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Pennsylvania District Kiwanis International

News from DIVISION ONE

#1



A Message from our Lt. Governor

If you're among those who traditionally ring in the new year by pledging to eat less and exercise more, here's another resolution to add to your list: Make the world a better place for children by encouraging your club to contribute to the Kiwanis International Foundation's Annual Club Gift Campaign.

Also, encourage your members to bring in new members for the new year! What a great resolution for your club. Please make a decision to ask people to join. "Just do it!"

Region Six Trustee Tom Cometa sent an email out to his Lt. governors, and I think it is worth repeating.

I encourage all of you to make growth, service and fellowship a priority. Ask someone to your next club meeting as a prospective new member.

I ask one more simple thing. Will you please send me a short statement as to whether you will sponsor a new Kiwanian within the next nine weeks or the reason you cannot share Kiwanis with others. Perhaps the reasons you cannot ask someone to join Kiwanis can be used in a positive way to change that obstacle so that you will be proud to share your Kiwanis experience with others soon.

Always remember to compliment your members. Tell them what a great job they are doing serving the community. Call the members you may not have seen for a while. If you do not have time, ask for help. You will be amazed how much a simple phone call to a member means to that member . . . As well as yourself. You will be helping with member retention.

Sometimes we lose members because they feel we no longer care. Ask them what you can do to get them to come to meetings or participate in service projects. Tell them the club is missing them.

I am so proud to be representing Division One and all that our Division stands for. I am amazed and humbled by how much all of us can accomplish with so many hands of service helping along the way.

So many of you are passionate about service to Kiwanis. It is truly amazing to see so many of you so dedicated to your clubs.

Thank you for everything each and every one of you do. Go out and have the best month you possibly can while sharing the Kiwanis story!

Lt. Governor Cathy

During Steve Siemens' presentation he spoke a lot about the negative-free zone. Each month, we are going to have a positive reinforcement.

Instead of nagging or focusing on the negative (in yourself and others), replace your criticism with encouragement. Next time, say "Maybe if we try to do it this way, it will be better," rather than saying "We didn't do that right."

Mary Edwards
Pa. District
Governor

John Kline
Region 1 Trustee

Cathy Szymanski
Lt. Governor

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- > Meadville
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- > Millcreek Erie Area
- > Warren
- > West Erie County



Serving the
Children
of the World



Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.

Where in the Division is . . . ?

Like Waldo, our Lt. Governor is in many places. But, unlike Waldo, she doesn't try to hide from us! See if you can keep up with her.

Fort LeBoeuf meeting, noon	January 2
Meadville Golden K meeting	January 3
Cambridge Springs meeting, noon	January 8
AKtion Club meeting	January 8
West Erie County Board meeting, 7:30.....	January 9
Fort LeBoeuf meeting, noon	January 9
Key Club Zone Administrator meeting, Middletown, Pa.....	January 11-13
Edinboro Club Board meeting.....	January 15
Millcreek Club meeting, 7:30 a.m.....	January 16
Bradford Club Board meeting	January 17
Celebrating Kiwanis' 93rd anniversary with Meadville Club	January 21
Cambridge Springs Board meeting	January 29
Edinboro Club evening meeting.....	January 29
Warren Club meeting	January 30
Conneaut Lake Club meeting	February 5



Want to see your club in the newsletter? Just send your information - and photos - by the 26th of each month to Patti Loomis, Kiwanis Club of Edinboro, ladyp@coaxpa.com

After-Christmas Shopping - Kiwanis Style

The Kiwanis Club of Erie is selling 2008 diners cards again this year. They are only \$25.00 and you certainly get your money back almost immediately when you start using it. You can go to www.eriekiwanis.org to purchase one or two or three or more online. You can also contact Joe Murphy at 833-3353 or murfmurf123@aol.com

Prayer Breakfast

The Aktion Club of Crawford County will hold a Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday, February 27, at 8:00 a.m. The program by the Aktion Club members is titled "Types of Prayer." The cost is only \$3 per person, and reservations must be in by February 8. Call Karon at 814-724-7346. The breakfast will be held at the Quality Living Center, 16871 Craig Road (off 198 east of Saegertown).



