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**\*\*This will be the last issue of the BC Wire until August 2012\*\***

**Happy Teacher Appreciation Week!**  
**Thank you for all you do to impact students' lives.**

### **Annual Achievement Report—Attention, all clubs!**

Please complete the Annual Achievement Report [electronically](#) or via [hard copy](#) for the opportunity to earn an Honor Club or Distinguished Club patch for your club banner. Reports are still being accepted, so tell us about your club's many accomplishments and successful projects during the 2011-12 school year.

Read more: [Annual Achievement Report](#)

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### **Builders Club and The Eliminate Project**

The Builders Club Mother's Day cards for The Eliminate Project have sold out! Thanks to online orders and purchases made by the Kiwanis International Board members during their stay in Indianapolis, more than 1,600 cards were sold. We hope clubs that purchased these cards will use them to raise awareness and funds to support The Eliminate Project.

As of April 23, Builders Clubs have contributed **US\$45,632.28** to The Eliminate Project. What a great accomplishment! Keep up the good work!

Learn more about [The Eliminate Project](#) and how your club can get involved.



**Personalized T-shirt now on sale** through the [Kiwanis Family Store](#)



**Nominate top student leaders and advisors** now for the [March of Dimes 2012 Team Youth Recognition Program!](#)

**Elect club officers** in May for next school year. [View the electing officers guide.](#)

**Conduct a meeting** for newly elected and current club officers to plan for next year.

## Annual contest

Congratulations to all members and clubs that participated in the annual contest! Your district administrator has already selected contest entries to advance to the international competition. These entries will be judged at the Kiwanis International Office, and winners will be posted on the [Builders Club website](#) as well as the [Builders Club Facebook page](#).

Check the website beginning Monday, May 14, to see if your club or a member of your club is a 2011-12 Builders Club Annual Contest winner.

[View previous issues of the BC Wire](#) that you may have missed.

**Your opinion counts!** [Tell us what you would like to see](#) in future issues of the BC Wire.



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## Planning calendar

Use this [planning calendar](#) to prepare for the upcoming school year. Many clubs are electing new officers for next school year and will be meeting as a group to discuss future activities. Review this calendar so you and your students can make the most of your Builders Club experience. Also, don't forget to let graduating club members know how they can continue [serving after Builders Club](#) by [joining Key Club](#) in high school.



### Karen Davis

#### **Favorite quote:**

"I have worried about some terrible things in my life... Some of which actually happened."

#### **Favorite food:**

King crab legs

#### **Favorite song:**

"Thunder Road" by Bruce Springsteen

Karen Davis, faculty advisor for Island Park Lincoln Orens Builders Club in Island Park, New York, has enjoyed four years of sharing valuable lessons with her Builders Club members. She believes the experiences her students get through Builders Club activities help them develop their compassion and personal values. To motivate her students to get involved, Davis keeps the meetings upbeat, positive and meaningful. She often praises them for doing a great job and caring about others.

One of her favorite Builders Club projects: Working with an organization called "Smile Train" to fundraise for cleft lip and palate surgery for a child in a third-world country. The club received a thank-you letter and a photo of the child they helped.

Another memorable experience: Using the money the club raised from their "Souper Bowl of Caring" event to purchase goods for the town's food pantry.

"It was so rewarding to see the looks on the faces of the pantry workers. They were so grateful," Davis said.



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## MOTHER'S DAY/INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY ZELLER FELLOWSHIP

The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus is proud to introduce the Mother's Day/International Women's Day Zeller Fellowship. **This opportunity is limited to March 1 through June 15.** Through the Zeller Fellowship Program, a gift of US\$1,250 saves or protects more than 690 lives from maternal and neonatal tetanus.

Recipients receive a Zeller Fellowship medallion, a special edition Mother's Day lapel pin, a personalized certificate and postcard informing the honoree that a gift has been made in his/her name.

This year, honor mothers by saving mothers. For more information, please visit the Mother's Day page on The Eliminate Project website at [www.TheEliminateProject.org/MothersDay](http://www.TheEliminateProject.org/MothersDay).

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## Home Depot Community Impact Grants—Due August 13

Grants, up to US\$5,000, are available to registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, public schools, or tax-exempt public service agencies in the U.S. that are using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. More competitive grant proposals will specifically identify projects for veterans and will include housing repairs, modifications and weatherization work.

Once grant applications are reviewed, all applicants will receive a written response within six weeks of receipt.

**Read more:** [Home Depot Community Impact Grants](#)