

from the Governor's Gavel

By Dave Liddell



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I'm still trying to lose weight. But I am continuing my efforts of serving the children and the less fortunate members of our community and the world.

I continue to see amazing projects and hear about exciting things happening all around our District. One of the most enjoyable functions of being Governor is meeting Kiwanians. Kiwanians are always looking for ways to better and serve their communities. I have had the pleasure of attending the 50th Anniversary CKI DCON and am ready to attend the Key Club DCON (April). Our Service Leadership Programs are beyond any other youth service organizations. These young ladies and gentlemen make the right decision every time. I have seen them debate items and had to bite my tongue wanting to offer my suggestions, but they always make the right decision.

The zones have been very successful (close to 1,000 attendees)!! I finished my Governor's visits. I've got my plane reservation for International Convention in Nashville.

I love being at my club meetings and working on the various projects (one a month). Please keep your club membership rolls up to date, don't wait to add or subtract members. The other day I was reviewing some information and find that we have nearly 150 new members that have not had their membership dues turned in, that is unacceptable. Please keep your record up to date.

Also, let's make sure we are filing our club reports timely and properly. This is an important task. I believe the Florida District can have an even higher percentage of Distinguished Clubs, if we just fill out the paperwork. Your support has been very helpful in my life. I appreciate each of you and look forward to working with you on a project or just sitting and talking.

Let us REACH OUT into the community, so that others can REACH UP!!!

Governor Dave

Governor-Elect's Message

It's Great To Be A Kiwanian!

From the time I was a young child, after assuming my first leadership position, I knew I wanted to continue to be a leader. I remember that special feeling when my Kindergarten teacher, Sister Celestine, chose me to be the line leader. I had that all important responsibility to lead my classmates to various destinations around the school campus. It was a big and awesome job for a little girl, but one that I truly enjoyed and one that led to many leadership positions I've had the opportunity to hold.

I'm so glad I chose to be a Kiwanian, for one of the tenets of our membership is leadership development. Leadership development is what sets us apart from other community service organizations. As we work with our Service Leadership Programs of K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, and Circle K, we teach, stress and foster leadership skills and development for every member. We're proud of our student led organizations and their leadership development and expertise. That leadership emphasis continues in our Kiwanis and Aktion clubs. One of my best Kiwanis friends never held or wanted any leadership position, but with training and encouragement, she became one of our great Club Presidents.

In the next few months, members will be choosing the leadership for our various K Family organizations. There will be many training ahead opportunities. For Kiwanians, they are:

- May 1-32009-2010 Lt. Governor Leadership Training
- May 302009-2010 District Chairman Training
- June 6 and 13Club Leadership Education for 2009-2010 Club Presidents and Secretaries
- June 25 - 28Kiwanis International Convention - Nashville
- August 27 - 30Kiwanis District Convention - Orlando



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