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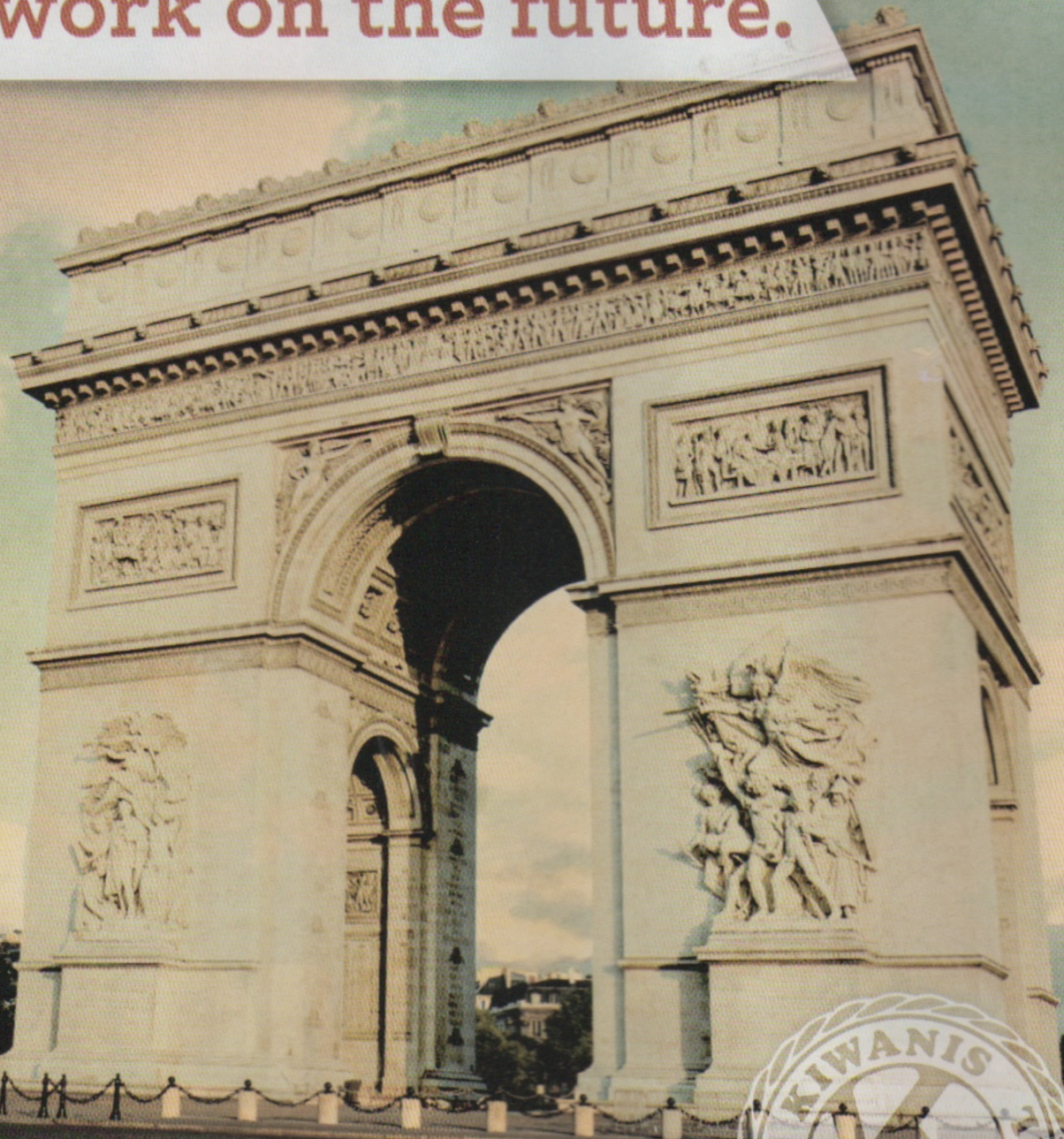
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Governor's Message

Kelly Boswell, 2016-17 Governor



Happy Spring, Everyone! It's hard to believe that I'm half way through my term as your Governor. I just don't know where the time has gone. I guess the saying, "time flies when you're having fun" is true.



I have been busy these past several months attending many of your charter celebrations, service projects and other events. Before I attend a charter night, I do some research on my own. I find that this helps me understand the District and our rich history of service in our respective communities.

The first Kiwanis club in our District will be celebrating 100 years of service to their community. The Kiwanis Club of Washington, D.C. has a long and storied history in the District of Columbia and the Kiwanis International organization. It was the first club established in the District of Columbia, inspired by a visit to the Kiwanis Club of Buffalo, New York

in 1916. The first meeting was held in February 1917 at the Burlington Hotel, which was located at 1120 Vermont Ave NW (Thomas Circle). Other early meetings were held at The Ebbitt (now the Old Ebbitt Grill) and the Cochran Hotel (now the site of DC Coast at 14th & K Streets NW). On January 16, 1918, International President George M. Hixson delivered the charter, which bears the date May 19, 1917. (more information can be found on club website).

March 17-19, 2017, the 2017 Capital Kiwanis-Family District Convention "SERVICE Through the Ages" was held in Baltimore, Maryland. Three conventions running simultaneously... WOW. I hope those of you who attended had a wonderful experience. Countless hours of planning went into

organizing this event, and without the commitment and dedication of the committee members, I don't know how we could have done it.

