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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



The future looks bright for Kiwanis after a productive and fun convention in Denver!

I want to personally thank all delegates who voted in favor of the dues increase. Its approval, along with ongoing budgeting and cost reductions, will bolster the long-term financial health of Kiwanis.

Congratulations to Lee Kuan Yong, who was elected 2024-25 Kiwanis International president. Also, congrats to Michael Mulhaul, next year's president-elect, and Hope Markes, voted in as our next vice president. All three will start their terms on October 1.

New trustees elected for three-year terms will be Dawn Puderbaugh Hodges of the Carolinas District, Jo Schwartz of the Kansas District and Scott Sims of the Alabama District. Mario Bruni will join us from the Eastern Canada and Caribbean District and Maura Magni from the Italy-San Marino District. Filip Delanote from Belgium-Luxembourg will serve a one-year term on the board, filling the vacancy left by the passing of Vincent Salembier.

It was good to see so many friends and meet new Kiwanians in Denver. Our staff worked very hard and did an exceptional job of putting on an amazing convention, with so many opportunities to

learn about boosting our membership and our leadership skills. Thank you to everyone who made the trip to our convention, and we will see you next year in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.



Katrina J. Baranko, 2023-24 Kiwanis International President

CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

The House of Delegates voted on numerous proposed amendments to the Kiwanis International Bylaws. Learn more about the [amendments that were approved](#), including the onetime dues increase. Here are a few more highlights from this year's convention.

Fun and fellowship everywhere: Whether they were meeting CKI members, building Little Free Libraries or dancing to decades of hits with Your Generation in Concert™, attendees connected with Kiwanis family volunteers from around the world.

Inspiring speakers: We learned how to persevere from record-breaking endurance athlete Diana Nyad, and we were reminded of the power of love over hate by Chris Singleton, whose mother was killed in a racially motivated shooting.

Lessons for leaders: Education programs focused on becoming and developing better leaders, regardless of what position someone holds — or whether they hold one at all. Our inaugural Membership Fair helped everyone get ideas from clubs that have been recognized for growth. We also had a Club Leader Academy and training for district-level leaders. We hope to see you at the 2025 Kiwanis International Convention in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S., June 25-28.

A LOOK AHEAD

SOMETHING TO DO

New tools for club openers

Kiwanis International's webpage for club opening resources has some important additions for your team, including the club opening checklist, media release template and much more. If you're on a club opening team, make sure to stay up to date with [Kiwanis International's club opening web page](#).

Supplemental CLE available for club officers

Kiwanis is offering virtual Club Leadership Education (CLE) as supplemental training for incoming club officers. Please encourage all incoming club presidents, secretaries, treasurers and membership chairs to attend district-led CLE. If they miss the training or are looking

for additional learning opportunities, they may attend Kiwanis International's virtual option.

Sessions will be held:

- Presidents: Monday, August 5, 8-10 p.m. ET
- Secretaries: Tuesday, August 6, 8-10 p.m. ET
- Treasurers: Monday, August 12, 8-10 p.m. ET
- Membership chairs: Tuesday, August 13, 8-10 p.m. ET

Registration for virtual CLE sessions is available [here](#).

SOMETHING TO LEARN

Just the facts

How many service hours do Kiwanis members complete each year? How many clubs exist worldwide? How many children does the average Kiwanis member help? Get the answers to these questions — and so much more — with the newest [Just the Facts](#).

Kiwanis ACE Tools are new and improved

The Kiwanis club experience is essential to member recruitment and retention — and to staying relevant to the changing needs of your community. Many Kiwanis clubs have enhanced that experience with the Achieving Club Excellence (ACE) Tools. Check out these new and improved [ACE Tools](#).

SOMETHING TO SHARE

Meet the winners

Congratulations to the 2024 Kiwanis Signature Project Contest winners, who were announced during the

Kiwanis International convention in Denver, Colorado, U.S. The contest consisted of two groups: Group I for Kiwanis clubs with 27 or fewer members, and Group II for clubs with 28 or more members. The winners are:

Group I

- Gold: Randolph Kiwanis Freedom Festival and Parade, Kiwanis Club of Randolph Township, New Jersey, U.S.
- Silver: Kiwanis Special Games, Kiwanis Club of Kalayaan, Quezon City, Philippines.
- Bronze: No Child Without Christmas, Kiwanis Club of South Eleuthera, Bahamas.

Group II

- Gold: Breast Cancer Awareness 5K Run/Walk/Wheelchair, Kiwanis Club of Providence-Montego Bay, St. James, Jamaica.
- Silver: Kiwanis Park at Woodlawn, Kiwanis Club of Stuart, Florida, U.S.
- Bronze: Kiwanis Cares for Kids (KCK), Kiwanis Club of Gig Harbor, Washington, U.S.

To see details and a brief video for each winner, go to our [2024 winners page](#).

TWO FOR TWO

For the strongest Kiwanis clubs, membership growth is not a onetime campaign or event. It's a continuous club operation. And every member should play a part. But how do you make it fun — and manageable for the club? Two

For Two helps you do both. Check out these [resources to help your club grow](#).

DON'T FORGET!

30 DAYS

August 15: Assumption Day (Ghent office closed)

60 DAYS

September 2: Labor Day (Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S., office closed)

September 8-14: [Celebrate Community](#)

September 25: Circle K International's 77th birthday

90 DAYS

October 1: 2024-25 administrative year begins

October 1-5: Kiwanis International Board meeting – Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.

October 7-14: [Youth Protection Week](#)

October 10: Club rosters due

October 14-19: [CKI Week](#)

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



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