Have you updated your website recently?

Sometimes technology can be scary . . . But it doesn't have to be! An updated website is a great way to recruit new members. If you need help with your website, contact either Lt. Governor Cathy (cathy@szy.com) or Patti Loomis (ladyp@coaxpa.com). We'll be happy to help you!

Upcoming Kiwanis Activities

Have you marked your club calendars yet for Saturday, April 5, 2008? I hope so! This is the second annual **Kiwanis One Day**, a day for every Kiwanis club to join with the rest of the Kiwanis Family: K-kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, and Aktion Club in united service.

We need all clubs to participate in one way or another along with your SLP's (Service Leadership Programs). Not only because there is a contest in the Pennsylvania District with all the other divisions, but also because it is a great way to work together as one on this one day.

The objective is to unite all Kiwanis members around the globe.

One of the ideas that has been suggested is for the clubs in the area to work with Habitat for Humanity for the day. Everyone is invited to participate with the clubs in Erie for this project. Perhaps you have some ideas for your own community you would like to do on this day. Let us know what they are.

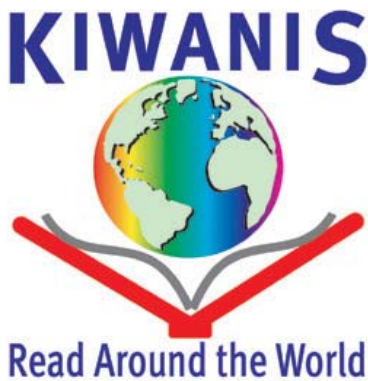
We really need each and every one of you to participate. We are hoping to have plenty of publicity for this effort, since it is an international project.

Please mark this important date on your calendars and start planning now!



Read Around The World

Wow, can you believe it is going to be February soon? Did you know that between February 1 and March 3, Kiwanis clubs, Circle K clubs and Key clubs around the globe will be celebrating the joys of reading to children, with the Read Around the World program.



Has your club participated in this in the past? If so let Lt. Governor Cathy know what you have done. Are you doing it this year, let Cathy know what you are doing!

This is a great opportunity for our clubs to share the gift of reading. Contact a local school or library, see what you can do to read to the children. As a reward if you participate, you can receive a banner patch for your club.

Reading is such an important factor in children's lives. Please take the time and get your club members to read. It does not have to be every day . . . perhaps just once a week. It won't take long for the children to anticipate your arrival!

Let me know if you have any questions or need ideas on how to make this project happen.

Thank you! Lt. Governor Cathy

If anyone is interested in receiving a copy of The United Way's **Erie County Statistical Profile, Fall 2007**, please let Lt. Governor Cathy or Patti Loomis know. The document can be sent electronically or through the postal service.

The information included in this report could be very valuable as you conduct/complete your community analysis.

Email ladyp@coaxpa.com or cathy@szy.com if you want a copy.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the Kiwanis Club of Corry
Who will be celebrating
Their 84th anniversary
On January 17.

Kiwanis Club of Millcreek

Thanks to the efforts of Millcreek Kiwanis, 102 families got boxes of food this year. A full meal was included with a ham, milk and lots of fruits and vegetables, too. Approximately 300 toys were also distributed to children this holiday with lots of help from McDowell Key Club members.

Four students received US savings bonds at our December evening meeting. It is amazing what our young people are doing to help not only themselves but others.

Kiwanis Club of Cambridge Springs

We rang the bell for the Salvation Army and wrapped gifts for kids on December 9 for the Santa visits that took place on December 19.

PLEASE NOTE: We will be meeting at the Cambridge Springs Public Library once meetings resume on January 8. We hope to see you there!

Kiwanis Club of Erie

The Kiwanis Club of Erie recently had a special moment with their Aktion Club recently. Dr. Barber held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for a newly furnished children's room at the Barber National Institute. This is a room off the lobby of the new building where children can play or read books while waiting for their appointment.

