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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

FLORIDA KIWANIS FOUNDATION

Bill Ricigliano

“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.” ~ Henry Ford

My Fellow Kiwanians and Friends,

I first want to thank President Jim Meyer for his leadership and guidance this year at the helm of the Florida Kiwanis Foundation. Though faced with some personal challenges, he stood tall and brought the FKF to new heights with innovative programs, renewed comradere and a new level of excitement. The FKF is now stronger than ever before. Thanks, Boss, for your service and leadership to the Foundation!

This year started out with some challenges in the form of hurricanes that affected the southeast region of our country, let alone the entire State of Florida and the Florida District of Kiwanis. Living in one of the hardest hit areas from Hurricane Irma, I saw firsthand the destruction and devastation from this huge storm. Most of all, I was able to see and be involved in the tremendous community effort put together by Kiwanians, individuals and organizations – locally, regionally and country wide. The true story here is not the damage, but the service leadership so evident from all facets of the community. It continues still today and will do so for as long as needed.

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2017-18 DATES TO REMEMBER

October 28 Kiwanis One Day

October 31 TOT for UNICEF

January 21-26 Children’s Week with Kiwanis, Florida Capitol, Tallahassee

February 17 FKF Winter Board Meeting, Maitland

MEET OUR KIWANIS FAMILY LEADERSHIP



Florida District Key Club

Governor Felante Charlemange

Hello Foundation members! I would like to thank you for all your contributions to the success of our district. We truly appreciate your mission to support the youth of Florida and our Service Leadership Programs. Kids truly do need Kiwanis and you are vital to the existence of Key Club. Kiwanians serve as mentors, advisors, financial supporters and so much more.

Florida District Key Club is the second largest district with over 22,500 members. Our current District Board has been doing an absolutely outstanding job and I am convinced this will be a landmark year. This year's KCKCs (Key Club Kickoff Conference) are ongoing and have been a focal point of service – collecting carloads of school supplies for fellow students who lost what they had in Hurricane Irma.

My Governor's Project is the HEALTH Project – an acronym for **H**unger, **E**nvironmental **A**ction, **L**ess fortunate, **T**eaching and **H**ealth, which is an initiative to help alleviate the effects of poverty on the general health and wellbeing of an individual and a community.

“Never deprive someone of hope – it may be all they have. ~ Anonymous



**Foundation Grants at work
developing our
Leaders of Tomorrow**



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To that point, our greatest asset, Service Leadership Programs, has become so crucial to our Kiwanis Family and our communities. Remember our mission “Kiwanis is a global organization dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time”. Now more than ever, it is our responsibility to teach our children, students and those who still do not know about Kiwanis and our service, how their lives can be enriched by helping those in need. Education is the key to our future and as Kiwanians, our job is to teach everyone we can about our mission - [#KidsNeedKiwanis](#); [#AdultsNeedKiwanis](#); [#TheWorldNeedsKiwanis](#).

As the fundraising arm of the District, the FKF looks for your financial support throughout the year to help fund our scholarships, grants and SLP teaching programs. Anyone can donate to support our programs by becoming a Ralph Davis Fellow, a Robert Thal Fellow, a Sustaining member or a Legacy Society member. Join our new programs and become a SNAZZY Traveler for free and enjoy discounts on travel, auto and hotels. Become a FRIEND of the FOUNDATION for just \$10 a month and be part of our monthly drawing to win great trips every month. Coming soon is Qgiv, a new and easy way to donate to the Foundation on our website. Whichever way you choose, choose with your heart – your Kiwanis heart. Our Emergency Grant program has helped hundreds of families recover from the recent hurricane. It's not a matter of IF another storm will hit but a matter of WHEN. And your FKF is ready – all because of your generosity.

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LEADERSHIP AND INSPIRATION



Florida Kiwanis District

Governor Todd Smith

As we begin another year in the Florida District, we are faced with many challenges, including the recovery from Hurricane Irma. Many of our friends, neighbors and fellow Kiwanians will face difficult times in the rebuilding process, and the lives of children will be greatly impacted. That is why your support of the Florida Kiwanis Foundation is so important. The Emergency Grants fund will assist clubs to provide much needed relief, but moving forward we will need to develop a plan to build up the fund for future disasters.

