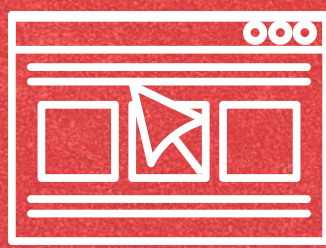


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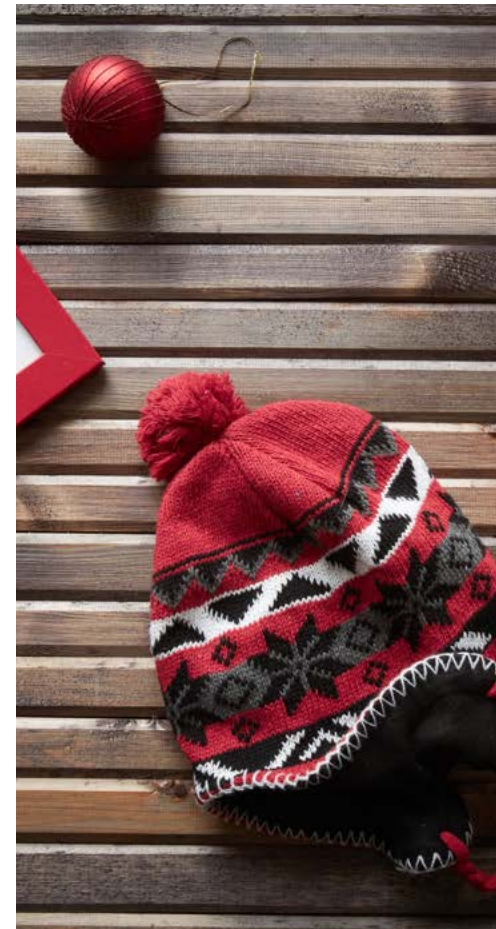
- To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
- To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
- To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.
- To develop, by precept and example, 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.



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COVID-19. The word alone stirs feelings of fear, loss, anxiety, and a host of others not fit to print. But, amid all this darkness there is also hope, and the opportunity to turning lemons into lemonade.

The pandemic has affected three Kiwanis years so far. It almost completely stopped activities during Governor John Falconer's term. It continues with new shutdowns which have hindered our work this year, and the virus has affected Governor-elect Gayla Bartlett already, severely limiting her ability to train officers and plan for next year.

On a personal note, I have not even seen my dad in more than a year now. He will be 91 next July, and still drives without giving anyone white knuckles. He plays golf several times a week, and still beats my sister in golf and chess. I can only visit my dad virtually. Like Immediate Past Governor John, my dad loves to play Santa, especially to his 15 great-grandchildren, and all his Christmas shopping has been done, but all online.

Denis Murphy

Kiwanis District Governor

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With these obstacles still before us, how can we spread Kiwanis throughout our communities right now? We have until the end of the month to have our International dues waived, and district dues until the end of March. I know it's hard to make appointments at businesses to talk about Kiwanis, since so many employees are working from home, and so many are home-schooling their children. So, instead of trying to meet in person, why not call your business friends? Then set up a virtual meeting with them to talk about Kiwanis. Invite them to speak at your club's next online meeting. Tell them how the club benefits the community despite COVID.

Don't be afraid to try to open a new club. In the Capital District they have opened new SLP e-clubs, a Circle K and a Key Club, during the pandemic.

We all fear COVID. I am most afraid of getting it and spreading to friends and strangers, especially my dad. We must be vigilant, and considerate of others. So, let's keep in touch with all our families - the ones we were born into, and the ones we choose to be in, especially our Kiwanis family.

Please keep in touch via telephone, Skype, Zoom, or whatever you use. Be safe, and learn to love from a distance. I hope you had a Happy Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or Seasons Greetings to the holiday that you celebrate. Happy New Year to all, and to all a good night.

Denis

New England and Bermuda District
Governor 2020-2021



Greetings Fellow Kiwanians,

As I write this note to you we are all in the depths of the Covid-19 pandemic and it certainly has had an effect on all our lives. I believe that it is safe to say that every community, Kiwanis Club and individual has seen substantial changes in the way business is conducted.

From the news reports, it appears that hope is on the way as multiple variations of a Covid-19 vaccine are in the pipeline. With these breakthrough vaccines, perhaps life can get back to normal as we work our way through 2021 and beyond.

Given the widespread issues that every community is facing, it is extremely important that our Kiwanis Clubs work to help those in need. Please be aware of new ways your club can assist those in need especially the children. Do not be afraid to partner with other organizations so that an even stronger presence can be made.

John Falconer

**Immediate Past District Governor
Colebrook, NH**

Reach out to your K-Kids, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs, Circle K's and Aktion Clubs as they need your support as well. If at all possible, do a joint project with these clubs as they too are experiencing many issues and your partnership will help them cope with these trying times.

It is very important as well that your clubs continue to meet either in person, virtually or a combination of the two. Members need to stay in touch so that our Kiwanis family stays intact and looks out for each other. If your club is not conducting meetings, please look at ways that you can so that your work can continue on. Our communities and especially the children need us more now than ever before in the 100 plus years of Kiwanis service.

In closing please take care of yourselves and your loved ones and we will be together as a District in the very near future.

Yours in Kiwanis Service,
Immediate Past Governor John
and Immediate Past First Lady Lindy





Gayla Bartlett

Message from the Governor-Elect

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As I sit here and reflect on the past year, I give thanks. I am thankful for the way our organization has been able to pivot and adjust to these times. Our leadership team has done an amazing and at times a difficult job. The true spirit of giving and service that each of you continues to show to your communities and each other is heartwarming. I could not be prouder to be a member of such a wonderful organization.

The education that continues to be provided instead of our traditional in-person training. The energy and enthusiasm from each member. Being able to visit each other via zoom. These elements have been a great way to continue to check in with each other and to see those beautiful smiles.

I would encourage each of you to continue to spread the message of Kiwanis. Continue to post the great things you are doing on Facebook so we can all learn from each other.

