kathy Durner



Kathy Durner

Thank you, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan! Thank you for being Kiwanians who spread hope to our children that their futures will be filled with laughter, adventure, love, and hope.

As I traveled through the district, I found clubs which were

meeting the needs of their communities and children. I encountered candy sales, fish boils, entertaining shows, rose sales, dances with Builders Club, Key Club, and, most exciting, Aktion Club! There were park clean ups,

playground additions, river walks, coffee with a Kiwanian, Circle K members, or visiting Key Club members in a hall at the end of our district convention. These memories and endless others fill my heart.

This year was filled with sadness at the loss of members from death, moving, closing of a club,

life situations, or for unknown reasons. It was sad to see membership dwindle, resulting in fewer service projects being completed, programs being adjusted



Governor Kathy was honored to be present when 40-year Kiwanis member Harry Porter received the Legion of Honor award.



2024-2025 District Governor Kathy Durner, left, helps with a service project at the district convention, alongside other enthusiastic members.



Governor Kathy, right, helped assemble bags of fruit for seniors and food boxes during the winter holiday season.

or terminated, and fewer children being served.
However, I am not one to dwell on the negative. What I see is an opportunity to look at our Kiwanis District with a new pair of glasses.
We need to take time to evaluate our strengths and weaknesses, change course, and move forward with determination and a Kiwanis smile. We have a succession

plan for leadership! We have new or renewed members showing up to help at events! We see Kiwanians laughing, smiling, and hugging old and new friends! We have hope and we have thousands of children who need Kiwanis and each one of us.

I want to thank Justin Hahn, Ben Gunderson, and the entire Kiwanis team for organizing an amazing Kiwanis district convention. It was refreshing to see members in cow costumes, cowboy hats, and miscellaneous farm attire. The mood was enhanced with a pig roast, train rides, evening gatherings, and hundreds of hugs.

This past year I experienced a lifetime of joy, sorrow, and made memories that I will treasure. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you!

guests left the convention hotel via trolley en route to the National Railroad Museum where they were able to explore the trains and railroad memorabilia on display. Guests were afforded the opportunity to take a train ride, the cost of which was generously donated to the museum by a local Kiwanis member.

The evening concluded with an incredibly delicious pig roast. At the end of the event, all remaining food was packaged and donated to the local community Fridge; upon dropping the meat off at the food share location, persons in need began preparing a plate for themselves.



A pig was roasted for the Friday evening meal. Governor Kathy and Randy Durner joined past-Governor Bill Abbott to marvel at the feast.



Pork and other food left over from Friday's pig roast was donated to the Community Fridge, which serves people experiencing food insecurity.



A highlight of the Friday evening festivities was celebrating Executive Director Justin and Carlos Hahn's 10th wedding anniversary.

Special thanks to Fitz Fitzpatrick, Justin Hahn, Jean Long Manteufel, , and Kathy Strong Langolf for submitting the convention photographs featured in this issue. PAGE 4 WI-UM KIWANIS DISTRICT KIWANEWS

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Saturday saw the return of the friends and family program. Guests were invited to participate in a day of fun in Green Bay, starting at a local farmer's market, exploring the booths and tasting some great food. In the afternoon, the group headed to Titletown. Since the Packers played at home that day, the air was electric. The day concluded with a visit to Bay Beach Amusement Park (for the little ones) and Paradise North Distillery (for the adults). Tour guide Christine was not only a phenomenal docent, she's also the spouse of a Kiwanian.



Posing with a metal fish sculpture along the Fox River in Green Bay provided some fun for kids while parents browsed the Farmer's Market.



Running the length of the Packers' practice field was a special experience while visiting Titletown.



The bumper cars were just one of the attractions that families enjoyed at Bay Beach Amusement Park.



Miss Wisconsin, Willow Newell, right, takes a moment to pose with Division 9 Lt. Governor Kathy Strong Langolf following her KEY Talk.



Rudy Hernandez, Jr. was one of the KEY Talk featured speakers.

That same day at the district convention, Kiwanis members continued to enjoy the local flavor of Green Bay. In lieu of a keynote speaker, four KEY Talks (think TED Talks) were presented by speakers whose topics included community involvement, the impact of youth programming, the power of diversity and investment, and notable information from Kiwanis International.

