

2025-2026 a new year in Kiwanis!

My fellow Kiwanians,

Greetings and Happy Kiwanis New Year to all! Can you believe we're launching into the 2025-2026 Kiwanis Year? I'm Brian E. Wells, governor of the Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis District, and I am honored to serve as your governor. I'm also very grateful for every one of you for your efforts to strengthen our children and communities!

As governor, my goals for the District are obtainable and doable. Let's review:

2025-2026 Nebraska-Iowa District Goals

- Each club finishes the 2026 Kiwanis year with a +1 membership
- Each club sponsors or co-sponsors an SLP
- Establish a Governor's Award for Excellence for clubs sponsoring all 5 levels of SLPs
- Each club/division offers to assist the music department of the local school district/home school in some fashion to benefit the children and community (Supports the Kiwanis Rocks theme)
- Governor participates (zoom/in person) with each Division (or clubs within the Division) during the year through the BUILD, NURTURE and RETAIN philosophy
- Grow Kiwanis Leadership by using ACE tools, Amplify and dynamic example leadership at all levels of the Kiwanis Universe from Clubs to District and beyond
- Make Kiwanis fun!!

The above goals are self-explanatory however, I want to highlight **Grow Kiwanis Leadership**. By the time you read this, the Past Governors Committee will have met and discussed ways to motivate Kiwanians to want to be leaders in the organization. It is a great way to help people and meet new friends. You can affect change immediately by becoming a leader at any level. Perhaps it starts off with something simple like co-chair of an activity or SLP. Split the responsibility and make it fun! Remember it's about the kids! I look forward to the past governors suggestions!

In closing, I want you to know that I always have two motivational items with me when I visit a club/division/project. I have designed a special Kiwanis Governor's Pin (Kiwanis Rocks) and a Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis Challenge Coin. I love Kiwanis and I want to reward others that love Kiwanis as well. When I visit your area, I will ask the leadership to nominate one or two Kiwanians that work hard but don't ask for any recognition. I would be proud to pin them. The Challenge Coin is reserved for those who set the standard in your club. I look forward to presenting these motivational awards at your functions.

The calendar is filling quickly for this year. Please get your requests into me, Governor-Elect Tim and Vice Governor Julie.

Kiwanis Rocks!!!