

Hoosier Kiwanian



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"Never let perfect be the enemy of good.
Continuous improvement beats postponed
perfection."
-Christopher Hitchens

Happy Holidays

The Giving Season

Instead of 2 for the price of one, this time of year is one for the price of 2 whereby this issue of Hoosier Kiwanian covers December and January. We revived the name "Hoosier Kiwanian" that was used for years for our printed and mailed newsletters.

Being the season, we hope you enjoy the lead off pictures of Santa and his friends.

Happy Holidays and Christmas season to all.



In Person Meetings

Covid-19

Since the last time of writing infection rates in Indiana have increased significantly, and, once again, we all continue to follow the State guidelines from Dr Box and her team. Kiwanis International General Counsel updated the release of liability and assumption of risk waiver with some technical details. Please download the new version. If you used a previous version, it is NOT necessary to update the signatures. One of the guidelines for clubs to resume in-person meetings recommends all attendees sign the waiver. The waiver states that anyone who believes they may have contracted COVID-19 at a Kiwanis event waives all related claims against any Kiwanis club, district or Kiwanis International. Any meeting of youth members (younger than 18 years) in the Kiwanis family will require a signature from a parent or legal guardian.

New Member Deal

valid through December 31

We are in the last month of our dues-free special deal. Remember, this means no payment due from the club for a new member until October 1, 2021. Elberfeld Club in Lincoln Division has upped the challenge ante with 20 new members.

C'mon man- someone must want to relegate them to second place. You now need 21 new members- unless they add a few more of course! Perhaps being 2nd would not be all bad either.

Please keep up and renew these efforts. Invite friends for a no-risk experience of Kiwanis. At the risk of sound like a post-Thanksgiving sale- this offer ends on December 31, so we cannot afford to cruise and think about it after Christmas and the Holidays.



SLP News

Key Club & Circle K

Key Club is gearing up for its annual Leadership Development Conference in February. It will be virtual, and it will be great under the leadership of Governor Cheyenne and her board, ably directed by Eric Kelley. This will mark close to the end of the Key Club year. Key Club and Circle K years end on March 31. It is the Key Club elections event also. Circle K Governor Nicole and I took part in a Q and A with members of Key Club Board and it will be available to the wider membership on Instagram. Naturally, Nicole was more interesting than I, but at least you can look there and find out my favorite color and why.

Riley Hospital Wall

Fundraising 2019-2020

I mentioned last month that we came very close to our target of \$250k for the Delivering Hope and Health mission for Riley. At the final count we were just \$14k short in a COVID-19 pandemic year. Your Board decided to top up the difference from the District funds so we will meet our Year one commitment. Riley has many donors, and all do a great job. That said, several organizations have not been able to meet their commitment for the last year.

We should therefore pause and pat ourselves and our colleagues, and especially past Governor Kevin and Fundraising Chair Dr. David Dixon, on the back. Our push to complete the Riley Kiwanis Wall remains strong. If any club needs a fresh copy of the details of the wall and the club and individual recognition requirements, please contact District Office and we can get that out again.

More Good News

At the beginning of the 2019-20-year, Kevin's Board approved a \$50 rebate to all clubs for a NET increase in membership on October 12 into the following year. Your Board met in November, recognizing the needs across many clubs, and decided to increase this amount to \$75 per net new member. 23 clubs benefited from this in amounts from \$75 (1 net new member) to \$1200 (16 net new members).

We trust that this will be a help to those clubs and a real incentive to everyone. But wait- there is more! The Board also approved an amount of \$75 per net new member on October 12, 2022. That is a serious incentive, so as clubs add members with this calendar year initiative, if they can keep those members into next year, then they eat the rebate. You can use the rebate in any way that you need to improve and drive your club forward. Club dues vary, but in many cases, \$75 is a huge part of the total dues for 2021-22.

We can do this Indiana!



Elections!

Deadline for filing candidacy for Governor-elect 2021-22 was November 30. We have a single candidate, Zachary Davis, of SE Indianapolis Club and past Lt Governor of Capitol Division.

Amplify - Kiwanis Int. Training

Launches Soon

Kiwanis International is launching a bold initiative in leadership training. It is targeted to all members who would like to increase their skills- not simply to current officers. It will be of great interest to those who have interest in becoming an officer, and to those who simply seek personal and career development. There will be a series of 5 sessions. Planning to have 4 virtual sessions and then a final grouping together at International Convention in SLC June 23-26, 2021.

Cost per member is \$200 and a 5th member is no- charge (5 for the price of 4). This is training at a high level from accomplished professionals at a fraction the cost of comparable lectures and workshops advertised relentlessly in your mail and elsewhere.

Please check out kiwanis.org/amplify to see even more.

Board Mtgs.

Your Board continues to move along as you will have seen from the notes above. The website has minutes from the November Board Meeting, posted under "News." We meet again in late February and hope to have a slightly clearer idea of the mid-year Conference (planned presently April 24th). Membership so far has increased by around 100 since October 10. To be repetitive, we can increase much more in the short term with our zero dues offer and can maintain at least some of that increase into another year with our \$75 rebate. The Board found the money for this due to some large, if rather unwelcome, savings against budget as officers did not travel as much and conventions were canceled. Rather than increase our reserves, we are committed to improving the lives of children through Riley, locally, and especially by adding to our active membership.

"Life's most persistent question is 'what are you doing for others?'"
-Martin Luther King

Service Around the District

The Downtown Kiwanis of Evansville completed a Kiwanis One Day project that brought a rainbow of color to over 300 students at Caze elementary school. The club added 12 permanently painted playground activities. Painting the playground was a team effort with Caze school staff, Kiwanis from two different clubs and many family members. "I love the vivid colors!" said Andrea Halbig, Club President-elect, and project coordinator. "We added fun and challenges for the students by adding games to an existing playground area. "We are so thankful for our community partners! The playground has never look better!" said school social worker and volunteer painter Samantha Potts.



Reminders & Dates

- District Office will be closed December 24 through January 3
 - Grant applications to District Foundation are due by December 15 for the next cycle
 - International Convention- Salt Lake City- June 23-26
 - District Mid-Year Conference April 24
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Phone calls, emails, texts, meetings...

Please continue to communicate closely within your club and Divisions. Now, more than ever, we need fellowship and mutual support. Again, we will follow Federal, State, and local guidelines regarding meeting in person. However, a phone call to a fellow member or 2 is worth a lot- and many will still be able to hold virtual Divisional Council Meetings.



Acknowledgement

This newsletter is made possible by layout and design skills from immediate past Key Club Governor and current International Trustee Emma Brainard. Many of you probably guessed that I would not be able to create something that looks as good as this.

Register of Kiwanis

branded sites & projects

KI has created a register of Kiwanis branded sites and buildings around the world. This is a key risk assessment tool. We are rightly proud of our commitments to local communities and we want our name and brand wherever appropriate. What we now need is to ensure we know where our branding exists. Clearly, we will miss some but right now we have very few listed from Indiana. So please- every club look around-some of the projects predated individuals and even pre-dated specific clubs. Please send details of location and structure/park etc. to District Office. This is important to keeping down our insurance costs by showing our good management of risk.

Service, Service, Service!

Westfield club decorated 3 roundabouts (There are a few to choose from in Hamilton County) for Christmas recently and had a surprise visit from Mayor Andy Cook and Mrs. Cook. These are just examples from across the District of the many things happening and the capability we have during a pandemic to improve the world one child and one community at a time.

Martyn Furnish

2020-21 Governor - Indiana District of Kiwanis

Kids Need Kiwanis