

Greetings all! Happy June 2026!

The comedian Red Skelton once said, “if I knew how old I would live to, I would of taken better care of myself.” Words to live by!

As I shared last month, I had hip replacement on 1 April and what has followed is infection and another hip surgery to clean out said infection. I just got back from the hospital this past Thursday with an 84-day regiment of antibiotics and a note from my two surgeons for no travel for a month. That means no KI Convention in Manila for this governor. That almost broke my heart. So now Governor Elect Tim and Vice Governor Julie, along with Children’s Fund President Lenora and Milford Hanna. will be our representatives. Please wish them well and say a prayer for safe passage.

So, what can we do to support our Kiwanis during the rest of the year? Let’s look at the goals I published when I became the governor:

1. Each club finished the 2026 Kiwanis year (1 Oct) with a +1 membership. (We are currently at +105 with 133 clubs reporting).
2. Each club sponsors or co-sponsors an SLP (you still have time to either start one or at least offer to help your sister Kiwanis Club).
3. Each club reaches out to your local music department at school (public, private, faith based, home school, other) and ask the teacher how your club can assist the music department. (Remember our theme this year is Kiwanis Rocks).
4. Use ACE tools online to strengthen our KI leadership.
5. Make Kiwanis fun!!

That’s it! Just 5 goals for your club to make it stronger and fun. You can do this!!

Please don’t forget our Kiwanis Voices clubs we are in the process of starting (18–26-year-old members). See the district and KI website for more information.

Finally, District Convention is Aug. 7 and 8, 2026 at the Mid-America Center (MAC) in Council Bluffs. Registration is now open. Go to our District Website and check it out. Sign up your president of the club. Have your club offer to pay for the president to go and even your newest member. Emily W., Sue W., and Lisa B. have put and are putting a lot of effort into planning this event. It will be educational, fun and worth every penny I promise.

I hope to see you there. Enjoy June and look forward to seeing you at DCON!!

Gov. Brian E. Wells