CAPITAL DISTRICT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL
Trustee Board Report

Region: Chesapeake **Date:** September 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

We will continue to elevate membership as a top priority in the region for 2021-2022. Both Krista Latchaw (Division 4) and Steve Cohen (Division 5) have plans for club growth in this Kiwanis year, and both hope to capitalize upon the successes achieved during the 2020-2021 year. Overall, 2020-2021 was a success. We are searching for a new regional membership coordinator, and we are also searching for a membership coordinator within each division. This search is on-going and should be completed before the start of the new Kiwanis year on October 01, 2021.

Thus far in 2020-2021, we have seen net growth in Division 4 (+23) and in Division 5 (+4). A new e-Club was added in Division 4 in November 2020; two clubs have seen growth this year (+20: Next Generation and +5: Ellicott City), one club has seen a decline (-2: Crofton), and three clubs remain stable (Commodore Mayo, PG County, Severna Park). While no new Kiwanis clubs were added in Division 5, three clubs have seen growth (+6: Greater Ocean Pines, +2: Accomack, +2: Greater Millsboro), four clubs have seen a decline (-2: Coastal Delaware, -1: Chincoteague, -1: Delmar, and -2: Dover), and four clubs remain stable (Bridgeville, Georgetown, Pocomoke City, and Seaford).

2. PLANS FOR NEW KIWANIS OR SLP CLUBS

Club	Status
Annapolis, Catonsville, or Laurel (Division 4)	Delayed due to COVID-19
Kar-wanis (Division 5) Kar-wanis idea adding members to current clubs in addition to building one new club	Idea In Development; 2021-22
New Aktion Clubs (1 in Division 4 and 1 in Division 5)	Site Selection in Process in Division 4 (Howard County)
New Key Clubs: Crofton HS (Division 4B – Sponsor: Crofton) New Builders Club: Ellicott Mills MS (Division 4 – Sponsor: Ellicott City)	Chartering In Progress

3. CHALLENGES OR ASSISTANCE NEEDED

We continue to search for a Lt. Governor-Elect for Division 4 and Division 5. Both divisions struggled to find a Lt. Governor for 2021-2022 and have not yet found a Lt. Governor-Elect to serve the Capital District in 2022-2023. We are growing the leadership pipeline in Division 4 with some new leaders stepping into club roles in the year ahead. Whether or not they will want to serve the division and district long-term remains to be seen. There is promise and interest, however. Within Division 5, we are seeing many membership concerns from clubs, which makes it seem unlikely that many clubs will have candidates for the Lt. Governor role. This may be a more challenging task in Division 5.

Clubs are returning to in-person meetings and service little by little. Members are coming out and experiencing Kiwanis to their level of comfort. Recent spikes in COVID variants are delaying some clubs from moving forward or are causing some groups to take pause in their plans. An on-going conversation is happening about the role of virtual meetings and how we will continue to integrate Zoom as a permanent fixture moving forward. The Next Generation e-Club is particularly engaged in this discussion since, as a virtual group, they want to see a strong virtual presence for district events to continue. This includes livestreaming of Mid-Year and District Convention for members who live outside of the Capital District. This will be an important topic moving forward.

The SLP clubs in Divisions 4 and 5 are emerging from the pandemic, but many still face challenging school restrictions. These include mask mandates and social distancing policies that make meeting in person difficult. Some schools also have prohibitions on out-of-state field trips, which will prove to be challenging for attendance at District Convention and other large-scale events.

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

4. OTHER COMMENTS

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