We have seen from our storm relief efforts that the relationship between our foundation and our district is stronger than ever. Let's continue our collaboration to serve the needs of the families of Florida and grow our foundation to be one of the most successful and impactful in all of Kiwanis. We have the talent, we have the resources, we just need the will to do it and it can be done.

Let's remember that we don't have to be bystanders and watch the future pass us by, but rather we can make our own future. Simply continuing to do things the same way we always have because "that's how we've always done it" is not the way forward in a world that is changing at lightning speed. We must embrace change with new ideas and new approaches to better serve our members, and our potential members. That means our foundation must evolve as well.

To grow our foundation and meet more needs in our state first requires that we turn around our negative membership trend and grow our organization – because KIDS NEED MORE KIWANIANs. Almost 1 million children in Florida are living in poverty. Do you think they need more Kiwanians? Next, we must DEVELOP NEW LEADERS. The strength of our organization lies in the diversity of our membership and the diversity of the generations that make up our Kiwanis family. We must use that strength to our advantage by developing new leaders and empowering new voices, and form stronger relationships within the Kiwanis family through mentoring. Our foundation plans an important role in that relationship through its long history of financially supporting our service leadership programs, which are the best thing we do in Kiwanis. And last, our clubs, and our foundation must have a PLAN FOR SUCCESS. If you don't know where you're going, then any road can take you there. Too many of our clubs have been doing things based on tradition instead of mission. Through our member education efforts and my governor visits to your divisions, Formula chair Stewart Ross and I will be teaching a membership workshop that will help clubs create a strategy for growth and a written action plan for success.

We can never give up because Kiwanis does more than just service. The greatest gift we give the world is hope. Hope that there are men and women in the world who selflessly care for the well-being of other people and put other people's needs ahead of their own. That is why membership has to be our primary focus – not because of numbers on a report or dollars in a budget, but because the more of those among us that we call Kiwanians the more light we can shine, the more children we can help, the more lives we can save, and the more hope we can give to the world.

Thank you for your support of the foundation and to our foundation leadership for helping us chart a path to a better future for Kiwanis and the kids in our communities.

EMERGENCY GRANTS AID IN THE RECOVERY FROM HURRICANE IRMA

FKF EMERGENCY GRANTS

Following the devastating 2004 Hurricane Season and the effects from Charlie, Frances, Ivan and Jeannie, the FKF realized it could serve as a conduit for the collection of funds. The Emergency Fund Grant was created and is disbursed under the auspices of the Executive Committee. Any grant request up to \$2,000 to aid in the disaster recovery can now be disbursed immediately as long as the funds remain available.



Photos

Top Left - KC of Pompano Beach Westside requested funds for the local SOS Children's Village to help replace loss of perishable food items, shoes and school supplies. Trustee Div 23 and Past LG Marie Johnson presented check to SOS staff.



Left - Division 26 LG Diana Morrell, Chuck & Emilia Gugliuzza and others provided 7 schools from Key Largo to Marathon with \$7,000 in school supplies, personal hygiene kits, toys and clothing along with \$2,500 in \$25 gift cards.



Bottom Left - Zone J Key Club collected school supplies at their KCKC for the students in the Upper Keys

Bottom Right - Trustee Div 22 Kris Greenberg presents a check on behalf of KC of Northside Naples, Naples on the Gulf and Golden Gate to purchase food and supplies for Everglades City, Naples, Immokalee, Lehigh Acres, Marco Island and Bonita Springs residents in need.





Bridging the Generations Through Advocacy

Jack Levine – Founder, 4Generations Institute

As the child of an older father who lost his sight in his early 50's, my duties as his helpmate were to serve as his second set of eyes. At age seven or eight I began reading for him as well as leading him in unfamiliar locations.

My extended right arm was in his left hand's grasp as we walked, his chrome cane held in his extended right hand, tip tapping in a half circle. My step was slightly ahead of his not unlike taking the lead in a dance.

Sometimes in our home I played blind, with outstretched open hands, waving left to right, trying to imagine being in my Dad's shoes. Of course, I could at any point open my eyes to avoid a collision but I tried as I might to not do so in respect for my Dad's inability to see.

