



Kiwaniis
INDIANA DISTRICT

Happy Kiwanis Family Month!

We kicked off the new Kiwanis year by opening a new club in Madison, Indiana. It is the Kiwanis Club of Jefferson County, Indiana. Thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Scott County for stepping up to sponsor this club. And especially thanks to the Kiwanians from across the Indiana District and District Governors from Washington, Missouri-Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky-Tennessee, and Colorado for volunteering their time to help us start this new club.

We will keep you informed of their progress and will be planning a charter ceremony in January. Consider planning interclub meetings with them to help share the Kiwanis spirit and culture. Most importantly, help us scan communities across Indiana to identify more opportunities to open new clubs.

Celebrating Circle K and Key Club Weeks

We celebrated Circle K Week in October and will be celebrating [Key Club Week](#) the week of November 4th. Our Circle K Clubs are on provisional status because of not meeting membership standards and having enough clubs active in good standing. We're going to fix that this year and get them back off provisional status.

I need your help! If you sponsor a Circle K Club, please ensure your Kiwanis Advisor is active and assisting them to grow. Ensure they give feedback to the sponsoring Kiwanis Club on how you can support them. If you don't sponsor a Circle K Club, look around and see where there is an opportunity to charter one and help it grow.

During Key Club Week, celebrate with your Key Clubs as they celebrate their 100th anniversary this year. Please ensure your Kiwanis Advisor is engaged and attends their meetings and assists them in planning and getting your Kiwanis Club involved in their activities and including them in yours.

Membership Goals and Growth

By now you have your starting membership numbers for the new Kiwanis year. Our goal is 10% growth in membership and a 50% reduction in attrition from last year. These are more achievable than they sound! But you have to have a plan on how you're going to identify new members and invite them to join Kiwanis.

We have volunteers available to assist you in these efforts! We also have the Achieving Club Excellence tools to assist clubs. Once you identify areas you want to improve in your club, just go to the ACE tools to see what options they recommend for that specific issue. Again, we have volunteers to assist! We are going to grow and strengthen Kiwanis this year!

Mid-Year Conference

Plan now on attending the Mid-Year Conference on March 22, 2025, at the Renaissance Indianapolis North Hotel. [Early Bird registrations open on the Indiana District website!](#) We will be focusing on the "Why" of Kiwanis and celebrate our outstanding members and clubs!

We will have information on workshops coming out soon but will focus on education, community needs assessments, signature projects from our clubs, Service Leadership Programs, and Young Children Priority One programs. Gov Doug will hand out club recognition from last year, we will have the parade of checks, and talk about incentives for clubs this year.

We are working on speakers from the Indiana Youth Institute to discuss resources available to you to conduct community needs assessments and from specialists at Riley to discuss the urgent need to focus on development for kids from birth to age five.

New Committees and Initiatives

Finally, I'm happy to announce our new Public Relations Committee will kick off this month to start working on ways to assist you in telling your story. The new Strategic Planning Committee will begin work on developing a strategy we can use for planning instead of working one year at a time!

It's a great time to be IN Kiwanis!

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