The speakers ranged from young people just out of high school to Miss Wisconsin. Kiwanians were invited to craft homeless kits (donated to House of Hope), make dog toys (donated to the Humane Society), and explore a Farmer's Market of Service, at which 14 local non-profits hosted informational tables and distributed information on how a Kiwanis club could partner with a non-profit (like The YMCA, or Boys and Girls Club) to benefit children in their community.

#### 'Mooo-ving Kiwanis Forward' at the 2025 district convention...continued from page four



The "Farmer's Market of Service" included information booths staffed by representatives seeking partnerships with Kiwanis clubs.

This year's convention was hosted by the Oneida Hotel, which is on tribal land. In an effort to highlight Native American culture while also honoring the space and land, the Oneida Tribe was present throughout the convention. The Oneida Nation flag was displayed during opening ceremonies and representatives of the Oneida Tribe were featured speakers. For many, the most impactful event was seeing the Oneida Tribal Youth Group perform heritage dances and tribal music. The young people sang and danced with such pride and passion; it was inspiring and humbling to witness.

This year's convention was truly a blast! Many Kiwanians gave positive reviews and feedback. One convention attendee wrote, "I can't wait to come back next year!". I am very proud of this year's district convention and sincerely hope it was fun and that Kiwanians left with an idea, concept, or inspiration to take back to their club. I am grateful for the experience and for my peers who helped make this year's convention one of the best. I encourage you to attend the 2025-2026 convention!



Members of the Oneida Tribal Youth Group performed tribal music and heritage dances.

## AMENDMENT TO INCREASE CLUB CONVENTION ASSESSMENT PASSES

Submitted by Justin Hahn, WI-UM Kiwanis District Executive Director



Justin Hahn

All organizations need to review, assess, and adjust their fiscal needs on a periodic basis. As an organization, Kiwanis has a challenge with clubs closing. That means the cost of maintaining district convention operations is now divided among a smaller number of clubs.

The club assessment was established in 2007 at \$90.00 and has never increased. Without an increase in this assessment and with a continued decline in the number of clubs, coupled with increased inflation, our conventions will begin operating at a deficit. Therefore, a bylaws amendment was proposed by the Board of Trustees to increase the annual District Convention assessment to clubs to \$120.00 effective October 1,2025.

The proposed language (changes flagged in red) was: ARTICLE X. REVENUE. Section 4. Each member club shall pay to the District a convention fee in an amount determined by the District board but not to exceed \$120.00, which shall be used solely for the expenses of the annual district convention. The convention fee must be paid by all clubs, regardless of whether or not they have delegates or other members in attendance at the District Convention. However, upon application by a club, the District Board may waive payment of all or a portion of the convention fee for the club if the Board determines such exception is for good cause.

A town hall was hosted before the convention and time for discussion was scheduled during the delegate session. Delegates voted and the amendment passed. Effective October 1, 2025, the club district convention assessment is \$120.00 per year.

## **SNAPSHOTS AND SNIPPETS FROM THE WI-UM DISTRICT CONVENTION**

Photos submitted by Kathy Strong Langolf, 2024-2025 Division 9 Lt. Governor



2025-2026 district governor-elect candidate Paul Shrode introduces himself to Kiwanis members assembled at the House of Delegates.



Governor-elect candidate Rebecca "Becky" Mattson gives an overview of her Kiwanis journey during the opening session.



Kiwanis District Governor Kathy Durner, left, is congratulated by District Governor Designate Paul Shrode on her successful term as Governor.



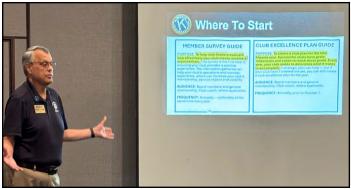
Governor-elect Designate Rebecca Mattson is congratulated by Executive Director Justin Hahn, right, and Governor Kathy Durner, left.



Executive Director Justin Hahn and 2024-2025 Governor Kathy Durner were dressed for the convention theme: Mooo-ving Kiwanis Forward.



Outgoing Lt. Governors were recognized for their dedication to the members and clubs which they served during the year.



A workshop which included creating a member survey and a club excellence plan was led by Kiwanis International Trustee, Dennis Baugh.



Executive Director Justin Hahn draws the final winner in the inaugural WI-UM Kiwanis District raffle.