We continue to show growth each month in the Capital District. This is great news...we all know that the more hands we have, the more service we can do in our communities. We are moving in the right direction, so please, share your love of Kiwanis with everyone that you meet and know.

This past weekend, I had the pleasure of attending the 2017-2018 Key Club District Board training. Friday night

was filled with many ice breakers and “getting to know one another” activities. Saturday started bright and early. Scott Zimmerman and I presented the first session “K-Family 101”. I always love sharing with our Service Leadership Programs, that they are part of a bigger organization than they realize.

These young leaders are ready to go out and start new Builders, K-Kids and Aktion Clubs. They don’t seem to be fazed by anything. They truly get “IT”. Scott and I highly suggested, they reach out to their sponsoring Kiwanis Club and ask them to participate in a service project, attend their council meetings and most importantly, mentor them. Don’t wait for them to contact you, please give them a call and let’s start sharing. The

board also participated in sessions on public speaking; social media; time management and parliamentary procedures. This is what I took away from my weekend with our future leaders:

KEYS to a successful year:

- Communicate expectations and directions clearly
- We don’t always see the same things the same way
- Teamwork pays off
- You can have fun and still get things done!
- Sometimes you need to get CREATIVE to solve a problem
- Stay focused, Trust the process
- Get to know people
- Listen more than you speak
- Don’t be afraid to ask for help

I learned a lot about myself this weekend and wanted to share some of the excitement and enthusiasm that I experienced.

With spring and summer just around the corner, I know that your clubs are busy planning many projects and celebrations. Please keep me informed and if my calendar allows, I would love to attend / participate your event.

Please continue to do what you do best... share your love of Kiwanis with everyone you meet.

Thank you everyone and have a wonderful spring.

Special Thanks

I would like to personally thank Jennifer Wolff for her service and commitment to the Capital District. On April 1st, Jen officially retired from the position of Capital District CKI Administrator, a position that she has held for the past 7 years. Prior to being District Administrator, she was a CKI Zone Administrator for Divisions 1 and 2 for five years. I have seen this woman in action, and I don’t know how she does it. Jen is a true testament to all young women, that you can truly have it all...rewarding career, loving family, volunteer and still have time for yourself. Thank you Jennifer Wolff, from the bottom of my heart.



Derek Dupuis of the Richmond Young Professionals Kiwanis Club, stepped into the role of CKI District Administrator on April 1st. Derek has been assisting Jen for the past seven years, and the transition has been a smooth one. A sure sign of

what teamwork is all about. Derek can be contacted at 703-201-3709 or at administrator@cdcki.org.

Thank you again Jen, for being a true Kiwanian and a dear friend.

-Kelly Boswell

Kiwanis in the News



Kiwanis baseball preparing for its 72nd season

By **Ken Bosserman,**
News Leader

Published February 20, 2017

STAUNTON - World War II was just ending, and four service clubs in the Staunton area felt that, coming out of the hardships of the previous five years, area youngsters deserved something beneficial.

It was the summer of 1945 and youth baseball in the Staunton area was born when the Kiwanis, Rotary, Lions and Young Men's Civic Club joined together to form the first league. The following year, the Staunton Kiwanis Club took over, and when registrations for the 2017 season begin Monday night, it will be the 72nd consecutive year of youth baseball sponsored by the club.

Over the years, things have changed, except basically the game rules are the same. At its onset, teams took names like the Termites and Woodpeckers. The rosters were staffed by youngsters from certain sections of town, like Sears Hill, Selma and West End. The first games were played at the fairgrounds ball field, where the Staunton Braves now play. And it was an older group of youngsters, usually around age 13 that formed the teams. By the 1950s, play was in the main area of Gypsy Hill Park, generally where it is today, and there were leagues for younger players.

For many years, the program was independent. But in 1984, Staunton joined Babe Ruth Baseball, a national program it continues in today.

All-star teams from the Staunton program have advanced to a pair of Babe Ruth Bambino World Series, and have won numerous Southeast Region and Virginia state titles.

Over the years, the Kiwanis program has seen two of its players make the major leagues, Jerry May with the Pittsburgh Pirates and Larry Sheets with the Baltimore Orioles.

Who knows who may be next, but the first step takes place Monday night when registration begins from 6-8 p.m. and runs each evening through Friday at the Staunton Recreation and Parks Office in Montgomery Hall Park.

The current program has leagues for all youngsters age 4-12 based on a May 1 birth date. The 4-year olds play an

elementary T-ball known as Blastball. Regular T-Ball is for those 5-6, Rookie League off the pitching machine for 7-8, Junior League for 9-10 and Cal Ripken League for 11-12. There is some variation on ages and leagues depending on a player's ability.

Parents may also volunteer at the registration for everything from coaching to scoring or serving as team mothers. Staunton is just one of 10 local leagues in the Babe Ruth program, and all are gearing up for the 2017 season.

And each year, come new rules. The most significant one this season is using pitch counts in tournament play. Already, some leagues have adopted pitch counts for the regular season and used them in the past.

The purpose, of course, is to prevent overuse of young arms. Studies have shown that it is in youth baseball where the first problems with arms begin, and it's primarily from overuse. Also, some programs, particularly Little League, are gearing up to change the age determination date. Currently, all programs use May 1. But Little League, for the 2019 season, plans to move its determination date to August 31.

This will prevent anyone who has turned 13 from participating in the Little League World Series. This has become a problem in the past where 6-foot plus 13-year-olds are playing on the Little League's 60-foot diamond. Babe Ruth has made it clear that it will not change its age determination date

from May 1. One of the reasons is that in its 12-under division most of the leagues have gone from 60-foot to the larger 70-foot diamond which accommodates the growing youngster.

