



October 4, 2023



LEADERSHIP CORNER

We started shipping Builders Club materials last week. To help your clubs receive their materials as soon as possible, remind the club secretaries of sponsoring Kiwanis clubs to renew their Builders Clubs today. Program kits are mailed to Builders Clubs only after their renewal fees are paid and membership counts have been entered into the secretary dashboard on Kiwanis Connect.

Register for upcoming Builders Club district administrator chats:

- On **Thursday, October 12, at 7 p.m. ET**, join an **Experienced Administrator Refresher Course**. Review strategies and tools for new club recruitment, how to support existing clubs, responsibilities of administrators and club advisors. [REGISTER HERE](#).
- On **Wednesday, November 1, at 7 p.m. ET**, gather for **Strategies for Club Growth**. Review administrator responsibilities for club growth and growth goals for 2023-24 Kiwanis districts. Learn about all available administrative tools for growth work. Discuss strategies and share your own tips. [REGISTER HERE](#).



GLOBAL SERVICE PROJECT 2023 LAUNCHED

Join K-Kids and Builders Clubs around the world for our second Global Service Project, which was launched during the annual Global Kickoff. (If you missed the Global Kickoff, you can watch the [event recording](#) after October 10.) The 2023 challenge asks clubs to host a book drive to encourage literacy and a love of reading in their communities. [Watch this instructional video](#) about the project's steps or [download the "how to" sheet](#). After your club completes its book drive, visit the [Global Kickoff webpage](#) and click on the Book Drive Results button to share your club's success before May 1st! And read on for seven steps to carry out a successful book drive.

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FOLLOW IDEA FOR HIGH-IMPACT SERVICE

Advisors, make service experiences more meaningful for your members and deepen your club's community impact. Take a few minutes to read through the four steps of high-impact service — IDEA — found in the [Builders Club Service Toolkit](#) and use them in training and service planning with your club officers. Make sure to incorporate the easy-to-use activities from each step in your students' service journey using the toolkit and activities available in the complementary online [Service Meeting Kit](#).

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SERVE A VARIETY OF COMMUNITY NEEDS!

Your club will get to know your community and its needs through conversations, news and research. Challenge your members to consider addressing different causes or needs as they choose projects. Check out our list of need categories and an example of a service project for each.

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HELP WELCOME YOUR CLUB TO TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF

Key Club International is excited to have Builders Club join the effort to raise money for kids through Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. [Share this welcome note](#) from Key Club International Vice President Maria Eileen Wheeler at a club meeting to rally excitement. The money your club raises will support [Start Strong: Zambia](#) — Key Club's project with UNICEF USA. By participating, you'll help provide brighter futures for young children in Zambia by building innovative community centers, training teachers and health care providers, and supporting parents. [We have resources you can use to get your club started!](#)

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COLLABORATE WITH KEY CLUB

How can Builders Club members make more impact? Consider collaborating with one or more Key Clubs within your Kiwanis district. It's also a way to show your members how their service can continue in high school. Visit your [Key Club district website](#) to learn the Kiwanis and Key Club service focus for the current year and see examples of service projects that might interest Builders Club members.

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ADVISOR TASK AND TRAINING

Advisors, Kiwanis appreciates your help getting feedback from your club members and officers. Now we invite you to join us for fall training! Here's some information, with links:

- A final reminder to **complete the beginning-of-year member surveys!** Have members share their hopes, interests and more by completing a [member survey](#) by Friday, October 20. Clubs that complete surveys will be entered in a drawing to win a US\$25 Amazon gift card.
- Join SLP staff for the **Experienced Advisor Refresher on Thursday, October 5, 7 p.m. ET**. Review advisor responsibilities, resources for recruitment and planning, and how to use the [Builders Club Member and Officer Toolkit](#) and service resources. Share your tips on what works for you and your members. [Register here](#).

- Participate in **How-tos of service planning and implementation on Tuesday, November 7, at 7 p.m. ET.** Learn to connect the activities in the [Builders Club Service Toolkit](#) to create meaningful experiences for your students. Hear how to earn points for your Annual Achievement Report by using the four steps of high-impact service. [Register here.](#)



WELCOME TO THE BUILDERS CLUB FAMILY

We're growing our family one club at a time! Here are the newly chartered Builders Clubs and the Kiwanis districts where they're located.

- Haven Drive Middle School, Arvin, California, California-Nevada-Hawaii District
- McFadden Institute of Technology, Santa Ana, California, California-Nevada-Hawaii District
- Thompson Middle School, St. Charles, Illinois, Illinois-Eastern Iowa District
- Missouri Valley Middle School, Missouri Valley, Iowa, Nebraska-Iowa District
- Elmont Memorial High School, Elmont, New York, New York District
- Sivells Bend School, Gainesville, Texas, Texas-Oklahoma District



IMPORTANT DATES

OCTOBER

- 1 – 31: [Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF](#)
- 4: [New Builders Club Advisor Crash Course, 7 p.m. ET](#)
- 5: [Experienced Builders Club Advisor Refresher training, 7 p.m. ET](#)
- 9 – 13: [Kiwanis Youth Protection Week](#)
- 16 – 21: [Circle K International Week](#)
- 20: [Beginning-of-year Member Survey closes](#)

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