OBJECTS OF KIWANIS

• To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

• To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

• To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.

• To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.

• To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.

• To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

The six permanent Objects of Kiwanis International were approved by Kiwanis club delegates at the 1924 Convention in Denver, Colorado. Through the succeeding decades, they have remained unchanged.
Tim Daly honored as he departs role of Circle K Administrator

By Glen Cefalo
District Governor

For the past 27 years, Tim Daly has mentored our young adult Circle K leaders as Circle K District Administrator, and Tim has been involved in our Key Club organization for more than 50 years. Tim has made the decision to retire from his Circle K job, and a surprise gathering was arranged at Camp Sunshine March 28th during the annual Circle K District Convention to mark the occasion. Many of Tim’s family members traveled to Casco, Maine, for the surprise party, and 11 of the past 27 Circle K governors were in attendance to add to the surprise. Tim thought the convention would cause him to miss his grandson’s 10th birthday party, but he was very surprised to see his grandson had made the trip and was able to celebrate with his grandfather.

Tim, thank you for all that you have done and continue to do with our SLPs. Congratulations to our new 2015-2016 Circle K Governor Karl Uzcategui from the Johnson and Wales Circle K Club of Providence. Thank you to 2014-2015 Governor Rachel Shanly for her outstanding year. We wish her well on her return to California and look forward to seeing her at a future Kiwanis event as a Kiwanis member.

Please attend this event next year if you sponsor a Circle K Club. You will be amazed by what our young adults are doing for Kiwanis and our communities. Thank you to the administration staff and advisers for your hard work and guidance throughout the year.

On April 10-12th the annual Key Club district convention weekend was held in Springfield, MA. If you have never been to this event, please mark your calendar for next year, when the convention will be held on April 8-10. You will be amazed and surprised how well our high school Key Club members represent themselves and their clubs. Their spirit, enthusiasm and energy are unbelievable. There were more than 900 Key Clubbers and many advisors in attendance. Sadly, some Key clubs were not able to attend because the high number of snow days in many parts of New England made it impossible to give the students a day out of school.

On Saturday night many awards were given. Some clubs won multiple awards. There was an amazing talent show which have the students the chance to show off their performing abilities. It was truly a honor to see this event. The evening concluded with an overwhelming “parade of checks” for the district’s projects – the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute, the Children of Peace girls’ school in Vietnam, and Camp Sunshine. The line was long and deep, with checks for as much as $4,000 coming from the clubs. More than $30,000 total was raised for Key Club district projects.

Congratulations to our new 2015-2016 Key club Governor Lexie Jamieson from the Scarborough, Maine, Key Club. Lexie’s father was Key Club governor in 1978-1979, making them the first father-daughter Key Club governors in New England history.

Thank You 2014-2015 Governor Malcolm Badger for your outstanding year. We wish you well, and best of luck in choosing a college to attend next year ... we hope it will be one with a Circle K club. Thank you to the advisors and Key Club staff and administration for all your hard work and guidance through the year.

A special thank-you to Lindy Falconer, who is retiring as Key Club advisor from the Colebrook, New Hampshire, Key Club. You will be missed, and the District appreciates your hard work and dedication. The Colebrook Key Club took home multiple awards and was honored as a diamond level distinguished club by Kiwanis International.

If your club sponsors a Key Club, Circle K or Aktion club, please be active with them. They are wonderful groups of young adults who have parents who should be asked to join your club. Keep them involved in your fundraisers. Be involved in their fundraisers. You will see how much fun you both can have.

Thank you all for what you do for the New England and Bermuda district of Kiwanis.
The future of Kiwanis is in your hands

By Bart Stevens
Governor-elect

Happy spring … or at least I am hoping there will be signs of spring by the time you all are reading this. It’s hard to believe that we are now beyond the halfway point in the current administrative year. Where has the time gone?

As of this printing we have completed our renewed Mid-Winter Conference with a very nice attendance after a three-year break. The training classes were well attended, as was the service project which resulted in some 10,000 meal packages being packed. From there it was onto the Circle K Convention at Camp Sunshine here in Maine the very next weekend. What a great weekend that was! Congratulations to past Governor Rachel Shanley and her board for a terrific year and huge congratulations to new Governor Karl Uzcategui and his newly elected 2015-2016 board. I’m very much looking forward to working with them in the year ahead.

The highlight of the weekend, though, was the surprise recognition of outgoing administrator Tim Daly. Complete surprise to Tim with his family being “snuck in”, and the numerous past Circle K governors in attendance. Congratulations to Tim on 27 years with Circle K - what an accomplishment! I have appointed Kristin Sampiere as the new Circle K Administrator and know she will do a fantastic job. The question now becomes, can Kristin hang in there for 27 years?

Next up, Key Club convention - oh what I wouldn’t give to get just 50% of their attendance at our convention! Well over 900 Key Clubbers were present in Springfield. If you’ve never been to one of their conventions, you really should think about it next year - the energy and exuberance is contagious. Congratulations to outgoing Governor Malcolm Badger for an absolutely terrific year.