In 2016, of the 216 chartered 12-under major teams in the state, 177 were playing on the 70-foot diamond and only 39 on the 60-foot. In this area's District 4, only two of 10 leagues utilized 60-foot diamonds at the 12-under level last year.

The recent warm days are a hint that the youth season is just around the corner. High schools begin spring practice Monday, and local colleges and universities are already into their baseball season.



Clockwise from top: Young players warm up; players enjoy concession stand, Kiwanian Ken Bosserman works the concession stand, Junior Leaguer meets Casey Stengel of the New York Yankees (early 1950s).

Around Capital

District Convention 2017 Wrap-Up

by PG Jeffrey M. Wolff

Baltimore's Inner Harbor was the site of the 99th Annual Capital District Kiwanis Convention last month and unlike most years, it was held in conjunction with the Capital District Key Club and CKI Conventions as well. Over 1200 members of the Kiwanis-Family converged on the Sheraton Inner Harbor and Hyatt Regency Baltimore hotels for a weekend of education, fellowship, the celebration of past achievements and the election of new district officers. Kiwanis International Trustee and counselor to the Capital District Bert West and his wife Sandy, were on hand to bring greetings to the delegation from the KI Board of Trustees.

The weekend kicked off with both the District Board of Trustees and the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation Board holding meetings on Friday along with a number of pre-convention workshops including Club Leadership Education training for incoming presidents and secretaries.

The convention theme of "Service Through The Ages" was on full display during Friday night's 80's-themed Murder Mystery Dinner. The Murder Mystery Company of Baltimore theater troupe was on hand for a private performance for the attendees

where it turned out the Kiwanis Club of Washington, D.C. member and District Risk Manager April Gassler was the killer. Oh, the irony!

Saturday's Opening Breakfast included an incredibly personal address from Make-A-Wish Mid-Atlantic Volunteer Coordinator Stephanie Feinberg, who served a Key Club Lt. Governor here in Capital during her high school years and is now a member of the Kiwanis Club of Bethesda.

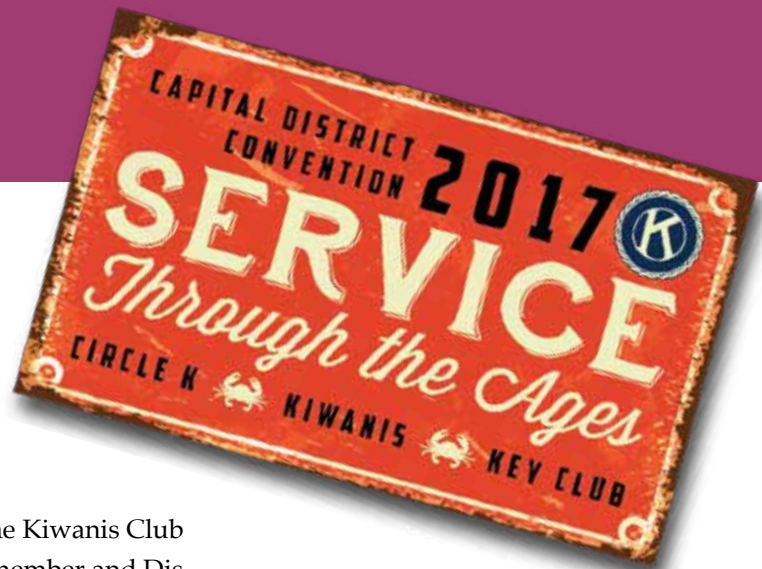
Following breakfast, there were a full slate of Kiwanis educational workshops available to attendees before the Kiwanis-Family Luncheon. All attendees from the three concurrent conventions came to the Baltimore Convention Center, for perhaps the largest single Capital District event ever. Keynote Speaker Kevin Wanzel was on-hand with his Aloha spirit to provide everyone with laughs, thoughts on how to be spread the mission of Kiwanis to more individuals and of course, kazoos!

Over twenty exhibitors were on-hand for the attendees to learn more about service projects, charities and Kiwanis partners. The Ducky Derby and Carving Corning raised \$11,100 for the District Foundation and the CDKF would

like to thank everyone who donated a basket and bought raffle tickets.

The Governor's Gala on Saturday night was an opportunity to hear from Governor Kelly Boswell on the good work we have done so far in our communities with a reminder that there is still a lot ahead of us before the Kiwanis year ends on September 30. Kiwanians were also treated to the comedy hypnotism of Marshal Manlove who put on a hysterical show for the adults after wowing the Key Club and CKI members the night before.

At the House of Delegates, Kiwanians elected Jon Rife of the Kiwanis Club of Grundy to serve as their 2017-18 Governor and John Morris of the Kiwanis Club of Richmond to serve as 2017-18 Governor-Elect. John Hassman of the Kiwanis Club of Bridgeville and Elana Gardner of the Kiwanis Clubs of Eastern Branch and Rockville were also elected in regional elections during the weekend to take over on October 1st as Chesapeake Bay and National Capital Region Trustees, respectively.



Clockwise from top: Kiwanis Club celebrates SLP victories; Marie Quick and Trustee Art Riley; shenanigans at a hospitality suite; Key Club District Board with Administrator Joe Stankus; the crowd looks on at Kiwanis Family Luncheon; Kiwanis Club members at Luncheon; Governor Kelly and First Gentleman Gary pose with speaker Stephanie Feinberg.



