

Kiwanis

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Our Vision: Carolinas 18,000 Members

Our Goal: To Grow Kiwanis Service

The Objectives:

- Take Clubs from Good to Great
- Enrich the Member's Experience...
Excellent Clubs & Excellent Service!
- Retain Members
- Build and Grow New Clubs



One's life has value so long as one attributes value to the life of others, by means of love, friendship, indignation and compassion.

~ [Simone de Beauvoir](#)

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February

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MidYear Conf.
& Int'l Pres. Visit
Myrtle Beach, SC

29-March 2

Circle K District
Convention
Myrtle Beach, SC

March

28-30

Circle K LSSP

April

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Kiwanis
One Day

June

26-29

Int'l Convention
Orlando, FL

July

9-13

Key Club Int'l
Convention
Denver, CO

August

6-9

Circle K
Int'l Convention
Denver, CO

22-24

District
Convention
Winston-Salem

MECKLENBURG KIWANIS CREATES HAPPY HOLIDAYS



Matthew Hagler hugs one of the recipients of the surprise gift.

Though not dressed in white beards and red coats, Mecklenburg Kiwanis delivered good cheer to seven Charlotte-area families in need. Through a fund set up at Presbyterian Hospital, Kiwanis donated \$10,000 to help alleviate debts accrued by families experiencing the financial burdens of a cancer diagnosis.

The fortunate families, all patients of Presbyterian Blume Pediatric Hematology & Oncology Clinic, were called to attend a holiday party and then surprised with the good news. For many, medical bills had become overwhelming, even with jobs and partial insurance.

A Gastonia family whose adolescent son was recently diagnosed with cancer is still learning how to juggle the emotional, logistical and financial aspects of the disease. "I haven't been able to work since November when my son was diagnosed," said the patient's mother. "We're already inundated with bills, yet we have another seven months of treatment."

According to Matthew Hagler, lieutenant governor, Carolinas district, Division Six, Kiwanis' mission is to change the world, one child and one community at a time. "We are committed to impacting lives of those who are in our own backyard," remarked Hagler. "It's difficult for any family to cope with the stresses of their child's cancer diagnosis, so our hope is that this financial gift will give families a reason to celebrate during the holidays."

For more information or to become involved, visit www.mecklenburgkiwanis.org

Order Free Children's Health Resources

They're timely, they'll help children, and they're free. Need more reasons to order materials from the (US) National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)? How about this: The resources complement Kiwanis International's ongoing service program, Young Children: Priority One, which addresses the needs of children from prenatal through age 5.

Now, in addition to the vast amount of YCPO resources available through Kiwanis, NICHD shares its valuable resources with Kiwanis. Kiwanis members and clubs are encouraged to use this free information to educate the public about topics pertaining to early childhood—everything from the "Back to Sleep" campaign to teaching children how to read. Download the NICHD order form to see the list of available resources and place an order. The materials you receive can be copied without restriction and are available in English, and in some cases, Spanish. (http://www.nichd.nih.gov/publications/pubs/upload/nichd_pubs_list_09_2007.pdf)

"There are many ways Kiwanis members can pass this information along," says Branded Programs specialist Elizabeth Warren. "Clubs could consider adding a Kiwanis logo to the documents and make additional copies to distribute to child care centers, Head Start and Early Head Start facilities, doctor's offices, and health and parenting fairs. Sharing this information is yet another way for Kiwanis to reach out to communities to spread awareness for childhood issues and for the Kiwanis Young Children: Priority One project."

Easley Home Educators Key Club Elves at Work!

Submitted by Lena Kelley



"Elves at Work!" reads a sign hung in a building owned by a Pickens county resident. If you take a look around the rest of the room, you might realize that the rest of what fills it also might be considered "unusual," such as the room being literally packed with shelving and then the endless number of toys piled in, over, under, and around them. "What is this place?" you might ask. The place in question is called Country Santa, established in 1983 by Buddy Cox who decided to step up and help families with low incomes be able to give their children Christmas presents each year.

Country Santa takes in volunteers each December to sort through the huge amount of donated toys and pick out Christmas presents for children of needy families in nearby areas. Easley Home Educator's (EHE) Key Club considers Country Santa one of their most favorite service projects each year. On Dec. 3, fourteen Key Club students from EHE along with their family members arrived at Country Santa, pumped and ready to spend the afternoon as Santa's little helpers. The

students were each given the name and age of a child and then sent, with a large trash bag, to the piles of toys to pick out presents they think the child would like. Faculty Advisor Lena Kelley described the experience as like "being given a shopping cart in a toy store and then told to go fill up your cart with whatever you want, knowing you don't have to pay for a thing!" After filling the bags, the "elves" turned them in to Country Santa himself, Mr. Buddy Cox, who tapes them up and puts the child's name on the outside. The bag is then taken and put in the stack of bags that are ready to be "shipped out" on Christmas Eve morning. All together, the EHE Key Club students filled up bags for over 100 children who otherwise would not have received Christmas presents this year.

Fountain Inn Kiwanis Plans for "Playground in the Sky"

By Nathaniel Cary

The [Fountain Inn] Kiwanis Club has proposed building a "Playground in the Sky" handicapped accessible structure on a 2-acre wooded lot at Woodside Park in Fountain Inn. The Kiwanis Club has \$127,000 in the bank out of \$350,000-\$400,000 needed to build. The bulk of that money comes through a \$47,000 state grant and the city of Fountain Inn's contribution of \$75,000.

