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## CHECK THIS OUT!

Welcome to the **New England District of Kiwanis Conference/Convention packet**. We think you are going to notice some **BIG** changes in the way you receive this information.

You spoke and we listened. You wanted information sooner and organized in such a way where you the will have the opportunity to learn as much as possible at these events in order to assist with planning attendance. We hope this helps your club better plan for leadership training.

At the Fall-Trainer Conference and the Mid-Winter we will be highlighting clubs from the surrounding area. In November, Vermont, New Hampshire and

Maine will showcase their Clubs. At Mid Winter clubs from Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Bermuda will be sharing information about their clubs, areas of interest in the area, traditions, trivia and tales from the area, and let us know all about the who's who we should know about just as the other clubs did at Fall Trainer.

At each Conference you will have the opportunity to learn from these clubs during the Afternoon Break on Saturday and during the exhibits available all day. Bermuda is looking forward to sharing information all about their Island with members during the Mid Winter Conference weekend. You really are not going to want to miss these events!

## What to expect on Friday evenings:

On Friday evening (Session 1) or Sunday morning (Session 2) club officers will have the opportunity to attend **Club Leadership Education (CLE) training**. This 3-hour mini training will assist

Club officers learn all about what to expect throughout the year. Combined with the specific workshops for club officers, you will learn just about everything you should know about your

position. Keep in mind this training is available for President Elects, Vice Presidents, Assistant Secretaries and Assistant Treasurers as well. Knowledge will empower all your members.



## WORKSHOPS SET UP AS INFORMATION TRACKS Fall Trainer:

What workshop should I attend? This seems to be a familiar question asked at any conference. We tried to make it a bit easier for everyone by arranging tracks based on specific topics at each Conference.

If you are a club president, secretary or treasurer, you are especially going to like what we have to offer.

**MEMBERSHIP GROWTH**—available for all club members. Learn how to develop new member orientation information tailored to your club. In addition there will be a workshop on improving communication within your club. Then, learn about non-traditional alternative opportunities for your club to look at for membership opportunities.

**LEADERSHIP TRAINING PRESIDENTS and a separate track for SECRETARIES AND TREASURERS.** Combined with the CLE training, officers will receive the complete education package with separation made for part of the training. At these workshops, Club officers will learn how to become more effective in their positions within the Club. From running club meetings more effectively, to improving communication and the use of technology to walking through all the steps involved in completing a Community Analysis. Your Club officers will not want to miss these position specific workshops and a CLE training session.

**SERVICE PROJECT IDEAS**—we wanted to make sure club members were exposed to new service opportunities. After all, this is what Kiwanis is all about. There are several ways this will happen. There are specific workshops for Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (KPTI), Young Children Priority One (YCPO), and the First Lady's Service Project: Operation Tribute. In addition, there will be information available in the Exhibit area from Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine area clubs sharing information about projects they complete.

### Dress Code for the Weekend:

- Friday evening and Sunday morning CLE: dress casual.
- Saturday during the day: Show your Kiwanis style.
- Foundation Luncheon: Time to wear your Red Jacket supporting KFNE.
- Saturday evening: Business professional, jackets optional.
- Sunday breakfast and business meeting: Kiwanis casual.

## Learn from the Clubs throughout New England and Bermuda

If your club is located in the northern states of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine please come prepared to share with those attending the Fall Training Conference information about your area and what your club is doing.

If your club is located in the southern states of Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts and from Bermuda, please come prepared to share with those attending the Mid-Winter Conference information about your area and what your club is doing.

There will be time to share during the meet and greet time with the Executive board before each of the CLE training sessions as well as exhibit space all day on Saturday.

We never seem to have enough time to hear what other clubs are doing and ask questions or share ideas. That is until now! We want to hear all about your club's activities as well as some little known facts about the area in which you live.

## WORKSHOPS SET UP AS INFORMATION TRACKS Mid Winter:

**Build a Club**—learn step by step how your club can help sponsor a new club in your area. It is extremely important for our District to grow so we can do more. Learn from the experts on what your club can do strengthen your club in your area as well as grow new clubs nearby.

**Leadership Training for Club Officers**—a continuation of education for club officers. Learn about the importance of using graphics standards, how to determine how your club is progressing, and the importance of Insurance and a Safety Officer for your club. This will be a continuing set of workshops for club officers to further enhance what is necessary for all clubs to succeed now and in the future.

**Sponsored Leadership Programs**—the students will be teaching us a thing or two and the Aktion Club members will demonstrate their leadership skills as well. Opportunities to learn all about these programs so perhaps your club might be interested in sponsoring one of them if you do not already do so.

**Fundraising Project Ideas**—Fundraising is more than just making money. Yes, you will get some new ideas on what your club might want to try as a new fundraiser, but you will also learn how to better plan your fundraisers so you can include more of your members and realize even greater profits.

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## ADDITIONAL THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT

Saturday mornings the **Past Lieutenant Governors Association** holds a breakfast meeting. Learn what this organization is all about.

Then on Sunday, there will be a **Spiritual breakfast** followed by the **District Board meeting**. **If you did not get to attend CLE training on Friday evening, we have an additional session on Sunday morning.**

After dinner on Saturday evening the tradition continues with a silent auction to benefit First Lady Ann Marie's project: Operation Tribute. You will have an opportunity to bid on some amazing items donated by our members to benefit this worthy organization.

## ANNUAL CONVENTION—general information

This conference is all about Bylaw changes, election of a new District Team and the passing of the banners from the present administration to the next. Traditions run

deep in New England and that holds true for this weekend. There will be more specific information shared as to what to expect and a listing of the workshops that will be available as

we approach the date. Be sure to be an active participant in determining the future of the District by attending the Annual Convention and have your voice heard.

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So there you have it...An overview of the Conferences. These conferences were set up with you the club member in mind. We hope you will take advantage of all that they have to offer and join us as we work together to change the world one child and one community at a time.

As we approach each event, there will be more up-to-date information on the website and mailed to the clubs. When it arrives, be sure to share it with all your members so decisions can be made regarding who should attend which workshops.

So make your plans now to attend the conferences/convention. It will

## Make Time to Make a Difference



### CORE PURPOSE AND VALUES OF KIWANIS

To improve lives through leadership and service worldwide

Values:

- Committed to Kiwanis International Objects
- Embraces diversity
- Committed to clubs as primary outlet for service and fellowship
- Dedicated to serving the children, families and communities worldwide
- Open to the exchange of ideas
- Responsive to member needs
- Committed to developing youth and adult leaders