

Capital District Kiwanis

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MiniBuilder

August 2011 — September 2011 Dave Maloney, Editor

Governor's Message by Governor Tom Varner

The 2011 District Convention in Williamsburg is fast approaching. The Committee has been working at a very hectic pace to make sure this is one of the best events for Kiwanians, partners, and the whole family. Carla Morin is making sure that the program runs smoothly and that everyone who attends has a room and a place at one of the many meal tables.

Again, this year, there is a package plan that will save attendees on the total cost of the registration and meals. We will have good attendance based on early figures. While the DCON starts officially on Friday, many Kiwanians will kick off the event on Thursday with a golf tournament to

benefit the Eliminate Project. You will be hearing a lot about Eliminate this weekend and in the future.

We will get down to business on Friday morning, as your District Board of Trustees will be meeting at 9:00 a.m.

A leadership luncheon for both the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 District leadership is next on the agenda. For the first time there will be long term (that means three-hour) training sessions available to all Kiwanians. If you want to see your Capital District Foundation Board of Trustees in action, they will be meeting Friday afternoon.

It will be party time Friday



night. Included in the package program is a pool party. Bring your suits and enjoy the fun and fellowship along with picnic fare. The past few conventions have had events for all attendees on Friday evening to give everyone a chance to meet and to re-meet new and old friends.

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Raga Elim Says "Thank You All" by Raga S. Elim, Ph.D., Chairman, District Committee on International Understanding

My heartfelt thanks to all district Kiwanians for your encouragement and support during my four-year tenure as chairman of the Capital District Committee on International Understanding.

With your help, individually and in clubs across the district, we increased our international awareness and outreach. Above all, we raised more than \$18,000 to fuel

the Initiative for Africa. This achievement won a grant of \$19,000 from the Kiwanis International Foundation, and matching funds



raised the total to nearly \$75,000—all to help children at grave risk in Africa.

Our partner, Kickstart International, has used these funds to establish The Kiwanis Project in the "Tipping Point" area of southwest Kenya, where people still live in refugee camps due to violence after the election three years ago.

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On Saturday all Kiwanians will get down to work, with sessions in a wide variety of topics. There should be something there for everyone. There will also be an opportunity to be involved with the Stop Hunger Now service project on Saturday. The Governors of the Key Club and CKI will address the convention on Saturday at the luncheon. We will be recognizing Charter honorees in the Eliminate program. Delegates will hear remarks from our International Counselor. They will also hear about the State of the District at the First House of Delegates.

Saturday evening is the Governor's banquet where we will honor our District Officers, Trustees, and Lieutenant Governors along with our Past Governors and several distinguished guests. We will also take some time to honor our retiring Secretary/Treasurer Ellis H. Stroup. Ellis has served in this post since May 1975.

We will conclude on Sunday morning with the second House of Delegates where the 2011-2012 Governor and Governors-Elect will be selected by the delegates. After the House adjourns, we will have our breakfast and the installation of the new District Officers. It will be a great three days.

The Capital District is very fortunate in having International Trustee Jane Erickson who will serve as our International Counselor. Many of you know Jane from her leadership this year for both of our Key Leader experiences. Jane is also Past President of the Kiwanis International Foundation and was a guest at our 2008 DCON in Richmond.

The Capital District is experiencing a positive grow for the first time in this century. The challenge is to stay positive. The clubs who purge their rolls historically use the last two months of the year to do so. While this should never be a last minute event, the figures say otherwise. Part of this is the lateness of billing and short time frames to pay. I would ask everyone to be toler-

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ant and not drop members who you know will pay a few days late.

Our other area where we can use some help is the building of new clubs. So far this year we have built one. That is the Kiwanis Climb of Young Professional of Tidewater. The club members follow the 3-2-1 meeting obligation - three service hours, two social hours, and one hour for business. This plan has proven successful for the 40-and-under group. A second successful club chartered at the end of last year was one at Fort Eustis. This is a club on a military base and the Capital District probably has as many, if not more, military bases than any other District. Check to see if you could do one new club.

In the spirit of openness, the Board of Trustees has posted the agenda (Board Book) for the last two meetings and will have the Board Books for both the 2010-2011 Board and the 2011-2012 meetings

on August 19 posted by the first weekend in August. The Board has also posted the proposed draft of the 2011-2012 Budget. All pending items and all drafts and final document will be available to the membership.

