

A Message From Gov. Brian E. Wells

Happy New Year All! Kiwanis Rocks! Excitement is in the air because you Kiwanians are making a difference in children and communities, not only in the Nebraska-Iowa District but throughout the world with our Kiwanis Children Foundation!

Every week, I am amazed at all the positive projects happening in our Nebraska-Iowa District. Keep doing what you are doing in supporting our children and communities.

2026 upcoming events include (but not limited to) a visit from the current Kiwanis International President (Michael Mulhaul and his wife, Laura) in March 2026 and our fantastic Leadership retreat in Wahoo! More to follow but just reserve March 13-14 for now!

We continue to work on setting up four new Kiwanis Voices Clubs in our district. Kiwanis Voices is a pilot program that creates Kiwanis clubs specifically for people ages 18-26. If you and/or your club are looking to organize a Kiwanis Voices club, **see our five-step guide.** We have our first application for membership with many more being filled out and returned. Our district board has voted to fund the first 60 memberships ($40 each) for the four clubs. Contact me for more information.

At the end of April, we will be organizing a Kiwanis club in the fastest growing town in Nebraska, Gretna! In July and August, we will be organizing a Kiwanis club in Centerville, IA. Stand by for more information as we will be looking for club sponsors, coaches, mentors and volunteers to help make more hands for more service!

We have two regional trustee positions and our vice governor positions coming up for elections. If you are a past lieutenant governor and are interested in stepping up to the position of trustee, please contact our District Administrator Lisa for filing information. But be quick, as we are almost to the suspense date of filing. Vice governor position for 2026-2027 will be available… if you're ready to really have Kiwanian fun drop me a line and I'll fill you in on the requirements.

So, 2026 here we come! Hang on, it's going to be Rockin' as in Kiwanis Rocks!!