Two resolutions were passed unanimously providing support for Kiwanis International Trustee Art Riley on his campaign for International Vice President and a memorial resolution and touching tribute was given by Past International Trustee Jerry Peuler on the passing of District Secretary Emeritus Ellis Stoup in May of 2016.

Governor-Designate Rife introduced his District Committee Chairpersons and performed the installation of 2017-18 Class of Lt. Governors on Sunday morning during the Inspirational Breakfast. He, then, closed out the convention with an encouraging message about how we will build on the successes of The Formula to strengthen our existing clubs and provide more service through the expansion of Kiwanis into new communities.

Our 100th Annual Capital District Kiwanis Convention will take place at the Hyatt Regency Reston Hotel in Reston, Virginia the weekend of August 17-19, 2018.



Around Capital

Worcester County Developmental Center Aktion Club Chartered

March 20, 2017 will remain a day to remember at the Worcester County Developmental Center in Newark, MD because it's the day the Kiwanis Aktion Club was chartered at WCDC.

"Aktion Club is an international organization which provides adults living with disabilities an opportunity to develop initiative, leadership skills, and to serve their communities."

Members of the sponsoring Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines - Ocean City, officers and advisors of the KSI Aktion Club from Milford, DE, and Past International Aktion Club Chair Cathy Gallagher were in attendance to support the chartering and installation of WCDC Aktion Club officers and members.

There was plenty of work to get the club started. Not only are members needed to form the club, but leadership from the sponsoring club and WCDC advisors was needed to formulate plans, implement them and succeed in providing the opportunity. It worked due to the leadership and dedication of the local Kiwanis Club to the WCDC Aktion Club by advisors Carolyn Dryzga, Jackie Todd and Steve Cohen along with President Barbara Peletier in conjunction with WCDC Agency advisor to the Aktion



Club Janelle Deshields and WCDC Executive Director Jack Ferry.

On the morning before the charter and installation, the Aktion Club members finished their first project. They stuffed "Companion Dolls," helping to complete the project the sponsoring Kiwanis Club now intends to provide the dolls to the residents of the Berlin Nursing Home. Pictured are members who worked on the project.

Prior to the ceremonies, supporters were treated to a luncheon in the WCDC meeting hall. When the ceremonies began, the rest of WCDC workers and staff attended, making it a full house supporting the event. Particularly notable was the presence

of the existing Kent Sussex Industries (KSI) Aktion Club officers and advisors and the Past International Aktion Club Chair Cathy Gallagher who spoke about the founding of Aktion Clubs. Memorable!

Builders Club Update

By Elana Gardner
Builders Club District Administrator

“Middle school is kind of like Middle-earth. It’s a magical journey filled with elves, dwarves, hobbits, queens, kings, and a few corrupt wizards. Word to the wise: pick your traveling companions well. Ones with the courage and moral fiber to persevere. Ones who wield their lip gloss like magic wands when confronted with danger. This way, when you pass through the congested hallways rife with pernicious diversion, you achieve your desired destination—or at least your next class.” — Kimberly Dana, *Lucy and CeCee’s How to Survive (and Thrive) in Middle School*

Builders Club gives middle school and junior high students the opportunity to lose and find themselves through service to others. There are almost 60 clubs in the Capital District and the members are just as dedicated to improving the world they live in. Some of these youth started out as K-Kids and many of them will continue on to Key Club.

Here are some highlights from the 2016- 2017 Builders Club year:

1. Berlin Intermediate Middle School Builders Club raised \$355.09 for Trick or Treat for UNICEF and was among the top 20 Builders Club for funds raised.
2. Five year combined giving from Capital District Builders Club members raised \$11, 616.17 to save over six thousand mothers and babies through The Eliminate Project.

3. Stephen Decatur Middle School Builders Club received a 2016 Global Literacy Champion Award for their efforts selling baked goods, collecting books and a fundraiser at a restaurant to support the African Library Project at Chadabwa CDSS (Malawi).
4. Poquoson Middle School Builders assisted at the Poquoson Seafood Festival, provided stockings for Wounded Warriors, and donated funds to Heifer International.
5. Carl Sandburg Middle School Builders Club held a towel and sheet drive for animals.

And the last issue of *The Capital Kivonian* featured an article on Tabb Middle School Builders Club and their long term project to raise funds to build a school. Over the past year, clubs have reached milestone anniversaries and we have even added new clubs. The Capital District Builders Club Adult committee is in need of individuals who are willing to help develop, strengthen and communicate information throughout the district. You would help contribute to the Facebook group and monthly newsletters, attend regional conferences in your area and whenever possible attend club events. You would also help in establishing regional events that bring together Builders Club members with other branches of our K-family. If this sounds like you, please email me at egardner475@gmail.com.



Around Capital

Dream Big: Focus on Opening New Clubs

By Jon Rife

Governor-Designate

First, I want to thank each member who attended DCON in Baltimore. The District Convention Committee had a difficult undertaking in planning the convention with Key Club and CKI. The convention had exciting events, educational workshops, and inspiring speakers! I certainly enjoyed the convention events and beautiful Baltimore.

We have six months left in Governor Kelly's term as she works towards her goals of recruiting club openers and club coaches in each of our 17 Divisions. As I stated at DCON, my focus for my term as Governor is to open seven clubs!

