

Hoosier Kiwanian



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"Our strength lies in differences- not in similarities.

-Dr. Art Riley
Kiwanis International President

April Kiwanian

Welcome to another edition of Hoosier Kiwanian. By now there is more to see again on the Indiana District website: www.indkiw.org

SLP

Early April sees Board Training for the Key Club incoming Board. Recall, Circle K and Key Club years are 6 months separated from our Kiwanis Club years. Both Circle K and Key Club have vacancies on their Boards for members who would like to step up and lead. However, since the February conventions they have made great strides in filling officer roles with the typically excellent young people.



100 Year Anniversaries

Congrats!

In Q3 of our Kiwanis year we have 100 year celebrations for

- Warsaw
- Valparaiso (Noon)
- Greencastle
- Nappanee

Sadly we could also have celebrated Princeton and Bluffton clubs but they "only" made it to 99 years before closing the doors.

Riley Recognition

Fundraising

Convention will recognize all contributors to Riley, individual and club, for the year to date at that time. Meanwhile we have a picture of Southwind Division with their Riley check. Southwind has a Division wide Riley walk and one of the largest individual fundraisers of the year.

Service in the Community

While all of us have struggled with maintaining or creating service projects, while minimizing travel and person to person contact, I know there is still much happening around the District. We welcome details at District Office and any pictures too. Let's share the celebrations and the joy!



New Members

Recruit! Recruit! Recruit!

As mentioned at the top, our website, www.indkiw.org, will soon have a new page "Welcome"; that includes two videos and more information so please take a look.

Membership chair Taka Ogata created the cartoon style video and did a great job. We genuinely believe that Kiwanis is something valuable, and so valuable that we want to share it with new members, more established members and those many people who we know, and may soon know, who will become members. To that end we are creating another video message that tells our story of how we can do more together than we ever could as a sum of individuals, at a club, District and International level.

News on Riley

While we have been unable to operate the Komfort Kart thank you to all who have donated food or given monetary donations with which to purchase food. This was an incredible effort and you did such a great job that the Riley Food Pantry is now moving into a new space and expanding to serve even more families of Riley. Yes, we still need the food donations but also needed are trash cans, plastic shelf liners, reusable grocery bags, cooler bags (for families commuting long distances between Riley and home) and a pallet jack.

If you do have food, arrangements need to be made with Kat when you bringing it down. (kwinton@iuhealth.org, phone 317-408-1925) She will give detailed instructions on where to bring it and they bring carts out so no need for you to go into the hospital.

If you would like to make a donation to purchase some of the much needed items for the new pantry space, here's the info for mailing checks and also for those wishing to donate online.

Address the check to Riley Children's Foundation. In the notes section, denote that the check is for Riley Food Pantry.

The checks can be mailed to:

Riley Children's Foundation
Attn: Amber Miller
30 S Meridian St
Suite 200
Inpls, IN 46204

For those wishing to donate directly to the Riley Food Pantry fund online, Riley Children's Foundation has created a portal specifically for these donations: Donate to Riley Food Pantry (rileykids.org).

In Memoriam

At Convention we will recognize members who we have lost during the last 2 years, since we were not able to do so last year. Ahead of Convention, Club Presidents will receive a form requesting names and clubs so we can scroll these and recognize our clubs losses respectfully. There will be an option to indicate if the member was lost to Covid-19.

KI Survey

You will have received or will receive a request from KI for a survey on diversity, equity and inclusiveness. Please take time to fill out this anonymous survey to help your global organization measure where we stand and plan for the immediate and longer term future. I know we see a lot of email from KI, so please don't let this one pass, as its value is significant and will help strengthen the organization for years to come.

Board Meeting

District & International

Your Board meets again in a few weeks (May).

Date will be posted on the website calendar. It is with regret that I accepted the resignation of Sharon Canaday as Governor - elect. Our past International President Don Canaday has faced some recent health challenges. As Don's primary caregiver it became impossible for Sharon to continue in her role with the Indiana District. She and Don will continue to be active members of their Geist Club.

Sharon has been a great support to me and I know I will still call for her counsel from time to time.

All potential candidates for Governor-elect have been notified and, per the by laws, we will hold a ballot of current Board members next month to select a new Governor-elect, who will then be the only candidate for Governor starting October 1."

Conventions

While Kiwanis International Convention is canceled we will have Leadership Education Meeting June 23-26 in Salt Lake City. It will be educational, informative, entertaining and fun.

While many of us will have reached the maximum immunity level to Covid through vaccination, there will be suitable safety precautions as described in the information from KI. Our Indiana Convention is planned for one day on Saturday August 7. Location is 502 Convention Center on 502 E Main Street., Carmel. As mentioned last month, the reduction in length to one day was driven by the hotels being very demanding regarding cancelation fees and clauses. Saturday will be busy with registration, education sessions and recognition, finishing with House of Delegates, followed by dinner and Board retirements and installation in the evening. The pricing should be attractive for most members and the dinner will be an optional add on- and I do hope to see you there.

On Friday we will have a joint meeting of the 2020-21 Board with the 2021-22 Board and I anticipate the Foundation will hold their meeting immediately ahead of our dual Board meeting.

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