The newspapers should be filled with all of the great things you are doing. Please continue to ask people to visit your club and consider becoming a member. Now that several clubs are meeting remotely it's the perfect opportunity for people to see what we do and join.

Please continue to communicate with your Lt. Governors if you need any assistance with club development or support.. Governor Denis and his team are happy to help with anything you may need. I am always willing to help with any public relations or fundraising questions you may have. Please feel free to contact me, I love hearing from all of you. If you have any new and creative ways to connect our district please don't hesitate to let us know.

I wish you and your families all a happy and healthy New Year!



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November 7, 2020

Stephen Hill, District Secretary

New England & Bermuda District of Kiwanis

Dear District Secretary Stephen Hill.

Over the past 12 years, I have learned to value the purpose and commitment that Kiwanis embraces for the communities we serve. Kiwanis has been an essential piece of who I am as a person and my commitment to serving others. As a Kiwanian, I have met wonderful people who show their love and dedication to serving children every day. As Kiwanians, we work with our communities to make them a better place to live, learn, visit, and work.

Service to others defines who I am and has guided me through years of volunteerism and service to others with organizations that I believe and trust, helping me fulfill my commitment to serving others. I am a U.S. Coast Guard and Army Reserves veteran with over 12 years of service. I retired from the Keene Police as a Lieutenant after 22 years. I am currently serving my fourth term (8 years) as Cheshire County Sheriff, recently re-elected for a 5th term.

My message is simple; this is our journey, and the only way to be successful is to embrace our work and commitment to service. Together we will build a roadmap of continued success and hope for the children we serve throughout New England and Bermuda.

Governor Election Declaration

Submitted to District Secretary
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My motto (tagline) is simple: "Let's roll up our sleeves."

I understand the importance of recruiting new members and starting new clubs in our District, but I must honestly say that it is not about how many clubs we can start or how many new members we can recruit; it is about how strong we are and our reputation in our communities.

If we focus our energy on growing our current clubs by empowering our members to be creative, active, energized, and recognizing those accomplishments, new members will come.

The community will want to be part of who we are and "join the party and have fun."

So, I am ready to roll up my sleeves by submitting my candidacy for Governor-elect in 2021- 2022.

Respectfully

Eli Rivera



Hello fellow Kiwanians

I am proud to continue my service as your Immediate Past Governor for the outstanding New England and Bermuda District. My wish for all of you is good health. As you all know this past Kiwanis year started out wonderfully. We, meaning myself and Lindy, my wife, were on a roll. We visited seven Divisions before Covid-19 hit. We sincerely enjoyed every one of these visits. We learned a lot about the clubs in these seven Divisions and even visited a fantastic Kiwanis playground in Maine. Our District has so much to celebrate. The way all of you have continued to help the children in your communities and beyond truly is a statement of how Kiwanians commit to make the world a better place.

Making this world better through the service work done by this District and you the members is so heartwarming. As your Governor I had a lot more work to do. Unfortunately, this work was slowed by Covid-19. You are my inspiration. You put smiles on children's faces every day. You make your communities stronger. Your leadership teaches children to give back through service. Your leadership helps children to see for themselves that life can be rewarding and fun even when volunteering to help others.

The effects of Covid-19 have certainly had an impact on every Division, club and member in different ways. Unfortunately, Covid-19 also had a very adverse effect on my term as Governor of the New England and Bermuda District. We were forced to cancel Mid-Winter conference as well as our District Convention. The fellowship was only a portion of the losses incurred by the cancelations. Although we were able to conduct a number of virtual training sessions; not being able to speak to you face to face as a member for ideas and concerns made this year different. To me the role of Governor is to connect, listen, and find ways to make things better for the clubs and members, which will result in strengthening our Kiwanis family.

Governor Election Declaration

Submitted to District Secretary
Secretary@NewEnglandKiwanis.org

Serving as your Governor made this year rewarding; however, I would love to continue the work. I am humbled and honored to be your Immediate Past Governor. I am proud to serve you and I would love to have another term as Governor-Elect. To me, meeting as many of you as possible, listening to your ideas and seeing if we can put them in to action rather than words, showcasing your volunteerism, and thinking outside the box is the role of the Governor. I wish to help you celebrate your clubs and find ways to work with you to strengthen all clubs in our District.

Please accept this as my notification that I am a candidate for the position of Governor-Elect of our District for the year 2021 – 2022. I am aware that this will be a first for our District to have the same person as Governor twice; if you all will support my efforts.

Yes, I had my year; but I would appreciate another chance to continue to strengthen the bond between the District and you the members. I am truly excited for the possibility of having a “Second Chance” and I am asking for your support in my efforts as a candidate for Governor-Elect.

Thank you all for the respect shown to me. I appreciate your time and consideration of this request. Continue the great work you are all doing and know you are making a difference in the lives of children.

Yours in Kiwanis Service,

John Falconer



MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

David Peterson Kiwanis Foundation of New England

Hello Fellow Kiwanians!

I want to start out by offering a huge “Thank You” to everyone who has supported our Foundation during the past year. Thank you for the donations for Red Jackets, Crest Upgrades, Sustaining Member Pins and Club Gifts. Thank you for reaching out for information regarding our Foundation and spreading the word among your club members! As you may recall, all of us who are members of the New England and Bermuda District of Kiwanis are automatically members of the Kiwanis Foundation of New England (KFNE) as well!

Your support of our Foundation allows us to, among other things, increase our support for the Childhood Prevention Programs at the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Institute at Tufts Children Hospital in Boston. This is a very historic year in the partnership between Kiwanis and Tufts Children’s Hospital as our partnership began 40 years ago in 1981!! I think back to the donations that were made by Kiwanians from New England decades ago which have helped us build our Foundation to where it is today. I know Kiwanians years from now will look back at the support of Kiwanians today and marvel at the generosity of so many!

