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HOOSIER KIWANIAN

INDIANA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL



Stretch High for Service to Children & Communities in 2026!

NEW YEAR GREETING FROM GOVERNOR SUE

Happy New Year, Hoosier Kiwanians!

I've always thought it was special that Kiwanians get to celebrate two new years every year—October 1st and January 1st. Or is it the other way around? Either way, we're lucky to get a double dose of fresh starts!

I hope your holidays were wonderful. Mine were low-key, relaxing, and exactly what I needed. My Kiwanis cats Kiwi & Kiki supervised my holidays by holding me down and demanding extra snuggles. Then Santa brought them catnip and, well, you know how the reindeer can fly? Turns out the Kiwanis cats can, too! Anyway, with their help, I feel refreshed, recharged, and ready to go!



From Thanksgiving through New Year's Day, I watched clubs across the Indiana District pour their hearts into holiday service. I saw members ringing Salvation Army bells, collecting food and household items, donating shoes and warm clothing for children, and supporting more Angel Trees than I could count. The photos many of you shared—on Facebook and through email—gave me that unmistakable “warm and fuzzy Kiwanis feeling.” I hope you felt it, too. Thank you for making such a meaningful difference. I'm proud of our Indiana District Kiwanis clubs!

I was especially delighted to see clubs “reach out,” just like our giraffe friends, to help one another with service projects. When we work together, we truly reach greater heights.

My 2026 calendar is already filling up, and I will be excited to see many of you at club meetings, division council meetings, and, of course, at Mid-Year in Bloomington. And as we begin this new year of service, I encourage each of you to invite a friend, neighbor, or colleague to a meeting. You never know who might be looking for a place to belong—and Kiwanis is a wonderful place to land.



Speaking of Mid-Year—please visit the District website (www.indkiw.org) and register as soon as you can! Mid-Year is March 21st, and I'm thrilled with the plans we have in store. I can't wait to see YOU there. And I'll admit, I'm also pretty excited to return to the hometown of my alma mater—Rose Bowl winners, Indiana University!

Wishing each of you a joyful, purposeful, and service-filled year ahead.

Governor Sue's 2026 New Year's Resolutions

(A blend of the serious, the silly, and the giraffe-height aspirational)

1. Find a special Kiwanian to serve as District Key Club Administrator for my year and Governor-elect Greg's year.
2. Recruit a Lt. Governor for the mighty Lincoln Division.
3. Pet a live giraffe... I hear Indiana has a few opportunities if I stretch my neck far enough.
4. Survive the long flight to the Philippines and then fully enjoy the international convention once I land.
5. Build two to four successful new Kiwanis clubs across the Indiana District.
6. Teach Kiwi and Kiki to clean up around their food dishes (this resolution remains... aspirational).
7. Host a Mid-Year Conference and District Convention that Hoosier Kiwanians rave about for years to come.
8. Meet as many Kiwanians as possible — in clubs, divisions, and everywhere in between.
9. Perfect my elevator pitch for Kiwanis in three floors or less.
10. Celebrate Taka Ogata as the next Kiwanis International Trustee from Indiana!



Mid-Year in Bloomington, March 21

Go right now to the Indiana site (www.indkiw.org) and register for our Mid-Year conference! Early bird rates until March 7. After that date, registration goes up. Join us for the fun in Bloomington!

International Convention in Manila, Philippines, June 24-27

Go right now to the Kiwanis International site (www.kiwanis.org) and register for ICON in the Philippines. Get your hotel room. Rooms are going quickly. Join Governor Sue in helping Taka Ogata campaign and be elected KI Trustee! Early registration ends on February 2nd so it's a small window of opportunity.

Showcase Your Club's Impact! 2026 Signature Project Contest (Opens Today!)

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, January 6 — that's when the entry period begins for the [2026 Signature Project Contest!](https://www.kiwanis.org/members/service-projects/signature-contest/) (<https://www.kiwanis.org/members/service-projects/signature-contest/>)

By entering, you'll highlight the heart of your club's work — showing members and your community that your project is impactful, meaningful and making a difference for kids. It's a chance to celebrate your members' pride and commitment!

Have questions? Contact Elizabeth Warren, Kiwanis International's director of programs and partnerships, at ewarren@kiwanis.org.

Let's make your project shine!

Yours in service,

Sue Prifogle

Governor, Indiana District of Kiwanis 2025–26