



Dear Fellow Kiwanians,

Wow, where does the time go? Once again, we are transitioning from one Kiwanis year to a new one.

The word “transition” according to Merriam Webster means: a change or shift from one state, subject, place, etc. to another. In our Kiwanis world, it means that as of Oct. 1, we will be welcoming new leaders and our Kiwanis clubs will start a new year.

I have always believed that one needs to remember where you have been and where you come from, to know where you are going and to plan for the future.

As I look back on the service that clubs in Nebraska and Iowa have performed during this past year, I am thankful to be a part of OUR district.

I have seen long standing traditions continue, new ones started and yes, some that no longer serve their purpose, discontinued. I have seen strong support for our Service Leadership Programs and programs that support youth in your communities. And I have seen Kiwanians, over and over again, giving of their time, talent and treasure.

Our society is changing. There seems to be an even greater demand on our time. There are many, many opportunities out there for individuals to become involved with, to volunteer for. So why should we promote Kiwanis? For me, it's because of the variety of ways, through all age groups, that we can have an impact on a child(s) life.

As club members, we can decide if we want to sponsor an elementary school program or a college program. We can choose if we want to raise money for a backpack program, build a playground or sponsor an Aktion club. We can determine how we can best change the lives of children in our communities. Yes, we are making a difference!

And the bonus? The bonus for us as members is that we can see and feel the rewards for our efforts and have fun doing it. We can meet new friends that become longtime friends.

Serving as your governor this past year has been such a rewarding experience. The theme I chose for this past year was TEAM – Together Everyone Achieves More. I am most grateful for the TEAM of Kiwanis members, from our representatives at Kiwanis International to our district leaders, Lt. governors, club officers and yes, to you, our club members.

As we move forward into October, let's make sure we continue to promote and grow our organization. Let's continue to work together with incoming Governor Dale Douda and his team to have an even greater IMPACT on our communities.

And finally, for one last time, Thank You for Being a Kiwanian!

Sincerely,

*Gov. Lynda*