I can't help but believe that this blindness games was a formative to my profession as an advocate. In so many ways an advocate needs to see a bit ahead, to gauge the terrain and offer options for navigating policy.

Let's agree that many who serve in elective office are partially blind to the challenges their constituents face and often rely on trusted authentic voices to explain the intricate nuances of the problems people face, legal barriers, budget insufficiencies and other facets of needed system reform.

Surely their staff members play an important role, but the best leaders hire people who can identify experts, choose programs to visit, and build mutually beneficial relationships in producing progress.

An important part of a healthy democracy is effective advocacy, yet community voices often hesitate to act on issues requiring expertise in the public policy debate. Nonprofit civic service organizations have both the right and the responsibility to advocate on behalf of their causes, programs and the people they serve.

Because laws and customs restrain nonprofit organizations from full engagement in the traditional political arena, many nonprofits believe that they cannot engage in any public advocacy efforts to advance their ideas and agendas. That is not the case.

Community civic leaders and professionals in the family/social service, early childhood development, child protection, and health and education fields have a great opportunity to advocate within the rules of engagement without being thought of as lobbyists. Advocacy is both a right and responsibility of good citizenship.

There are safe and effective days to advocate. As Advocacy Chairman for the Florida District Kiwanis, I am conducting a series of divisional seminars and club meetings to educate fellow Kiwanians, nonprofit executives, professionals and volunteer leaders about techniques for effective advocacy. The presentation focuses on the 'rules of the road' for how to work with public officials, their staff members, the media and community supporters in a competitive arena.

I was honored to receive the Dr. W.J. Blechman Child Advocacy Award at the 2017 Florida District Kiwanis DCON. I am so thrilled to receive this cherished honor named for the distinguished Dr. Wil - child advocate extraordinaire and powerful force for good. My 20 plus year friendship with Dr. Wil has taught me so many lessons, but the most important one is simply this Know what you're talking about and take every opportunity to have your say. Advocacy is all about using our voices for good.

Editor's Note: Jack specializes in developing and delivering advocacy messages in the public policy arena. He is a member of the Capital City Kiwanis Club in Tallahassee. Jack can be reached at jack@4gen.org or 850-567-5252

HIGHLIGHTS FROM DCON



Chairmen Bill Ricigliano and Jim Wylie received special recognition for their committee achievements



President Jim Meyer was honored for his achievements in the Foundation and his year of service as 2016-17 Florida Kiwanis Foundation President



Trustees Jim Wylie, Div 03; Tom Weller, Div 04; Dan Borba, Div 12, Elizabeth Wulff Div 13; Gene McDonald Div 14; Kelley Casey, Div 15, Nancy Markham, Div 22, Richard Leys, Div 23 and Arlene Lewis Marr Div 24 were all honored for achieving 100% annual gift donations from their respective clubs.



CKI officer Kim Moya was thanked for her artistic work on the Foundation display in the Caring Corner and FOF pin and logo



Secretary Gwen Leys was presented with a thank you gift for her service



FOUNDATION GIFTS AT WORK

Ralph Davis Fellow

This Fellowship is an elite group of super dedicated Kiwanians and friends to Kiwanis that have either donated \$1000 or more to the endowment fund, or so moved others to contribute \$1000 or more in their name. Each Ralph Davis Fellow is given a serialized medallion to wear around their neck at Kiwanis functions, as well as a wall shadow box and a lapel pin.



Additional contributions are noted as Diamond Level Ralph Davis awards and are so noted by a change in the color of the neck ribbon and the issuance of jewel embedded pins denoting the Diamond Level. Occasionally, matching donation programs cover part of the contribution. The funds go directly into the Endowment Fund to insure a lasting legacy for the children. Income from the Endowment Fund is redistributed by way of grants to local clubs for project assistance.

Camp Kiwanis

Camp Kiwanis was opened after WWII as the fulfillment of a dream of Kiwanians Byron Craig, Miles Hiers, Jim Smith, Charlie Rogers, Wayne Millard and others to provide a camp environment for the youth of Marion County.