I am looking forward to the training of the new class of Lieutenant Governors the first weekend in June. This year’s event will take place in Chelmsford, MA. Not everyone has reported in on their replacements yet, so we do need to speed that up a bit - please and thanks.

All eyes are now on the 100th anniversary celebration in Indianapolis. With Kiwanis, Circle K and Key Club all coming together this is NOT an event you want to miss. Plus, why wouldn’t you want to be present to support our very own candidate, Stephen T. Hill, for Kiwanis International Vice President? Your support is crucial to this undertaking and this year’s event is jam-packed with exciting activities.

And finally, our very own District Convention is coming faster than believable. This year will find us back in Leominster, MA August 22-23 for the celebration, educational opportunities and district business, such as electing the next Governor-elect. Moving forward, the emphasis on training is going to take a bit of a twist. Under newly-appointed Education Chair Timothy McMahon, we are going to take training to a whole new level. It’s appropriate to express my personal thanks to Wanda Baril for all she has done on this front for a number of years, and I think her retirement from the position will not keep her from still keeping an eye on things. Looking ahead, we are going to be focusing on what YOU want to see, focusing more on what opportunities are out there to help us in our personal and professional lives, and then, by default, in our Kiwanis lives.

See you there. Make sure to register early, please!
Indianapolis, Indiana, is the place to be this June, especially if you are a Kiwanian. Whether you’ve been to dozens of conventions of whether this is your first, this is the premiere event for Kiwanis in 2015. It’s our 100th Birthday!

If that wasn’t motivation enough, consider your opportunity to come to Indianapolis to vote for the leadership of Kiwanis International. This year, we will elect the first female president of our great organization, Sue Petrisin. Read more about Sue on the KI website.

Exciting? You bet it is – and there’s more.

All of us in New England were proud to have John D. Morton, Sr. rise to the position of President of Kiwanis International (1991-1992.) John was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Berlin, New Hampshire.

Fast forward to 2017-2018 and wouldn’t it be nice to have one of our own from New England be president of KI? You bet it will be! That’s what we can accomplish at this convention.

Stephen T. Hill of the Kiwanis Club of Norwalk, Connecticut is a candidate for Vice President of Kiwanis International. If elect in Indianapolis, he will be president of KI in 2017-2018. Many people stand behind Steve, and we thrilled has made this decision to serve at such a high level of our organization. We also thank his wife Michelle, for her support in this process. This will be a family commitment that will involve her as well.

If you don’t know Steve, visit our campaign website at www.HillforVP.org. You can also friend him on our campaign Facebook page!

Steve became a member of Kiwanis in 1992, the same year that John Morton served. In his 23 years as a member, he has served as Club President, Lieutenant Governor, Governor, and Kiwanis International Trustee. Even with all this Kiwanis experience, he is happy to serve his community and be known as “Steve from Norwalk.”

What does Steve Stand for? You can appreciate Steve when you know his “Pledge to Kiwanis.” As president he sees our organization doing what we do best, and pushing us in the right directions. He pledges the following:

• To improve the lives of all of our children
• To increase relevant community service
• To stimulate new ideas and discussions
• To grow the membership base of Kiwanis

We need your help. Show support for Steve, by attending the conference and voting for Steve in the business session on Friday, June 26. Encourage your club to send TWO delegates. Learn more about the convention on the Kiwanis International website.

Volunteer to campaign with us. We will need “boots on the ground” in Indianapolis. If you are interested in helping, contact past governor Jim Banks, or send an email to info@hillforvp.org.

We’ll have a lot of fun in Indianapolis as we vote in Stephen T. Hill to Vice President of Kiwanis International. Join us!
During the time it takes to read this article a baby will die from tetanus, yes one baby dies every 11 minutes or 49,000 each year. Yet it takes just $1.80 to vaccinate a mother and to protect her and her future babies. Tetanus spores are in the ground throughout the world.

Through The Eliminate Project, Kiwanian’s are making a difference in the lives of millions of women and their future children through our partnership with UNICEF. Kiwanis is about to make history by eliminating MNT from the face of the earth. Our partnership is working and we have many successes to celebrate!

- We have raised more than $80 million dollars, which will save or protect over 44 million women and children
- $50 million of this $80 million has come in since the Vancouver Convention, which is phenomenal!
- We’ve are at 73% of our fundraising efforts!
- Maternal and neonatal tetanus has been eliminated in 35 countries to date. But our work is not complete! 24 countries remain under threat from MNT.

I know together we can do it; we can achieve the elimination of this dreadful disease. In honor of the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International, we will give our gift to the world—a world without MNT! Our centennial gift of $110 million will save or protect more than 61 million lives. However, we cannot do it without your help.

How do I know we will accomplish our goal? Because we are Kiwanians—we do great things. We have done it before, we will do it again.