## HONORS AND AWARDS ANNOUNCED AT THE DISTRICT CONVENTION

Submitted by Executive Director Justin Hahn

#### 2025 Hilmar 'Bill' Solberg Distinguished Service Award

• Dale Vannes – Ashwaubenon Kiwanis

#### 2023-2024 Outstanding Fundraiser Award

• Clubs ≥ 25 Members:

Kiwanis Club of Burlington - Kiwanis Soccer League

• Clubs < 25 Members:

Kiwanis Club of Ripon Noon – All-Inclusive Playground

#### 2025 Governor's Plaque:

Kathleen Durner

#### **Kiwanis Support Awards**

• Key Club: Ironwood

• Circle K: North Shore

#### Membership Increase Five Consecutive Years:

- Fort Atkinson
- Greater Hartland Area
- Oshkosh



Past District Governor Roger Krogstad, left, and District Governor Kathy Durner, right, congratulate Dale Vannes (Ashwaubenon Kiwanis) for receiving the Hilmar "Bill" Solberg Distinguished Service Award.

#### Year to Date Membership Growth:

- Pewaukee 7
- Barron 4
- Janesville Blackhawk
   Golden K 4
- Marquette 4
- Ripon Early Birds 4
- Mukwonago 3
- Wausau Golden K 3
- Iron Mountain
   Kingsford 3

### **EXCELLENCE AWARDS SELECTED BY 2023-2024 DISTRICT GOVERNOR TIM LUBINSKY**

#### **DIVISION 10: Lt. Governor Peter Carman**

#### **Appleton Kiwanis:**

President Kevin Martin; Secretary Todd Liebergen

#### **Appleton-Fox Cities Kiwanis:**

President John Polansky; Secretary Paul Shrode

#### Ashwaubenon Kiwanis:

President Michael McGuire; Secretary Jesse Labay; Secretary Dale Vannes

#### **Darboy Kiwanis:**

President Ronald Simonis; Secretary Steffanie Walczak

#### De Pere Kiwanis:

President Lawrence Lasee; Secretary Ted Pagels

#### Full Circle Kiwanis:

President Ann Pilot-Doerner; Secretary Jessica Jones

#### **Grand Chute Kiwanis:**

President Peter Carman; Secretary Carl Sutter

#### Green Bay Kiwanis:

President Maria Jacques; Secretary Patrick Olejniczak

#### Little Chute Kiwanis:

President Jodie Rietveld; Secretary Jordan Swanson

#### **Oconto Kiwanis:**

President Nathan Jackson; Secretary Patti Ernst

#### Sturgeon Bay Kiwanis:

President Peter Devaney; Secretary Janice Smits

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## PAST GOVERNOR BILL ABBOTT HONORED WITH CASE VAN KLEEF AWARD

Submitted by Kiwanis District Foundation Secretary/Director Mark Finger



2025-2026 District Governor Paul Shrode, right, presented past governor William 'Bill' Abbott with a Case Van Kleef Fellowship award during the district convention.

2022-2023 District Governor William 'Bill' Abbott was presented with a Case Van Kleef Fellowship award – the WI-UM Kiwanis District's highest honor – at the 2025 Kiwanis District Convention.

Named for former District Governor and International Past President Case Van Kleef, the award is given to an individual in whose name a donation of \$1,000 is given to the WI-UM Kiwanis District Foundation (KDF).

Proceeds from Van Kleef awards support the KDF endowment fund, which generates funds for future grants and scholarships. Can you think of a club member or friend who is deserving of a Van Kleef Fellowship? If so, please contact KDF Secretary Mark Finger at 920-361-9954 or <a href="markfingerkdf@wiumkiwanis.org">markfingerkdf@wiumkiwanis.org</a>.

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SURPRISED BY KIWANIS LOGO MADE OF LEGOS

Submitted by Glenda Lee, 2024-2025 Division 7 Lt. Governor

Our WI-UM District Executive Director, Justin Hahn, lives and breathes Kiwanis. This is a fact that we can all agree on. In discussions with several fellow Kiwanians, the topic of showing our appreciation to Justin in his role as our executive director seemed like an appropriate gesture. Justin does an awesome job keeping us on task. And we would also have to admit that we haven't made his job easy – we can be a real handful at times. The amazing thing is that he accepts this challenge willingly, and with a smile on his face.

Justin is equally obsessed with LEGOs. Lt. Governor Glenda Lee contacted a young man, who with his brother, are recent "LEGO Masters" winners. After explaining our thoughts on a possible gift idea, he agreed to create a LEGO Kiwanis Logo, complete with a stand that would fit on Justin's office desk.

