

Message from International Trustee Bascom Allen



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By this time the 2008-09 administrative year is in full swing. Governor Dave Liddell spent last year planning, building relationships and training his team. Now it is time to lead. The Lt. Governors have completed their installation of club officers and the Presidents have communicated the club, division and district goals to the members. Fellow Kiwanians, you are off and running the race to grow Kiwanis in the Florida District.

Give your very best as you embark on this journey. You must give it everything you've got from the very beginning. In the work we do, we don't get second chances. I cannot guarantee success, but I know your District will be successful because of your great passion to serve.

President Don Canaday held growth summits in your District on September 13 in Pembroke Pines and in Bradenton on September 20. The summits were very well attended. Based on the numbers in attendance (316), the Kiwanians in your District are more than ready to tackle the task before them. I believe that President Don found out, as I did, that the Florida District is on fire for Kiwanis.

Kiwanians, I still believe that you can never go wrong if you take John Wesley's advice (I gave you the same words when I spoke to you in Jacksonville):

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can."

On a personal note, your convention was magnificent! Your warm friendliness and hospitality was wonderful! Remember if you need me, I am one phone call or one email away. My phone number is 662-323-5154 and my email is ballen5154@aol.com. Let's all stand shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand and make the world a better place for children and those less fortunate than we are.

Treasurer's Message & Caring Corner



Tom Ramiccio

Happy Holidays! Ever wonder what to do with those gifts you receive from family and friends that you really cannot use? How about donating them to the Caring Corner? Carol and I are requesting that each club donate a gift basket along with at least two quality hand-crafted items. If your club is unable to gather hand-crafted items, then a \$200 donation can be made to the Caring Corner and your club will receive a banner patch for your contribution. Let's strive this year to improve the quality of items donated to the Caring Corner. We all care about Kiwanis and its image, so let's work together to make this year's District Convention a huge financial success. We can accomplish anything if we work together.

When was the last time you brought a guest to your Kiwanis meeting? How about inviting someone next week? Let's make this

a New Year's resolution! One new member each month! I have accepted my own challenge and will work to grow Kiwanis.

Calling Corporate America! I'm asking Kiwanians from around the state to help me in identifying corporate sponsors for this year's convention in Orlando. I'm sure many of you know the presidents or executives of Publix or AT&T, Florida Power & Light etc. Let's work together this year on attracting quality corporate sponsors to help us underwrite this year's convention.

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year!