Club President Spike Reid and others have taken plans for the structure to local businesses and corporations without much luck yet. The club decided to hire a marketing agency, Peculiar Productions in Greenville, to create a presentation and Web site focused on fundraising. "We're going to have kind of a re-launch of fundraising efforts starting Jan. 11," Reid said. The club may get additional



state help with an expected \$50,000 grant. The idea for a playground took root in the summer of 2006 when the city's new Kiwanis Club decided it wanted to take on a giant project to make an impact in Fountain Inn.

A design team from New York-based Leathers & Associates made a whirlwind one-day tour of Fountain Inn as students at local schools drew up their plans for the tree house. Designers refined those plans and presented them to the community last November. A plank walkway leads up to the top of the tree house three stories above the ground. Children descend into the playground through walkways, slides and other structures. "The entire playground would be handicapped accessible and would be built of composite materials instead of wood", Reid said. "[It] would last longer so it would still be around for our grandchildren to use."

The Kiwanis Club hopes to sell naming rights for the park along with selling engraved brick pavers and pickets in a fence. The project has stretched beyond just a club project to encompass the entire city, Reid said. "It's much too big for just the club to handle now. We're looking for volunteers for our steering committee, other project committees and to help build."

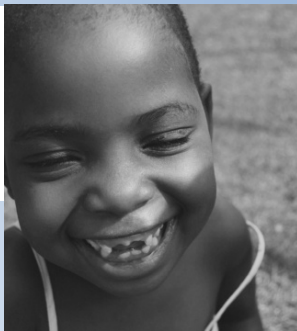
Reid said that when the time comes, more than 1,000 volunteers would be needed to build the tree house over a two-week span. To volunteer time or funding, call Spike Reid at 864-862-5050.

Warning: Don't throw away tax-exempt status Beginning in 2008, some organizations in the United States that were not required to file tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)—including many Kiwanis clubs—will have a new filing requirement: the new electronic postcard [Form 990-N](#). Small, tax-exempt organizations whose gross receipts normally are \$25,000 or less are not required to file IRS forms 990 or 990-EZ. But the Pension Protection Act of 2006 requires these organizations to file the new electronic form annually. Failure to file for three consecutive years could result in revocation of the organization's tax-exempt status.

The standard information the IRS will require when filing the electronic Form 990-N is the name of your Kiwanis club, mailing address, Web site address (if applicable), employer identification number (EIN), annual tax period date and a statement that annual gross receipts are still normally \$25,000 or less. Because Kiwanis International operates on a fiscal year (October 1-September 30), the first filing will be for the tax period that begins October 1, 2007 and ends September 30, 2008, with a filing due date of February 15, 2009.

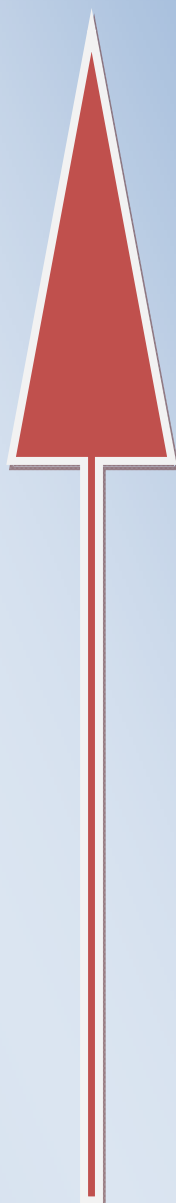
Many Kiwanis clubs may already have received a notice from the IRS regarding this new requirement. If your club hasn't been notified, watch for updates on the Kiwanis Web site or you can refer to the [IRS Web site](#) to see if the new ruling applies to your club.

2015
One Million Members
Kiwanis!
CAROLINAS
18,000



To reach our goal of 18,000 members by 2015, we need to grow by approximately 1125 members per year – that would put us at about 10,000 members on 9/30/08. An updated number will be published each month in CDNews for us to see where we stand.

Division	9/30/2007	12/31/2007
1	243	242
2	431	429
3	227	222
4	236	234
5	329	329
6	233	223
7	360	355
8	829	824
9	235	230
10	441	437
11	600	602
12	352	351
13	293	290
14	368	358
15	281	281
16	129	125
17	431	435
18	285	285
19	10	10
20	526	518
21	386	383
22	243	238
23	385	373
24	249	237
25	232	231
26	344	347
27	137	135
28	90	92
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Are you an expert in fields involving children?

KIWANIS magazine is seeking members who are recognized at a national or international level as an authority or expert in fields involving young children. If you know of someone who may qualify, please submit his/her name to magazine@kiwanis.org. Provide a brief résumé of the person's accomplishments on behalf of young children. Submit the names before January 11, 2008.

Pin for Webster James' Campaign

The Past Lt. Governors Council will be selling at the MidYear Conference in Myrtle Beach a special edition of a lapel pin for Webster James' Campaign for Vice President of Kiwanis International. There will only be 200 pins available. The cost will be \$5 per pin and will be for sale at the past Lt. Governors Merchandise Table while supplies last.

New Kiwanis District Shirt Available at MidYear Conference

The new Kiwanis District shirt will be available February 1 and 2 at the MidYear conference. If you plan on going to the International Convention in Orlando this coming June, this shirt is a must for you! It's a new look, color and design. The cost is \$35 (ladies or mens).

If you want to make sure you get the correct size, email Harold Garner and he will bring your shirt to the MidYear conference. For those who gave Harold your shirt-size at the District Convention in August, he will have them available for your at the MidYear conference as well.

If you cannot make it to Myrtle Beach, and someone from your club is attending, give them your size and money and ask them to pick up your order! Or, if all else fails, Harold will mail you a shirt.

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