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Welcome back! Getting your year started



It's hard to believe it's time to start another school year. Get ready so your Builders Club can hit the ground running with what you do best: service! When you renew your club online, you'll receive a program kit, including an advisor guide, with all kinds of helpful information. In the meantime, visit the [advisor resources page](#) on the Builders Club website to get everything you need for the start of the year.

There's a LOT to do in August and September—training club officers, preparing a club budget, marketing the club during school registration. For more information, take a look at this [Builders Club planning calendar](#), which outlines everything you need to do, month-by-month.

Club renewal

Be sure to get your Builders Club renewal kit by [renewing your club](#) today. Here are two good reasons to officially renew your club:

1. When you register your club, your Builders Club program kit gets sent to your sponsoring Kiwanis club. The kit is filled with great resources for members and advisors.
2. Your renewal ensures advisor contact information is up to date so you can keep receiving important news.

Visit the [Builders Club renewal center](#) and get the renewal process started!





Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF: It's more than going door-to-door

Builders Club members are part of a huge Kiwanis family. Let's work together to Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF this October. Each US\$1.80 raised will save or protect a woman and her future babies from maternal and neonatal tetanus. Here is how Builders Club members can help:

First, decide what you're going to do:

- **Order boxes:** For generations, kids have toted UNICEF's iconic collection of boxes from door-to-door on Halloween calling out, "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF!" If your Builders Club participated in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF in 2011 or 2012, a box of supplies will be shipped by September 15. [Find out if your club is getting supplies.](#) If not, you can order them from the Kiwanis store by the end of September.
- **Think outside the box:** There are lots of easy ways to raise money for Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF without going door-to-door. Consider hosting a cornhole tournament or pumpkin pie bake-off for donations.

And then start planning the fun. Find fundraising ideas, information on how to submit funds and how to wear a banner patch at www.theeliminateproject.org/trickortreat.

Questions? Contact campaign@theeliminateproject.org.

Who should I contact?

For both seasoned and new advisors, the start of a new school year probably brings some Builders Club questions to mind. There are several places you can go for help.

1. **Start by contacting your faculty or Kiwanis advisor.** Faculty advisors are a great resource for information on school policies, and Kiwanis advisors can share a wealth of information about Kiwanis and Builders Club beyond just your club. You should already be in regular contact with one another, so it's a perfect first step to getting your questions answered.
2. Did you also know that there is a **Builders Club district administrator** who serves as a resource for all of the Builders Clubs in your area? This person can help you with most questions and concerns you may have. Member services can let you know who your district administrator is and how to get in touch.
3. **Kiwanis member services** can be reached at 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 411, or by email at memberservices@kiwanis.org. They can answer any question you may have, and update any information to make sure our records are current.

Leadership development for your members



Did you know that this spring, your graduating 8th graders are eligible to attend a Kiwanis Key Leader weekend? This leadership-development retreat is the perfect opportunity for emerging leaders to step out of their comfort zone before making the transition to high school.

As you plan your club budget, consider adding a full or partial registration fee for one of your club members. Talk with your sponsoring Kiwanis club about helping out with this cost. Visit the [Key Leader website](#) for more information about this life-changing weekend. Contact Lori Martin (lmartin@kiwanis.org) to find out if there is an event in your area. Start planning now!

Dates and deadlines

ASAP [Renew your club!](#)
September Water quality month
September 21 [International Day of Peace](#)
October 31 [Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF](#)

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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:

ARTICLE [Meaningful community service ideas for students](#)

Here are some ideas to make volunteer time really mean something to your members.

VIDEO [Street Compliments](#)

When was the last time you told someone how you really felt? The SoulPancake Street Team hits the streets to inspire some kind words.

SERVICE PROJECT: [Ultimate book drive](#)

Hold the best book drive ever!

"And now we welcome the new year, full of things that have never been"—Rainer Maria Rilke

Have you stumbled across any interesting or inspiring articles, projects or videos lately? Send them to

Abby James at 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:

September 10: [Youth protection guidelines and you](#)

Are you working with youth as a Kiwanian? If the answer is yes, you need to know Kiwanis International's Youth Protection Guidelines. Develop a better understanding of your responsibilities, best practices for working with youth and how to protect yourself and others from risky situations.



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