



# Kiwaniis®



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

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



We are entering convention season. That means our Kiwanis International convention in Denver is on the horizon, but this is also the time to plan for district conventions.

I strongly encourage attendance at district conventions.

With training sessions and exchanges of ideas, they fuel energy and networking tips that members can take home to their clubs.

For example, club leaders who have added new members share their strategies for success and tips for reaching their goals — such as their use of our [Two For Two membership growth initiative](#), which is a proven winner.

As always, it's not all work and no play. District conventions bring us together to socialize, build deeper bonds and welcome new members into our organization. When you know and like those you're serving with, it's a positive for you and for Kiwanis.

Some districts are already planning their conventions. And frankly, others need to get going now — because their districts need a kickstart. Use your brains, talent and creativity to make this year's district convention exceptional. Every district has a strength. Bring it out and shine a light on the ways you can make a difference.

***Katrina J. Baranko, 2023-24 Kiwanis International President***

## SIGN UP BEFORE CONVENTION FEE RISES!

Make your Kiwanis International convention unforgettable — and make sure you register before the fee rises! [Get tickets at the regular registration rates through May 31.](#) Upgrade your convention experience with ticketed events to:

- Celebrate [Signature Project Contest](#) winners.
- Get a dose of inspiration at the SLP Showcase of Leadership Luncheon.
- Get exclusive [Kiwanis Children's Fund](#) updates.
- Groove at the [Kiwanis Dancing Through the Decades Gala](#).

### Meet the candidates for election

As Kiwanis International faces the crucial years ahead, we have important decisions to make — including who to elect to various leadership positions. These members are stepping forward for your consideration. [Learn about each candidate](#) before you cast your vote in Denver.

## A LOOK AHEAD

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### SOMETHING TO DO

#### Make sure your club is accessible

For any Kiwanis club, retaining current members and appealing to potential ones involve certain key elements. But for each group, one of the most important is accessibility. How easy is it for people to attend your club's meetings and events — or even to find the information they need? [Consider these questions.](#)

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 **SOMETHING TO LEARN****Microgrants fund beds, bookmarks and blooms**

From January through March, the Kiwanis Children's Fund helped smaller clubs fund big ideas by awarding microgrants to clubs with 35 or fewer members. [Read about three projects](#) that take an innovative approach to service in each of the Kiwanis cause areas: health and nutrition, education and literacy, and youth leadership development.

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 **SOMETHING TO SHARE****10 reasons: The 2024 Kiwanis International Convention**

Here's a must-share: [10 reasons](#) why you should attend this year's convention in Denver, Colorado, U.S. From education and inspiration to fellowship and voting, a lot of opportunities are packed into our list. Take a look — and then share it with fellow members. After all, it's the most dynamic event on the Kiwanis calendar. And it's just around the corner: July 3-6.

**Lunch with a Leader**

On April 25, Kiwanis International Trustees Gary Graham, Dan Leikvold and Hope Markes sat down to discuss why Kiwanis needs a dues increase. Watch the special edition of [Lunch with a Leader](#).

Stay up to date with the Kiwanis family — and get ideas for club growth, service and more. Bookmark [kiwanis.org/blog](https://kiwanis.org/blog).

## MAKE TWO FOR TWO WORK FOR YOU

Data from the past year show that clubs using the Two For Two program added twice as many new members as clubs that did not. Think of how the Two For Two approach could benefit your club's growth when used consistently over a three-year period. In fact, you can customize [Two For Two](#) to work for your club.

## BOARD NOTES

Minutes for the [Kiwaniis International Board](#) meeting are available. The minutes for each board meeting are approved at the subsequent meeting. If you need further information regarding committee reports and tabs, contact [Gretchen Anderson](#).

## DON'T FORGET!

### 30 DAYS

**May 27:** Memorial Day, Kiwanis International Office (Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.) closed

**May 31:** [Last day to register for Kiwanis International convention at lowest price](#)

### 60 DAYS

**July 3-6:** 2024 [Kiwanis International Convention](#), Denver, Colorado, U.S.

**July 3-5:** [Circle K International convention](#), Denver, Colorado, U.S.

**July 4:** Independence Day, Kiwanis International Office (Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.) closed

**July 10-14:** [Key Club International convention](#), Atlanta, Georgia, U.S.

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**July 21:** National Day (Ghent, Belgium, office closed)

Looking for more Kiwanis events? Check out the [full calendar](#) online.



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