I mentioned “Sustaining Membership Pins” in my opening paragraph. Recently, KFNE introduced our 2020-21 Sustaining Member Pin! Hopefully, you received a letter in the mail showing this year’s pin as well as an order form for this pin, and for a limited number of pins still available from previous years. Each pin is available for a minimum donation of \$50.

In addition, District Governor Denis Murphy has offered his 2020-21 Governor’s pin “Believe” for an additional \$5 so both pins are available for a donation of just \$55 in total!. These pins make great gifts no matter what time of year! Please visit our newly updated website at www.kfne.org for order forms and we will mail them out to you right away!

On December 5th, I was invited to greet, on behalf of KFNE, everyone at the annual KPTI Day which was held virtually this year. This was a great opportunity to thank all of the Key Club and Circle K members for their support of KPTI. Once again, despite trying times, our SLP members were able help the children at the hospital by donating blankets, toys and teddy bears! This year’s speaker, Paralympian and Founder of the “Born to Run Foundation”, Noelle Lambert, was very inspirational. In addition, we were all introduced to the newest member of the hospital team, Bob! Bob is the new hospital dog in-resident. He greets patients and staff during the day and puts a smile on everyone’s face!

Lastly, our Foundation has grant funds available in case your club is running a brand new Service Project in 2021. We would love to support a new service program for your community!! Grants of up to \$1000 per project are available. We just re-designed our website www.kfne.org so please check us out for any and all information about KFNE! Our site also includes a link to KPTI to order complimentary children’s safety materials!

As always, you can email me at davidap33@yahoo.com.

Wishing you all a safe, healthy, and Happy New Year!



Kiwanis Foundation of New England



Sustaining Member 2020-2021

KPTI Day 2020 Virtual Event

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A guest speaker, honorary guest, award presentation, virtual tour, service event, trivia game and raffle were all part of the KPTI virtual event held on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020. We had more than 120 participants from all regions of New England (MA, ME, CT, NH, Vermont). Our guest speaker, Noelle Lambert, shared her inspiring story about her journey to becoming a Paralympian on the U.S. Paralympic National Team after incurring a devastating injury. She earnestly shared her humanity and the human emotions expressed with her lived experiences. Her message captured the ultimate acceptance and embrace of our individual differences.

We met a new furry employee at Tufts Children's Hospital/Tufts MC whose name is Bob. He is a service dog who visits patients and staff throughout the day bringing comfort and joy. Anne Marie Sirois, Manager of the Volunteer Department, shared the story about Bob's journey to the hospital to take on his new role.

A virtual service event was completed by participants. Victoria Cameron, the Circle K District Service & Fundraising Chair, provided instruction on how to make virtual cards for patients through Canva, a simple graphic design website. Attendees were broken up into virtual groups to craft their cards and chat with other participants. Victoria adeptly popped into each virtual group to check-in and provide any needed assistance!

Will Bradford presented Tim Daly with the George R. Whitney Leader of Leaders Award for his many years of stewardship and mentoring thousands of Key Club students. Will eloquently described the many young lives that Mr. Daly has nurtured during his student advisory role in the Kiwanis family and the entire Kiwanis organization's heartfelt gratitude.

We heard wonderful presentations from:

- Alison Lunny, Governor of Circle K
- Jordanna Belle-Isle, Kiwanis Family Relations Chair
- Lydia Tucker, Governor of Key Club
- Tia Guay, District Projects Chair, Key Club
- Dave Peterson, President, Kiwanis Foundation of New England
- Walter J. Chwals, Director of KPTI, Chief of Pediatric Surgery



The event culminated in a game-based learning platform called Kahoot. This trivia game was provided by Jordanna Belle-Isle, the Circle K District Kiwanis Family Relations Chair, who managed it with the acumen of a game show host, calling off winners on the leaderboard! Winners of the trivia game and all participants were entered into the raffle wheel, complete with sound effects, burst of confetti and applause, upon the announcement of each winner. It was a perfect venue to bring the Kiwanis family members together on a December wintry day.

Looking to a New Year

Circle K District Governor - Alison Lunny

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Hello New England and Bermuda Kiwanis, I first want to begin by wishing that you all have had a year of growth and are ready to start a new year. I got the opportunity to meet many of you at the "Conversation with SLP Leaders" Virtual Kiwanis Workshop. If you didn't get the chance to attend, Kiwanis Governor-Elect Gayla Bartlett led a conversation with myself and Governor Lydia Tucker about the Kiwanis Family as a whole and how our clubs have been adapting to this year.

Something that I learned from this conversation is that a lot of you are interested in what we do and want to help us and our clubs succeed. The best way to support us is to come to our Kiwanis Family events, stay up to date on what we are doing, and if you are able to, financially support our district events and/or our clubs. If you're interested you can subscribe to our district newsletter, Lobster Tales, found on our website: <http://www.nedcki.org/districtpublication>. We are also in the midst of planning our District Convention, which will take place February 19-21 virtually. We hope to see some of you there to help us celebrate the year and set the stage for the next year of service! You can also sign up for this on our website: <http://www.nedcki.org/2021-district-convention>.

It has been an honor to get to know and talk to some of you these past few months, and thank you all for those who attended KPTI Day. It was truly a great event and a huge thank you is in order to Leslie Rideout and Jordanna Belle-Isle who were the masterminds behind transitioning things virtually. I personally enjoyed the activities planned and thought it was an insightful and engaging day.

Thank you all for your continued support of Circle K, and I hope you are all staying well and enjoying the beginning of the winter season. As always, never hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or if you would like to talk about Circle K, Kiwanis, service, or anything else that we do!





Executive Board on Zoom

Greetings from Key Club

Key Club District Governor - Lydia Tucker

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Happy Holidays, New England and Bermuda Kiwanians!

Hopefully, everyone has been staying healthy and warm. It's starting to get chilly in New England!

