

from the Governor's Gavel

By Dave Liddell



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The first two months have been hectic. Aktion Club Convention in Gainesville, CKI IDEAS Conference in Orlando, Key Club KCKCs, Governor's visits, Club projects, political debates, e-mail correspondence, MMMM, and induction at clubs, International President Don Canady's visits, and resting (I'm not quite sure I know what that is?)

However, the exciting thing is knowing that people in Florida have been blessed because Kiwanians around the state are making a significant difference in people lives. I continue to be amazed at the things we do.

'Hats and Hugs' is off to a wonderful start. Everywhere I go clubs are involved in one way or another. Clubs are sending me reports and pictures with 'stuffed animals' piled high to be giving to local agencies, clubs putting stuffed animals on chairs at their installation banquets, Governor visits where people are asked to bring a hat and a stuffed animal (THANK YOU, I can see Nancy smiling).

Is your club using our growth tools? 4 = 1? Special Guest Day? Although MMMM is a first few hours project of the new Kiwanis year, that does not mean your club can not use the concept to have a membership drive on the anniversary of your club.

Are you having at least one service project a month? Many clubs do more than one a month, but other clubs seem to struggle having just one. To those clubs struggling, do the community and club assessments? Look around your community for parks needing a sprucing up, a library needing assistance in reading to children, or ask your sponsored groups (Key Club, CKI, Builders, K-Kids and Aktion). They are doing projects each week, assist them, it will energize you and your club. Check your Division newsletter or attend your DCM and find out what others are doing (maybe you can help them).

Remember, let us REACH OUT into the community, so that others can REACH UP.

Governor Dave

Governor-Elect's Message

For it is in giving that we receive. . .

By Donna Parton



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The holiday season is upon us and most Kiwanians are busily preparing to enjoy their favorite holiday customs and traditions. Giving and receiving gifts is one of the ancient customs that has been preserved throughout time. Gift giving is a way to express feeling toward another person. A gift is a symbol of care and love. You give someone a present because you want to make that person happy. You offer a present because you want to bring a little piece of love in someone's life. And by offering gifts, you find an easier way to express your feelings toward a person. Sometimes it is easier to make such a gesture than speak. Winston Churchill once said, "We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give." So, throughout history, gifts have been a way in which people express feelings. That is way gift giving and receiving should always remain pure gestures, made only with sincere care.

Have you thought of the gift you can give that would truly enrich another person in a wonderful, meaningful, perpetuating way and show that you sincerely care? Someone cared enough about you and gave you the gift of Kiwanis. Who do you care about? Who will you give the gift of Kiwanis?

Give the gift of Kiwanis this season. The cost is little and the self-satisfaction is huge. By giving the gift of Kiwanis membership to someone, you give the gift that "keeps on giving". It is truly the gift that makes a difference for the giver, the recipient and mostly for the community.

Happy holidays, happy giving!