

YEAR IN REVIEW



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KIWANIS CLUB OF RALEIGH 2013-2014 Year in Review September 26, 2014

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers
dedicated to improving the world,
one child and one community at a time.

together, we do more!

As we reach the end of the 2013-2014 Kiwanis Club of Raleigh year, it is appropriate to review our accomplishments. In the President's message at the beginning of the year, I outlined the four goals approved by the Board of Directors:

- 1) **Membership (growth, appreciation, retention, education and welfare);**
- 2) **The Eliminate Project (reaching \$100,000 in pledges);**
- 3) **Service/Fundraising; and**
- 4) **Foundation Growth.**

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Let's review what we accomplished together in each area.

membership

- Our club began the year with 198 members.
- On October 1, 2013, our club was the 14th largest Kiwanis club in the world and the second largest club in the Carolinas District.
- **As of September 18, 2014, our club has 215 members, a net gain of 17 members.**
- **This year we recruited 26 new members.**
- **Our 26 new member class is the largest for any club in the Carolinas District (182 clubs).**
- **Our net growth of 17 members is the highest net growth in the Carolinas District.**
- **As of September 18, 2014, the Kiwanis Club of Raleigh is the largest club in the Carolinas District.**
- **As of September 18, 2014, our club is the 7th largest Kiwanis Club in the world.**
- **J. C. Knowles** helped educate our club on Kiwanis and club history with his "Minute of Kiwanis History."
- **John Brantley**, with **J. C. Knowles'** assistance, has begun reviewing archives and writing a club history.

Thank you to Membership Committee Chair, **Phil Kirk**, for outstanding leadership. Phil received great support from his Vice Chair, **Tarver Sammons**, and the Membership Committee – **Frances Bobbie, Kara Brunk, Knicole Emanuel, Ben Hedgepeth, Travis Leager, Gray Pendleton, and LeJon Poole.**

Thank you to Membership Welfare Chair **Kirk Kirby** and his committee, **John Aldridge** and **Bill Rudolph**, for keeping our membership informed of the health, successes and welfare of club members.

new members

Thank you to our 26 new members for joining our club. We hope you will find your membership to be meaningful. We look forward to your future leadership. New members and their sponsors are:

Fina Curtis (Patrick Roberson)
Kara Brunk (Martha Rippard)
Steve Gheen (Sid Eagles)
Sally Scherer (Sid Eagles)
Bob Phoenix (Chris White)
Ben Pysch (Drew Cook)
Dave Roesler (Tarver Sammons)
Robert Ruiz (Tarver Sammons)
Ed Wenda (Lee Parker)

Jefferson Griffin (Gary Pendleton)
Corey Mocka (Phil Kirk)
Bob Goodale (Buck Lattimore)
Emily Jesserer (Cricket Harrell)
Franklin Munford (Chris White)
Art Raymond (Jack Radford)
Ann Turnbull (Phil Kirk)
Tyler Dean (Cricket Harrell)
Jon McBride (Tarver Sammons)

Sharon Parro (Kara Brunk)
John Lucy (Ken Kirby)
Sandra Birkhead (Frances Bobbie)
Ward Martin (Bob Southerland)
Travis Wiggs (Jefferson Griffin)
Dave Pezzullo (Alice Garland)
Nancy Rose (Chris White)
Danita Morgan (Chris White)

the eliminate project

In 2010, Kiwanis International partnered with UNICEF as part of Kiwanis' Second Global Campaign for Children to raise \$110 million to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) in the 39 countries in which it remained an epidemic.

On February 16, 2012, our 2011-2012 Board of Directors, led by President **Mel Broughton**, voted unanimously to recommend the project to the membership. On March 9, 2012, our club voted unanimously to commit to raise \$100,000.00 to support Kiwanis International and UNICEF to rid the world of MNT. To date, the Kiwanis Club of Raleigh is one of only three clubs in the Carolinas District and one of only 43 clubs worldwide to pledge to raise \$100,000.

October 1, 2013, began with \$28,500 in pledges. This year, the Kiwanis Club of Raleigh raised an additional **\$81,266**. This campaign now includes **58 Zeller** level donors and eight **Diamond Level Zeller** donors.

As of September 19, 2014, the club has received gifts and pledges from 126 Kiwanians totaling \$109,766. Thank you and congratulations to the entire membership for your faithful support of this project.