As Key Club events and meetings have continued to stay entirely virtual over the past few months, the District Board has been very productive. In October and November, we divided the District into regions based on geographical location. Each region, led by a few Lieutenant Governors, hosted a Regional Training Conference. These were very successful, as not only did Executive Board Members, Committee Chairs, and Kiwanians attend, but many more Key Club members were able to participate through the virtual platform. Maine's Regional Training Conference had 65 participants at one point! We are very grateful for our Lieutenant Governors who were willing to learn how to present on a virtual platform and still host both informational and engaging officer trainings.

District Board members have also been planning for KPTI Day in December and our District Educational Conference this April, which have both been converted to virtual platforms. This November, the District Board passed a Divisional Realignment Plan, which was then ratified by the Kiwanis District Board at their fall meeting. Starting this April, NEBD Key Club will be comprised of 20 Divisions. We received much positive feedback regarding the plan, and we look forward to a much needed change for the District! To see the map, check out [this link](#).

It is quite different for Key Club members to serve on the District Board and in their communities completely virtually, but members have continued to find ways to be creative with school and community service projects. We are so grateful for all the opportunities we have had this year, and we hope to continue to make this year great!

The New England and Bermuda District of Key Club International wishes everyone within the Kiwanis family a safe and healthy winter season.

Yours in Service and Friendship,

Lydia Tucker





Ava Adams

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Good Day Fellow Kiwanians!

Kiwanis International President Art Riley has indicated 3 areas that he hopes Kiwanians will focus on this year!

- Literacy
- Anti-bullying programs
- Prevention of Child Abuse

What is bullying in preschool?

Preschool bullying is more than the garden-variety childhood insensitivity, occasionally teasing or fighting. The American Academy of Pediatrics describes *bullying* as consistently picking on another child who's usually smaller, weaker or shy, and who usually gets upset or gives in to the bully.

Most people think of the physical aggression and social sniping that characterizes bullying as starting around late elementary school and stretching through high school. But, believe it or not, bullying among preschoolers is more common than you'd think. Because the behavior is typically associated with older kids, it is often overlooked during the younger years, when it's hard to tell the difference between normal social experimentation and emergent bullying behavior.

A young child may be being bullied if they:

- are suddenly scared to go to preschool
- complains of headaches or stomachaches for no reason
- are clingy and whiny
- comes home with unexplained injuries
- are withdrawn or depressed
- talks about one particular child doing mean things to them
- has trouble concentrating
- avoids eye contact when you ask them about school

What's a parent to do if bullying may be at play in your child's preschool? Here's how concerned parents should handle the situation:

- Communication is Key. If you suspect your child is being bullied at preschool, let him know that you can help for the situation if he tells you what's happening. If your youngster seems scared or embarrassed, use books as a nonthreatening way to open the lines of communication. Some children's books that address the topic of bullying include *Shrinking Violet* by Cari Best (Melanie Kroupa Books, 2001), and *Myrtle* by Tracey Campbell Pearson (Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2004). Once your child discloses all the details about being bullied, stay calm, avoid judging, and reassure them that you'll help put a halt to the bullying.

Ava Adams

Young Children Priority One (YCPO) District Chair & International Committee on Young Children New England and Bermuda District Representative

- **Talk to the Teacher** “Even though adults are always present in preschool and daycare settings, with so many kids running around, it’s not realistically possible for teachers to see everything.” says retired pre-kindergarten teacher Tricia Young. And since bullies prefer to strike when adults aren’t watching, it’s important to talk to your child’s teacher and make them aware of the situation so they can be more vigilant with supervision.
- **Take Advantage of Open Doors.** Most reputable daycare centers and preschools have an open door policy which allows parents to drop by anytime (as long as they’re not disruptive) during normal hours. So make periodic unannounced visits to your child’s classroom. These surprise visits will keep the preschool staff on their toes and reduce the likelihood of your child being tormented by a bully.
- **Schedule a Parenting Conference.** When young children bully, the behavior is often learned from experiences in the home such as domestic abuse, inappropriate television shows, hearing siblings ridicule others, or being victims of bullying themselves. So work with your child’s preschool administrators to set up a meeting with the bully’s parents to bring the behavior to their attention – but don’t be surprised if the parents are uncooperative, nonchalant, or in denial.
- **Bully-Proof Your Child.** Give your child the tools they will need to handle a bully. Teach them how to stand tall, look the bully in the eye, tell an adult, and avoid being alone. You can also empower your child by role-playing with them so they can practice what they are going to do next time they are approached by a bully. Confident children are less likely to be targeted by bullies, so find ways to build your child’s self-esteem. You can help your child develop friendships outside of preschool and get involved in confidence-boosting activities.
- **Consider Changing Classrooms.** Sometimes bullying can be so aggressive that your efforts to stop it are unsuccessful. So if you’re getting nowhere, talk to the preschool director about having your child moved to another classroom. If this is not feasible, consider removing your youngster from the school.

WHAT CAN KIWANIS CLUBS DO TO HELP?

Educate the public that preschool bullying is real.

Have speakers present expertise and suggestions to assist your club in helping in your community.

Work with the early childhood programs in your community to promote anti-bullying curriculum in their facilities.

For more information and resources:

www.education.com

<https://www.naeyc.org/resources/blog/bullying-early-childhood>

[Kiwanis International Young Children Bimonthly Newsletter Dec 2020](#)



District Finance Chair

Bart Stevens
 Kiwanis Club of Greater Waterville, ME
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Hello New England + Bermuda Kiwanians, I hope this finds you well and that you are staying safe. Are you looking to get involved at the District level, or to become more involved AND do you feel you have some strong financial skills? If so you might want to consider applying for the position of District Treasurer. While we still have a very capable Treasurer currently in place for this administrative year, Bill Jenkins will not be able to continue on after September 30, 2021. These are certainly interesting times we are experiencing right now but hopefully a year from now this will all be a memory in our rear view mirrors and new and exciting times will emerge. In order for the organization to continue to move forward we must plan accordingly. While the details of the position can be found in the District ByLaws (available online) the following summarizes the position:

Keep the financial accounts and records and be responsible for proper internal control procedures, including receipt, deposit, and disbursement of district and sponsored organization funds in the manner authorized and prescribed by the District Board. Make available for inspection by the Governor, the District Board, or any authorized parties, the financial accounts, records, and books of the district and its service leadership programs. Be a member of the Finance Committee. Regularly review and advise the District Board on the financial condition of the district and its service leadership programs. Make a report at the annual convention. The Treasurer is a member of the District Board, but like the Secretary, sits without a vote.

