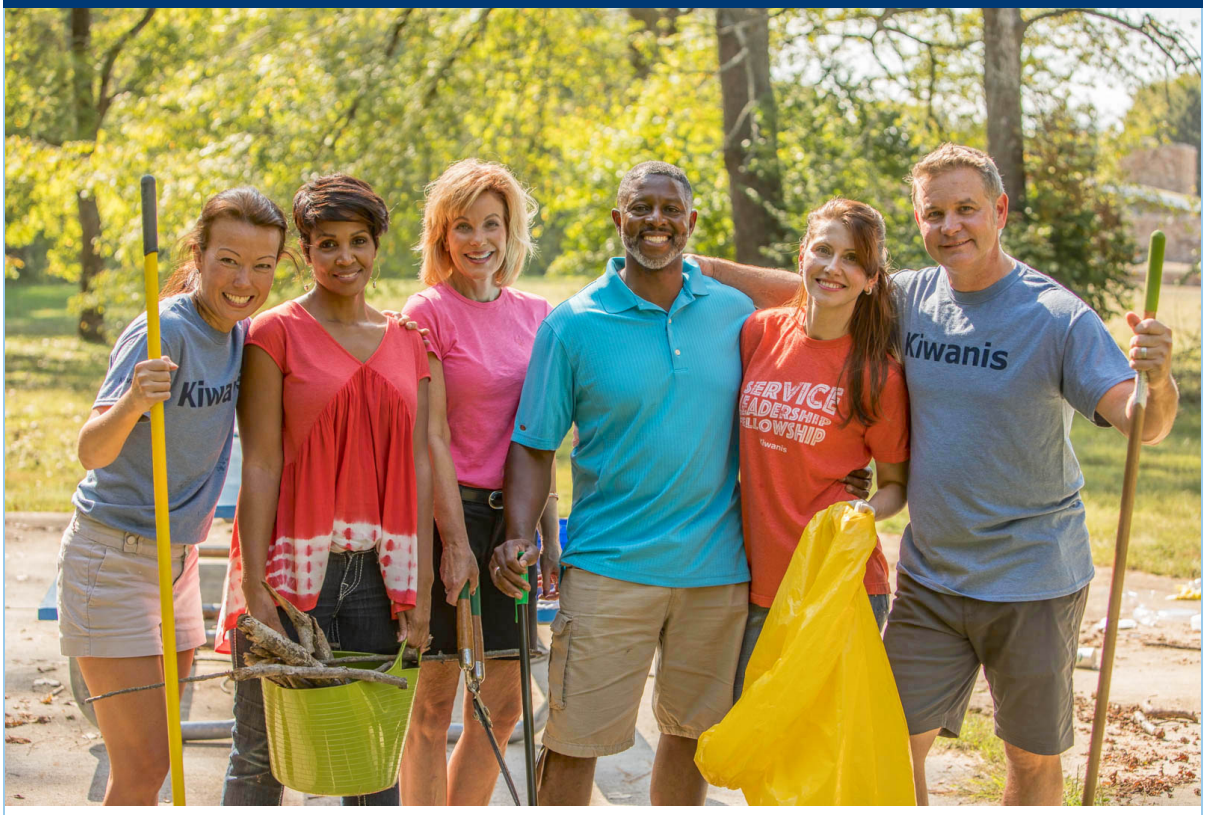
Outlook

What you need to know this month

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Welcome to the Dateline newsletter, full of updates and tips to make your life as a Kiwanis leader easier.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Fellow Kiwanis Leaders,

As we move into a new Kiwanis year, I am beyond honored to serve as your president. To me, Kiwanis is more than an organization.

It is about the relationships we build and the value our clubs bring to our members, communities and the children of the world.

As we work toward our goals this year, those relationships remain at the heart of everything we do. What makes Kiwanis truly special is our ability to connect service across generations. Through collaboration and mentorship, we can support future leaders and create opportunities for graduating students to remain active within the Kiwanis family.

The success of this year will be measured by more than service hours or meetings held. It will be measured by the integrity with which we lead. Leadership is not about the position we hold, but the character, responsibility and example we set for others. Remember, people do not join organizations; they join people. That is why building a foundation of integrity, trust and connection within our clubs is essential as we work together to achieve our goals and strengthen our Kiwanis family.



Hope Markes
2026-27 Kiwanis International President

2027 convention information now online

Excited for the 2027 Kiwanis International Convention in Dallas, Texas, U.S., **June 16-19**? Information about our host hotel, the iconic Hilton Anatole; special experiences; education sessions and more is now live. Preview everything that will be waiting for you in our celebration of **Big Hearts and Bold Service** — including receptions, the annual gala and the opening

session with our keynote speaker, the acclaimed actor, director and writer (and former Key Club member!) **Lou Diamond Phillips**.