The New England and Bermuda District goal is to raise/pledge $1 million dollars saving 555,555 lives. To date 128 clubs and their members have pledged over $558,000, an average of $4359 per club.

- Clubs that have achieved Global Service Society levels are;

- Scarborough Gold Club Level at $1274 per member average.
- Legacy Model Club Norwalk and Augusta at $750 per member average.
- Silver Clubs Newport, Beverly and Pembroke at $500 per member average.
- Other notable clubs are,
• Danvers at $382, Lower Cape at $265, Hardwick at $261, Taunton at $258, Montpelier $220, and Natick at $217 Brattleboro at $209 per member average.

• 20 clubs have raised between $3,000 to $19,000 an increase of 9 clubs in the last 4 months and they are as follows:
  
  - Hartford, Meriden, Milford, New London, Weston, Wilton CT
  - East Boston, Mashpee, Taunton, Sheffield and Westfield MA
  - Dover-Foxcroft, Orno-Old Town and Rockland ME
  - Hookset, Hudson, Keene, Mt Washington Valley and Salem NH
  - St. Johnsbury VT

• Thirty three clubs have raised between $1000 to $3000 each.

  Our SLP Clubs have raised over $113,000

• We are at 68% of our goal
  
  - Will you say yes to the women and babies who need our help now?
  - Will you give to save lives?
  - Will you be a part of making history?

What would you do if I said you only had 5,000 minutes left to live? 5,000 minutes is all a baby with tetanus gets to have in their whole life. Only 5,000 minutes. That’s about five days and five hours, filled with excruciating pain. A Mother and father cannot even hold their baby during this time.

The world won’t know that baby’s potential unless we do something. We have to stand up to say that we care for that baby and that we will protect the connection between mothers and their children.

What if I told you that you could wake up every morning and know you have made a difference? Imagine that; knowing every day you have made a difference in this world. You can make that difference in the world by committing to give a dollar eighty a day to save a mother future child? Less than a cup of coffee!
There are many ways of making that commitment, but I want to share 3 very simple opportunities with you:

- You commit to saving a baby a day for the next two years—a commitment of only $52 per month—and qualify for a Walter Zeller Fellowship—a gift of $1,250 and save 694 women and babies?
- You commit to a gift of saving a baby a day—one dollar and eighty cents a day—for the 100th anniversary year? A total gift of $657 and save 365 women and babies.
- Will you club accept the 20% match for a new commitment to become a Model Club? You can take 5 years to fulfill the pledge of $750 per member average.

We are on track to complete our $110 million dollar goal. As I stated earlier, we have raised more than $80 million worldwide, however we need your help to reach our shared goal.

Your participation and willingness to serve the children of the world is so important as we rid the world of a deadly disease. We are fulfilling our mission of being a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time.

Thank you for all you do for your club, your community and more importantly the children of the world.

Daniel Bennett
District Coordinator for The Eliminate Project
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If you have answered “Yes” to any of these questions, then we at the Kiwanis Foundation of New England need your help. Helping us could not be easier! For the second consecutive year, the Boston Globe is allowing each and every subscriber to choose a Massachusetts based 501 (c) (3) to receive a free ad in the upcoming year’s Boston Globe. The program is called the Boston Globe GRANT (Globe Readers and Non-profits Together) program. Every subscriber whether a “digital” subscriber, a part-time subscriber, or 7-day delivery subscriber, is entitled to a voucher that can be awarded to a qualified non-profit. We need the subscriber to log onto www.BostonGlobe.com/GRANT and select the Kiwanis Foundation of New England to receive your support. It is as simple as that- just two clicks of your computer’s mouse!!

Last year, our Foundation was listed on enough vouchers to qualify for a free ad which ran in the front section of the Boston Sunday Globe on February 15, 2015. You can see a copy of the ad right here! This was a great way to give both the Kiwanis Foundation of New England and Kiwanis some increased exposure to individuals all around New England.

So please help us to spread the word of our Foundation and Kiwanis by asking members in your club (as well as friends, family members and co-workers) to go to www.BostonGlobe.com/GRANT and select the Kiwanis Foundation of New England. The deadline of April 30th is fast approaching so please act as quickly as possible!! For additional information, you may reach me at davidap33@yahoo.com.

David Peterson
Kiwanis Foundation of New England, Vice-President

Helping Kids Heal

Since 1954, members of New England’s Kiwanis clubs have worked to reduce injuries and improve care to children through our partnership with Boston’s Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center. Become a partner by joining Kiwanis or donating to the Kiwanis Foundation of New England.

Kiwanis Foundation of New England
P.O. Box 2307, Westfield, MA 01086-2307
www.kfne.org

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Greetings Kiwanians,

My name is Anne Keliher and I am the new Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute (KPTI) Project Specialist, based at The Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center in Boston. I began my new role on March 9 and I’m so happy to be working with all of you to build on the solid foundation and many strengths of the KPTI program.

