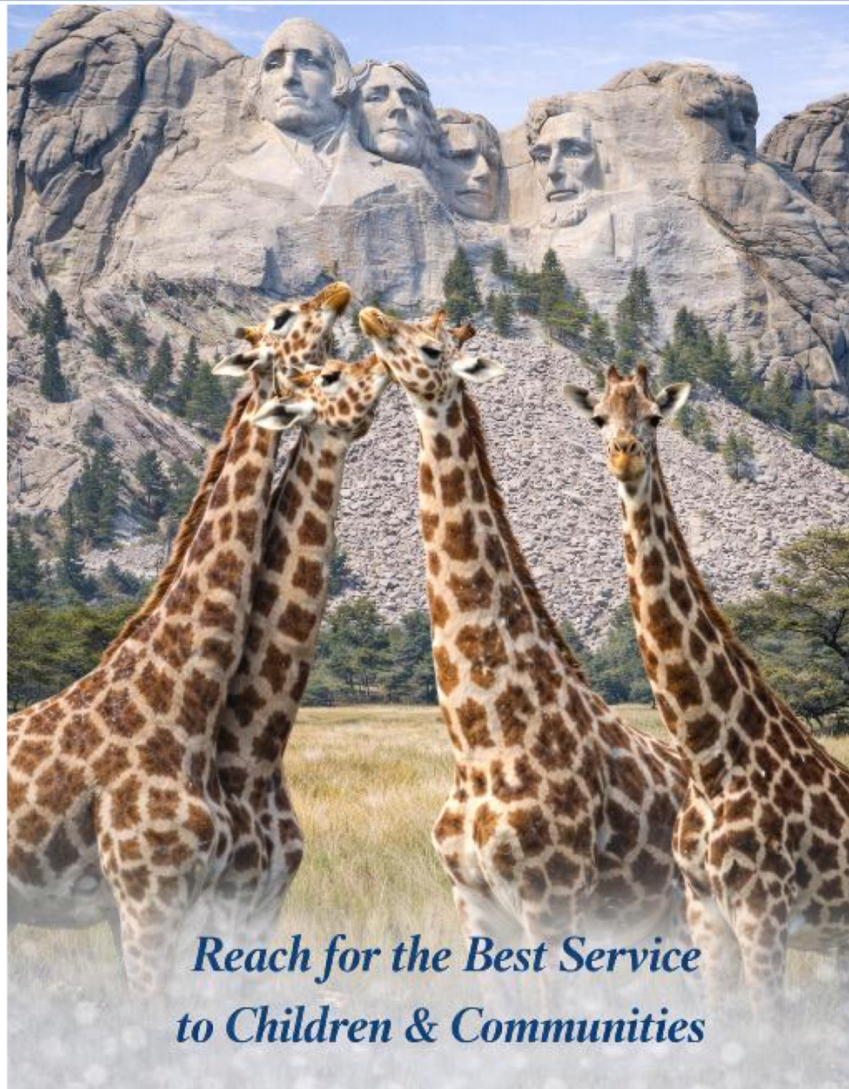


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INDIANA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL



*Reach for the Best Service
to Children & Communities*

Hello, Hoosier Kiwanians!

They say February is the month of love, and I want to declare right now that I *LOVE* the following Indiana Kiwanis clubs: Elkhart, Winamac, Connersville, Rush County, Boonville, Holland, South Spencer, Zionsville/Whitestown, Indianapolis, Indianapolis–Broad Ripple, Northwest Indy, Robin Run Golden K, 25+ Kiwanians Who Care, South Central Indiana, Warsaw, Plainfield, Lawrenceburg, St. Paul, Scott County, Chesterton-Duneland, and Valparaiso!

Why the love? Because these twenty-one clubs added at least one new member during January — and a few added more than one. That's the kind of growth that helps our district *stand tall*. Congratulations to all of you. I love ya!

This is not a warning... but it is a heads-up: I'll be seeing many of you throughout February and March, and I can't wait. On Friday the 13th, I'll be at the Abe Lincoln Awards at Primo, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and Foundation of Indianapolis. The week of February 16th is a busy one — Yorktown on Tuesday, Noblesville on Thursday, and Milford on Saturday for the Land of Lakes Division Council Meeting. (I'll also be at the CKI District Convention that same day. Wish me luck with the teleportation.)

I'll wrap up February at the Key Club District Leadership Convention, cheering on our amazing student leaders. March will be just as full, with Division Council Meetings in the Scenic Farms, Potawatomi, and Arrowhead divisions. And of course, we'll gather for our Indiana District Mid-Year Conference in Bloomington on March 21st — more on that in a moment.

I'm ready to hit the road, *stretch my neck*, and *spot* as many of you as possible along the way!

Welcome to the Family!



I would like to officially welcome the Kiwanis Club of Clay County to our Hoosier Kiwanis family! This club was organized last fall under the guidance of Past Governor Al

Riggle, and their Charter Ceremony was held on Saturday, January 17th in Brazil. I was honored to stand in for Past Governor Al while he recovered from knee surgery.

The Kiwanis Club of Clay County joins us from the Vandalia Trail Division, led by Lt. Governor Bill Clendinning. Congratulations and welcome, new Kiwanis members! I know you will *stand tall* and make a tremendous impact as you *reach out* to serve the children and families of Clay County.

We're proud to have you in our Kiwanis herd!

Special Guests, Fun & Informational Sessions, & Awards Planned for Mid-Year

I've heard a rumor that some of you haven't registered for the Mid-Year Conference in Bloomington on March 21. I'm not sure you realize what you'll be missing — so here's a quick list to spark your interest:

- RoboBoosters
- Parade of Riley Checks
- Past Governor Al's Awards — Distinguished Clubs, Club of the Year, Special Recognitions
- Hands-On Community Service
- Kiwanis Spirit!
- A Delicious Lunch
- New Energy & Fresh Ideas
- Websites & Media Workshops
- KI Trustee Amy Zimmerman
- New Friends & Old Buddies
- A Special Appearance by Stretch McNekk & Kay Tower

Don't wait — go to <https://www.indkiw.org/club-events/district-events/> and register for Mid-Year. You truly don't want to miss this one.

Stretching Beyond Comfort Zones at the Americas Governors Conference

In January, I had the privilege of attending the Americas Governors Conference at Kiwanis International — two days designed to sharpen our skills, challenge our thinking, and renew our energy for the rest of our year as governors. We learned, we shared, we laughed, and yes... *we stretched*.

One session in particular stands out for me, and it's the moment captured in this photo. We were divided into small groups of five or six governors. In each group, one brave soul was blindfolded. In my group, that brave soul was me.

Our task seemed simple: assemble a puzzle made for a two-year-old. The catch? Only the blindfolded person could touch the pieces. Everyone else had to guide with words

alone — no pointing, no grabbing, no rescuing. Just communication, patience, and teamwork.

Let me tell you, when you can't see a thing and your teammates are trying to explain which piece to grab and where it is, you learn a lot about clarity, trust, and listening. And you learn it fast.

I truly stretched beyond my comfort zone — just like a giraffe — and I'm glad I volunteered. It was an incredibly effective exercise, and I found myself wishing every Lt. Governor and every club officer could have watched it unfold. The lessons were simple but powerful: work together, communicate clearly, and support one another, even when the path isn't obvious.

And yes... we did finish the puzzle.



Yours in service,

Sue Prifogle

Governor, Indiana District of Kiwanis 2025–26