Well, it is time to prepare for the Convention. Thanks for all you've done during the past ten months. Let's keep gaining new members in the next two! As Kiwanis International President Neal had told the Governors - "Finish Strong".

Raga Elim (cont'd from page 1)

The money helps these people buy irrigation pumps for small farms, allowing them to establish stable businesses and provide their children with food, medicine, education, and hope.

I have decided it is now time to step down from leading our international efforts. As

I said to Governor-Elect Jeff Wolf two months ago, organizations usually benefit from bringing on new leaders who can provide new vision and fresh approaches to implementing their missions. Despite some regret, I feel satisfaction that I will continue to be an active member of the Kiwanis family for the rest of my life.

I am also fortunate to have had dedicated committee members who believed that our international program was integral to a global organization committed to the basic human rights of all children to live and to grow up in a better world. I am grateful to every committee member for their support and hard work..

Finally, I would like express my special thanks to the four governors under whose leadership I have served. Without their full support, our committee could not have achieved that we accomplished. Our thanks go to Past Governors Art Riley, Tom Ganse, and Don Dudey, and to Tom Varner, our present Governor.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the District Convention in Williamsburg this August.

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In Memoriam

June—July 2011

Robert Bowers, Salem, Va.

Richard Fowler (Past Lt. Governor), Charlottesville, Va.

Joseph Harris (Past Lt. Governor), Chesapeake, Va.

THE TIME HAS ARRIVED TO THINK ABOUT RECOGNIZING YOUR OUTGOING CLUB PRESIDENT WITH A LIFE MEMBERSHIP IN THE CAPITAL DISTRICT KIWANIS FOUNDATION.

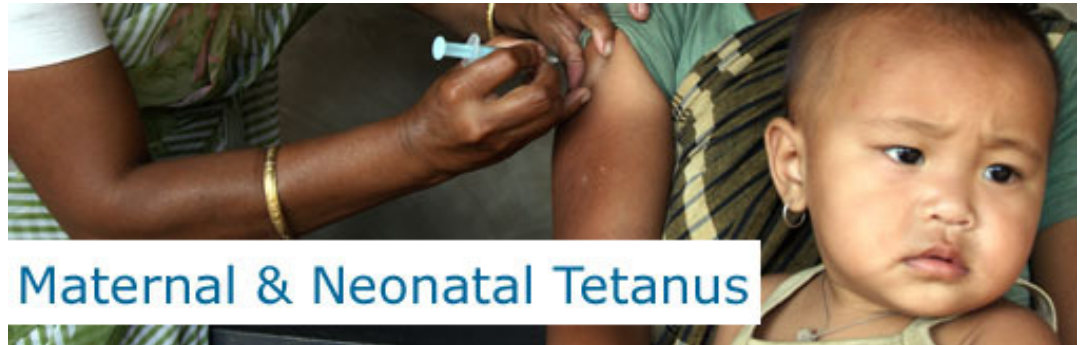
Recognize Your Outgoing President with Life Membership in Capital District Kiwanis Foundation by Charlie Adams, CDKF Executive Secretary

The time has arrived to think about recognizing your outgoing Club President with a Life Membership in the Capital District Kiwanis Foundation. Life Memberships are available for a \$100 contribution to the Foundation. Your president will be presented with a Life Member certificate and the accompanying pin back and the club will receive a ribbon for its banner. This is a great way to thank your

President for doing an outstanding job during the 2010-2011 administrative year. You may download the CDKF contribution form from the web site. Click on Capital District Foundation and then click Contribute. If you plan to present this at your Installation of Officers Dinner, please send in your request as soon as possible in order to allow time for it to be processed and sent to your Divi-

sion's Foundation Trustee for presentation. Thank you for considering to honor your President with a Life Membership and many thanks to all clubs in the District for their continued support of the Foundation. It is greatly appreciated by our Sponsored Leadership Programs and the Pediatric Trauma Hospitals. Please keep up your good work.

The Eliminate Project



KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL'S 96TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, MARKED AN EXCITING FEW DAYS FOR THE ELIMINATE PROJECT.

Following the International Convention, Kiwanis is once again poised to change the world through The Eliminate Project

July 29, 2011 - Kiwanis International's 96th Annual Convention in Geneva, Switzerland, marked an exciting few days for The Eliminate Project. Attendees from around the world celebrated the launch of The Eliminate Project's fundraising campaign. Throughout the convention,

they also learned how to plan fundraising activities, educate members, organize service projects and share enthusiasm during general sessions, group workshops and a sponsored luncheon.

