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NEWSLETTER FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 28, 2010

International Convention Issue

Greetings from the Las Vegas airport as we wait for our flight home. The 95th Kiwanis International Convention was great! Over 6,700 Kiwanians and guests attended. Credentials reported 766 delegates at large and 3,276 delegates representing 286 clubs for a total of 4,042 accredited delegates.

Business from the convention:

The International Vice-President election was won by Tom DeJulio from the New York District.

Trustees elected by Region 1 – Johnny Johnson from Georgia District, Oscar Knight from California-Nevada-Hawaii District and Sue Petrisin from Michigan District. These were elected by delegates from Region 1 (U.S. & Pacific Canada) only.

Proposed Amendments and Resolutions:

Amendment 1 – to change the designation for regions from numbers to names was proposed to clarify the regions as many members did not know which region is which. PASSED.

Amendment 2 – to eliminate unintended contradictions regarding discipline of International Officers and to all the International Board the ability if deemed appropriate to bar someone removed from office from filling other offices or appointments. PASSED.

Amendment 3 – to require criminal history background checks for all incumbents and candidates for International Office and offices in direct line of succession to District Governor in order to assure the highest standards of leadership in Kiwanis. “Each officer shall have and maintain a clear criminal history background check conducted and verified by Kiwanis International.” PASSED.

Amendment 4 – to return the top staff position in Kiwanis International to Executive Director. This is a title change only, with no change in duties. PASSED.

Amendment 5 – to accommodate districts that wish to have an additional year of training and orientation for the person who will eventually serve as governor. This would allow districts to create a position such as vice-governor. PASSED.

Amendment 6 – to allocate the costs to hold conventions of the organization equitably among the member clubs of the organization. This would create a convention fee charged to each club in the organization. FAILED.

Amendment 7 – to make more efficient use of electronic methods of communications and information distribution. There is no intention to stop printing the Kiwanis magazine; rather the intention is to make communications available worldwide less expensively via electronic methods and to improve Web operations. PASSED.

Amendment 8 – to allow federation conventions to be held within the stated 20-day prohibition period for good reason if deemed appropriate by the Kiwanis International Board. This would allow the European Federation to arrange their convention at a time to obtain the best dates for room availability and costs, thus keeping costs for Kiwanians low and attendance high. PASSED.

Amendment 9 – to add a preface clause that summarizes each of the Kiwanis Objects and re-state the Objects in summary form as well. FAILED.

Amendment 10 – to allow districts the option to restrict voting at district conventions and division conferences to clubs that are at least one-year old, based on the date of charter presentation. Amendment WITHDRAWN.

Amendment 11 – to allow districts the option to determine the number of club delegates (from one to five) based on club size and to provide that all delegates must have been club members for at least one year before being elected by the club to represent it. Amendment WITHDRAWN.

Amendment 12 – to allow club members who are not delegates to sit with their club delegates in the House of Delegates at International Convention. Currently non-delegates have seating in a separate area where they are able to observe the proceedings of the house. FAILED.

Amendment 13 – to reduce dues for members age 65 and over by 50 percent. No one was present from the submitting club to move the motion, therefore the amendment FAILED.

Amendment 14 – to create a new class of Family Members providing that up to three relations of an active member may have the same benefits and obligations as active members, but pay reduced dues and fees. Amendment WITHDRAWN. Kiwanis International is planning to pilot this type of membership before adoption as a permanent program.

As you can see the delegates to the convention were busy!

The new Global Campaign for Children

The new WSP chosen is the elimination of Maternal-Newborn Tetanus (MNT). Every 9 minutes a newborn baby dies a painful, agonizing and preventable death due to tetanus. Kiwanis and UNICEF will partner again to eliminate another worldwide public health scourge.



President Paul, Actress Tea Leoni and US Fund for UNICEF CEO Caryl Stern announce the Eliminate Campaign at the opening ceremonies.



Fellowship Breakfast – 7:00 am on Saturday!
Guest speaker was the Beaver – Jerry Mathers.



The Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown meets weekly at 6:30 pm in the basement of Mount Zion Presbyterian Church, 59 Main St. E., Ridgetown, every Thursday, from September 1st through June 30th each year. Summer meetings are hosted by members at various local addresses.



Governor Gary & Julia headline Las Vegas at opening ceremonies



YCPO project at convention – Kiwanis dolls. Over 1,300 were created and shipped to two orphanages and a Mother Teresa Home for the Dying in Haiti.

MEETING AND EVENT SCHEDULE

- July 1 No meeting – Statutory holiday
- July 8 Bill & Margaret Johnston
- July 15 Car rally
- July 22 Mike & Joanne Mervin & Brad & Bethe Carnie
- July 24 Ridgetown visits Genoa
Ridgefest barbeque at Kiwanis Park
- July 29 Rondeau Joe's – partner night
- August 4 – 7 District Convention in St. John, New Brunswick
- August 5 Greg & Marian Roberts
- August 12 Kevin & Shannon Hoskins
- August 19 John & Janice Wright & David & Jen Vaughan
- August 26 Dr. John & Debbie Button – partner night

HAPPY CANADA DAY!



CLUB OFFICERS:

President: Debbie Button Past President: June Guyitt
 President-elect: Alan Bloomfield Vice President: Allen Ure
 Secretary: vacant Treasurer: Gary Guyitt

DIRECTORS:

Kevin Bartlett, Chris Arneill, Abdi Yuya, Kevin Hoskins (1 year)
 Shawn Hoskins, Craig Mitton John Wright, David Vaughan (2 years)

DISTRICT & DIVISION OFFICERS:

Governor: Gary Levine
 Governor Elect: Paul Toussaint
 Immediate Past Governor: Sheron Cameron-Dunn
 Div. 4 Lt. Gov. Jim Garey
 Div. 4 Past Lt. Gov. Randy Ross