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## BUILDERS CLUB ELIMINATE WEEK

Does your club have something amazing planned for Builders Club Eliminate Week? If not, there's still time. Guide kits will be mailed out soon. The kit includes the Builders Club Eliminate Week guide, along with a sample letter asking local businesses for support. Can't wait for the mail? The guide is also available [here](#).

Be sure to check out the landing page on the website for up-to-date news:  
[www.BuildersClub.org/EliminateWeek](http://www.BuildersClub.org/EliminateWeek).

**What do you think? We REALLY want to know!**

Here's an opportunity to give Kiwanis your two cents' worth and let us know what you think of Builders Club program kit materials. Please take a few minutes to complete a [short survey](#) that will ensure you receive the best possible resources to aid you in the amazing work you do as a club advisor.

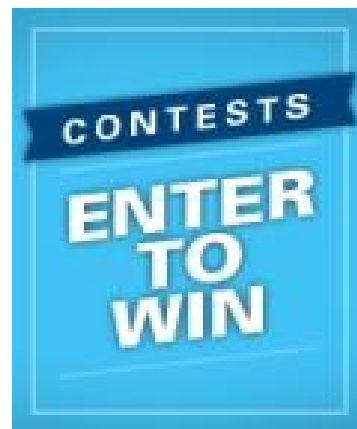
[Go here](#) to let us know what you think.

**Contest entries due April 1**

Your club has worked hard this year, and accomplished a lot! Take time to share what you've done with your district and with Kiwanis International by entering a Builders Club contest. There are opportunities available for both individual club members and for the whole club. Individual members can enter the speech contest, speaking on topics such as "What has Builders Club taught you about leadership?" or "Why the Eliminate Project means a lot to me." Maybe one member has shown outstanding leadership throughout the year. Nominate that member for the Builders Club Leadership Award.

Is there one service project your club is particularly proud of? Enter it in the Single Service Project contest. Can't decide which project to choose? Enter a scrapbook full of photos, drawings, newspaper clippings and other documentation of your activities throughout the year. Or create a book that that educates people about Builders Club or the Eliminate Project. Learn more about contests and download the 2013 contest booklet on the [annual contests page](#) of the Builders Club website.

All contest entries are due to your district administrator by April 1.



### Elect new club officers



The school year isn't over quite yet, but it's already time to think about electing new club officers for next year! April is the ideal month to begin the election process. This leaves plenty of time to make a smooth transition from current officers to new ones, which will help your club hit the ground running at the start of next year. Help ensure officers are prepared to take office October 1, 2013.

Usually, the election process takes place over the course of three consecutive meetings. Here's a suggested procedure that can be modified to fit the needs of your club:

1. At the first meeting, **announce new officer elections**, explain the responsibilities for each office, and encourage nominations for each club position. You can find detailed information about each office on page 5 of the [Builders Club advisor guide](#).
2. At the next meeting, **allow candidates to campaign**. Set aside time for each candidate to present visions and ideas (their "platform") for the upcoming year.
3. **Hold elections** at the third meeting. Conduct by secret ballot. Then share results with the school/site administration and your sponsoring Kiwanis Club.

[Find more information](#) about elections, installation of officers and officer training.

### Are you ready for Kiwanis One Day?

Kiwanis One Day is coming up in just a few short weeks. Are you ready to participate in this global day of service with other Kiwanis family clubs? Use social media to share your hard work and to see other Kiwanis One Day projects going on throughout the world!

- RSVP to the official [Kiwanis One Day event](#) on Facebook.
- During your project, take photos with your phone and post them to your Facebook page. Tag [Kiwanis International](#), your club and your district.
- Tweet, Tweet, Tweet! Use the Kiwanis One Day hashtag **#Kiwanis1Day** in your tweets. Mention @Kiwanis and tweet action photos throughout the day.
- Email a few good photos and a summary of your One Day event to [magazine@kiwanis.org](mailto:magazine@kiwanis.org).



## Dates and deadlines

<b>April 1</b>	<a href="#">Contest</a> entries due to your district administrator
<b>April 6</b>	<a href="#">Kiwanis One Day</a>
<b>April 22</b>	<a href="#">Earth Day</a>
<b>April 26–28</b>	<a href="#">Global Youth Service Day</a>
<b>May 1</b>	<a href="#">Annual achievement report</a> due
<b>May 6–10</b>	<a href="#">Builders Club Eliminate Week</a>

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From books and articles to videos and personal interactions, different things inspire us every day. Every month, we share a few of those inspirations in the Idea Oasis. Here's what's new this month:

**INFOGRAPHIC** [Breakfast changes lives](#)

Check out this informative infographic about how eating a good breakfast can change a child's life.

**ARTICLE** [The power of awareness](#)

"Consider this: When young adolescents behave in ways that undermine a positive learning climate, they might not be aware that they are being disruptive. Really, it's true! Awareness is a powerful element in human development." —Jeffrey Rothstein

**PROJECT IDEA** [Animal shelter fundraiser](#)

Read about a group of students who raised funds for an animal shelter after Hurricane Sandy.

**VIDEO** [The power of words](#)

Change your words, change your world.

**"Do you want to know who you are? Don't ask. Act! Action will delineate and define you." —Thomas Jefferson**

Have you stumbled across any interesting or inspiring articles, projects or videos lately? Send them to Abby James at [ajames@kiwanis.org](mailto:ajames@kiwanis.org) to be shared with the rest of Builders Club.

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**Mark your calendar and plan to check out these upcoming Kiwanis webinars:**

**March 26: Put sizzle into your club events**

Doing the same old fundraiser, service project or meeting? Are members able to play their parts in their sleep? Time to add some spice back into those events? Come hear about some great ways to add sizzle to your club's events. [Click to register.](#)

**April 9: May is membership month**

Spring is here—it's time to grow! Devote the month of May to activities that attract new members and reactivate current members. Plan and conduct your campaign—30 days from start to finish. Get the entire club involved. Make this May a month to remember! [Click to register.](#)

**April 16: New member orientation**

One of your club's most important activities is to provide a high-quality new member orientation. Learn the basics of developing and delivering orientation that informs and inspires new members. [Click to register.](#)

\*Reminder: 2012–13 [Builders Club contests are now available on the website](#)

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*"Our chief want is someone who will inspire us to be what we knew we could be." —Ralph Waldo Emerson*