



It is the end of the Kiwanis fiscal year 2025-2026. What a ride it has been as your governor! As my team (Past Gov. John, Gov.-Elect Tim, Vice-Gov. Julie and myself) have been out and about visiting in person and on Zoom, we have managed to visit every division (all 16) in the District...some more than once! The plans and projects to support our children and communities were so exciting to see and hear in person!

Kiwanis is alive and well in the Nebraska-Iowa District. What really stands out are the lieutenant governors that communicate and encourage their clubs to share resources, ideas, and positive talking points. If our LTGs continue communicating and developing future leaders, the future is bright for our District.

Currently, we are at +110 for net membership change. If you recall, one of our goals was to be at a +1 in all clubs (resulting in a +133). We have a couple of weeks left to push for additional members. Who do you know who should be a Kiwanian? Who do you know who wants to help children and communities? Keep the membership team in your thoughts and prayers as we deploy to Centerville, IA that last week of September to establish a new Kiwanis club there! Who do you know in Centerville, IA that should be a Kiwanian? Give us their name and contact information and we will get in contact with them.

The theme this year is has been “Kiwanis Rocks!”. Indeed, you did! I’m proud to say we’ve accomplished most of our goals. We’ve opened several new SLP clubs with several more on the horizon. Kiwanis Voices (ages 18-26) clubs are well on their way. I’ve volunteered to be Governor-Designate Tim’s KV chair for next year. Each Kiwanis club volunteered to assist their local school’s music programs. During the District Convention, I lost track of all the activity with clubs just opening dialog with their school districts. We collected and displayed over 16 instruments to be given to local schools. I’m so proud of all of you that took the chance to make a difference!

The final goal was to make Kiwanis fun again, and DCON was a hoot! We learned, discussed, sang, played kazoos, danced, donated over \$15,000 (50 beds) to Sleep in Heavenly Peace, learned about AI and how we can use it to be successful in Kiwanis, and, hopefully, re-energize each other to get out and help our children and communities.

In closing, Kiwanis Rocks! Thank you for your support and help. I look forward to serving with you this next year... Lets Go All In!!

Gov. Brian E. Wells