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December eclub Eye of Tiger Birthdays:

Barbara K Thompson	12/05
Jose Del Carmen Velasquez	12/05
Wesley F Sine	12/13
Kerri Gordon	12/17
Jeanette I Igoo	12/30

Interclub Opportunities December

Fellow Tigers,

Here are five more opportunities to inter-club and see what other clubs are doing. Just as it's important to observe, we need to be seen to increase our membership. Our last inter-club with Appleton Fox Cities in Wisconsin had eight Tigers very early Friday morning. Let's make sure they hear us ROAR!!

Yours in service,
Laura Grace Gilliland

- 1) **The Kiwanis Club of Crawfordsville in Indiana**
Thursday, December 2 at 11AM – Central
- 2) **The Kiwanis Club of Northwest Indianapolis in Indiana**
Thursday, December 9 at 6:30AM – Central
- 3) **The Kiwanis Club of Palmer in Alaska**
Tuesday, December 14 at 3PM – Central
- 4) **The Kiwanis Club of eCentennial**
Tuesday, December 14 at 5PM – Central
Speaker: Greg Wegrich – "Growing Kiwanis"
- 5) **The Kiwanis Club of Northside Naples**
Thursday, December 2 at 6:15AM – Central

Please Contact me for the Zoom link if you'd like to join us:
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Happy Holidays!

Message
FROM THE PRESIDENT



Why **Happy Holidays?** See page 5

Fellow EOT Members,

HÓ HÓ HÓ!

I know everyone in my household is preparing themselves for the upcoming holidays, and I hope you are as well.

At the beginning of our new Kiwanis year, I messaged all of you regarding committees that might interest you and could entice you to become more involved. We have our membership engagement, interclub, and digital media committees in full swing.

Later this month, just before our monthly meeting, we will have our membership recruitment and service project. Then, finally, our new club opening committees will begin the task of coordinating and starting what this laser-focused club does best. So, now is the best time to grow our membership in our own EOT Club in order to build effective and long-lasting new clubs and leaders at our upcoming Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis.

Joseph (Joe) Meyer, Pres.
For The Children

***The Mission** of the Eye of the Tiger eKiwanis Club and its members is to increase membership by opening new Kiwanis Clubs throughout the world, especially at the site of our Kiwanis International Convention. Our impact on other Kiwanians is larger than we think; our EOT Club and our members make a positive difference, whether we see it or not.*

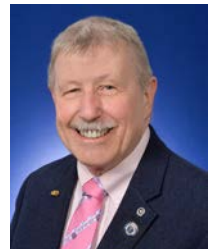
Jim's Gems

Since Jim Rochford is still recovering from surgery, we reached deep in the vault for a few of Jim's Gems on starting new clubs and strengthening existing ones.

Kiwanis members fail to realize that tools for club building and club strengthening are right under their noses! For example, Key Clubs are excellent resources for bringing in new members. One of the first things you should look for when considering chartering a new club is checking if there is an orphaned Key Club in the area that the new Kiwanis club will serve. If there is, what an excellent reason to start a new Kiwanis club.

The best people to speak about Kiwanis are the current as well as former Key Club members. Many former Key Clubbers are now Kiwanians, and there are many Key Clubbers whose lives were shaped by the Kiwanis clubs that have sponsored them. Why not have a summer get-together where former and current Key Club members can speak to prospective Kiwanis members about all the fantastic things Kiwanis has done for them?

Make it a fun event – perhaps with pizza and snacks. You will be pleasantly surprised at how many new people will join our Kiwanis family!



Division 3A Philipino Luzon District



(submitted by Amphy S. Lim, Philippines)

Each year, Kiwanis International challenges all its clubs to celebrate one day of service. At the beginning of every administrative year, Kiwanians worldwide gather to render selfless service to those in need – especially children. Our District Governor, Mario Marasigan, and our Division 3A Lieutenant Governor, Francis Villegas, organized and motivated 13 clubs to

share their time and talents to prepare for the event to aid those severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The district theme of Kiwanis One Day was **"A Legacy of Children's Welfare Through Virtual Health Fair"**.

Our goal was to emulate the *Plan of Kiwanis* in serving the children. All 13 clubs worked together and jumped at the opportunity to share their time and talent.

The schedule for our Kiwanis One Day event was as follows:

Welcome address of our division Lieutenant Governor.
Inspirational message from District Governor-Elect Johnny Domino.
Next, we had a guest speaker who discussed leadership qualities.
We followed with our service program:

So, what happened at our service event?

A. We held an art contest for the children. COVID-19 pandemic prohibited them from attending any public face-to-face gatherings. We gave them a challenge. We invited the children, to participate in an art contest to help them express the impact of being locked down for almost two years. Art manifests psychological conditions and emotions, including boredom, depression, and anxiety. We gave them one week to submit their entries. The contest's theme was **"What COVID Did to Me, My Family, My School, and Community."**
2 categories: Group A – ages 7 to 12 & Group B – ages 13 to 20. We awarded cash prizes for first, second, and third places.