The Eliminate Project made a big splash right from the beginning. Kiwanians were awed as International President Sylvester Neal, International Foundation President Jack Harten and immediate past

presidents of Key Club International and Circle K International dropped the official The Eliminate Project flag during opening ceremony. The Eliminate Project flag will fly every day at Kiwanis International headquarters to demonstrate Kiwanis' commitment to raise US\$110 million and help eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus.

During the closing ceremony,

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donors and clubs were recognized for their generosity and early support of The Eliminate Project. Individual Lead Gift Donors, Major Gift donors, 100K Clubs, Model Clubs, and Year of Leadership clubs were all recognized for their tremendous support. The Kiwanis Club of Ann Arbor was honored as the first Charter 100K Club, and the Kiwanis Club of Cape Coral was also honored as a 100K Club. Kiwanis International Foundation President recognized all 15 Model Clubs. Kiwanis now has more than 270 Charter Zeller donors and 150 Year of Leadership clubs.

Kiwanis International and UNICEF have joined forces to combat maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) worldwide. This historic initiative,

called "The Eliminate Project," will protect the lives of babies and mothers all over the globe and aims to help put an end to this cruel, centuries-old disease. The final push to eliminate MNT global effort will require \$110 million and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family. The more than 100 million women, along with their future newborns, who will be protected through global MNT elimination efforts along with their newborns live in areas scarred by poverty, poor medical infrastructure or humanitarian crises. The Eliminate Project will also help pave the way for the delivery of other lifesaving services, such as clean water, nutrition and other vaccines.

You and your club are an

integral part of The Eliminate Project. Take the time to learn more about the project, tell your community about Kiwanis' mission to eliminate MNT, talk about The Eliminate Project during your district convention, meet the campaign leaders in your district and begin planning and implementing your service and fundraising efforts.

The gathering of Kiwanis members in Geneva served as a fitting reminder that their efforts will bring families together across the globe, helping save and protect millions of mothers and their future babies from MNT in the countries where it remains a public health threat. Kiwanians now have the knowledge and resources to once again make history—and change the world for millions!

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Three Key Leader Weekends Announced for 2012!

by Nicole McDermott

Key Leader is Kiwanis's values-centered, weekend leadership education program for high school students. We are so excited to announce THREE Key Leader weekends for 2012:

#1 ~ April 27-29, 2012

Arlington Echo Outdoor Educational Center, 975 Indian Landing Road, Millersville, MD 21108, www.arlingtonecho.net

Site Coordinator: Corey Goggin (Kiwanis Club of Tysons Corner/McLean, VA)

#2 ~ May 18-20, 2012

Jamestown 4-H Educational Center, 3751 4-H Club Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185, www.jamestown4hcenter.org

Site Coordinator: Missy Zimmerman (Kiwanis Club of Williamsburg, VA)

#3 ~ November 9-11, 2012

Northern Virginia 4-H Educational Center, 600 4-H Center Drive, Front Royal, VA 22630, www.nova4h.com/

Site Coordinator: Jaime Jeffers (Kiwanis Club of Woodbridge, VA)

Key Leader events are open to any 9th-12th grade students (in or out of Key Club or Builders Club). Once again, our goal for each event will be 60 students plus an additional 8-10 student facilitators.

Because our past events were so successful, we look forward

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Kiwanis International Convention in Geneva, Switzerland: July 7 - 10, 2011 by Past Governor Bob Cressy

The scenery was beautiful in the Alps and surrounding countryside. Not that North America doesn't have great scenery, and it is easier, less expensive to get to than Europe. So when folks can get the opportunity to go to a Kiwanis International Convention in the foot hills of the Alps, its good to make the best of it with an added vacation,

and that's what most people did.

The Capital District had a good representation of delegates, members and guests at the Geneva KI Convention this past month, and I'd say that they had an unforgettable learning experience and, for most, a fantastic vacation. Here are some photos of the event.

By the way, the Capital District convention will be held in in Williamsburg on August 18th - 21st. This is a great opportunity to join other Kiwanians and their families for fellowship, learning more about how Kiwanis works, as well as many opportunities to attend helpful workshops and training sessions. Clubs have a responsibility to have three delegates attend our DCON. Take a little vacation, too, for a few days in Williamsburg.



The 2011 Kiwanis Convention was truly International flavor for North American Kiwanians as it was held this year in Geneva, Switzerland from July 7-10th. Most attendees took the opportunity to have an extended vacation in Europe as well. This Photo Essay has the highlights of the convention itself. The weather was beautiful, the scenery terrific and the KICON was just great!



