



# The Governor's Message

By Nebraska-Iowa District Governor Dale Doudna

## Happy New Year!

January is a time for resolutions for the new year. I have to be honest that I don't usually create resolutions for myself. Nevertheless, I am going to suggest that each of us consider making one or more resolutions for your Kiwanis experience in the coming year. Please feel free to create as many resolutions as you wish. However, I would suggest a couple of possible resolutions.

**I will recruit at least one new Kiwanis member by June 1, 2024.**

I hope every Kiwanian will decide to do this.

**2. I will invite at least one person to join Kiwanis each month this year.**

This resolution will almost assuredly mean that you will accomplish #1.

**3. I will either find a younger member to mentor or I will find an older member and ask them to mentor me.**

We have tremendously talented members of Kiwanis. We need more leaders. Mentors will result in more and better leaders. Besides this will be fun and fulfilling.

**4. I will increase my Kiwanis Impact this year by participating in one or more additional projects.**

This is what Kiwanis is all about. Impacting the lives of kids.

**5. I will increase my Kiwanis Impact by making an additional financial commitment to my Club, the Nebraska-Iowa Foundation or the Kiwanis Children's Fund.**

Some of us have more financial resources than others. Those that have more financial resources can Impact the lives of children in so many ways.

If these resolutions don't seem to fit your needs, I encourage you to review our Kiwanis history and see if you can create a resolution that fits you.

We have **109 years of Kiwanis history, six objects of Kiwanis, a motto, a defining statement, a vision statement and for lack of a better term, a slogan, "Kids Need Kiwanis."**

**109 year history of Kiwanis:** See if there is something you relate to. Create a resolution that will help Kiwanis reach its 110th year.

**The Six Objects of Kiwanis:** The objects were adopted at the Kiwanis International Convention in Denver, Colorado in 1924. A Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanian and our district's first international president was integral to the adoption of the Objects.

**To give** primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

**To encourage** the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

**To develop**, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.

**To promote** the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.

**To provide**, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service, and to build better communities.

**To cooperate** in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and goodwill.

**A Motto:** Serving the children of the world.

**A Defining Statement:** Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.

**A Vision Statement:** Kiwanis will be a positive influence in communities worldwide...so that one day, all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them and provide the support they need to thrive.

**A Slogan:** Kids Need Kiwanis