Capital District Kiwanians will have to DREAM BIG! I want us to FOCUS and working hard and have plenty of FUN doing so. I decided to name my leadership team the "Rife Stuff," based on the 1979 book by Tom Wolf, which told the story of the early space program. I want us to dream big dreams and accomplish our goals. I want us to increase membership. The Capital District has not opened seven new clubs in a single year in more than 25 years. Last year, the Kiwanis Club of Grundy opened the first new club in a small community named Hurley in Buchanan County! Division 17 in Southwest VA opened the only new club in 2016! We started visiting and building community support

several months earlier, visited schools, and spoke with teachers, principals, and other community leaders. The Kiwanis Club of Hurley was officially chartered March 28, 2016. The new club's first project was a successful food box drive for elementary school children; they are presently hoping to plan a fall festival to celebrate the area's Appalachian heritage. The members are so excited! I challenge you to get excited, get motivated, and start creating community interest in a new Kiwanis Club!

The Leadership team for 2017-2018 met at DCON, exchanged great ideas and discussed goals, strategies, and tactics. I want to share those with all Capital District Kiwanians. Our goal is to open seven new clubs and build a membership network for the Capital District. My Strategy is to have each Region open one club. Division 17, my home Division, will open two clubs in my term. My other goal of building a membership network is to have each Division have one club opener and two club coaches. We must allocate proper resources and training for the club openers and coaches. This is a step-by-step process and will not happen overnight. With focus and commitment, we can grow our membership. We have not had a membership gain since 2006, when Warren Kane was Capital District



Governor. Finally, the tactic is that each Trustee will be a Regional Formula Coordinator under the direction of District Chair Missy Zimmerman. They will work closely with their LTGs to insure each division has one club opener and two club coaches.

We have gone from 10,066 members in 1990 to 4605 in 2016. Our club count has dropped from 225 in 1990 to 146 clubs in 2016. We have to adjust to the change in community conditions and focus on increasing membership. Our service work with our kids on the community level and our global projects are so important. It is my honor to belong to Kiwanis International!

Our Firm Foundation

News From Our Capital District Kiwanis Foundation

By Gary Boswell, President

We celebrated with our Key Clubs and CKI Clubs at the 99th Annual Capital District Kiwanis Convention held in Baltimore on March 17th to 19th. While attendance was down slightly, the enthusiasm was not. There are plenty of thank you's from me to go around.

First, the Capital District Foundation Board presented Past District Governor, and long time (19 years of service) financial advisor to the board, Robert "Bob" Cressy (D3) with a Tablet of Honor. Bob, thank you for all the dedication and hard work over the years!

Second, District Foundation Director Charles Marks (D5) for his work on

the Ducky Derby. All those who helped him at the booth I thank you but have special shout outs to the mother daughter team of LTG Melinda Dalton (D 15) and member Jamie Dalton Arca (D2). With a late start and early finish (due to the convention being in March vs April or August) sales were down slightly from last year however the derby raised a net of \$8,150.00.

Third, District Foundation Directors Nancy Simonelli (D14) and Bernice Oden (D1) and their committee for all the hard work running the Caring Corner which had 42 baskets that were up for someone to win with the ticket that was pulled from the bag for that basket. That beat the previous

basket total of 34. Thanks to all who donated a basket or bought tickets of chance to win one (or three).....

Next, District Foundation Director Mike Dasovich (D12) and his crew for the splendid shirt display and sales. I know I saw Sue Vona (D 7), Andrew Wong (D4) and David Lurie (D2) helping at times but know there were others. I apologize for not mentioning you but I know Mike (all) are grateful for your efforts.

In total, the Ducky Derby raised \$8,100 and the Caring Corner \$3,000 at District Convention! I would like to thank you, the members of Capital District Kiwanis for your support of YOUR Capital Foundation.

Honor A Special Woman With A Mother's Day Fellowship

Make a mother's love a force for change. Give to The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus, and become a Mother's Day Zeller Fellow. You can make your gift in the name of your mother—or any woman who has been an inspiration.

Through the Zeller Fellowship Program, a gift of \$1,250 to The



Eliminate Project saves or protects more than 690 lives from maternal and neonatal tetanus. With the Mother's Day Zeller Fellowship, you can protect those mothers and children while celebrating a woman in your own life.

The Capital District match of \$250* can be applied to this special promotion. Please consider honoring

that special woman in your life with the purchase of the Mother's Day Zeller. After May 5th, they will no longer be available. Please contact John Tyner at 301-468-2146; tyner@taliesan.com

**Can also be applied to Presidential and Diamond Zeller's through September 30, 2017*

Eye On KI

News from Kiwanis International



Delegates to vote on bylaw amendments

Attendees at the 2017 Kiwanis International convention will vote on proposed amendments to the Kiwanis International Bylaws. Among the proposals that have been submitted:

- To remove the limitation that only one person from a district may serve on the Kiwanis International Board at the same time. (Submitted by the Kiwanis Club of Springfield-Downtown, Illinois, USA.)
- To provide for candidate nominations and initial review of proposed amendments and resolutions at the Kiwanis International convention, with final voting permitted to take place online. (Submitted by the Capital District Board.)
- To remove the provision that allows criminal history background checks conducted by districts to be considered equivalent to those conducted by Kiwanis International. (Submitted by the Kiwanis International Board.)

Consult the proposed amendment booklet for a complete list.

Key Club honored with Vision Award

Key Club International recently won the Vision Award from The Thirst Project. The award honors a partner that shows outstanding leadership in raising money and awareness in the fight to end the global water crisis. Key Club members participated in a campaign with The Thirst Project called Thirsty 30, in which clubs raised money over a month-long period.