This special thank you to a gentleman who goes above and beyond to make us the best Kiwanians that we can be in whatever job we perform, is well deserved.



Justin was delighted to receive the LEGO Kiwanis Logo on Friday evening at the Kiwanis District Convention.

## **DISTRICT BYLAWS AMENDED TO ALIGN WITH INTERNATIONAL CHANGES**

Submitted by Justin Hahn, WI-UM Kiwanis District Executive Director

Per our District Bylaws: **Article XIII - Amendments, Section 3,** ff the Kiwanis International Bylaws are amended in such a way that necessitates revisions to the Standard Form for District Bylaws, the District Board shall amend the district bylaws at the next regularly scheduled board meeting to reflect such revisions and shall inform clubs and members.

As a result of the aforementioned Bylaw, the District Board approved Standard Revisions to the District Bylaws to align with the International Standard Revisions that took place on August 22, 2025. The standard revisions include:

Article 3. District Officers

Section 1.

Item b. is divided into two sentences with item c. becoming item d.

- b. No officers other than those of the Secretary and Treasurer may be combined in one person.
- c. The Secretary (or Secretary-Treasurer, if combined) has the title of Executive Director.
- d. After their election ...

#### Section 2.

Each candidate for the office of governor, governor-elect, and vice-governor (if any) also shall have a satisfactory criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International. This sentence replaces the last sentence in the current section and mirrors a 2023 amendment to the KI Bylaws approved at the 2023 House of Delegates.

Article 4. District Board

#### Section 2.

Delete "of Trustees" at the end of the first sentence. The new sentence shall read:

The management and control of the affairs of the district not otherwise provided for in these bylaws shall be vested in the District Board, subject to the supervision and control of the Kiwanis International Board.

Article 7. Nomination and Election of Officers Section 2.

C. Second Bullet Point: delete the word "clear" and replace it with the word "satisfactory" to read - Have a satisfactory criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International. *This change mirrors* 

a 2023 amendment to the Kiwanis international Bylaws approved by the 2023 House of Delegates. A background check need not be entirely clear to be acceptable. "Satisfactory" is a more accurate term.

#### Article 9. Discipline of Officers

Section 2. This replaces current section 2. These updates mirror Kiwanis International Policy updates approved by the Kiwanis International Board in October 2021 and January 2025.

- a. "Conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis Family" is defined in Kiwanis International Policy as any conduct that:
  - Constitutes harassment of another individual based on race, color, creed, national origin, age or sex, including sexual orientation and gender identity; or
  - Constitutes a criminal act that is clearly incompatible with the best interests of the public or of members of the Kiwanis family; or
  - Constitutes repeated offensive or obnoxious behavior at Kiwanis events and activities as determined by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the board of directors of a club or district as it relates to conduct unbecoming charges at the club or district level.

#### Article 10. Revenue

Section 1. Add per suggestion of Kiwanis International.
Each club shall pay dues to the district of \$43.00 for each active club member. Annual dues will be determined by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the district House of Delegates.
Dues shall be based on each club's annual membership report to Kiwanis International as of September 30 of each year and shall be due annually on October 1 and payable by November 30.

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## **INAUGURAL WI-UM KIWANIS DISTRICT RAFFLE WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

Prizes valued at nearly \$2,500 were raffled daily, August 1st–23rd during the WI-UM Kiwanis District Raffle.

Proceeds will provide a source of non-dues revenue to help offset operational expenses, hopefully preventing future dues increase proposals. District directors/clubs donated all prizes, so 100% of the proceeds is profit.

Each \$10 ticket afforded entrants one chance per day to win a prize. Prizes were available for pick-up at the district convention, August 22-24. Approximately \$4,000 was raised over the course of the 23 days. Thank you to all the donors and congratulations to the lucky winners!



The WI-UM District raised \$4,000 from the sale of raffle tickets, with one ticket drawn daily from August 1st to the last full day of the convention.