You also can start creating your must-do **roster of workshops** in preparation for **registration, which will open on January 4**. You'll be able to choose from wide-ranging sessions on membership, leadership, risk management, our Service Leadership Programs, the Kiwanis Children's Fund and more.

What you can book now: your hotel reservation! All convention events will be held at the Hilton Anatole — and all other convention hotels are within easy walking distance of the Anatole. (Note: There are no district-assigned hotels this year. There will be no shuttles since the official hotels are within walking distance of each other.) Kiwanis members receive a **discount on room rates** when they book through our convention website.

Don't miss out on the **most dynamic event** of the Kiwanis year! Start planning your convention experience today.

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Key Club receives historic grant

The Kiwanis Children's Fund has received a US$600,000 grant from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation, the largest ever awarded to Key Club and the second largest in the Children's Fund's history. Over the next two years, the grant will help Kiwanis charter new clubs in Key Club's fastest-growing districts, with a goal of adding 22,000 members and an estimated 1 million hours of community service. It also will double the Global Leadership Certificate Master Class from 50 to 100 students per year and cover more of participants' convention costs, starting at the 2027 Key Club International Convention in Washington, D.C. Kiwanians can help by sponsoring a new Key Club, spreading the word about the free GLC program, or giving to the Children's Fund.

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A LOOK AHEAD

SOMETHING TO DO

Submit club membership plans

Membership plans for 2026-27 are due December 31, 2026. The earlier clubs submit their plans, the more time they have to make their goals a reality. It's easy to complete and submit the form for reporting the club's new-member-add goal and the recruitment tactic for reaching that goal. It also allows others at the district and international levels to help each club achieve its goals. This blog post shows how a membership plan is a club's roadmap to success. Please encourage clubs in your district to submit their plans before the December 31 deadline.

SOMETHING TO LEARN

Take your leadership to the next level

Have you participated in Kiwanis Amplify, our program for those who want to amplify their ability to lead in all aspects of their lives? It's open to all Kiwanis members. The 2026 Kiwanis Amplify class graduated in September, and we're already planning for 2027. Interested in participating? Complete the interest form to be among the first to know when registration opens next year!

SOMETHING TO SHARE

Support SLPs in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

Every year in October, Kiwanis' Service Leadership Programs (SLPs) participate in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. Key Club and Builders Club members raise funds to support Start Strong: Zambia, UNICEF's early childhood

development work in Zambia. CKI members and K-Kids collect donations for Brick x Brick, a UNICEF initiative to change lives for families in the African nation of Côte d'Ivoire. Connect with local SLP clubs and see how you can help support their Start Strong: Zambia and Brick-by-Brick campaigns this month through Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF.

Participate in the Key Club Week Service Challenge

The Key Club Week Service Challenge is a new way to bring the Kiwanis family together through what connects us most: service. Throughout October and during Key Club Week, November 2-6, Key Club members, alumni and Kiwanis clubs are invited to serve in their communities and celebrate the collective impact we can make together.

Spread the word! Kiwanis clubs can help by:

- Inviting a local Key Club to join an upcoming service project.
- Planning a project that brings Key Club members, alumni and Kiwanis members together.
- Sharing the challenge with Key Clubs and Kiwanis members in your area.
- Posting or finding a volunteer opportunity on the Key Club Alumni Network Volunteer Board.
- Encouraging participants to submit their service hours, photos and project highlights so we can celebrate their impact.

Projects can be big or small. Have an hour? That's enough to make a difference! Host a quick cleanup, collect donations, write cards, invite Key Club members and alumni to an existing Kiwanis project or plan something new together. Every act of service counts. Help us spread the word and find a way for your club to participate!

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In memoriam

James Courtright, past governor, Southwest District (2012-13)

Loren E. Lee, past governor, Pacific Northwest District (2000-01)

DON'T FORGET!

30 DAYS

November 1: All Saints' Day (Kiwanis International Office in Ghent, Belgium, closed)

November 2-6: Key Club Week

November 4-8: Kiwanis International Governors-elect Conference (Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.)

November 11: Armistice Day (Kiwanis International Office in Ghent, Belgium, closed)

November 11-13: Kiwanis Children's Fund Board meeting (Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.)

60 DAYS

November 26-27: Thanksgiving holiday (Kiwanis International Office in Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S., closed)

November 30: Deadline for club dues to be sent to Kiwanis International

December 1: Kiwanis club Annual Report due

90 DAYS

December 25-31: Kiwanis International Offices closed (Ghent, Belgium, and Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.)

December 31: Year-end gifts to Kiwanis Children's Fund postmarked by December 31 (U.S. only)

January 1: New Year's Day, Kiwanis International Offices closed (Ghent, Belgium, and Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.)

January 8-9: Americas Governors Conference (Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.)

January 17-18: Key Club District Administrators Meeting (Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.)

January 18: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S., office closed)

Looking for more Kiwanis events? Check out the full calendar online.



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