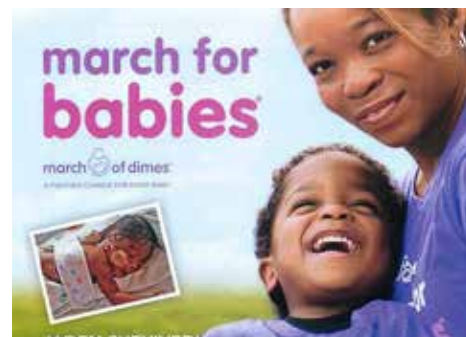
Learn best practices for club strengthening

Excitement. It's why you joined Kiwanis, and it's why we started The Formula. And now it's time to rededicate ourselves to sharing that excitement. Join us on Tuesday, May 16, for a live-stream simulcast as we commit ourselves to practicing "Love it. Share it. Live it." and we want you to do the same as well.

Two live-stream casts are scheduled. The first hour-long session is from 3 to 4 p.m. EDT, and the second live stream will be held from 8 to 9 p.m. EDT.

The Formula is a member-led, multi-year initiative. And with a year and a half remaining, we're as committed as ever to focusing on Kiwanis members, investing in the Kiwanis experience and ultimately strengthening membership. All Kiwanians are

welcome to attend either session. We ask that all team members of The Formula register to attend one of the sessions. Choose the one that best fits your schedule. For more information, visit kiwanis.org/simulcast.



Help raise money to improve lives of babies

Walking in March for Babies® is a great way to raise awareness about the hundreds of thousands of babies born prematurely or with birth defects. But to make a real impact on improving babies' health, we need to first raise money.

March for Babies has raised almost US\$2.5 billion since 1970, and we couldn't have done it without you! Your participation in March for Babies is critical to helping us give every baby a fighting chance. How can you help? Form or join a team and start raising funds today!

Now accepting submissions for playground contest

For the fourth time, Kiwanis International is teaming up with Kiwanis partner Landscape Structures to give one Kiwanis club US\$25,000 of playground equipment. The Legacy of Play Contest celebrates our shared beliefs that investing in your community through legacy signature projects is important to the success of a Kiwanis club. Plus, Landscape Structures' emphasis on inclusive play is also important to Kiwanis because it highlights our goal to bring play to all children.

It's easy to enter! Between now and May 14, simply submit your club's playground proposal on the Legacy of Play Contest tab on Kiwanis International's Facebook page, then ask for support via online voting starting May 16. The 10 submissions with the highest number of votes by noon EDT on May 31 will become finalists. A panel of judges will select the winning club, which will receive US\$25,000 in playground equipment to be installed in conjunction with the club's 2018 Kiwanis One Day plans. Read the official contest rules.

Need help with your entry? Get tips and advice for your submission from Subrina Berger, member of the Kiwanis Club of Poplar Bluff, Missouri, which was the winner of the 2016 Legacy of Play Contest. And, the 2016 judges tell why some submissions raised red flags.

Paris is Calling!

By PG Art Riley
International Trustee

Bonjours Kiwanians. Paris is calling. The "city of lights" is waiting for Kiwanians and promises fun, food and enjoyment. Come and help celebrate Bastille Day by watching the parade, observe the city panorama from the observation deck of the Eiffel Tower while enjoying the unmatched cuisine of the many fabulous cafes and restaurants. New friendships are yours for the making during the many Kiwanis sessions and especially during the Friday night gala produced by the Kiwanis clubs of Europe. Make your reservations now and experience the 2017 Kiwanis International Convention.

On a personal note, please register and be a delegate and help support me in my bid to become the next Kiwanis International Vice President. Capital District has not had an International President for decades and this is the year we can change that! The three other candidates for Vice President will each be campaigning for the job but, it will be enthusiastic Kiwanians from the Capital District that will make the difference. Kiwanians from various districts around the world are also volunteering to help with my campaign, but Kiwanians, from my home district, who know me best can tell the best story of my qualifications and my passion for Kiwanis.



An email will be distributed to registered Kiwanians in early June offering suggestions as to how you can help. You can't participate in the election process without attending the convention. I have heard reports that some people have gotten very good pricing on airfare. The hotels are adjacent and directly across the street from the convention center and important security steps have been taken by KI so register now before the early bird deadline passes. It will be a fun party and you will not want to miss it.

Register NOW and Save!

Registration fees:
US\$385 until May 15
US\$440 after May 15, on site only,
online registration closes.

Service Showcase

News From Capital District Kiwanis Clubs

Division 1

Baskets were assembled by members of the **Kiwanis Club of Eastern Branch** for 53 students ages 3-5 from two Pre-K and one Early start class at Robert Gray Elementary School. Members worked alongside teachers Charisse Chambers and Leslie Steward. Each basket had an Easter bunny, pencils, stickers, bubbles, three plastic eggs with treats and assorted candy. Ms Adrienne Huff and the other teachers will work with their students to create coloring books to add to each basket.



Division 2

Fairfax Kiwanis Club members helped out at a Library Book Sale which supported the Friends of Fairfax County Library.



Kiwanis Club of Tysons members, Fox Mill Kiwanis K-Kids members & Marshall HS Key Club members helped pack 10,000 meals for local children in need! Generosity Feeds coordinates meal packing events for children in need in Fairfax County.