Day	Raffle Prize	Value	Donated by	Winner	Kiwanis Club
1	Amazon Gift Card	\$100	Tim Lubinsky	Mark Finger	Berlin
2	Youth Green Bay Packer Watch	\$25	Fond du Lac Noon/ Kathy Strong Langolf	Becky Mattson	Eau Claire
3	Visa Gift Card	\$100	Glenda Lee	Vern Baus	Greater Sheboygan
4	LEGO Fleece Blanket	\$40	Justin Hahn	Dianne Hughes	Eau Claire Clearwater
5	Portland Leather Bag	\$100	Lori Bents	Patrick Olejniczak	Green Bay
6	Kwik Trip Gift Card	\$100	Kathy Durner	Syrene Cihlar	Portage
7	O&H Kringle Gift Card	\$50	Paul Holley	Heidi Zielke	Blue Hills
8	Wollersheim Gift Card	\$100	Anna Bruhn	Charles Zarnoth	Chilton
9	Brewers and Star Wars Puzzles	\$70	Justin Hahn	Matthew Orvis	Ashwaubenon
10	Ecosusi Vegan Leather Bag	\$100	Lori Bents	Roberta Bernet	Monroe
11	Adult Green Bay Packer Watch	\$30	Fond du Lac Noon/ Kathy Strong Langolf	Trisha Peterson	Iron Mountain/ Kingsford
12	Two Midyear Registrations	\$90	District	Kathy Durner	Wisconsin Dells
13	6-pack of Wine	\$125	Lori Bents	Nancy Kelley	Blue Hills
14	Lego Sets: Flowerpot, Pirate Ship Playground, and Year of the Dragon	\$50	Justin Hahn	Shirley Eells	Monroe
15	Lovenook Leather Bag	\$120	Lori Bents	Charles Zarnoth	Chilton
16	Kwik Trip Gift Card	\$100	Berlin/Mark Finger	Trisha Peterson	Iron Mountain/ Kingsford
17	Amazon Gift Card	\$100	Eau Claire/ Becky Mattson	Cathy Szymanski	Erie, PA
18	Visa Gift Card	\$100	Becky Mattson	Beth Kindschi	Monroe
19	Immersion Cooker/Kroger Gift Card	\$150	Lori Bents	Lori Bents	Marshfield
20	Walasa Leather Bag	\$200	Lori Bents	Larry Koziol	West Bend Early Risers
21	Two Tickets to American Player's Theatre	\$180	Anna Bruhn	Nancy Kelley	Blue Hills
22	2026 DCON Meals Package	\$150	District	Douglas Rogahn	Port Washington
23	2026 DCON 2-Night Hotel Stay	\$300	District	Tim Lubinsky	Ripon Noon

## DISTRICT FOUNDATION GRANT PROVIDES BIKE HELMETS FOR CHILDREN

Submitted by Dr. John Throop, Kiwanis Club of Sheboygan Falls

As a part of Sheboygan Falls Safety Day, the Sheboygan Falls Kiwanis Club provides, free of charge, bike safety helmets to children and youth. These helmets help young people to avoid injury (especially head injury) while riding bicycles or using skateboards. The project also provides children and their parents with instruction on the proper use of helmets, and of bike safety in general.

Two years ago, the club's budgeted supply of 100 helmets was depleted halfway through the event. With a Kiwanis District Foundation (KDF) grant in 2024, at the tail end of the event, the club ran out of nearly 130 helmets, particularly those for elementary-aged children. Last year, the club requested and received grant funds to purchase 35 additional helmets, which allowed members to purchase more helmets in the most popular sizes.

"I'm happy to report that the Kiwanis club distributed nearly every bike helmet at the Sheboygan Falls Community Safety Day on August 13th, said Dr. John Throop. "Any remaining helmets were given to a Sheboygan-based volunteer group that does repairs on used bicycles and then distributes them at no charge. They will provide helmets as needed," he added.



A Kiwanis District Foundation grant supplied an additional 35 helmets beyond the club's contribution of 100 helmets.



Members of the Kiwanis Club of Sheboygan Falls gave helmets to children from toddlers through school-aged children.



The KDF offers two grant cycles for funding requests with deadlines of March 30th and September 30th. To be eligible, a Kiwanis club must have made contributions to the annual club giving campaign as follows: clubs which have been in existence for at least five years must have contributed at least \$5 per member in at least two of the past three administrative years. Those in existence less than five years need only to have contributed once.

To be eligible, a Kiwanis club must conform and be consistent with the Objects and Purposes of Kiwanis International and the WI-UM district. Grant recipients must acknowledge and promote the KDF throughout their project. The name of the foundation and its logo must be identified on all materials, publicity and signage associated with the projects approved for funding.

