

Greetings and Salutations my fellow Kiwanians!

We are six months into the Kiwanis year!! Quick review over the last 30 days… we are tracking at 94 additional Kiwanians (new members) as of the end of March 2026! We have chartered (opened) a new Kiwanis Club in Aurora, NE! Chartered (opened) a new K-Kids in Fremont! Celebrated Circle K Nebraska-Iowa Convention at Creighton University (way to go Travis and Gov Piper)! Celebrated Key Club Nebraska-Iowa District Convention at West Des Moines (congratulations Gov Lilly, Tracey, Cooper and Audrey). Well done all!

And if that wasn't enough excitement… we hosted Kiwanis International President Michael Mulhaul, Past KI Presidents Jane Erickson and Steve Seimens, along with the current Kiwanis International Children's Fund President Lenora Hanna for a Friday night banquet and Leadership Retreat on Saturday. Both events were a great success, except for some of the entertainment (Karnac the Kiwanian). Don and I promise better material for DCON!

I want to thank Lisa and the committees that put the banquet and Leadership Band Camp together. Lots of work and planning went into this. What a pleasure to greet everyone that wanted to go through the reception line and meet Michael and Lenora and even get their own digital picture with the presidents! Thanks to the photo staff, entertainment, table decorations folks (what a beautiful night) … Look for upcoming pictures!

Where to now? We have District meetings for Region 5 and 6 upcoming (see website) with elections for trustees for both Regions. To be qualified as a trustee candidate you must fill out an intent to run form (see Lisa), be a past successful lieutenant governor in the district, home club must endorse you and you must be in good standing (dues current and active in home club).

Kiwanis Voices (Kiwanis club for 18–26-year-olds) is getting traction. We have several applications and are looking for more interest. Please contact me if you have anyone that you would like to nominate for membership to this needed Kiwanis Club…. Kiwanis Voices will ROCK!!.

Governor-Elect Tim is currently looking for Lieutenant Governors for three divisions. Contact Tim for more information.

I had an old Army injury repaired (new right hip) April 1. That's correct, on April fools' day. It was at done at the VA Hospital in Omaha. My surgeon had reassured me that if he messed up the hip replacement, he would replace it with a peg leg and parrot (shout out to my Navy folks). Governor Elect Tim is helping to handle the governorship until I am back up to full speed. Thanks Tim!

In closing, so much good is going on. Look for the good, it's about the kids not us. Let your District/Division Officers help…traveling time is here and we would love to come to your club/division meeting for a visit.

And remember, "Kiwanis Rocks"!!!