I’ll start by telling you a little about myself and my background. I have a Master’s degree in Human Services Management and I’ve spent many years developing, funding and promoting community-based public health programs. Many of these programs have focused on helping families living in communities with limited resources. The programs I’ve worked on include mental health screening and education for military families, risky drinking prevention programs for college students, and post-partum depression education and screening.

I’m looking forward to working with all of you and the KPTI team at Tufts Medical Center to help prevent childhood traumatic injury. I recently attended the Mid Winter Conference and loved having the chance to meet many of you. I look forward to supporting you in conducting KPTI programs in your communities. Now that spring is here, we expect that kids in our communities will be jumping on their bikes and roaring out into the fresh spring air. It’s the perfect time to host a Bike Rodeo! You probably have heard the statistics but they’re worth repeating: More U.S. children ages 5 to 14 are seen in emergency departments for injuries related to biking than any other sport. Approximately 55% of children don’t always wear a helmet while biking. And yet, helmet use is the single most effective way to reduce bicycle-related fatalities. (Source: Safe Kids Worldwide, Bicycle, Skate and Skateboard Safety Fact Sheet (2014): http://www.safekids.org/sites/default/files/documents/skw_bike_fact_sheet_june_2014.pdf)

So the bike rodeo is an excellent way to teach kids how to stay safe while biking. We invite you to host a Bike Rodeo this spring or summer. KPTI is here to support you by providing bike safety education and promotion materials as well as a Manual that includes all of the tips and guidelines you need for a successful and well-attended Rodeo. After you host your Rodeo, please send us your evaluation forms (in the back of the Bike Rodeo Manual) so we can learn from your feedback how to enhance the program for next year. Also, don’t forget to send us your Bike Rodeo photos! We want to celebrate your success by posting your Rodeo photos on the KPTI Facebook page, at the KPTI Day Open House in December, and at the many events we have at Tufts Medical Center where we can show off all of your hard work. To receive the Manual and all of your materials, please download the order form today at the kpti.org website under “Community Programs.” Once you get to this webpage click on “Family Safety Day and Bike Rodeo.” If you have any questions, please contact me at akeliher@tuftsmedicalcenter.org Here’s to a safe and fun Spring for all of the kids in our communities!
NEW ENGLAND & BERMUDA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS
ANNUAL
“IRVING TALBERTH
OUTSTANDING CLUB SECRETARY AWARD”
GUIDELINES

A good secretary is important to every Kiwanis Club. The New England & Bermuda District of Kiwanis has instituted the “Irving Talberth Trophy” in recognition of the District’s Outstanding Club Secretary. The recipient will receive this award, named in honor of Irving Talberth, who was our first permanent District Secretary.

The winner’s name, club and year the award was presented will be printed on a plate on the base of the large, silver, cup. Usually the cup is displayed at the District Convention. The winner will retain the cup until the following year.

Lieutenant Governors or clubs wishing to submit nominations should contact the District Secretary prior to July 10th. Each division/club will submit names of nominees for selection of the award winner. Recordkeeping and reporting make up the main criteria for the selection of the outstanding secretary. The guidelines are as follows:

100% of the following:
1. District and International dues paid by November 30th.
2. Online monthly reporting is current through June 30th.
3. Certification of Election of Delegates to International Convention 30 days prior to the convention.
5. Certification of Election of succeeding year’s club officers by May 31st.

Any two of the following:
1. Attendance to the International Convention.
2. Attendance to the District Convention
3. Attendance to a Mid-Winter Conference or a Regional Conference
4. Attendance to a Governor’s Visit to your Division.
5. Attendance to the Lieutenant Governor’s Training Conference

The follow points may be kept in mind when making a recommendation:

Keeping Records:
1. Maintaining complete records on membership and club and Board meetings.
2. Reminding committee chair people to report to the Secretary.
3. Inform Treasurer of member billing and accounts payable.

Reporting:
1. Submitting all required reports promptly, accurately and thoroughly.
2. Report all new members and those who have left the club (with the reason noted)
3. Answer all correspondence promptly.
4. Report financial obligations of club to the Board for action and prompt payment.