The District ByLaws are specific on terms. The Treasurer shall serve a three-year term beginning on October 1st (in this case October 1, 2021) and on each October 1st every three years thereafter. No person shall hold the position of Treasurer for a period in excess of two (2) three year terms, or six (6) years in total consecutively or otherwise.

If you have an interest, or maybe just are thinking about it, now would be the time to reach out to place your hat into the ring. The Finance Committee will review all applications and answer any questions interested parties might have. The Finance Committee, after a thorough review, will make a final recommendation to the Board of Directors for approval. Interested parties should submit their letter of interest, along with a resume or list of qualifications, they would like considered. From there a meeting will be scheduled with each candidate to further discuss their interest and qualifications. We are a financially sound district specifically because of those who came before us and it is the wish of the District Board that the district remain in a similar sound position. With the membership challenges we face throughout our District, as well as the entire Kiwanis organization, it is extremely important to be fiscally responsible. The position connects you with a great number of outstanding Kiwanians every day.

Interested parties should submit their letter of interest to Bart Stevens, Finance Chair, no later than March 15, 2021. You can reach me via email at barton@c21nason.com or you can send mail to 93 Heritage Road, Oakland, ME 04963

Membership Growth and Retention

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New England & Bermuda District,

As the district knows by now, membership this year is being handled within two teams. One team works with divisions 1 thru 9 and 16 under the direction of Bob Willey and the other team is divisions 10 thru 20 under the direction of Daryl Sylvia. The Governor has appointed two administrators to work with the Lt. Governors and their divisions to help to add more members to their clubs.

This year we are serious about increasing our membership in the New England & Bermuda District. We are trying to bring new and creative programs to help the clubs increase their members through their Lt Governors. I am pleased to announce that even though we are not in a plus situation yet we are holding our own pretty well. I believe this is because of the efforts of our district representatives. We also want all our clubs to know that we are here to help them if they need support and though we cannot get out there in person there are things we can do to help you gain members.

For the clubs without Lt Governors we encourage you to get together and try to get someone who might be willing to at least receive all the information to pass on to the clubs in your division. There is so much information that your club is missing by not having a Lt. Governor. Every week we send out information or new programs and meeting announcements to the Lt Governors to pass on to their clubs. If your club needs more information please let one of us know.

Social Change & Equity



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Greetings Members of the New England & Bermuda District,

Beginning in October the Social Change & Equity committee has met each month to discuss several projects. These include making a slide deck that clubs can use to facilitate a short educational session during a general member meeting, organizing a list of service projects that fall in line with a theme or day of observance for each month, a resource for holidays, and a number of social media posts. Many of these projects will be released in February for clubs to use as we prepare for our district workshop so please keep an eye out for more information.

Looking for support with your club? Let's chat!

- Looking to facilitate an Allyship Workshop to support your LGBTQ+ SLP Members/Students?
- Looking to create a resource to educate your community on the impact that Kiwanis has?
- Looking to celebrate international days of significance that highlight the advancements of all people?
- Looking to organize programs centered around inclusion and anti-racism?
- Looking to raise awareness on issues being faced within your club?

If you are interested in working with us or would like to learn more, please send me an email. We are excited to begin our work in support of the New England and Bermuda communities and have a number of ways we can help support you as you join us on this journey.

Club Highlights



The Kiwanis Club of Presque Isle had their 2020/2021 Board Club Officer inductions, LaNiece Sirois, President, Cindy Boot, Vice President, Sue Watson, Club Secretary and Deirdre McMahon, Treasurer.

The Kiwanis Club of Presque Isle made a stop at the United Way of Aroostook office today and dropped off a donation to the "High Five Turkey Drive". Thank you Sarah for accepting and Lisa for taking the picture.

Thank you Bill Francis, LTG from the Caribou Club for getting our club ready for the upcoming year.

Sue Watson, Club Secretary
 Sarah Ennis, Executive Director UWA
 Timothy McMahon, Past Governor
 George Watson, Past President

George Watson, Past President, Cindy Boot, Vice President, Sherry Clark, board member, Penny McHatten, Asst Secretary, Deirdre McMahon, Treasurer, Sue Watson, Secretary, LaNiece Sirois, President, Timothy McMahon, board member, Liz Farley, board member on ZOOM



Club Highlights



Katahdin Trust Company donation gift cards to the Kiwanis Club of Presque Isle for the Christmas Project. This is an annual project that the club has done for over 50 years.



Galen Weibley, Director of Economic and Community Development for the City of Presque Isle as our guest speaker. He talked about the new downtown plan the City Council approved. The Club found it very informative! - Submissions from Sue Watson



Despite meeting via Zoom almost exclusively, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Waterville came together to complete a long time Christmas favorite. Nearly 100 children's books were wrapped for the Oakland and Winslow Public Libraries. Books and reading have been a key project for the club for a number of years. During normal times they are able to present some of the books at Christmas parties held by the libraries, but it was not meant to be this year. In the photo are Bill L. Club President, Wanda L, Assistant Treasurer, Major Stephanie Thompson and Club Secretary Pat Stevens.

On another note the Club provided supplies to bake 50 pumpkin pies for Thanksgiving. The Oakland community comes together every Thanksgiving to provide a free turkey dinner, to anyone and everyone wishing to participate. The tradition has grown over the years, becoming one of the regions largest. This year the format had to change to a pick-up or delivery only. Club President-elect Maggie Solis and her Pre-K classes generally made 100+ pies for the event, but this year Maggie and her mother Joanne Booth, Club Treasurer, got permission to bake 50 pies on-site, after hours, continuing the tradition of the Club's involvement with this wonderful event.