Thank you to Past President **Mel Broughton** who had the vision for our club to commit to this project. Thank you to Past President **John Nunnally** for his support and continuing the fundraising effort last year. Thank you to The Eliminate Project Co- Chairs, **Tom Hogg** and **Tom Bradshaw**, who provided excellent leadership and enthusiasm, ensuring that we reached our goal. They were supported this year by a great committee of **Helen Ballentine**, **Frances Bobbie**, **Gary Pendleton**, **KC Ramsay**, **Rocky Strickland**, and **Steve Guy**.

Thank you to every Kiwanian who made a donation to the campaign. If you have not yet made a donation to this worthy cause, please consider doing so. A contribution of any amount will be helpful, knowing that a life can be saved by UNICEF for only \$1.80



service/fundraising

- **\$6,000** was provided to purchase dictionaries for Wake County public school third graders. Thank you Chair **Martha Rippard**.
- 4th Annual Pancake Breakfast netted a record **\$21,000**. Thank you Chair **Bob Brooks** and the Pancake Breakfast Committee.
- Fundraiser for *A Christmas Carol* raised **\$1,500**. Thank you Chair **Bob Brooks**.
- Approximately **\$2,900** was raised for Christmas gifts for Wake County Foster Children. Thank you Chair **Linda Attarian**.
- Christmas dinner, Santa and presents were provided for Boys & Girls Clubs of Wake County. Thank you Chair **Kevin Benedict** and committee and special thank you to **Santa Claus**.
- A record **\$57,000** in grants was awarded to 22 Wake County nonprofits serving children and youth by the **Raleigh Kiwanis Foundation, Inc.** Thank you **Raleigh Kiwanis Foundation, Inc.**, President **John Collar**, and the Foundation Board of Directors for an outstanding job. Every member of our club is a member of the Foundation.
- **\$250** was provided to send a youth from the Boys & Girls Homes of NC to the Key Leader retreat.
- **\$250** was donated to the Legacy Fund at the Boys & Girls Homes of NC for the Kiwanis Cottage.
- **\$500** was contributed to Carolinas District Foundation, and **\$500** was contributed to Kiwanis International Foundation.
- **\$610** was raised to send Carolinas District Key Club Secretary Andrea Nolasco to the Key Club International Convention in California.
- **\$2,000** in scholarships were awarded to Key Club seniors at Athens Drive High School and Broughton High School.
- Our club sponsored Key Clubs at Athens Drive High School and Broughton High School, NCSU Circle K Club, and Aktion Club. Thank you to **Martha Rippard, Hamp Fields, Lee Parker, Ed Wenda, Mike Browne, and Stacy Askew**.
- Our club held the **24th Annual Kiwanis Golf Classic** and raised a record **\$10,286** for the club's Foundation. Thank you Chair **Chip Winstead** and committee member **Randall Keen**. Thank you to our first ever Title Sponsor, **WakeMed Children's**. Thank you to event volunteers **Cricknet Harrell, Stacy Askew, Clyde McDowell, John Aldridge, Robert Copper, Frank Crawley and Rocky Strickland**.
- **5th Annual Fight Hunger Food Drive** for Urban Ministries of Wake County Food Pantry was our most successful food drive yet and produced 2,126.72 pounds of food, approximately 5,800 grocery bags and \$3,450 in donations. Thank you **Carol LeClair** and **AlphaGraphics** for your continued, generous support of this campaign.
- *Kiwanis First 2000 Day* project was held to benefit **THE DIAPER TRAIN** at Saint Saviour's Center. From September 12 through 26, our club donated diapers, baby wipes, children's books, and checks. Thank you Chair **Kara Brunk**.
- Club members volunteered every month at the Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen. Thank you Chair **Harley Mudge**.
- Food left over on Fridays was donated to the Salvation Army of Wake County. Thank you Chair **Cricknet Harrell**.

foundation growth

On October 25, 2013, our club initiated the **Change the Future** campaign to promote regular, intentional giving to support the Raleigh Kiwanis Foundation, Inc. We displayed a large glass jar at the check-in table. Members were asked to donate their loose change or a bill or two each time he/she attended a meeting. Members also were asked to write a birthday check annually for his/her age or some other amount. All monies donated are earmarked for the Foundation to invest in an interest-bearing account to grow the principal of the Foundation's assets. The first-year goal was \$2,500. As of September 19, 2014, the inaugural year of **Change the Future** campaign has raised **\$4,024.51**. Thank you to every member who contributed to this worthy effort.

