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**Reach Out and Help Kids
Find Holiday Merriment!**

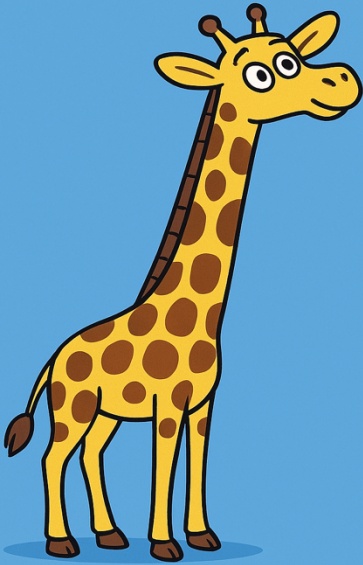
Happy Holidays, Kiwanians!

Whatever you celebrate this season, may it bring joy and connection. One thing we can all celebrate together is the spirit of Kiwanis—our clubs and our fellow members!

I'm thrilled to recognize the energy and growth happening across the Indiana District. Many clubs and divisions are off to a strong start in this 2025–26 year, and membership numbers show exciting progress. Whether the gain is one member or twenty, every addition strengthens our mission and is worth celebrating.

Membership Highlights

**REACH OUT WITH YOUR
MEMBERSHIP SECRETS
AND HELP OTHER
INDIANA CLUBS!**



- Arrowhead Division: Culver and Winamac added two members.
- Heartland Division: Columbus Golden K, North Vernon, and Seymour all grew.
- Hoosier Division: Alongside IU football victories, Mitchell-Grissom and South Central Indiana welcomed new members.
- Indy Metro Division: Lawrence Sunrise added one.
- Johnny Appleseed Division: Ft. Wayne, Ft. Wayne Time Corners, and John Chapman clubs increased membership.
- Lakeshore Division: LaPorte and Valpo celebrated growth.
- Land of Lakes Division: Elkhart, Goshen, and Wawasee added members.
- Lincoln Division: Despite operating without a Lt. Governor (we're working on it!), Ferdinand, Holland, and Tell City brought in twelve new members in November—outstanding!
- Potawatomi Division: Wabash and Warsaw together netted five new members.
- Rose Division: Cambridge City New Day and New Castle Henry County grew.
- Sagamore Division: Lebanon, Lafayette, and Lafayette-Harrison added members.
- Scenic Farms Division: Clarksville, Greensburg, Jefferson County, and Scott County welcomed fourteen new members—fantastic!
- Southwind Division: Evansville, Evansville Green River, Historic Newburgh, and Mount Vernon all showed increases.
- Sycamore Divisions: Tipton (North) and Carmel, Cicero, Fishers, Westfield, and Zionsville/Whitestown (South) added members.
- Vandalia Trail Division: Plainfield and Terre Haute grew.
- Wapahani Division: Alexandria and Dunkirk added members.

👏 Sharing Success

To those clubs experiencing growth—congratulations! Please share your strategies and successes so others can learn from them. And to clubs seeking a boost, don't hesitate to reach out to these thriving peers. Together, we can keep stretching higher and building stronger communities.

🍁 My November

With the holidays approaching, I'm a bit relieved that my schedule has slowed down—just a little. I may not be traveling as much during these winter days, but I'm still busy with meetings at the local, district, and international levels, thanks to Zoom and Microsoft Teams.

🖥️ Division & Key Club Connections

- I joined Lt. Governor Steve's Lakeshore Division Council Meeting via Zoom. After a brief update from me, Steve opened the floor (or should I say the screen?) for discussion. The lively exchange of ideas, concerns, and information made his first DCM a real success.
- I also had an important Teams meeting with the Indiana Key Club Board. Many thanks to Governor Sweet Night for the invitation—it was inspiring to connect with our Key Club leaders.

🌟 A Special Evening at Newfields



November brought a new experience: attending a special event at Newfields in Indianapolis honoring two new leaders at Riley Hospital for Children.

- David Biggerstaff, President & CEO of Riley Children's Health
- Courtney Roberts, President & CEO of Riley Children's Foundation

It was my first time at Newfields—and yes, I even had to dress up! The evening left a lasting

impression.

👏 Club Visits & Council Meetings

- I traveled to the Jefferson County Kiwanis Club, which is just a year old but already proving to be one of those “small but mighty” clubs.
- Governor-elect Greg Ayers and I co-hosted a Lincoln Division Council Meeting. While the division is still without a Lt. Governor, the attendees shared wonderful ideas for service, fundraising, and membership. Greg and I also passed along district updates.

🏠 Local Service in Rush County

The rest of my month was devoted to my Rush County Kiwanis Club. Together, we packed food, household necessities, and fun items for sixteen local families identified through our Boys & Girls Club. Special thanks to Rose Division Lt. Governor Jennifer Feaster and members of the Richmond Noon Club, who donated and joined us in packing bags.



Thanksgiving at Home

My Thanksgiving was quiet but cozy. I enjoyed turkey and all the fixin's, while my kitties—Kiwi and Kiki—feasted on Fancy Feast turkey and gravy.

I hope your November was filled with joy and meaning, too.



Reminders



Mid-Year Conference

- Date: March 21, 2026
- Location: Bloomington
- Registration: District Events Page or visit www.indkiw.org
- Expect “out-of-the-box” sessions and keynote speakers who will deliver more than just a keynote—they’ll bring an experience!



ICON – International Convention

- Date: June 2026
- Location: Philippines
- Registration: www.kiwanis.org → Click Members on the top bar
- Please register early—space is limited and hotels are filling quickly.
- I’m excited to stretch my neck and explore this part of the world for the first time. Won’t you join me?
- The Indiana District proudly supports Taka Ogata as International Trustee. Let’s show our full support!



Annual Club Support

This is the perfect time for clubs to send in their annual voluntary gifts:

- Indiana Kiwanis Foundation: \$5 per member

- Indiana Service Leadership Programs (SLP): \$100 per club to support K-Kids, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs, CKIs, and Aktion Clubs statewide
- Riley Hospital: Contributions encouraged if your club does not attend Mid-Year or DCON. No bills will be sent—these are voluntary gifts. Funds may come from project or charity accounts. Sometimes new treasurers and officers do not know about these opportunities to benefit Indiana youth.



Please share this with anyone you know who you think might be interested.

Busy life? Big heart?



If work, family, and obligations keep you on the go—but you still want to make a difference—the **Indiana District of Kiwanis** has a place for you!

We're starting a Kiwanis E-Club—an online Kiwanis club designed for busy people who want to serve, connect, and make a difference.

This new club is perfect for those who want to:

➡ **Improve the world** one child and one community at a time

➡ **Build friendships and network** with other service-minded people

➡ **Stay connected** online, wherever life takes them

Maybe you're a former **Key Clubber** or **Circle K**

International (CKI) member, or maybe you just want to make the world a better place for kids—locally and globally.

📌 It doesn't matter if you're in Indiana, another state, or simply have Hoosier connections—everyone is welcome!

Stay tuned. We will have another informational Zoom meeting after the new year!



A Personal Note

I invite all Indiana District members to join me in stretching beyond our comfort zones to serve kids across the state and around the world. It's not always easy, and yes, it can be tiring—but that warm & fuzzy Kiwanis feeling of improving the world one child and one community at a time is unbeatable.

Thank you, Indiana District!

Yours in service,

Sue Prifogle

Governor, Indiana District of Kiwanis 2025–26