We may not be able to gather but Service continues!!

Club Highlights



From the Kiwanis Club of Medford MA

On December 3 members of the Medford Kiwanis Club in partnership with Century Bank, Medford's hometown bank, lit up their annual Christmas wishing tree at the center of Medford Square.

"The Kiwanis Wishing Tree" is a service project of the Medford Kiwanis Club to bring some holiday spirit and magic to Medford children in need and the local community.



This is the brainchild of members Rita Cornelio and Denise Baker, together with their committee of Kelly Catallo, Patti Costas, Annette Hunt, Patti McGovern and Liz Salini. The wishing tree will hold star ornaments with the names of children whose wishes have been granted.

A website formed by Kelly Catallo's son, Anthony, was key to the entire project. It gives 3 options.... make a wish, be a Santa, or give a monetary contribution.

Rita Cornelio reported an unbelievable response so far, 100 wishes were requested and grantedwhich were all made possible by the generous outpouring from our community, Medford Kiwanis members, and Century Bank, all wanting to grant that special wish for a local child

Article and photos by Rita Cornelio and Gary Conserva

Club Highlights



COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PROJECT

The Kiwanis Club of Dover-Foxcroft ME and the Congregational Church of Dover-Foxcroft have teamed up once again to supply the children of the RSU 68 School District area with needs and some wants. COVID has added almost 25% more children and families with a record of 200 children and 91 families this year. There were 73 adopters, over 25% of whom are Kiwanians and the Foxcroft Academy Key Club who adopted 22 children. While there were many people uncomfortable shopping in this environment, they were more than generous with their contributions to the Project. Besides money we received hats, mittens, quilts and toys. Our top priority is to provide children with coats, boots and warm clothing and because it's Christmas at least one want or toy. As in previous years, we have teamed up with the Abner Wade Masons to provide each family with a complete turkey dinner. Our President, Patricia Hinkley has again this year done a great job of coordinating the whole project.



- Submission from Rita Page



Brewer Kiwanis Grants Wish with Massive Truck Parade

On November 24, 2020, Brewer Kiwanis had the privilege of participating in the granting of a Make A Wish for a three year old boy with cancer. The wish was a truck parade as the youngster loves trucks!! The parade consisted of 63 trucks from 25 different municipalities, corporations, and small businesses. Vehicles included dump trucks, fire trucks, tankers, company pickups, bucket trucks, tractors, graters, fuel delivery trucks, waste removal trucks, and utility trucks. Trucks came in droves and even the drivers were impressed by the turn out, taking pictures and calling their bosses to come see the mass ensemble. Needless to say, the little guy was so excited he forgot he was sick for a day of chemotherapy. Brewer Kiwanis has been raising funds for Make A Wish for the past nine years and the opportunity to be part of granting a wish, including decorating the child's home, was certainly an honor.

- Submission from Amy Bragg

Club Highlights



The Kiwanis Club of Middletown was excited to help hand out candy as part of the Middletown Rec Departments Drive Thru Trick or Treat event on Saturday, October 24 at Crystal Lake. Past President Kathy created great Candy Cannons for the safe distribution of candy into the cars. The candy dispensers were a hit with the superheroes, princesses, goblins and much much more! - Submission from Kristin Holden



Kiwanis Club of Greater Danbury, CT: B Wanted to pass along for the Yankiwanian publication that we had a successful Flags of Valor event at the New Milford Historical Society on Nov. 7th. We had fantastic weather and a great turnout from the Girl Scouts, our club members and a few people came to help from the local community. We had socially distanced stations for assembling the flags and hanging ribbons on them to honor specifically named veteran's from all the people who purchased a flag. We then setup 225 full size flags to honor veterans and those men and women actively serving our great country. We will take the flags back down December 7th. Please check out the following link to see some pictures from the event: <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmS2f9GS>

- Submission from Matt Bartelme



Club Highlights



The Methuen Kiwanis Club was happy to have Lt. Governor Bob Wiley doing the honors.

He Installed Club President Larry Giordano, Club Vice President Joe Solomon, Club Treasurer Jodie Pickles, Club Secretary John Gainly, Immediate Past President Gayla Bartlett.

We also installed a new member, welcome Eileen Giordano.



Our Danvers Kiwanis Elfs Kay and Gayla traveled the town delivering holiday greetings. Each goodie bag had a personal invite to our upcoming holiday zoom call. It was wonderful to see some of our members we have missed so much. Elf Kay still has a couple of bags for those traveling 🇺🇸



Club Highlights



Covid doesn't stop the Danvers Kiwanis Club from helping those that need us. Presents wrapped for Wonderfund for the Harbor DCF office in Chelsea - we sponsored 9 children. Arrangements made by June Guidara and shopping was done by Kay Maurice and Sharon and June Guidara. Thank you for helping spread the love of Kiwanis! #KidsNeedKiwanis



The Danvers Lions club put together the meal delivery to Danvers seniors. The Danvers Kiwanis club along with the Danvers Rotary Club and other local service organizations delivered 85 meals. The wonderful Thanksgiving meal was donated by Supinos and Danvers elementary school children made the cards♥♥♥ #feelingblessed
-Submissions from Gayla Bartlett



Kiwanis Club of Hamilton



Submitted by Kiwanian Patricia Swan, Club Administrator

The Kiwanis Club of Hamilton's New Board were installed by LTG Leleath Bailey and are under the Leadership of President Lionel Swan, VP Gary Pitt, ImmPP LTG Leleath Bailey, Secretary Graham Nesbitt - Directors: Franklin Francis, Romon Lovell, Harrison Simons, Harold Smith, Nerah Lynn Wilson and Patricia Swan Administrator.