Division 5

Diakonia is the only local Emergency Housing facility in West Ocean City, established in 1972. It provides, among many services, helping residents to connect to support to get their lives back on track. Housing is available for 35 to 40 people needing temporary help, be it a single person, a couple, or a family. **The Kiwanis Club of Greater Ocean Pines – Ocean City** has a history with Diakonia, not only in monetary support over the years, but in volunteering for events like the food drive last Fall when Kiwanians sorted and arranged the items collected, including a large portion from a drive held by the local casino, for the Diakonia Food Pantry. When Diakonia had a painting project at their Thrift Shop on Rt. 611, Kiwanis members also volunteered.



Division 9



For the second year in a row, the **Alleghany Highlands Kiwanis Club** has constructed bed frames for local families in need. The idea for this project was born when the club learned that there was an unmet need in Alleghany County, Virginia for bed frames for many children and families. This year, the club designed, constructed, stained, and delivered four twin bunk beds and three queen beds. The club partnered with their local S. J. Neathawk Lumber store, who agreed to provide the required building materials at a discounted price. The club has adopted this as a signature service project, and looks forward continuing to serve their community through this project in the coming years.

On April 1, 2017, six teams from the **Harrisonburg Kiwanis Family** – including **James Madison University CKI** and **Thomas Harrison Middle School Builders Club** – participated in the 2017 Harrisonburg HeartChase to raise funds for the American Heart Association. Mike Lam, the event Marshall, spoke about how he is alive today after his “Heart Event”. Their efforts were led by the Kiwanis Club Heart-Throbs + Jim, who raised the most among our teams. Collectively, we managed to raise over \$2,100.00!!!



Family Ties

Updates from Our Kiwanis Family

Key Club Maegan Richards, Governor

Hello Capital Kiwanians !

My name is Maegan Richards and I am the new District Governor for the Capital District of Key Club International! I am currently a junior at E.C. Glass High School in Lynchburg, Virginia. I am looking forward to meeting you all and serving alongside you



in the coming year. As a District, we just finished our District Convention (which was also a tri-K DCON with Circle K and Kiwanis!) We had around one-thousand key clubbers attend to celebrate the past year of service as well as prepare for the new service year. It was a great weekend of fun and service!

Our first District Board Meeting was the weekend of March 31st-April 2nd, 2017. At this meeting, the new Lieutenant Governor's were trained to serve our district for the next year. This year's Capital Key Leader Event will be the weekend of April 28th -30th, 2017 at the Jamestown 4-H Center in Williamsburg, Virginia. Key Leader is an amazing event that teaches each student how to be a servant leader as well as teaching teamwork and team-building skills. Key Leader really prepares each student for success. I encourage each of your clubs to help financially sponsor a Key Clubber to attend this event. This year, the Key Club International Convention will be held in San Antonio, Texas from July 5th – July 9th. At International convention we will be visiting the San Antonio Riverwalk as well as the Alamo. We will also elect the new International Board, and meet Key Clubbers from all around the world!

I look forward to serving alongside fellow Capital Key Clubbers, "CKI" ers, and Kiwanians this year. It is an absolute honor to serve among such inspirational men and women who dedicate their time and efforts to serving others.

Yours in service and friendship,

Maegan Richards

CKI Morgan Massa, Governor

Greetings Capital Kiwanians!

Congratulations on an amazing Tri-K Convention! All the Circle K Members that I talked to had an amazing time and enjoyed a chance to be with the other branches of our Kiwanis family. I would like to thank Capital District Kiwanis Governor Kelly



Boswell for her support of CKI and Key Club throughout the convention. Her speech at the Kiwanis Family Luncheon was especially an inspirational point of the weekend in which she highlighted the importance of working together with all the branches of Kiwanis and the meaning of being a family.

The CKIer's had a successful DCON in our own right! The 2017-2018 District Board was elected along with a unanimous endorsement of immediate past Potomac Division Lieutenant Governor Sebastian Vasquez for International Trustee-at-large. Many of our clubs were recognized at our awards session for their dedication to service, leadership, and fellowship. We also celebrated our outgoing District Administrator Jennifer Wolff in a heartwarming fashion by hearing from past CDCKI governors that served alongside her. We are excited to hit the ground running with our new District Administrator Derek Dupuis.

Capital District CKI has some great goals on the horizon for the upcoming year. I am looking forward to attending Governor's training at the Kiwanis International Headquarters, as well as training my incoming board this month! I will continue to expand on the initiatives of past CKI governors to promote the growth of Kiwanis Family relations throughout our district in the year to come. I can't wait to see what this year will hold for the Capital District Kiwanians.

Yours in Service and Leadership,

Morgan Massa

The Capital Record



Donations

CEO and President Nancy Agee and Vice President of Pediatrics Sheila Lambert of **Carilion Clinic Pediatrics** received a check for \$3,000 from the **Capital District Kiwanis Foundation**, presented by CDKF Division 15 Director Hi Nicely.

Lisa Shull, executive director of the **Explore More Discovery Museum** in Harrisonburg accepted a check from the **Kiwanis Club of Harrisonburg** for \$5,000. The mission of the Explore More Discovery Museum is to engage young minds through interactive, multi-sensory, learning experiences.

The **Kiwanis Club of Poquoson** continued its long time supporting role for the **Poquoson Public Library** with a check for \$700 at its regular Tuesday breakfast meeting. Among the many programs the Kiwanis helps support is the Babygarten reading program for very young children.

