CAPITAL DISTRICT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
Trustee Board Report

Region: Chesapeake Bay **Date:** May 2023

To be submitted to the District Secretary-Treasurer no later than 21 days before each quarterly District Board Meeting. For each division in your region, comment on the areas below.

1. MEMBERSHIP

Thus far in 2022-2023, we have seen net growth in Division 4 (+4) and Division 5 (+30). In Division 4, three clubs have grown this year (+3: Crofton, +1: Next Generation e-Club, +1: Severna Park), one club has decreased in membership (-1: Ellicott City), and one club remains unchanged (Commodore Mayo). In Division 5, six clubs have grown (+1: Accomack; +8: Bridgeville; +10: Chincoteague, +5: Coastal Delaware, +2: Greater Millsboro, +5: Seaford). One club has decreased in membership (-1 Greater Ocean Pines). The other clubs remain unchanged (Delmar, Georgetown, Pocomoke City). Our region wants to end the year with **every** club experiencing net growth. We are on track to accomplish this.

As shared in past regional reports, the Kiwanis Club of Severna Park has voted to turn in its charter sometime during the 2022-2023 Kiwanis year. There was some uncertainty if this would really occur. It appears that this will happen; the club intends to spend down its funds by choosing community projects to make long-term investments in. This is sad news since there are four Key Clubs (Severna Park, Chesapeake, Annapolis, Old Mill) that will become non-sponsored when this club dissolves. Division 4 Kiwanis Lt. Governor Michelle Yuth is trying to work with the club to see what can be done about this. We have also placed a focus on retaining as many members as possible in Kiwanis, there is still much uncertainty if we will lose the remaining Kiwanians to other organizations. With the recent re-divisoning and regional realignment, Division 4 will now include the Kiwanis Clubs of Westminster, Frederick, and Mt. Airy. These new clubs have been invited to the upcoming Division 4 DCM in May and the Division 4 Picnic and CLE Sessions in June.

2. PLANS FOR NEW KIWANIS OR SLP CLUBS

Club	Status
Division 4: Catonsvile	Build Planned for Summer 2023
Division 5: Salisbury	Build Planned for Spring 2023
New Key Clubs: Chesapeake Math & IT Academy (Division 4B – Sponsor: Next Generation e-Club)	Chartering Processing

3. CHALLENGES OR ASSISTANCE NEEDED

I feel like a broken record in each report, but our greatest challenge remains the same – Lt. Governor succession. Really, the root issue is club officer succession. The same individuals continue to lead their clubs year after year and there is no space, energy, or desire for people to step forward and do more. The argument is: Kiwanis is a local organization, and the need is greatest in the individual community. There appears to be a deference of responsibility; this is to say, leadership is someone else's problem and someone else, somewhere else, needs to step up.

For another year, the leadership pipeline for future Lt. Governors continues to be a concern in the dissolving Chesapeake Bay Region. As of the writing of this report, Division 4 has not found a Lt. Governor-Elect to serve the Capital District in 2023-2024. We are growing the leadership pipeline in Division 4 with some new leaders stepping into club roles this Kiwanis year. Our Capital – Next Generation e-Club has several eager young leaders who want to fill roles at the district level. A few other clubs, namely Crofton and Commodore Mayo, consistently add new members and have begun to engage more in DCMs and other divisional events. The three newly added clubs (Westminster, Mt. Airy, Frederick) may provide additional eligible candidates to run for Lt. Governor. However, thus far, it does not appear that any members from those clubs wish to run for the position.

Within Division 5 we are seeing membership grow in many clubs, which is promising that in the long term, some clubs may have candidates for the Lt. Governor role. This is a primary and urgent focus. However, filling the position was a struggle in 2022-2023, and it appears that challenges may still persist moving forward. Jack Hassman has agreed to serve another term to help transition Division 5 to its new region with Division 6.

I do not have any immediate questions. There is no need for immediate assistance.

4. OTHER COMMENTS

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