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ANNUAL CLUB CONTESTS

Why not share your club activities with your district and Kiwanis International by entering the annual Builders Club contests? The updated contest booklet, including entry forms, is now available on the [Builders Club website](#). The categories include book, speech, scrapbook, leadership award and single service award.

All entries are due to your District Administrator by **April 1, 2012**.

THE ELIMINATE PROJECT

Through The Eliminate Project, the Kiwanis family will change the world. We will help raise US\$110 million to save or protect millions of mothers and newborns from Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus (MNT)—and protect the connection between mother and child that this deadly disease destroys.

To eliminate MNT, we need to engage people in valuable service and fundraising. We also need to share our stories, news and inspiration about our clubs' fundraising efforts for The Eliminate Project.

Are you planning a service or fundraising event? Has your event already occurred? Let us know by sharing with others on the [Builders Club Facebook](#) page or by e-mailing TheEliminateProject@Kiwanis.org.

To learn more visit [The Eliminate Project](#) website.

UPCOMING WEBINARS AT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

"Anyone who stops learning is old ... anyone who keeps learning stays young." That's what Henry Ford said about learning. He believed that the greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young.

At Kiwanis, we believe that too. That's why we're committed to bringing you the most up-to-date training materials and methods available. Take advantage of these education and training opportunities designed just for you.

Upcoming webinars include:



Invite your Kiwanis advisor to your next club meeting!

Share your service projects and club activities on our [Facebook page](#).

Update your faculty and Kiwanis advisor information today!

Are you a new advisor? Contact Member Services at +1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 411, to make sure we have the most recent information for your Builders Club.

Visit the [Kiwans Family Store](#) to check out Builders Club items!

Provide input to your district administrator to share with Kiwanis International at the Service Leadership and Kiwanis Programs Conference in January.

Share your thoughts, questions, ideas or needs so we can better assist you with your club.

December 13: Marketing 101 for Kiwanis
December 20: Using social media to market your Kiwanis club
January 10: Generation gaps
January 17: New member orientation

You can find administrator contact information on the [Builders club website](#).

For a complete schedule of webinars with descriptions, visit the [Kiwanis International website](#).

TRICK OR TREAT FOR UNICEF

Thank you to all clubs who participated in Trick or Treat for UNICEF. So far, more than US\$29,000 (and counting) has been raised for The Eliminate Project.

If you have not already submitted your donations, you can do so by making a check payable to the Kiwanis International Foundation. Write "The Eliminate Project" in the memo line and mail donations to:

The Eliminate Project
Kiwanis International Foundation
3636 Woodview Trace
Indianapolis, IN 46268

[View the list of clubs](#) that have donated as of November 21, 2011. Clubs in orange will receive a banner patch for donating more than US\$250.

SPONSOR/ADVISOR RESOURCE CENTER

Builders Club channels middle schoolers' spirit and energy and helps them grow into giving, caring leaders. It's important for sponsors like you to attend Builders Club meetings and events in order to reinforce the partnership between your Kiwanis club and the youth club you sponsor.

STEP 1: Appoint a Kiwanian or committee of Kiwanians to be Service Leadership Program advisors.

STEP 2: Attend Builders Club meetings and events.

For more detailed information about these steps, check out the [Builders Club sponsorship toolkit](#).

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL'S 97TH ANNIVERSARY

We are 97 years strong—and still going. On January 21, Kiwanis International celebrates our official birthday, which is the day the Detroit No. 1 Club chartered in 1915.

It's a good time to reflect on and celebrate all that's been accomplished in our 97 years of serving children around the world. Where would children in your community be without Kiwanis?

Here are some ideas on how to mark the date.

Social: Serve birthday cake at a January club meeting

Philanthropic: Send \$97 to [The Eliminate Project](#).

PR: Cover the costs for the local ice cream shop to give away a "Kiwanis sundae" to its next 97 customers.

Service: Plant 97 bulbs around a neighborhood playground.

Advisor Spotlight

Meet Julie Galuski, faculty advisor for the Jamestown Middle School Builders Club in Jamestown, North Carolina. She began the Builders Club at Jamestown Middle School in the Fall of 2006 when a parent expressed an interest in starting the club. "I hadn't heard of Builders Club before, but I was a member of Key Club and Circle K International. I knew the purpose of the club and was excited to be a part of one on the middle school level!"

The Jamestown Builders Club has participated in so many service projects, but one of Mrs. Galuski's favorites was Relay for Life. Being personally affected by cancer twice and seeing all of the Builders Club members come together to raise funds and walk for an important cause brought tears to her eyes.

In order to motivate her club members, Galuski tells them that Builders Club is an opportunity to be a part of something that is fun and good. "There are so many opportunities to get together and bond in helping others. By the end of the year I feel like we're a family" she says.

One highlight each year is Builders Club camp. "Our club participates in all of the contests offered by Kiwanis" Galuski says. "When the club members hear their name or our club's name mentioned at camp for winning those contests, it's wonderful." What is even more amazing: a student who wins and selflessly donates his/her award money back to the club. That has happened not once, but twice, Galuski says.

If Mrs. Galuski could choose anyone to be her mentor, she would choose Mr. John Gibbs, Gate City Kiwanis/Jamestown Middle School Kiwanis Advisor. "He is just a good person, selfless. He never wanted to be recognized for his good deeds. He just does them out of the kindness of his heart."



LITTLE KNOWN FACTS

Favorite quote:

"Real kindness seeks no return"

Favorite book:

The Kite Runner

Favorite food:

Sweets.

At this time of year, pumpkin pie.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

The Kiwanis International Office will be closed the week of December 26–30 for the holidays. We will reopen Monday, January 2, ready for the new year.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE CENTER AND HOLIDAY SHIPPING

Effective December 16, no Membership kits will be shipped due to the holidays. We will resume shipping the week of January 2. The [Club Renewal Center](#) will remain live and clubs will be able to continue processing.

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