Other Considerations:
• 1. Assist with club bulletin and other member communications.
• 2. Number of years of service as Club Secretary.
• 3. Assistance given Club President and Lieutenant Governor
ARTICLE XVI. DELEGATES AND DELEGATES-AT-LARGE

Section 1. For any International convention, each club in good standing shall be entitled to two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates, chosen by the club. (7/1998)

Section 2.

a. Each club’s alternates shall be designated as alternate number one (1) and alternate number two (2) and shall serve in the numerical order certified for either of the two (2) delegates of the club, if either or both such delegates shall be absent from the convention. (7/1998)

b. Each delegate and alternate shall be an active member in good standing of the club represented, or be a lieutenant governor, a past lieutenant governor, the district secretary, or a past district secretary. (7/1998)

c. The lieutenant governor, a past lieutenant governor, or a past district secretary may each represent any club, but only in the division of which the lieutenant governor's, past lieutenant governor's, or past district secretary's present club is a member and not otherwise represented by two (2) delegates. (7/1998)

d. The district secretary may represent any club in that secretary's district not otherwise represented by two (2) delegates. (7/1998)

e. Club delegates and alternates shall be elected by the clubs they represent not less than sixty (60) days prior to the date of any annual International convention, or not less than twenty (20) days prior to the date of any special International convention. Their election shall be evidenced by a certificate duly authenticated by the president and the secretary of the club. The status of persons as past lieutenant governors or past district secretaries shall be certified by the district governor or district secretary. (1/2012)

e. In the event any club shall fail to certify the election of its delegates and alternates, the Committee on Credentials shall determine the seating of the delegates or alternates for such club. (6/1989)

Section 3. Official delegates of a newly organized club shall be granted full privileges at International conventions after the charter has been approved by Kiwanis International, even if it has not been formally presented to such club.

Section 4. Elective International officers as defined in Article XI, Section 1, Past International Presidents, Chairmen of current International, Standing, and Special Committees of Kiwanis International, governors-elect, district trustees, district treasurers, district secretaries, lieutenant governors, lieutenant governors-designate, and past district governors who are active members shall be delegates-at-large to all International conventions. (7/2005)

Section 5. Each accredited delegate and delegate-at-large present shall be entitled to vote on each question submitted in any International convention, except as prescribed in these Bylaws. There shall be no voting by proxy or absentee ballot. (7/1998)
Section 6. No delegate shall be entitled to vote in a convention unless and until the delegate's registration fee has been paid. (7/1998)

Section 7. The quorum of any International convention shall consist of not less than five hundred (500) delegates and delegates-at-large, provided that in time of emergency, three hundred (300) delegates and delegates-at-large shall constitute a quorum. (7/1998)

Section 8. On all matters put to vote in the House of Delegates, accredited delegates and delegates-at-large may abstain from voting on any proposition. In determining the outcome of any vote, the presiding officer shall make a determination on the votes actually cast; abstentions, if any, shall be excluded from all such consideration.

As stated in Policies & Procedures:

360.2 – Clubs Not Current With Financial Obligations

A. Charter Suspension: When a club fails to pay its international, district, or federation financial obligations exceeding US$150 billed by and payable to Kiwanis International within ninety (90) days after such amounts are due, the club shall be considered not current with its financial obligations and placed on charter suspended status. (1980) (10/04)

B. Club Delegate Representation Prohibited: A club not current with its financial obligations or having outstanding dues obligations is not entitled to be represented by delegates at any district, federation (if any), or International conference or convention. (1980) (4/98)

K-KUPS FROM K-KIDS

The K-Kids of Berlin NH had a service project where they collected empty K-Kups, cleaned them, put candy in them with positive thoughts and sayings, made and cut out special toppers with their logo and on Valentine’s Day handed them out to people at Wal-Mart, on Main Street and at the local grocery store in Berlin NH. They collected and distributed over 100 Kups and help to brighten people’s day. The kids did this looking for nothing in return than to put a smile on people’s faces. They received very positive feedback from people for their thoughtfulness.
My name is Karl Uzcategui, New England District Governor for Circle K International. Currently, I am a senior studying International Business with a concentration in Political Science at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, RI. I have been a member of the Kiwanis family for the past seven years through my involvement in Key Club and Circle K. During that time, I served on the Key Club district board for two years, both as a lieutenant governor and as district conference chair. During my time in Circle K I have served as charter president of the Johnson & Wales University Circle K and as Atlantic Division lieutenant governor.

As governor, I hope to create “SPIRIT” within our district. “SPIRIT” is an acronym for: Spectacle, Persistence, Inspiration, Remembrance, Innovation, and Translation. “SPIRIT” is a core value and should not be confused with the vision or culture of our district. Once the district board has met, we will have a better understanding of where we stand and what actions need to be made if we are to progress as an organization. The decisions of one cannot effectively influence an entire organization without the support of many. At the end of the service year I will ask the question, “Have we created SPIRIT in New England”. This will aid in determining how far we have come.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all at International Convention as we celebrate Kiwanis’s 100th year of service. It is sure to be a grand celebration.

Cordially,
Karl Uzcategui

University of Maine Circle K Receives Awards at Convention

The University of Maine Circle K Club, sponsored by the Orono-Old Town Kiwanis Club, received a number of awards at the New England District of Circle K convention in March.

UMaine took first place for District Project and for Club Achievement Award, second place for club newsletter, and third place for non-traditional scrapbook. In addition, member Kendall Croteau won the Outstanding Member Award, club advisor Katie Mishou was recognized with the Joseph Strazzulla Kiwanis Advisor Award, and Kiwanian Larry Wade was recognized with the Chester Bogushas Award for outstanding service to Circle K.