other highlights

- Formation of Centennial Committee, comprised of all Past Presidents of our club, chaired by **John Brantley** (member since 1973 and grandson of a charter member). This committee conducted club surveys, began strategic planning for club, planned activities/celebrations for 2015 Kiwanis International's Centennial and our club's 2020 Centennial. Thank you Chair **John Brantley**.
- Charter Night was held in February at Carolina Country Club for more than 150 members and guests. Thank you Chair **John Gastineau** and **Nick Fountain**.
- **J. C. Knowles** was named 2013 Kiwanian of the Year.
- **Inaugural Past President's Luncheon** was held at The NCSU Club with 26 Past Presidents attending, including legendary club member and former Kiwanis International Vice President **C. A. Dillon**.
- On June 26, 2014, the summer social at the Durham Bulls game at DBAP attracted more than 60 Kiwanians and their guests. Thank you Chair **Tarver Sammons**.
- New Bylaws were approved by the board in August, 2014, approved by the membership on September 19, 2014, and submitted to Kiwanis International. Thank you **Bill Pappas** and **Gray Styers** for Co-Chairing the Bylaws Committee.



To the membership of the Kiwanis Club of Raleigh, thank you for giving me the honor of serving as your President in 2013-2014. I shall always be grateful for your trust and tremendous support. Our club is positioned well for the future. Our brightest days are ahead of us.

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Christopher Lewis White
2013-2014, President, Kiwanis Club of Raleigh

additional thank you's

- **KC Ramsay** – You were an outstanding Vice President. You played an invaluable role on The Eliminate Project Committee with your detailed accounting and diligent back shop work. I thoroughly enjoyed our monthly lunches to plan Kiwanis business and events. You were one of my two Kiwanis mentors this year, and I appreciated your counsel and support. You will be a great President, and I look forward to supporting you in the coming year. Have a great year!
- **Martha Rippard** – Thank you for all of your work as Secretary, including taking the Board Minutes, submitting reports to Kiwanis International, and providing counsel and support to the officers and board.
- **Gwen Vass** – You were an outstanding Treasurer. Thank you for maintaining our club's finances. Also, thank you for hosting our monthly board meetings.
- **John Nunnally** – Thank you for your three-year commitment to the club as Vice President, President, and Immediate Past President. Thank you for leading our club to being named a Distinguished Club by Kiwanis International in 2013. Thank you also for chairing the Nominating Committee and recruiting an excellent slate of new officers and board members. Also, thank you for your generous support of The Eliminate Project.
- **Courtney Allen** – Thank you for everything you do to support the club as Assistant Secretary. You do everything from billing to administrative duties, ordering name tags and pins and badges, taking club photos, making the name tags for Charter Night, submitting reports to Kiwanis, and on and on. On top of all that, you just concluded your board term. Well done and thank you.
- **Carol LeClair** – Thank you for your three years of service on the board. Also, thank you and your Alpha Graphics franchises for five years of support as a co-sponsor of the Fight Hunger Food Drive to benefit Urban Ministries of Wake County's Food Pantry.
- **Charlie Sawyer, Drew Cook, Harry Walker III, Stacy Askew, Don Osborne, Larry Tilley** – Thank you for your service on the board. I appreciate your support this year. I wish for you a great 2014-2015 as you work with **KC Ramsay, Helen Ballentine**, new board members, and the officers for an even better year.
- **Rocky Strickland** – Thank you for so many things. You agreed to complete the final year of Ken Kirby's board term. You also agreed to begin a new three-year board term starting October 1. You did a great job on the newsletter. You were a valuable member of the Bylaws Committee and The Eliminate Project Committee. You were, as usual, a very generous donor to all club fundraisers. You served on the Pancake Breakfast Committee and managed ticket sales and volunteers. You gave generously to the Eliminate Campaign. You, along with KC, were my two mentors this year. I appreciate all you did to make this year a success.
- **John Ramsay** – Thank you for giving the orientation presentation to all 26 new members. Also, thank you for drafting the three memorial resolutions.
- **J. C. Knowles** – Thank you for being Chair of the House Committee. Thank you for being the club's master of ceremonies to introduce all guests. Thank you for your sense of humor and your graciousness. You did everything I asked of you this year and always were so supportive. Congratulations on being the 2013 Kiwanian of the Year!
- **Gary Pendleton** – Thank you for recruiting WakeMed Children's as the \$2,500 Title Sponsor for the golf tournament. Thank you for serving on The Eliminate Project Committee and for the money you gave and raised. Thank you for serving as the Chair of the Kiwanian of the Year Committee. Thank you for serving as Chair of the Nominating Committee in 2012 and asking me to serve as Vice President and President of our club.
- **Committee Chairs** – Thank you all for your service this year. I appreciate all you did to lead your committee and support our club.