CDKF Teenager of the Year

Congratulations to:
Rebecca Perles
 Waynesboro High School

Gratitude



The **Kiwanis Club of Michelleville** received a surprise in the form of Fashion Designer Katherine Scott. Kiwanis members were at a meeting with their Kiwanis signage prominently displayed. Katherine approached them, excitedly explaining that in 2004 she had received a laptop from the **Washington D.C. Kiwanis Club**, and that because of Kiwanis she was able to complete a degree in fashion design from FIT in New York. "Because Kiwanis bought me that laptop, my parents were able to afford other supplies that I needed," Katherine said. "Thank you for all you have done, you have no idea how much something like that can mean to a person!" She currently travels the world for her career, but when she settles down she would love to join a Kiwanis Club!

Welcome to Kiwanis

Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg:
Diana Dunnivant
Ron Fox
Faith Heinen
Donald A. Baker
Sue Dugger
Neal Shambaugh

Happy Anniversary

April

Charlottesville	1922
Elkton.....	1932
Ellicott City	1940
Wythe County	1948
Mount Airy	1949
Williamsburg	1958
Churchland	1974
Greater Landover	1979
McClure River	1981
Calvert County.....	1981
Midlothian	1990
Montgomery Village	2003
Strasburg	2010

May

Danville	1921
Alexandria	1921
Harrisonburg.....	1922
Frederick	1922
Seaford.....	1923
Cumberland.....	1924
Pikesville	1935
Suffolk.....	1947
Christiansburg.....	1949
Rockville.....	1950
Crofton.....	1976
Old Point Comfort.....	1981
Shenandoah Valley	1981
Bull Run Manassas	1985
Clinch River.....	1988
Mitchellville.....	1995
Greater Westminster	1996
Old Town	2006
Central City Newport News.....	2009

Beyond the Call

Nominate a deserving Kiwanian for *Beyond the Call*. Contact editor@capitaldistrictkiwanis.org

Joe Richard McCray Kiwanis Club of Eastern Branch

By Elana Gardner
Kiwanis Club of Eastern Branch

“To be heroic may mean nothing more than this, to stand in the face of the status quo, amidst the madness of an increasingly chaotic world and represent another way”

For Joe Richard McCray, Kiwanis represented another way. Joe Richard joined the Kiwanis Club of Eastern Branch, Washington, DC/MD on October 16, 1970 and would become club President three years later. He was a Kiwanis International Life member but never showed off the gold-plated membership card that symbolized his status.

During 1999- 2000 Joe Richard represented Division One under Governor Gus Lamond as a member of the Millennium Falcons LTG class. Joe Richard was a Kiwanis subject matter expert who knew and understood International and District bylaws and policies. No matter the setting he was going to make certain Robert’s Rules of Order were observed.

He loved to travel to conventions and mid-winter conferences and build friendships with members from all over the Capital District and the world. The 1987 convention in Washington, DC was one he spoke of often where in the House of Delegates he chose to speak in favor of admitting women. He described it as pivotal and one of the

best decisions Kiwanis ever made. He was Capital District Foundation Life member #77 and Founder’s Society #50. At the International Foundation level (now Children’s Fund) Joe Richard was a Diamond 8 Hixson, Hixson Ambassador, Tablet of Honor and a 21st Century Heritage Society member. If you visit Kiwanis International in Indianapolis you can find his brick outside the main entrance.

On June 25th he will be interned at Arlington National Cemetery. That day he will perform his last act of community service having made arrangements to pay for dinner for the soldiers who present his military honors.

He also honored several individuals including his wife Gertrude who he recognized with an international Tablet of Honor as well when she departed this life. Because of his generosity during the IDD worldwide service project, Eastern Branch was recognized with a Kiwanis International Honor banner which is a rare honor even today. “



Joe Richard believed so much in the mission of our foundations that he included them in his estate planning.

Whenever possible he recruited / sponsored new members. It didn’t matter what club they joined just that they added to our ranks. Joe Richard was a friend and mentor to members, club, division, district and international officers.




In 2015, Joe Richard celebrated his 45 year Legion of Honor anniversary as a member. On January 8th, Joe Richard was finally reunited with his wife, Gertrude. On June 25th he will be interned at Arlington National Cemetery. That day he will perform his last act of community service having made arrangements to pay for dinner for the soldiers who present his military honors.

His legacy remains beyond the call.

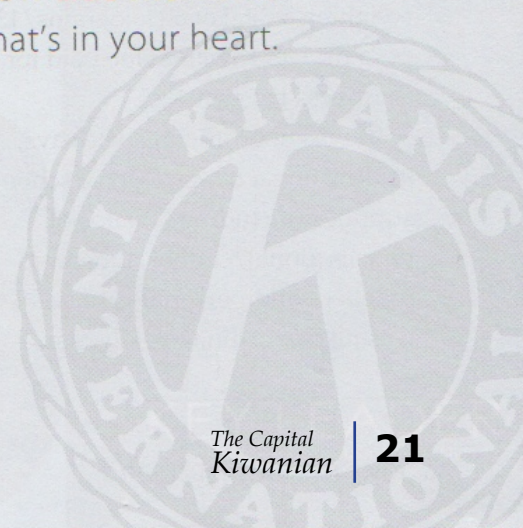


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When you love what you do, it shows. It shines in everything you accomplish. It rings out in everything you say. It's the kind of passion that people want to share. So make your love for Kiwanis an inspiration to fellow club members and a reason for nonmembers to join. It all starts with what's in your heart.

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