UMaine Circle K members racked up more than 1,000 service hours for the 2014-2015 school year.
It was during the summer of 2005 that the Kiwanis Club of Sandwich hosted a cookout to celebrate the closing of baseball season. We had donated $5,000 that year to establish a “Challenger” Division within the Sandwich Little League Baseball and this was the final game of the year. The “Challenged” participants were mentally or physically handicapped and ranged from ages 6 to 18. We had got a local bank to participate with us in funding an award each player in addition to the league trophy. It was a nice wind-breaker jacket embroidered with their name (with the Kiwanis logo on the sleeve).

As we watched the final game you certainly felt a great deal of pride in what your club had done as well as admiration for all the “buddy” volunteers. Here were kids who never thought they would ever be able to play baseball getting the biggest kick out of being part of our Nations favorite pastime.

At the end of the game we gathered in a big circle around home plate and began to pass out the jackets, calling out each players name and awarding the jacket when they got to home plate. I noticed that one young smallish player started out of the circle each time a jacket was pulled out of the box and the name was read. Each time he returned to the circle when he learned it wasn’t his name that had been called. Thought unhappy, he was the first to high-five each jacket recipient as he or she return to the circle.

As it became clear that we were reaching quite deep in the box and there weren’t any jackets left to be awarded he became quite agitated. Someone had set aside one of the jacket because they thought the participant wasn’t in attendance and we had fail to notice it. When it became clear that someone had been overlooked a search was conducted and the jacket found. His name was then called. You would have thought that it was David Ortiz getting the award as everyone let out this huge cheer. He donned his jacket amidst the applause and proceeded to march around the circle and high-five everyone again. That was when I knew what it meant to be a Kiwanis member and why I am a “lifer”.

Though my Kiwanis moment didn’t involve a Service Leadership Program (SLP) club, there have been numerous moments such as this that followed through my continuing involvement with these programs. I’ve had ample opportunity to experience “kids” in action by chartering two K-Kids, two Builders, two Key Clubs (and have just charter a third), and two Aktion Clubs. As the Kiwanis advisor to two of the Key Clubs and the two Aktion Clubs, I am continually amazed at the community service involvement of these clubs.

Does your club sponsor a SLP? Every club has an opportunity to start or expand their SLP offering if the desire is there. NEBDK has outstanding program chairs to help! Try it, you will like it.

To quote Senator Edward M. Kennedy “You did not make the world you live in, but you have a chance to change it.” We as Kiwanians know that so well but sometime we need that shove.

On April 7th Governor Glen Cefalo was presented with an intarsia portrait crafted by Division 8 Lt. Governor Paul Lafleur.

The picture is surrounded by patches from several fire departments in Division 8, including Berlin and Colebrook, New Hampshire and St. Johnsbury, Vermont. Governor Glen was in Berlin for his official Division visit.
Danvers Kiwanis Members are honored for 5 & 10 years of membership

Gayla Bartlett Club President (5), Irene Kucinski District Lt.Governor (10), Arthur Skarmeas Immediate past president (10), Sandy Lane (5), Anna Bertini (10), Suzanne Tagg (10), Susan Rogers President Elect (5), Kerrilee Pelletrino (5), Kay Maurice Club Secretary (10).

Not Shown in Photo: 5 years, Wayne Eisenhauer Matthew Forlizzi, Jason Navaro 10 Years C.R. Lyons, Tyler Destefano, Maureen Gillis

Gardner Trask and Joseph Flaherty who attend the night meetings both celebrated 10 years in the Danvers Kiwanis Club.
Celebrate Reading Across America!

The Kiwanis Club of Norway-Paris recently celebrated Reading Across America week by hosting its annual Dr. Seuss Winter Breakfast! Club members rose early to prepare a hearty breakfast of pancakes, French toast casserole, bacon, sausage, and hash browns to feed hungry young readers and their families and friends. Partnering with the local Right Start program, every child receives a free book and bookmark from the club. As an added attraction, area children can bring books from home and swap them out for newer, gently used books that have been donated by community businesses and individuals. Children arrived with satchels of books to trade in! Each child’s name was entered in a raffle for one of three sleds, donated by Paricon, Inc., a local toy manufacturer owned and operated by multiple generations of Kiwanis members!

