



# Florida Kiwanis Communi-K



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**July 23, 2004 Amendments & Resolutions to District Convention – August 26-29**

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## Official Notification to Delegates

You have previously received the “Official Call” to our 2004 Florida Kiwanis District Convention taking place at the Adam’s Mark Hotel in Jacksonville, Florida – August 26-29, 2004. This final mailing contains information that should be shared with the club’s entire membership. **THIS IS THE OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS AND RESOLUTIONS & LAST CALL FOR RESERVATIONS.**

### **Proposed Bylaws Merger – 3 revisions made to document**

A team of dedicated Kiwanis leaders has held numerous meetings around the District to develop a comprehensive and easily understood document for governing the Florida District. The Committee has previously distributed this material in the Florida District Caucus at the International Convention in St. Louis; through club mailings; and published them in the June-July edition of the *Florida Kiwanian*. We will also hold 3 informational sessions at the District Convention on Friday and Saturday to answer any questions prior to the House of Delegates.

Please review the three revisions made to the proposed document, they are listed on Page 13, the last page under the signature lines, and are preceded by ● which designate and specify the three revisions. Thanks to Jay Davis and Ed Scheye, who took the time to thoroughly review our original documents and point out our clerical errors. If you have previously reviewed the proposed changes, you need only to focus on these minor modifications. The District wants to assure you that the proposed merger has been reviewed and approved by the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees; the Kiwanis International Committee on Policies, Procedures and Structure; and the Constitution and Bylaws Specialist on staff at the International Office.

### **Proposed Bylaws Amendment – to Make Lt. Governors-Designate Delegates-at-Large to District Convention**

The proposed amendment mirrors the amendment overwhelmingly passed at the International Convention in St. Louis giving Lt. Governors-Designate (incoming Lt. Governors approximately 30-45 days away from assuming their position as Lt. Governors) the right to be seated in the House of Delegates and vote. The amendment is proposed by the Florida Kiwanis District Board of Trustees. The Board solicits your support of its passage. The proposed amendment can be found in its entirety at the bottom of page 13 of the accompanying Bylaws. This change would not affect the status of Lt. Governors-Designate at this convention, but

would become effective at the 2005 District Convention, and thereafter. Amendment #1 will be voted on separately from the proposed merger of the governing documents, previously discussed and distributed to every Kiwanis Member in the Florida District.

## **Adam's Mark Hotel Reservations – Call Today!**

Room reservations are continuing to be accepted, as long as we have rooms available in our block. Please have people call 1-800-444-ADAM (2326) or 1-904-633-9095. If anyone reports being told that rooms are no longer available, or available only at higher rates, please call me immediately, 407-324-9800 ext. 12

Rooms unsold from our block, become Florida Kiwanis' financial responsibility. If you are aware of individuals making reservations at other hotels, please make them aware of our exposure. They may be unaware of our contractual obligations and may elect to pay the slightly higher costs, if any, if we candidly share our circumstances. Obviously, we want as many attendees at the convention as possible. If the price of our hotel would prevent even one person from participating, please support their decision to stay elsewhere and continue to encourage them to participate in the program within the limits of their financial capabilities.

We want to encourage every Kiwanian to attend. Your club's bylaws call for budgeting for representation. We must simply be good stewards of our funds and spokespersons for the contributing factors affecting hotel room rates, including the "free" utilization of more than 100,000 square feet of first class meeting space and the fact that special promotional rates are strictly limited in number and not available to conventions.

Make sure to remind everyone to refer to the Florida Kiwanis room rate of \$99.00 single/double occupancy.

## **Registering for District Convention**

Kiwanians must complete the enclosed Florida Kiwanis Registration Form and return it to the District Office for processing to join in the fun of the convention. Additional forms can be found at our website: [www.floridakiwanis.com](http://www.floridakiwanis.com).

This will be an outstanding convention. The programming and speakers are top notch. The workshops are extremely well planned. Friday nights Casino Night will be a big hit. We have returned to the Sunday morning Memorial Recognition, at the request of our clubs. Our meals will be delicious, with varied entrees, including a dual entrée on Saturday night.

There is every great reason to attend this convention and we hope that you will do your best to continue its promotion. Please continue to encourage additional registrants for our Kiwanis Convention activities. If your club is not registered, or is not represented by its entitled three delegates, please stress the importance of attending and your club's obligation to attend as outlined in your bylaws.

There is still ample time to encourage additional attendance. Have you invited new Kiwanians who have not yet experienced the excitement of convention? What a great introduction to the fun and fellowship of Kiwanis and an opportunity to get them involved!

How about your incoming officers and directors, have they been budgeted for?