Over the past 70 years this spirit of “serving the children of the world” has provided over 30,000 youth with the opportunity to enjoy Camp Kiwanis for swimming, canoeing, archery, arts & crafts, field games, skits, dance and fellowship. Long lasting friendships and memories have been created during those weeks at camp.

Sadly, in 2016, Camp Kiwanis lost one of its most passionate supporters, George Albright, Jr. Through the support of the community and the resolve of his wife Aggie Albright, a golf tournament has helped to support scholarships for local youth to continue to attend.

In partnership with the KC of Ocala and the Florida Kiwanis Foundation, much needed repairs will now be taken care of so that future campers can enjoy the fellowship and fun in a safe environment.



L-R President Ben Fairchild, KC of Lakeland; Trustee Div 15 Kelly Casey and IPP Jim Meyer presenting a check for \$10,000 for The Dream Center and ‘Kiwani Cares for Kids Project’.

Below - The Dream Kids perform to a packed house.



Florida District CKI at Camp Kiwanis for a weekend of meetings and training.

UPDATES ON 'SNAZZY TRAVELER'

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Friends of the Foundation



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Friends of the Foundation

The Florida Kiwanis Foundation is kicking off their newest program "**Friends of the Foundation**" which is a great way to help the Foundation in its fundraising efforts that support our Grants and Scholarship programs. For \$120 per year the 'FOF' member will receive a pin and also be eligible for monthly giveaways and special events. And you do not have to be a Kiwanian to be a "Friend". Coming soon to the FKF website – monthly payment registration will be available at www.FloridaKiwanisFoundation.org

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This year our Executive Committee, Officers and Trustees are committed to serving you and your clubs. We want to give you the money to see your projects come true! We are dedicated to every Kiwanian in the District and look forward to a great Kiwanis year. As a Kiwanis Family we work, play and serve together. And together we can accomplish anything that challenges us.

I look forward to serving you as President of FKF and am available anytime to help. Let's have a year we won't soon forget.



FKF Charles & Emilia Gugliuzza Scholarship

Through the generosity of 2014-15 Kiwanis District Governor Charles Gugliuzza, the Florida Kiwanis Foundation is offering a \$500 scholarship to an exceptional CKI Student Member. This scholarship is dedicated to his wife, Emilia Gugliuzza, for her tireless efforts in helping to Eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus and her support of family, friends and Kiwanis.

Eligibility: An Applicant must be a dues paid member of both Circle K International and the Florida District of Circle K for a minimum of 1 (one) school year and currently enrolled in an accredited College or University within the Florida District. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. In addition, the applicant must have performed at least 100 hours of service in the past CKI School year(s).

The winner will be announced no later than the Florida District Kiwanis Annual Convention or August 30th, whichever is the earliest date.

FL Kiwanis
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SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDS

2017 CKI Scholarship Winner

Josephine Di Russo was presented with the 2017 Charles & Emilia Gugliuzza FKF Scholarship Award by Emilia Gugliuzza at the Florida District Kiwanis Convention in Naples. Josephine resides in Mount Dora and is currently a junior at Lake-Sumter State College in Leesburg, Florida and is currently the CKI Lt. Governor for the Citrus Division.

Upon the subject of education, not presuming to dictate any plan or system respecting it, I can only say that I view it as the most important subject which we as a people may be engaged in.

~ Abraham Lincoln



Our Mission & Focus

The Mission of the Florida Kiwanis Foundation, as stated in its By-laws, is to secure funds, bequests, and other suitable and appropriate means and to expend these funds in support of the objectives of the Kiwanis clubs and their sponsored youth organizations in the Florida District of Kiwanis International.

As a result of a strategic plan adopted by the Board of Trustees in 1997, **the Foundation's primary focuses are:**

The securing and expending of funds in leadership development activities for Kiwanis sponsored organizations in the Florida District of Kiwanis International

- K-Kids Clubs :in elementary schools
- Builders Clubs : in middle schools
- Key Clubs : in high schools
- Circle K Clubs : in colleges and universities
- AKTION Clubs : for physically or emotionally challenged persons



KEY CLUB



The support of worthy projects of Kiwanis clubs in the Florida District of Kiwanis International in their efforts, notably to benefit Young Children: Priority One emphasizes, through the Foundation's Grants program.

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