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HOOSIER KIWANIAN

INDIANA DISTRICT OF KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

Stretch your Kiwanis knowledge and have fun
by attending Mid-Year this month



GREETINGS, HOOSIER KIWANIANs!

I want to *SPRING* into this newsletter by stretching my neck and giving a big shout-out to the clubs that added at least ONE new member during February!

Congratulations to: Winamac, 101 Lakes Angola, East Noble, Huntington County, Merrillville Breakfast, Valpo Sunrise, Goshen Maple City, Nappanee, Boonville, Warsaw, Lebanon, Saint Paul, Evansville–Green River, Mount Vernon, Carmel Golden K, Westfield, Noblesville, Clay County, Perry Township, and Terre Haute. Kudos to all of you for reaching out and welcoming new Kiwanians!

These new members strengthen not only their home clubs but also their divisions: Arrowhead, Johnny Appleseed, Lakeshore, Land of Lakes, Lincoln, Potawatomi, Sagamore, Scenic Farms, Southwind, Sycamore South, and Vandalia Trail. Every addition helps our entire district grow in service and spirit.

As we step into spring and approach the halfway point of our Kiwanis year, I'm incredibly proud of how our Hoosier clubs continue expanding their impact on children and communities. My membership plan this year — **"Reach Out and Net One"** — is simple, hopeful, and absolutely achievable. If every club nets just one new member, our district will grow. And many of our clubs are already well on their way to exceeding one member.

As we celebrate clubs that are growing, you might be worried that your club is stuck for ways to gain new members. Don't worry — help (and fun!) is on the way. Keep reading to learn about our newest district initiative that just might be the spark your club needs...

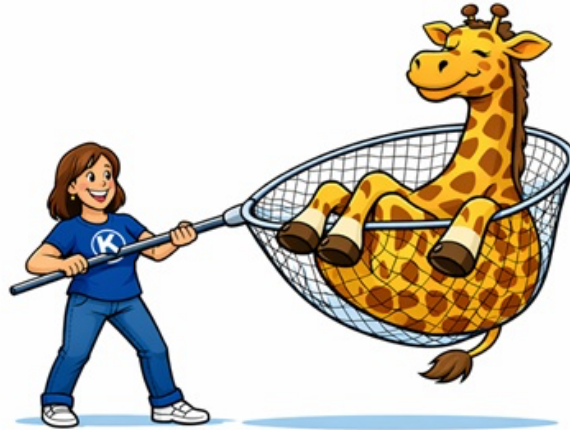
WHO HAS SPIRIT? WE HAVE SPIRIT!

Spring is the season of fresh starts, bright ideas, and stretching our necks just a little higher — which makes it the perfect time to launch the Indiana District's newest initiative: Kiwanis Spirit!

What Is Kiwanis Spirit?

Spirit is the Indiana District's newest initiative inviting clubs to publicly celebrate and promote themselves in fun, creative ways. It's all about showing your community who you are, what you do, and why Kiwanis matters — with energy, visibility, and a little playful flair.

Reach Out and Net ONE!



How Does It Work?

Clubs can celebrate Spirit anytime during April — for a day, a week, or the whole month. Clubs can be traditional or go completely over the top.

The goal is simple: shine in your community and let people see the joy and impact of Kiwanis.

Why Participate?

When people see your spirit, chances are someone (or several someones) will want to join and boost your membership.

Spirit isn't just fun — it's a membership builder, a visibility booster, and a chance to strengthen your club's connection to your community.

Recognition and Awards

Each club submits its Spirit plan, pictures, and results to its Lt. Governor. Divisions will select one club to represent them at the district level. The top three Spirit clubs will be recognized and awarded at the District Convention in Muncie in August.

Want Ideas?

Attend the Kiwanis Spirit session at Mid-Year in Bloomington — you'll gather ideas, examples, and inspiration.

If you can't attend Mid-Year (and yes, that makes me sad!), your Lt. Governor will have all the information you need to get started.

And Most of All... HAVE FUN!

MID-YEAR ALMOST HERE!

Speaking of Spirit... the best way to recharge your club's enthusiasm is to join us at Mid-Year in Bloomington — and the early-bird registration price hops away Saturday, March 7th!

Register for the Mid-Year:

<https://www.indkiw.org/club-events/district-events/>



GOVERNOR SUE ON THE ROAD

My 2023 Buick didn't really run out of gas in mid-January — but her lease sure did. So, Vixen, my holiday-season Buick with all her sass, has now retired from Kiwanis duty. In her place is my brand-new traveling companion: a 2026 Chevy Trax in fire-engine red with black trim and a matching black-and-red interior. He looks just mischievous enough that I had no choice but to name him Diablo.

Now that the weather has cooperated a bit, Diablo and I have been on the road. Have I met YOU yet? February took me north, south, and central across the Indiana District.

Governor-elect Greg and I held a Division Council Meeting in Dale (Lincoln Division), and I joined a wonderfully well-attended Land of Lakes DCM in Milford. March will keep the momentum going with four more DCMs: Scenic Farms, Rose, Potawatomi, and Arrowhead — plus, of course, our Mid-Year Conference in Bloomington.

February also brought some special moments. I attended the CKI DCON lunch and the Key Club DLC, and I was honored to participate in the Abe Lincoln Awards, where the Kiwanis Club and Foundation of Indianapolis present scholarships to a couple of dozen phenomenal graduating seniors. It's one of those events that reminds you exactly why we do what we do.



Diablo has already proven himself to be an excellent traveling partner — steady, stylish, and ready for adventure. We hope to meet MANY Hoosier Kiwanians in March!

Yours in service,

Sue Prifogle

Governor, Indiana District of Kiwanis 2025–26