Let's honor our Legion of Honor members and offer to car pool with them, especially if extended driving is a challenge. Show them we value their countless years of commitment to Kiwanis!

## **Certifying Delegates for District Convention**

Please complete the enclosed Florida Kiwanis Delegate Certification Form and return it IMMEDIATELY to the District Office for processing. Every club is entitled to, and asked to be represented by, three voting delegates and three alternates. All Past Lt. Governors are eligible to vote as Delegates-at-Large. Past Lt. Governor s planning to attend the convention should also be listed on the form. **If your club has previously submitted this form, it is not necessary to submit it a second time.**

## **Remembering Recently Departed Kiwanians at Convention**

Every club was previously asked to supply us with the names of Florida Kiwanians who have passed away since September 1, 2002, a two year period. Special Memorial Reflections will be conducted on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>. We want to include the names of your club's departed members in the program and remember their family and friends left behind in our thoughts and prayers. Please email the District Office immediately to [Donald@floridakiwanis.com](mailto:Donald@floridakiwanis.com) to have the names of recently passed members of your club remembered. No special form is needed.

## **A Reminder from Dave Batelaan About the Caring Corner**

Dave Batelaan has included a flyer on the Caring Corner. The Caring Corner is the Florida Kiwanis Foundation's principal source of funding for our Sponsored Programs: K-Kids, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs, Circle K (CKI) and Aktion Clubs Please bring your items to contribute and volunteer to lend Dave a hand during the convention. Call Dave or drop the reply form, contained in the brochure, into the mail. Your active participation makes the Caring Corner a vital and exciting part of the convention.

## **Special Kiwanis-Family Kudos**

Please join us in congratulating Gail Welker on her selection as the recipient of Key Club International's Key of Honor, the highest honor that Key Club can bestow.

We also want to congratulate Florida Key Club Governor, Azar Boehm, for receiving a Presidential Appointment to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

## **Thanks from District Treasurer Donna**

"I personally want to thank everyone in this great Florida District of Kiwanis International for your prayers, thoughts and concern during my recent hospitalization. I have been home several weeks and have exceeded my doctor's recovery expectations. I am certain the love and support of my family, my friends and my Kiwanis family helped me. Our train is not only back on the track it is moving at record speed. See you in Jacksonville!

Thank you again."

Donna M. Batelaan, District Treasurer

## **Proposed Resolution: 85 by '05**

*WHEREAS Florida Kiwanians joined in partnership with the Florida Department of Health from 1992-2000 to support immunizations of children by age 2, and*

*WHEREAS childhood immunization rates rose statewide during this eight year period from 61% to 89%, and*

*WHEREAS this prevented illness and even possible death due to vaccine-preventable illnesses in tens of thousands of Florida's youngest children, and*

*WHEREAS the immunization rates of two-year-old children have stagnated or even decreased in some areas of Florida, and*

*WHEREAS Dr. John Agwunobi, Secretary of the Florida Department of Health, has set a statewide goal of having 85% of Florida's two-year-old children immunized against measles, mumps, German Measles, tetanus, diphtheria, polio and hemophilus influenza B by the end of 2005, and*

*WHEREAS the 2003-04 influenza season caused illness and death in children under the age of two years, and*

*WHEREAS the Federal Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics are now strongly recommending adding flu shots for all children between the ages of six months and 23 months, and*

*WHEREAS the Florida Department of Health wishes again to partner with Florida Kiwanis Clubs and Kiwanians statewide, now*

*THEREFORE be it resolved that the delegate body at this 87<sup>th</sup> Florida District Annual Convention encourage all of Florida's Kiwanis Clubs and Kiwanis members to again bring their unique sets of skills, energy and interest into a revitalized and active partnership with the Florida Department of Health and the 67 county health departments.*

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

### **Equipment Difficulties Have Delayed This Mailing**

“Murphy’s Law has certainly applied to this mailing. In the last seven days we lost two computers, which had to be replaced; and our production copier was out of order for 3 days causing additional delays in this mailing. This mailing was scheduled to leave the office on Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Unfortunately, problems beyond our control made that impossible. We are depositing all copies of the mailing into the United States Postal Service today, Tuesday, July 27, 2004, barring any additional complications in the production of these final pieces. If anyone’s mailing is unavoidably detained, please check the postmark of your envelope. Because so much is riding on the return of materials included, we have made every effort to get it to you on time. This mailing, which is distributed to approximately 500 people, is entirely produced, assembled and mailed by Ann, Jose and me. We do not use commercial printers or mailers for these mailings.

We also continue to experience line difficulties with our phone service. If you have been unsuccessful in reaching us, please continue to try. AT&T is working on the problem.

We are endeavoring, with multiple technicians and suppliers, to resolve our technical problems.”  
George Langguth, Executive Director.