KI One Day Activities:

1. Members assisted with Tagging for the Seventh Day Adventist Church - Feed the Children Ministries on Wednesday, October 21, 2020.
2. The Hamilton Club held their first in-person meeting on October 31, at their Signature Project Residence 'Teen Haven' which is a home for young mothers and their infant children. After the meeting Teen Haven was presented with Grocery Hampers and Clothing for the Children.





On Monday, November 2, 2020, Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Bermuda, Members - President Lionel, ImmPP LTG Leleath, Secretary Graham and Kiwanian Administrator Patricia participated in a Facebook Session with NEDB Editor Karl.



The Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Bermuda, had 4 New Kiwanians join in October 2020 Ronan Carreon - Valerie Furbert-Leader - Patrice Swan - Patricia Swan



On Friday, December 11, 2020 the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton participated in the Salvation Army's Annual Christmas Kettle. Picture showing Kiwanians Nerah Lynn and Gary Pitt and Raymond also participated.

This Christmas Season the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton received a 'Wish List' from Teen Haven and we came up with the idea of 'A S K' - ask Family, ask a Friend, ask a work Colleague or ask another Charity to contribute to the 'Wish List' for the Children.

Some of the items on their Wish List were, clothing, toys, First Aid Kit, their favourite ice cream as well as Bermuda's traditional Cassava and Farine Pies.

This year, however, even Santa has had to write a letter of release from curfew in order to deliver all the gifts, he anticipates having an answer by December 24...HO HO HOOO...MERRY CHRISTMAS to all the Children at TEEN HAVEN in BERMUDA and AROUND THE WORLD..,HO HO HOOO.



COMING SOON - The Kiwanis Club of Hamilton 50th Anniversary Pin - Next year the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Bermuda, will be celebrating 50 Years, see our Pin HOT OF THE PRESS which will be available 'for a Donation' to the Clubs of the New England and Bermuda District shortly.



Taya Simons who is fortunate enough to reside in both Sunny Bermuda and the Snow Flakes of Canada, has returned to Bermuda to do her studies remotely. She is a Grade 11 student at the Holy Name of Mary College School, in Mississauga, Canada, and is interested in pursuing business, law and psychology. Whilst here in Bermuda she is enthusiastic to do Community Hours, so as you can all imagine, being the Granddaughter of President Lionel, that was an easy call. Taya has inscribed 'Teen Haven' and 'Hamilton Kiwanis' on Christmas Balls which will adorn the Christmas Tree at Teen Haven, a residence for young mothers and their infant children, the Signature Project of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton.



Notice from the Teen Haven Organization: [Click here](#)

On Saturday, December 5 & Sunday, December 6, 2020 the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Bermuda, were out in full force directing traffic for Sousa's Gardens Pre-ordered Christmas Tree pick-up. Our Traffic Controllers were President Lionel, Members - Patrice, Patricia, Romon, Gary D, Raymond and Graham, ably keeping the traffic flowing and spreading Christmas Cheer to the customers as they collected their trees. The Club has partnered with Sousa's Gardens over the past few years who in-turn make a donation to our Kiwanis Club towards our service to the children. In addition, President Lionel sold produce from 'his prized garden'.

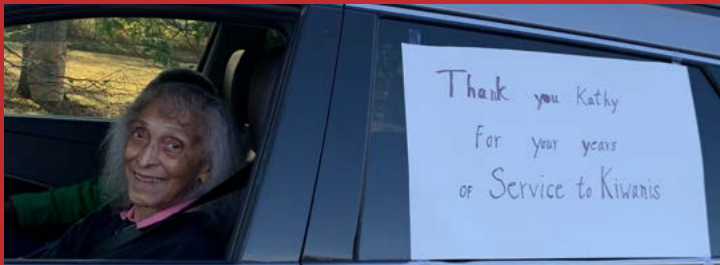


A Thank You car parade for a two-decade club secretary. Newport Kiwanis Honors Kathy Perrotti

Submitted By Jim Roehm - Kiwanis Club of Newport

To the Editor,

"I got the socially-distanced car parade thank you idea from Past Governor and International Trustee George Delisle," said Jim Roehm, President 2020-22, Kiwanis Club of Newport, RI. With a police escort, members of the Kiwanis Club of Newport held a surprise drive parade of appreciation pass the home of Kathy Perrotti on October 22, 2020. Kathy had just concluded 20 consecutive years as Club Secretary. Each car was decorated with 'thank you' messages and a written mayoral proclamation was given to Kathy. "It was a complete surprise to me," she said. Kathy is a past club president and a past Lt. Governor for the "Yankee Division." Her 98 year old father, past Lt. Governor Gene Perrotti, and still an active Kiwanian, also witnessed the parade.



What's up...COVID?

Submitted By Laurence Waden - Bangor Breakfast Kiwanis

September:

- Division 2 Installations and heartened to see low Covid numbers
- Annual Yard Sale. Masked and Socially Distanced OUTSIDE
- Volunteered at Salvation Army Soup Kitchen



October:

- More Installations
- Our new Club Leadership is off and running
- Our President is publishing a monthly newsletter for members in addition to our normal newsletter
- Liaison with SLP clubs
- Hermon Key Club is strong
- Hermon Builders Club is growing
- John Bapst inactive as they try to figure out Covid
- Kiwanis One Day plan with Hermon Oct 24th on School Property
- Kiwanis Members help organize Salvation Army Thrift Store goods on Oct 24th
- 125 Cards written and sent to Camp Sunshine by Kiwanis and Hermon Key Club
- Volunteered at Salvation Army Soup Kitchen

What's up...COVID?