The Kiwanis Club of Erie donated monies last year to our Aktion Club for this project. The Aktion Club raised monies as well.

Several members of the Kiwanis Club of Erie, along with Aktion Club members, the Aktion Club advisor and Dr. Barber were on hand for the dedication.

Our club is so proud of our Aktion Club. They do so many things for our community. They should be commended for everything they have done and



continue to do to make everyone's lives better. The Kiwanis Club of Erie is so proud and humbled by our Aktion Club.

Kiwanis Club of Meadville Golden K

As always, we had a wonderful month of interclubbing. We also brought in a new member — David Nickolay. We are very pleased to welcome David to our club.

Our lottery calendars are selling well. If you have not received yours yet, contact Janet Miller at 724-4488. They are only \$10 each.

Our Key Club at Saegertown is coming along quickly. We are now in the process of getting all of the students names and sending them to International so that we can have a grand charter evening.

We encourage all other clubs to come visit us. We meet on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. at the senior center in Meadville.

Kiwanis Club of Edinboro

- Once again this year, the Edinboro Kiwanis Club spearheaded the efforts to present gifts to children who otherwise would not receive Christmas presents. Hundreds of gifts (and dollars) were collected from the area churches, other service organizations, student service groups, the students of Hermitage House, and generous community members. From ages zero to 18, more than 800 gifts were distributed to 93 families, and there were 60 presents left over to donate to the Union City women's shelter. Not only is this a rewarding project, but our members have fun working with other service-minded people wrapping gifts, adding tags, and eating the pizza made by Jim Pacileo.
- We'd like to wish a very happy anniversary to Bill and Mary Lou Rohde who celebrated 50 years together this past month.
- Congratulations to Mary Alice Haibach (Erie Club) who attended our holiday celebration (see our members playing Christmas Bingo at right) and won the 50-50 drawing! Who says it doesn't pay to go on interclubs?



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

The Edinboro Kiwanis Club will start holding an evening meeting on Tuesday, January 29, at the Crossroads Dinor, 6:30 p.m. — in addition to our four morning meetings. Everyone is welcome to join us. Simply order off the menu if you wish. We hope the evening meeting on the last Tuesday of each month will help us bring in new members who are unable to attend the morning meetings.

Mid-Winter, Feb. 29 - March 2

Have you made your reservations for the Mid-winter Conference yet? Since the Key Club Convention is the same weekend in the same hotel, rooms will go quickly.

This year's theme is "Sharing the Story of Service" and forums include such topics as: Builders Club/K-Kids, Key Club/Key Leader, Kiwanis 101, the Kiwanis Foundations, developing a three-year growth plan, online club reporting, and TAG team/membership growth.

In addition, special interest forums include a tour of Hershey (for the chocolate lovers).

Ask your club secretary for conference information and registration forms, or email ladyp@coaxpa.com, and we'll send them right out to you! Deadline for room reservations is January 28.

DON'T FORGET! Save your pop tabs and we'll make a presentation to help the Builders Club project.

Erie 2009

You can help us raise money for the 2009 Pa. District Convention in Erie. And it's as simple as mailing (or e-mailing) your favorite recipes!



Patti Loomis has agreed to put together a **DIVISION ONE COOKBOOK** as a fundraiser for the convention. The book is scheduled to be available for sale at the District Convention in August 2008. After covering expenses, profits will be donated to the Convention fund.

Categories will include: appetizers and snacks, soups and salads, vegetables, main dishes and casseroles, meat/poultry and seafood, breads and rolls, healthy eating, pies, pastries and desserts, and our favorite -- cakes, cookies and candies.

Let's make this a successful project to help cover the costs of the convention.

THINGS TO DO IN JANUARY

Presidents

- With the club secretary, review first quarter club and board meetings, committee programs and projects, membership growth, member involvement, involvement in division, district and international events and programs.
- Review club budget and goals. Look for areas of success and areas needing improvement.
- If desired, consider any proposed resolutions or amendments to the International bylaws. Submit to the International Office by April 1.
- Consider what financial assistance will be given to delegates and alternates attending the mid-winter conference, international convention, and district convention.