Div. 5 Assembles Meal Packages for Project Outreach Program

On Saturday, November 1, 2014, 12,000 meals were assembled and packed for delivery to local food pantries in the greater Portland area. Some cartons will be distributed in the Back Pack for Food Programs in Scarborough and Sanford. $2950 was donated from Division 5 Clubs and the Kiwanis Foundation. Clubs from Division 5 were well represented with support from the following Kiwanis Clubs: Portland, Saco River Valley, Sanford, Norway-Paris, Scarborough, Westbrook, Windham and Lewiston-Auburn. Also present were members from the Scarborough High Key Club, the Sanford High Key Club, the Saco River Builders Club and the future Westbrook Builders Club along with members from the host church. There were a total of 83 members from the Kiwanis family and friends participating in assembly and cleanup. The United Baptist Church in Saco, Maine partnered with Kiwanis as the project was held in their fellowship hall. This is an especially needed project as 18% of the population in Maine suffers from food insecurity every day and 1 in 4 children goes to bed hungry every night. Thank you to all who supported this project.
Service Projects:

Service Leadership Programs – Helping our youth learn “leadership” and “service”:

• K-Kids – Grades 3-5 @ Wentworth Elementary
• Builders Club – Grades 6-8 @ Scarborough Middle
• Key Club – Grades 9-12 @ Scarborough High

Early Childhood Injury Prevention Kits:

Club members assemble 200 kits monthly & deliver them to Maine Medical Center. These kits have many tips and ideas to help keep infants and toddlers safe. A kit is given to every family leaving the hospital with a newborn.

• Assist in feeding the hungry in our community:

• Outreach-Kids Care Project: Club members and volunteers package (in an assembly line) fortified Mac & Cheese meals that are distributed to local food banks. Each assembly day provides approximately 1800 packs that provides 6 servings each. Club plans two assembly projects each year.

• Community Food Drive: Organize and hold a community food drive to help restock the Scarborough food pantry.


• Reading Program for Primary School Children: Kiwanis volunteers read to young students at all three primary schools in Scarborough (Blue Point, Pleasant Hill, and Eight Corners). This is a part or a Kiwanis International program, “Read Around the World”.  

• Annual Fishing Derby: Scarborough Kiwanis Club members provide a day of fun & fishing for children ages 4 thru 15 and their families. Awards and prizes are given to each age group. Each year from 100 to 250 kids participate in this event.

• Scholarships for Graduating Seniors at Scarborough High School


• Support Builders Club: “Operation Cupid” program: Providing personal supplies to Maine Service men & women stationed out of this country.

• Support “Jumpstart”: An educational program in Scarborough for Pre-K children (4 year old) to better prepare them for Kindergarten.

Support “THE ELIMINATE PROJECT”:

This is a Kiwanis International “World wide Service Project”. The entire Kiwanis Family (Kiwanis Clubs and our Service Leadership clubs) is working with UNICEF to “ELIMINATE” Maternal/neonatal tetanus. New mothers and healthy newborns are dying from tetanus infections in many countries of the world. Kiwanis has pledged to financially support UNICEF with needed funds. The Kiwanis goal is to raise $110 million (US) through fund raising, donations and pledges by the end of 2015.
**Westfield Kiwanis Host 46th Annual TV Auction**

Despite some rough weather and a computer glitch or two, members of the Greater Westfield community came through for the Westfield Kiwanis Club on March 1, helping the club’s 46th annual TV Auction set an all-time sales record.

A computer problem delayed the start of the auction for about half an hour until about 12:30 PM. Despite that, bidding was fast and furious on more than 300 items Westfield Club members collected from about 120 local businesses and private donors.

The auction was aired on Comcast’s local community access channel in the city of Westfield and the town of Southwick, and was streamed live on the Internet. The program aired from the Westfield State University television studio in Westfield. Reports from the university’s streaming service indicated that as many as 500 viewers were watching the program on-line at any given time, and there were successful bidders who watched the program in Connecticut, New Jersey and Indiana, according to Auction Chairman and Kiwanis President-Elect Kevin C. O’Connor.

The Kiwanis auction effort is an all-hands-on-deck affair for club members, O’Connor said, with most of the club’s 60-plus members taking a role. The auction is coordinated by a committee which includes co-chair and club vice-president Geana Delisle, club president Paul Nunez, Brad Cassin, Katrina Dziedzic, George Delisle, and Adam Wright.

The auction was publicized in the Westfield News and Pennysaver, which was the event’s print media sponsor, as well as in the Republican of Springfield. O’Connor said the snowstorm which occurred on auction day likely kept more viewers indoors and in front of their television sets, contributing to record sales of more than $45,000.

The auction, which originated in 1969 on a local AM radio station, has been the Westfield Kiwanis Club’s primary fund-raising apparatus for many years. The auction has figured prominently in the clubs support of many community agencies and programs, including the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Westfield and Westfield Little League Baseball, both founded by Kiwanis, as well as youth leadership clubs in Westfield schools, the Westfield chapter of the American Red Cross, the Westfield Athenaeum Boys & Girls Library, and area food pantries and soup kitchens.