As attendees move into the convention hall proper, you begin see the spirit, often a bit competitive (that's OK). The Taiwan District is always ready for fun and business, for photos and Kiwanis promotion. They ARE organized!



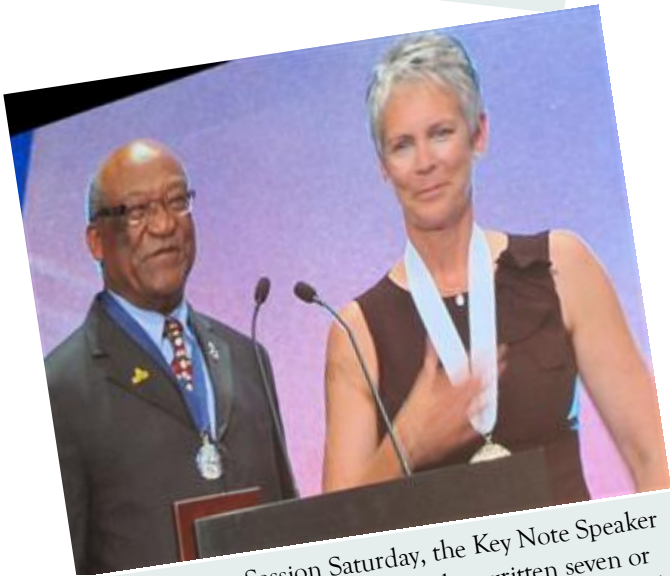
The session's featured speaker was the famous British Conservationist Jane Goodall whose message was entitled "The Reason for Hope and the Way Ahead". She outlined the changes she has seen in Africa and many places around the globe and what we must do help save many habitats and animals.



Back to the Business Session - Reports On KI to the membership. Capital District Tom Varner, Jen and Governor Elect Jeff Wolff are ready.



Remember working the entrances for our Capital District candidates for International Office? CDK did not have one this time. Well, the teams were out there again. We were 'intercepted' by Candidate for International Trustee Jane Erickson from the Nebraska-Iowa District and some of her team just outside the entrance (you can't campaign inside the hall). Jane is very personable and has visited Capital several times as part of the KIF team and representing KI. Jane is third from the left ... and the other person you'd know is PG Bob



In the Closing Session Saturday, the Key Note Speaker was actress Jamie Lee Curtis. She has written seven or more children's books for which she has received much acclaim. KI President Sly Neal was so impressed, he awarded her his "Light a Fire" of activity pin. AND, President Sly being a Kiwanian who always does A.S.K. ... Jamie Lee Curtis became a KIWANIAN on the spot. She cried happy tears.



Seating through out the delegate sessions is like a political convention; it's by Districts so we can consult with each other.



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to repeated success in 2012, times three! We encourage Kiwanis Clubs to put Key Leader in their budgets NOW for the 2011-12 Kiwanis year to ensure sponsorship of students to this incredible program. It is \$200/student (or \$175/student if the student is a member of Key Club or Builders Club). For such a small amount of money, Kiwanis can truly make a difference in a young adult's life. Please plan to send at least one student to the event most geographically convenient to your club. Kiwanis Clubs are welcome to send students to more than one event if its possible financially and students have been identified - we would love that!

Key Leader is a leadership education weekend for high school

students focusing on the concept of service leadership and five principles: integrity, growth, respect, community and excellence. The weekend is casual and includes hands-on exercises; writing and reflection activities; cooperative, team activities; physical challenges and more. Students arrive between 4-6 p.m. on Friday and depart between 11 a.m.-12 noon on Sunday. All adult chaperones have undergone background checks, and the weekend is run by a professional facilitator who has successfully completed a training course on the curriculum and who brings experience working with young people.

If you are interested in serving on the Key Leader District Committee and helping to pro-

mote Key Leader around the District and in your own area, please contact District Chair Nicole McDermott (Kiwanis Club of Tysons Corner/McLean, Virginia) at capitalkeyleader@gmail.com or 703.829.5481. We are currently looking for representatives from the following regions particularly: Heart of Virginia, Mason Dixon, Presidential, and Southwest Virginia. For more information about Key Leader, please visit www.youtube.com/CapitalKeyLeader and watch live student testimonials about the quality of the program. The students featured on our YouTube Channel are all Capital District "kids." Also, search Capital District Key Leader on Facebook and like it or visit keyleader.org.