Education Sessions



Two Saturday Afternoon Sessions!

Nebraska-Iowa District Convention
Aug. 1&2, 2025
The Graduate, Lincoln, Nebraska

Membership Thrills & Chills

Let's take a look at where we are and where we are going! **District Membership Chair Michelle Musgrave** will share information that clubs of every size can use. Come find out about existing club boosts and new club openings. Learn how an open house can be effective to get new members. Learn how to re-member. Get excited about membership!!!

Filling The Food Void

Food insecurity remains a problem in Nebraska and Iowa. There are ways to identify the need and Kiwanians can help treat and fix the problem. **Region 1 Trustee Keith Prettyman** will be sharing information on what the Lincoln area has done to lessen the impact of food insecurity in the community and how local Kiwanis clubs have helped.

Making The Mind Important Too

Having a healthy body and mind helps kids to grow up strong. Now in its third year, the District Service Project focuses on youths' mental health awareness. Come hear **District Service Project Chair Sonia Royle-Benak and Children's Fund District Chair Jody Melcher** talk about the recent effort to ramp up awareness about this very important campaign. The duo will also share ways that your club can get involved in this service project.

Your Club & AI

The use of AI (Artificial Intelligence) is growing everyday and your club can take advantage of it too. Learn how from **Dr. Nick Schreck, Fremont Kiwanian and Dean of Dunklau School of Business at Midland University**. He will share what AI is, how to use it and when it should be applied. Come find out more about the AI world and ways it can help your club better serve your community.

The Social Media Difference

This is your session to learn about everything from Facebook to other social media. If we want to make a difference in our communities, we need to have a digital footprint. **Social Media Chair Sonia Royle-Benak** will give a glimpse into practical uses for Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and other online platforms. Be a contender in the Social Media world!

Effective "Fun"draising

Raising dollars for your club's service projects doesn't have to be boring and doesn't always need to be the same thing you've done forever. Don't be afraid to shake things up with some new fundraising ideas. **Mason City-River City Club Members Gary Lindgren and Gary Wattnem** will share how their club developed fundraising strategies into fun and successful events. The Garys will probably engage in some club idea swapping as well!

SLPs Are The Difference

Does your club have a Service Leadership Program? Could you support another? Would you like to help strengthen all SLPs in our district? Our **five district SLP administrators — Jim Dane, Sue Waldren, Tracey Scissors-Domgard, Travis Grafe-Cline and Lynda Henningsen —** will hold a panel question and answer session to answer all your questions. Or maybe, you don't have questions but just want to learn more about the Kiwanis family. Come learn how SLPs are making a difference.

Lessons from a Key Clubber

Key Club Member Teegan Jones was focused this past year on building clubs by setting goals, creating a plan and interviewing people involved. Success followed. His leadership and innovative methods have assisted the Nebraska-Iowa Key Club District in opening a record 10 Clubs this year! Join him to see how the process of building a Key Club can reflect Kiwanis club building.

Foundation Fundamentals

The Nebraska-Iowa Kiwanis District Foundation is here to help. Join this session to learn more about what the Foundation does, how your club can get a grant, what your club or individual donations are used and how you can get more involved. This session will be presented by **District Foundation Board Members Tracey Scissors-Domgard, Jody Melcher and Lonnie Shumate.**