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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



We're just weeks away from our Kiwanis International convention! One of the highlights will be honoring the winners of the Signature Project Contest. Clubs have worked hard in their communities, and this year we received a record-breaking 544 entries for projects that serve children in 33 countries.

Members of the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees reviewed the district winners and selected 10 finalists in each of two groups based on club size. From there, the three winners in each group were determined: Group I for Kiwanis clubs with 27 or fewer members and Group II for those with 28 or more members.

If your club has a signature project, consider submitting an entry into the contest next year. Entries are accepted in January. Remember, signature projects are recurring, enhance the Kiwanis image, demonstrate significant impact on the community and strengthen membership and partnership opportunities. If your club is looking for project ideas, [these award winners can get you started.](#)

I look forward to recognizing this year's Signature Project Contest winners — and to exploring the possibilities of Kiwanis service with you next month in Denver!

Katrina Baranko

Katrina J. Baranko, 2023-24 Kiwanis International President

A LOOK AHEAD

SOMETHING TO DO

Helping kids learn STEM skills

From science fairs to university collaborations, the Kiwanis family facilitates STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education and career development. STEM programs are crucial to the Kiwanis cause of education and literacy, and Kiwanis and Key Clubs around the world are answering the call. [Use these projects](#) for inspiration when you brainstorm with fellow club members about supplementing STEM efforts — and STEAM efforts, which incorporate the arts — in your community.

SOMETHING TO LEARN

UNICEF announces MNT elimination in Mali

Kiwanis International joins organizations and individuals around the world in celebrating the elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) in Mali. On April 24, UNICEF confirmed that Mali recently achieved MNT elimination out of the priority countries identified in 1999 — those with more than one case of neonatal tetanus per 1,000 live births. Learn more about [the success in Mali](#) and how your gift to [the Children's Fund](#) can make a healthier world possible for kids everywhere.

SOMETHING TO SHARE

The benefits of a corporate membership

A corporate membership allows a local company or organization to join a Kiwanis club as an entity—with a representative of their choosing to attend club meetings. Leaders who want their companies to be “good corporate citizens” find this membership appealing because they recognize the value of affiliation with a well-respected service organization. In the Kiwanis Family Store, you can get a brief [brochure about the benefits of corporate membership](#) to be included with the [Join Us brochure](#) for potential members.

RECOGNIZE WITH A RUBY K

For every five new members a current member sponsors, reward them with a Ruby K pin. The pins are available at no cost and can be requested at kiwanis.org/rubykaward. As you prepare for district conventions and end-of-the-year recognitions, keep the Ruby K award in mind to thank members for their success in growing your club.

IN MEMORIAM

[Ian Perdriau](#), Kiwanis International president, 1994-95

DON'T FORGET!

30 DAYS

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

July 3-6: 2024 [Kiwanis 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.

60 DAYS

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

90 DAYS

August 15: Assumption Day (Ghent office closed)

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



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