CAPITAL DISTRICT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
Trustee Board Report

Region: Chesapeake **Date:** February 2021

To be submitted to the District Secretary-Treasurer no later than 21 days before each quarterly District Board Meeting. For each division in your region, comment on the areas below.

1. MEMBERSHIP

Working in concert with Jenn Hiscock, the Chesapeake Region representative on the Capital District Membership Committee, we are making membership a top priority for 2020-2021. Both Krista Latchaw (Division 4) and Christine Johnson (Division 5) have plans for the enhancement of current club membership and growth of new clubs in the year ahead.

Our regional Club Strengthening Workshops are scheduled for April 17 (9-10:30 AM) and May 08 (9-10:30 AM) via Zoom.

Thus far in 2020-2021, we have seen net growth in Division 4 (+21) and in Division 5 (+6). A new e-Club was added in Division 4; two of six clubs have seen positive growth this year (+19: Next Generation and +3: Ellicott City), one club has seen a decline (-1: Crofton), and three clubs remain stable (Commodore Mayo, PG County, Severna Park). While no new Kiwanis clubs have been added in Division 5 yet, three clubs have seen positive growth (+7: Greater Ocean Pines, +2: Accomack, +1 Chincoteague), two clubs have seen a decline (-2: Coastal Delaware and -2: Dover), and six clubs remain stable (Bridgeville, Delmar, Georgetown, Greater Millsboro, Pocomoke City, and Seaford).

2. PLANS FOR NEW KIWANIS OR SLP CLUBS

Club	Status
Next Generation e-Club (Division 4)	19 Paid Members; Chartering **Completed** 11/20
Catonsville and Laurel (Division 4)	In Progress; Delayed due to COVID-19
Kar-wanis (Division 5)	Idea In Development for Spring 2021
New Aktion Clubs (1 in Division 4 and 1 in Division 5)	Site Selection In Process in Division 4 (Howard County)
New Key Clubs: Northeast HS (Division 4A – Sponsor: Severna Park) and Crofton HS (Division 4B – Sponsor: Crofton)	Chartering **Completed** for Northeast HS; In Progress for Crofton HS

3. CHALLENGES OR ASSISTANCE NEEDED

An immediate focus for all Kiwanis clubs in 2020-2021 was getting back to meeting on a regular basis. Most clubs in Division 5 are operating and meeting regularly, even during the winter months. An active summer season and planning for a busy summer car show season helped to jumpstart this activity. Most clubs in Division 4 clubs have resumed regular activities, mainly via Zoom. I am finding that clubs and their Boards are meeting, but only a small amount of safe, socially-distant service is taking place. Ellicott City, Severna Park, and Crofton have done in-person projects. The Next Generation e-Club performs a form of virtual service at every club meeting. Active Boards of Directors and regularly-scheduled club meetings will help to keep our Chesapeake Region Kiwanis clubs alive for the time being. Many clubs seem to be recruiting new members and retaining current members, so this is a success. With the return of shorter days, colder weather, flu season, and the continuation of COVID-19, it seems unlikely that clubs will resume in-person meetings anytime soon. The arrival of a COVID vaccine has provided many clubs with hope that regular in-person gatherings for meetings and service events could begin during the summer months. Lt. Governors Krista and Christine should be commended for their work. They have made it a priority to help clubs understand ways to meet and serve their communities safely, even with restrictions. The survival of our clubs will remain an essential focus for the remainder of the 2020-2021 Kiwanis year.

Our region has a growing number of Youth Protection Policy compliance issues. As of the writing of this report, 33% of Division 4 clubs and 73% of Division 5 clubs have completed and reported their annual member education requirement on the Kiwanis Youth Protection Policies & Procedures. There is room for substantial improvement before the close of Q2 on March 31, 2021. One issue remains with the Kiwanis Club of PG County and the background check for the Kiwanis Advisor to the CKI Club at the Univ. of Maryland, College Park. My goal was to work with Division 4 Lt. Governor Krista to get this addressed by the end of Q1 on December 31, 2020, but it clearly is still a lingering issue that must be addressed in Q2.

As previously reported, the Kiwanis clubs in Division 4 and Division 5 sponsor a substantial number of SLP clubs. With the continuation of virtual learning in many school districts through at least early March 2021, I continue to ask my Lt. Governors to instruct Kiwanis clubs perform extensive outreach to Faculty Advisors and club officers. Assistance has been offered by Kiwanis clubs in the Chesapeake Region in multiple ways – creating joint service projects, helping to organize online club meetings, and offering advice and counsel on the payment of dues. As of 2/10/2021, dues payments have come in from 9 of 18 Key Clubs in Division 4 and 03 of 11 Key Clubs in Division 5. More payments are arriving to Kiwanis International daily. Maintaining the strength of our SLP clubs remains a critical focus for the rest of the 2020-2021 Kiwanis year.

I will be helping Lt. Governors Krista and Christine cultivate a greater leadership pipeline for the Lt. Governor roles in Division 4 and Division 5. At this point, there is no Lt. Governor-Elect in Division 4; I hear they may be one for Division 5. Given the requirements for the position, there are few eligible individuals. It is worrisome. This is a critical focus for Q2 of the 2020-2021 Kiwanis year.

I do not have any immediate questions. There is no need for immediate assistance.

4. OTHER COMMENTS

SIGNED: Joshua V Hiscock

August 4, 2020