DUE DATES:

- Ensure federal income tax report form 990/990EZ will be filed by February 15.
- Each club may send two primary and two alternate delegates to the international convention for voting purposes. They should be elected at least 60 days prior to the convention.
- Each club may send three delegates to the district convention. They should be elected at least 30 days prior to the convention. Next year's club president should be one of the delegates.

Secretaries

- Report new members to the international office and submit fees as soon as they are received.
- If desired, consider any proposed resolutions or amendments to the International bylaws. Submit to the International Office by April 1.
- Consider what financial assistance will be given to delegates and alternates attending the mid-winter conference, international convention, and district convention.

DUE DATES:

- Ensure international dues for Circle K or Key Club outside the US have been submitted by February 1.

MEETINGS:

- Examine, with club president, the first quarter club and board meetings. Review club budget and goals. Look for areas of success and needed improvements.
- Encourage club members to register for international and district conventions.

Item of note:

January 21 is Kiwanis anniversary.

This information - and much more - is in your Leadership Guide. Refer to it often!

Division One Goals, 2007-2008



1. **Help your clubs achieve their goals.**
2. **Build membership.** Without members, we cannot serve our communities and achieve our goals. I ask that each club schedule a membership meeting or event once a quarter. Make it fun for guests and members, and make them feel like they can make a difference in helping to improve your community. I will schedule Division-wide recruiting events. My goal for the Division is 550 total members.
3. **Improve communication.** I will have a division-wide calendar of events to eliminate conflicts with other club events. We will also have a division newsletter.
4. **Enhance Kiwanis community service.** Seek out new opportunities to serve your community. Review and invigorate existing service projects.
5. **Increase publicity.** Let the world know about the good works of Kiwanis.

- **Please attend events and projects sponsored by other Kiwanis clubs.**
- **Kiwanis allows us to do collectively what we as individuals cannot do. Together we can!**
- **Success depends on how we implement our individual and collective plans and commitments.**

Lt. Governor Cathy Szymanski

The Great Clubs of Division One

BRADFORDTuesdays, noon Downbeat Restaurant Kim Weinberg, President - kimberly_weinberg@verizon.net	FORT LeBOEUF 1st two Wednesdays, noon Jake's on the Park Jarrin Sperry, President - sperryj@fortleboeuf.net
CAMBRIDGE SPRINGSTuesdays, noon Riverside Hotel (April-December), Cambridge Library John Anderson, President - janderson@northwesternrec.coop	KINZUA-ALLEGHENY 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Bi-Lo Market Nancy Sampson and Patty Osche, co-Presidents
CONNEAUT LAKETuesdays, 6 p.m. Fifth Street Presbyterian Church Gary Raubenstrach, President - woodworker03@windstream.net	MEADVILLEMondays, noon Community Center Karen Miller, President - kmiller@activeaging.org
CORRY Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. Country Foods Restaurant David Edwards, President - davidledwards@verizon.net	MEADVILLE GOLDEN KThursdays, 9:30 a.m. Community Center Dennis Patton, President - jploski@alltel.net
EAST ERIE COUNTYTuesdays, 7:30 a.m. Dabrowski's Restaurant Ralph Brougham, President - erieantique@adelphia.net	MILLCREEK ERIE AREAWednesdays, 7:30 a.m. Niagara Village Marie Hanes, President - mherie@juno.com
EDINBOROTuesdays, 7:30 a.m. Uncle Charlie's Pizza Pub Mark Hutchison, President - mhutch7918@aol.com	WARRENWednesdays, noon Jefferson Defrees Center Peter Smith, President
ERIETuesdays, noon Maennerchor Club Jean Tauber, President - jtauber@adelphia.net	WEST ERIE COUNTYThursdays, 7:30 a.m. Chico's Restaurant Doug Fronzaglia, President - daffronz@yahoo.com