Auction hosts Adam Wright, George Delisle and Brad Cassin took a break from their auctioneering duties to remember the late Ted Perez, Sr., owner of East Mountain Country Club and a long-time member of the Kiwanis Club. Perez, who passed away in 2013, was recognized as one of the founders of the TV Auction. Perez’s wife Maria and son, Ted Perez, Jr., were present in the studio for the tribute.
The Kiwanis Club of Windsor is the proud sponsor of one of the longest continuously running road races in the state of Connecticut, attracting runners from Connecticut and surrounding states. The event, now called the Annual Kiwanis Shad Derby Road Race, will be the 45th in the string and is accompanied by a 2.5K fun walk. The 5K race takes you through parts of the town of Windsor, the oldest town in Connecticut, starting on the Windsor Green, along the picturesque Farmington River, through the historic campus of the Loomis Chaffee School and back to the Windsor Green. The Kiwanis Club will award medallions for the top finishers in individual age/gender categories as well as for the overall men and women’s first place finishers.

The race is part of the annual Windsor Shad Derby Festival celebrating the end of winter and the advent of spring, inviting Windsor residents and people from surrounding towns to come and partake of foods from a variety of vendors as well as arts and craft booths and games for the children. The road race precedes the beginning of the festival allowing the racers to participate in the festival which includes watching the Shad Derby parade passing by the Green at 12:00.

The Shad Derby Festival is a family event for both young and old. A beer garden is set up as part of the Festival for those 21 years of age and older. The beer garden will feature craft beers from nearby Thomas Hooker Brewing Co and Back East Brewing Co. as well as the old standbys Bud and Bud Lite. For the 38th year the Kiwanis Club of Windsor will be serving fried dough in front of the town hall. We hope to see you at this year’s Festival.

To obtain more information or to register for this event please visit www.windsorkiwanis.org and click on the Road Race button or scan the following QR Code icon:
KIWANIS WEEKEND BACKPACK

This is one of the most exciting Young Children/Priority One-Early Childhood Development projects that your Kiwanis Club can do this year. Teachers from around the World have said that because of this project; children in their classes:

1. Have better school room test scores.
2. Positive behavioral classroom gains.
3. Decreased unexcused school absences.
4. Increased recognition of career paths.

First, your Kiwanis Club will have to pick a class room of children you will want to help. You need children that do not have a full meal of food on the weekend. They go home to a poor family on Friday, after school and probably have little to eat until Monday at school breakfast or lunch. A Headstart class would probably be good to start with for this project.

Meet with the Principal of the school and select the class for your Kiwanis Club to help. Count the number of children for each of the Kiwanis Weekend Backpacks.

Go to www.branders.com and select a blue drawstring nonwoven Polypropylene Backpack for 79 cents each with the Club name and Kiwanis logo on it. Once you have the bags in you possession, you will want to fill them.

At your next Kiwanis Club meeting you will want to select the following items to fill the bag to be delivered on Friday by the Kiwanis Club to the classroom:

1. Quaker Oatmeal Pack-takes two minutes to prepare.
   2. Apple Sauce – four ounces
   3. Snack Pack- pudding
   4. Blueberry Pop Tart
   5. Kraft Macaroni & Cheese-two ounces.
   6. Maruchan Instant Lunch-ramen noodles with vegetables
   7. Apple or Orange

On Friday the Kiwanis member goes to the classroom, delivers the Backpacks for the weekend. On Monday, the Kiwanis member goes back to the classroom and picks up the bags to be filled by Friday for delivery. On the first week of delivery, you may want to take a marks-a-lot to put the name of each child on the Kiwanis Weekend Backpack.

Your Kiwanis Club might want to include an instruction guide in each Kiwanis Weekend Backpack that tells about the project, why the backpack is to returned on Monday mornings for pick-up by the Kiwanis member and how it will be refilled by Friday evening at the end of class to take home for the weekend by the child.

Here is a way to include your Key Club in collecting the items, involve your community, Walmart, K-Mart, Target, Dollar Store, etc in this project. Once a month you might want to include a small book for the child to keep.

Should you have questions, please contact Young Children/Priority One-Early Childhood Development International Committee Chairman-Neil Simmons at nfsimmons@bellsouth.net.
Celebrate Kiwanis’ 100th Anniversary
Support Kiwanis International’s ELIMINATE PROJECT
Purchase a ticket from your local Kiwanis Club for $10, and $4 from that ticket will benefit The Eliminate Project, an effort to protect children around the world from tetanus.

Game Benefits and Experiences:
• First 1,000 kids receive a free baseball glove
• All fans can play catch on the field before the game
• All Kiwanis kids can stand on the field for the National Anthem

Ticket orders are due to your local club by

Tuesday, July 7

**Make individual checks payable to your local club**

Club Treasurers: Please submit one check for all your club tickets payable to: NH FISHER CATS
Mail to:
NH Fisher Cats | C/O Tom Gauthier | 1 Line Drive | Manchester, NH 03101

NHFISHERCATS.COM  603.641.2005

Sunday, August 2 | 1:35pm
New Hampshire Fisher Cats vs. Reading Fightin Phils (AA-Philadelphia Phillies)

Make checks payable to YOUR LOCAL CLUB. Please return forms by July 7, 2015