Submitted By Laurence Waden - Bangor Breakfast Kiwanis

November:

- All meetings through the end of 2020 will be via ZOOM
- Recognized National Key Club Week
- Encouraged everyone to Vote as it is a right and an honor to do so
- Veteran's Day (formerly Armistice Day) a few special members wrote notes and Thank You cards to Veterans. Outstanding job done by all. We then delivered to the Bangor Veteran's Home for distribution. Again 150 cards were delivered and we owe a vote of thanks to our Kiwanis Ladies for doing this
- Planned fund raiser coffee sale
- Volunteered at Salvation Army Soup Kitchen
- Started annual Poinsettia and Christmas Cactus sale
- Invited Division 3 Key Clubs to join the sale and earn money for their clubs
- Planned Gift bags of Socks, Mittens, Hats, Goodies for the Bangor Area folks at the December Salvation Army Soup Kitchen Dec 18th
- Surveyed "Welcome to Bangor Civic Group" signs and appointed a committee to work on refurbishing with the city and other civic organizations
- Zoom attendance has been consistently 20 or so members and works well with speakers sharing their presentations

SO....Yes, COVID has spiked and we have curtailed any in person meetings but we are endeavoring to still make a difference in our communities and address local needs.

Tragically the Bangor Breakfast club lost 2 members the day before Thanksgiving due to slick roads and trying to avoid another accident. We were devastated and our members remembered them as they gathered to give thanks. This is a very tough year with National and District events cancelled as well as almost all gatherings locally nonexistent. Like many clubs we have a large number of what the Health Professionals call "Elderly at risk" so we have been extra cautious. We can be thankful for Zoom and the other technology apps that allow us to meet and at least see the faces of our Kiwanis friends even though we can't meet in person.

Looking forward to 2021 and hopefully a Vaccine. Christmas blessing to all.



The Kiwanis Club of Greater Waterville, under the guidance of Club VP Maggie Booth Solis (Atwood Primary teacher) provided enough school supplies to assemble 60 remote kindergarten learning kits for students, should the need arise to go remote. While the school year started off with in-person learning within the Messalonskee School System, it was not known if this would last all semester, all year, or would go remote at some point?

Kiwanis Club of Greater Waterville

Submitted By Bart Stevens

The teachers felt having the kits available would be a wonderful help towards a smooth transition should the need arise during these troubling times. Many of the students would not have the means to have access to the same supplies they have in school, therefore this was a wonderful "leveling" of the playing field. While it was unfortunate Club members were not able to participate in assembling the kits due to Covid restrictions, they were thankful to have provided the necessary supplies for the 60 kits. The kits included a variety of items such as scissors, glue sticks, crayons, markers, glue, pencils + sharpeners, and more, plus a handy travel case to keep everything neat and tidy.



Hooksett Kiwanis and BiTsize team up for Breakfast for Veterans

Submitted by Bob Willey

On Veterans Day, Hooksett Kiwanis put together and delivered Breakfast Bags for Veterans from the Vet Center in Hooksett, Veterans at the Hackett Hill Health Care Center and Vets at the VA Medical Center in Manchester. The bags included breakfast sandwiches and muffins supplied by George at new BiTsize Coffee Bar in Hooksett, as well as fruit and juice. CDC guidelines were adhered to during these deliveries and the Veterans from all three places were appreciative.



Pictured from left,
 Kiwanis Immediate Past President
 Sandra Mack, Members Tim Sweeney
 and Rachel Sweeney



Pictured from left,
 VA Todd Hickerson
 DAS Risk Manager
 Hooksett Kiwanis Sandra Mack

Hooksett Kiwanis is celebrating 20 years of providing Community Service to the local community. We are the largest Community Service Organization in Hooksett. Currently we are offering free membership through December 2020 for new members. If you know someone who might be interested in more information or joining please see our website www.hooksettkiwanis.org.



Pictured from left
 Sandra Mack – Hooksett Kiwanis
 Kris Komisarek Recreation Director
 Hackett Hill Health Care Center

Dexter Kiwanis



Submitted By Marcy King

This month we are continuing to focus on addressing food insecurities in our area. Our biggest project is our long-standing Christmas Dinner Program run in conjunction with the high school student council. Each year a list of potential recipients is created by contacting the GSA of Dexter, the school nurses, and the owners of the “mom and pop” grocery stores in the surrounding 3 small towns. A Christmas letter (including a response card) is sent to all potential recipients, telling them “they have been selected to receive a Christmas food box from the Dexter Sunrise Kiwanis and the DHS student council”.

We offer a large Christmas meal, with all the “fixings”. The meals are assembled in banana boxes. Members of the student council wrap the box lids and place a beautiful Christmas greeting on the top of each. Early on Sat. morning Dec. 19th the students will gather at P&L market (a local grocery store), open the pallets of food, fill the boxes, and move them to a storage area. Two member teams from our club deliver the boxes after they are assembled.

This year we’ve had to modify our program and recipients are being asked to pick up the boxes at P&L instead of us delivering them. We will still deliver those that are unable to stop by. The project budget is \$2000 -- much of which is raised by club member donations.

Our community food project (formally called our backpack program) had to be terminated at our middle school—now closed to the public because of the virus. We moved our two storage freezers from the school to the town hall. Starting last month our Good Shepherd deliveries are unloaded there in the street. Pallets are broken down outside and the food is carried into the building where we assemble the food boxes. Recipients pick up the boxes later in the afternoon.

We reopened our Thrift Store early in the summer, after implementing many virus precautions--including limiting the number of shoppers, requiring facemasks, and installing employee protective barriers. Although daily sales initially only averaged 40% of the pre-pandemic level they continue to slowly increase. Thanks to the efforts of the Thrift Store committee we received a PPP grant of \$4,500 and an EMDC grant of \$11,664.01. These will be used to pay mortgage payments we skipped as well as “keep us in the black”.

Message From the Editor



Greetings Member of the Kiwanis Family,

Thank you for taking the time to read this season's district publication. The next call for articles will be mid-February. An email will be sent out to your Lt. Governor and posted on our district Facebook Group. Articles are accepted on a rolling basis so please do not hesitate to email me your submission at any point during the year.

After much anticipation, here is the criteria for the district publication award:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/15TQDBcrGN6DKD56ib4PghQQySWAlztaw5m1cSplSj5l/edit?usp=sharing>

If you or someone you know requires help with creating a publication, newsletter, blog, or social media post please reach out.

Yours in Service,
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