Kiwanis
NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

Hello Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanians,

It's June and Kiwanis International Convention month. I hope to see many of you in Minneapolis. It probably won't get any closer for those of us in Iowa and eastern Nebraska. It sounds like it's going to be a great convention.

Nebraska-Iowa clubs and individuals were very generous to the Children's Fund in April. The latest report dated April 30 showed six additional clubs donating. I enjoyed making those thank you calls. Total club giving is $20,763. We are only $8,507 short of the Children's Fund President's Challenge goal. The goal represents a 10% increase in last year's club giving. Will we make it? We have five months to go. Individuals have donated $25,079 this year and other donations of $900 for a total of $46,742. Thank you for your generosity!

Did you know Key Clubs and Circle K Clubs are eligible to apply for Children's Fund grants? The information for requesting a grant can be found at kiwanis.org. Click on Kiwanis Children's Fund, then on Grants. Scroll down to the Service Leadership Program Grants. Click on Learn More. There you will find information for Circle K Club grants through the Tomorrow Fund and Key Clubs grants through the Youth Opportunities Fund. Click on the fund that pertains to the SLP to find out how to apply for the grants. You will be able to see recipients of Key Club Grants. The Lincoln East High School Key Club recently received a $2,000 grant to help fund hygiene kits. There are good ideas for service projects that were awarded Key Club grants. Unfortunately, details aren't given, just the project title. If your club sponsors a Key Club or Circle K, please share this information with the Faculty Advisor. These grants should be applied for by the SLP, not your club.

Also remember the microgrant program for clubs of 35 or less members. Information needed is found in the same place as Key Club and CKI clubs. Scroll down to microgrant program. For a regular Children's Fund grant, follow the directions above and scroll down to Club Grant Program. Remember that all grant applications must meet one of the causes of the Children's Fund—Health and Wellness, Education and Literacy, Youth Leadership Development.

Thanks for reading!

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