Kiwanis
NEBRASKA-IOWA DISTRICT

Happy New Year!

The new year also brings an anniversary celebration worthy of recognition. This week (January 6) the Nebraska-Iowa District will celebrate its 103rd anniversary.

During those 103 years, all of us – Kiwanians for generations – have changed the life of a child. Sometimes, you can see that change immediately. Sometimes, it is a subtle change. Almost all the time, it is a change that develops within them over time and helps guide them into the person they were meant to be. You are making a difference! We can be proud of what has been achieved in those 103 years.

Over those 103 years, however, our society has also changed. There are even greater demands on everyone's time. Service organizations like Kiwanis are seeing a decline in membership. As I have said before though, unfortunately, the needs of children in our community have only increased.

I am pleased to tell you that your district is looking at ways to help our members meet those challenges.

In this newsletter, you will find information about our upcoming Leadership Retreat and Membership Development Day on March 18 at Lake Wanahoo, in Wahoo, NE. Registration opens Feb. 1. Space is limited, so start talking to your club members and make plans now to attend. This is going to be a fun, relaxing and informational day.

You will also be hearing about a new pilot project for our district titled "Growing Kiwanis in Your Community." The project is membership focused and although it is area specific at this time, we are hopeful that we can expand it to the entire Nebraska-Iowa District. Look to your club leaders for more information over the next couple weeks, ask them to share that information and discuss it with your club members.

One of my favorite sayings is that you have to know your history, who you are, before you can move forward. We have the history. Let's move our district forward.

Thank you for being a Kiwanian.

Gov. Lynda

