



### **We're running out of time!**

My fellow Kiwanians.... Greetings and Salutations to you all. Can you believe we are over the 6-month mark!!!

I want to thank you for your prayers and positive thoughts during my recovery from hip replacement surgery in the month of April. I had hip replacement on April 1...yes, April fools' day at the Omaha VA. My doctor embraced the day by signing my right hip "Barry Manilow", as a joke of course. But the three residents from Creighton weren't sure what to do. First, they didn't know who Barry was, and second, it wasn't on their iPad what to do when surgeon's name doesn't match. Funny stuff! If I spoke to you anytime between April 2-5, 2026, I'm sorry but I was on heavy painkillers; call me back for clarification. I'm back and ready to get to work!

First, thanks to Tim, Julie and Lisa for taking over for me during my recovery. Second, the training of our 2026-2027 lieutenant governors went very well recently. They are so excited to serve each of you! Third, we have two new, incoming trustees elected. Fourth, we have three openings for Lt. governor-elect. Those divisions can still elect a Lt. governor for next year or the district board can appoint well qualified individuals to these positions. With Zoom, it makes serving much simpler. We ask that Lt. governors conduct at a minimum of four meetings with their division per year. These may be a mix of in-person or Zoom meetings. If you are interested in talking about a position or know of someone that would do an outstanding job, please contact me or Gov. Elect Tim. You don't have to be living in the division in which you are serving as Lt. governor. Call if you are interested.

We are pushing for the chartering of several Kiwanis Voices Clubs. Voices is for 18-26-year-olds specifically. If you know of someone who has a servant's heart and is in this age group, please forward their point of contact information to me and I'll send them an invite. The current Lt. governors will be nominating a minimum of one person per division for a Kiwanis Voices club this month. These people in this age group need Kiwanis...they need someone their own age to serve with. Let's help them get started. Please visit <https://www.kiwanis.org/voices/> for more information.

Manila is right around the corner. We have five Kiwanians plus one spouse going. We will fill you in when we get back!

August 7-8, 2026 is our District Convention. Lots of planning and work are going on to make this a great one. Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs will be our destination. Sleep in Heavenly Peace will be our non-profit focus and keynote speaker. Kiwanis Rocks and so will this convention but not without you! Please come and enjoy the friendship and service!

Thank you for being Kiwanian!

*Gov. Brian E. Wells*