Find more details and download a grant application at <a href="https://www.wiumkdf.info/grantscholarship-programs.html">www.wiumkdf.info/grantscholarship-programs.html</a>.

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## **FOND DU LAC LAKESIDE KIWANIS CLUB SUPPORTS FINE ARTS CENTER**

Submitted by Dan Weninger, Fond du Lac Lakeside Kiwanis Club

The Lakeside Evening Kiwanis Club of Fond du Lac presented a check on August 7, 2025 to support events at the Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts. Funds were raised at the Walleye Weekend Festival in June. Pictured:

Kate Candee, Thelma board president, Lakeside Kiwanis members Hank Connor, Joe Ziegler, and Chuck Weber, and Shannon Kupfer, interim executive director of the Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts.



## **WRESTLING CLUBS SPONSORED BY FOND DU LAC LAKESIDE KIWANIS**

Submitted by Kathy Strong Langolf, 2024-2025 Division 9 Lt. Governor

The Fond du Lac Lakeside Evening Kiwanis Group has been supporting the Fond du Lac High School wrestling program for more than 20 years. The team's wrestlers help the Lakeside Evening Kiwanis group at their Walleye Weekend fundraiser which is held every June at Lakeside Park in Fond du Lac. This year the Lakeside Evening Kiwanis Club's donation to the high school wrestling cub was \$2,000, as a sincere thanks for their partnership.



District Governor Kathy Durner received \$1,000 from Kiwanis Club of Fabulous Fond du Lac President Steve Millin at the club's August 25th meeting.

## FABULOUS FOND DU LAC KIWANIANS SUPPORT GOVERNOR'S PROJECTS

Submitted by Kathy Strong Langolf, 2024-2025 Division 9 Lt. Governor

2024-2025 Kiwanis District Governor Kathy Durner attended the August 25th meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Fabulous Fond du lac. Club members presented a donation of \$1,000 to her Governor's project, which benefits Bay Cliff Health Camp and Camp Wawbeek.

Funds collected for Bay Cliff Health Camp will help sponsor campers for seven-week sessions. At Camp Wawbeek, eight heavy-duty art tables were constructed by industrial tech students. The labor part of the bill for the tables is earmarked for scholarships for the students when they graduate. Excess funds will be used to install an epoxy floor in the art room.

For more information or to donate to either or both projects, please contact 2024-2025 Governor Kathy Durner at 814-331-2240 or <a href="kathydurner1949@gmail.com">kathydurner1949@gmail.com</a>.

### IPADS FOR AUTISM SIGNATURE PROJECT RENEWED FOR FIVE YEARS

Submitted by Lynn Messer, Chair, iPads for Autism District Signature Project

Thanks for all the clubs supporting the iPads for Autism project, convention delegates voted to continue the project as a WI-UM Kiwanis District Signature Project for another five years.

Autism has been prominent in the news in recent months and it appears that it will continue to be until a cause is discovered.

This means that the need for this project is ongoing and we will continue, full speed ahead, for the children who need our help. More than 1,830 grants have been awarded to date.

I am grateful to all the clubs which are supporting this project as well as teachers and therapists. This Kiwanis project has become a primary source for therapists

and autism organizations to provide an iPad and child-specific learning and communication apps to families in need with a child on the autism spectrum.

Applications are received weekly, but it is up to the clubs to fulfill the requests. If you have questions about this project, feel free to contact me at <a href="mailto:lmmsr001@gmail.com">lmmsr001@gmail.com</a> or 920-946-0652.

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## **USE KIWANIS-BRANDED ASSETS TO SPRUCE UP YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA**

By Tony Knoder, reprinted from the Kiwanis International Website

Our refreshed webpage helps add fun, color and inspiration to your Kiwanis club's feeds.

Ready to add some visual variety to your social media feeds? Kiwanis International is ready to help! We've refreshed our webpage of social media assets, and they're ready to download and use.

Choose from assets that add fun and color – with photographs and illustrations to catch people's attention, along with words that inspire people to serve, mentor and more. You'll even find assets and messaging that fit seasonal appeals or encourage people to celebrate educators.

On the webpage, you can also choose text to combine with each asset. If you wish, copy and paste text into your Facebook, Instagram and X (formerly Twitter) feeds – or change it to fit your club's needs and information.

Our social media assets are just one page among several in the branding and marketing section of our website.

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