B. Health professionals were on hand to administer blood pressure and pulse rate readings to attendees. We advised those with higher-than-normal readings to see doctors in government hospitals or clinics; we gave some people vitamins. They were excited at the prospect of learning how to take control of their health and were thrilled to receive tips on maintaining a healthy diet.

C. There were 20 minutes of physical fitness for all who could participate. Everyone learned simple exercises as well as creative anti-COVID activities that anyone could do at home.

D. Everyone received goody bags to take home. They included face masks, face shields, kilos of rice, cans of sardines and corned beef, noodles, biscuits, bottled mineral water, fresh eggs, vitamin C, multi-vitamins for babies, slippers, bottled alcohol, and bath soap.

It was a successful day! Everyone in our division helped to achieve a common goal in serving those less fortunate.

How did we enhance the IMAGE of Kiwanis with this event?

We worked with our government and community leaders, extended the venue, the chairs, tables, security, and who that stayed until the project ended. marshals
We conspicuously displayed our 13 club banners and KOD tarpaulin the day before the event, we invited another organization - Grand Singko of Manila Philippines Eagles- to better help the community. As a result, others will recognize our Kiwanis name, and our good works will enhance our and commitment to our community and people. image
Lieutenant Governor Francis did an excellent job by having a reporter cover our event in the People's Tonite newspaper released days after the project. A nationwide newspaper gave Kiwanis International an amazing service image – report an international pandemic could stop us! not even

How did we INSPIRE people and our 13 Clubs?

Everyone had joy in their hearts and smiles on their faces. Because of this we motivated more participants to join us.

What was the IMPACT it created?

Everyone benefitted from our event - donations came in daily we did not have to beg and plead for them because people – wanted to help others. Everyone joyfully gave their time and resources to serve. Those we served were excited and happy especially when taking part in the health screenings and – learning how to adopt healthier lifestyles.

What was the INVESTMENT?

The event's cost was P186,105.00 (US\$3,606 and CA\$4699), which included transportation and venue preparation. Our event was successful because of the full cooperation and support of our Club Division 3A members – even we did not expect the outcome we received!
It was indeed a manifestation that Kiwanis is here to serve – and service is love to our fellow man.

Hail the Kiwanians joining hand in hand!

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Members Spotlight



Mary Jo Brubaker

Mary Jo Brubaker is a past Carolinas District Governor and has been a member of Kiwanis for over 30 years. First introduced to Kiwanis when she became a Keyette in high school and is now a member of 3 Kiwanis clubs and trustee for the Carolinas District.

She is excited to be a member of our club and is thrilled to help open new clubs. In addition, she hopes to reach out to various people to join and be active participants in pursuing the Kiwanis mission.

Her professional background is in education, and she is a former principal. Over the past several years, she has worn many hats, including working with Germany to unify the schools once Germany united to become one country.

Mary Jo is always on the go – she is the chair of the Woolly Worm Festival Committee. The festival is held every year during the third week of October, and proceeds go to help schools, children's programs, and tourism in Avery County.

Bill Seeman – Treasurer

Bill Seeman is the treasurer of our club and was born and raised in Pelham, NY. He holds an MBA in finance from Seton Hall University.

He is a dedicated Kiwanian since 1987 and past Kiwanis New Jersey District Governor 2018-2019. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Glen Ridge and loves working with his fellow Kiwanians to help make his community a better place.

He had a career in banking for many years, and from 1992-1997, he lived in London while employed by NatWest Bank. When the bank merged with a US bank, Bill returned home to the US and settled in New Jersey.

He is now a financial advisor with Ameriprise Financial.



Photos from Philippines Kiwanis One Day Page 1



Thank you
for your service.
For The Children
Kiwanis One Day
In The Philippines,
photo and article
from
Amphy S. Lim.



Calendar of Events

DECEMBER

- 5: International Volunteer Day
 24-31: Kiwanis offices in Indianapolis, Indiana, and Ghent, Belgium, closed
 31: New Year's Eve

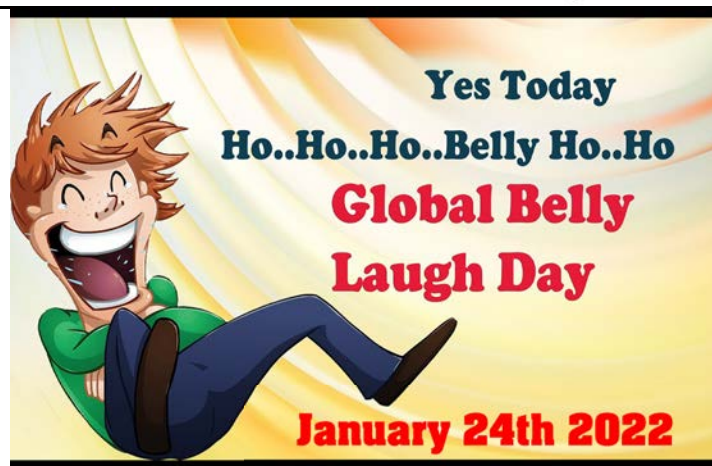
JANUARY

- 1: New Year's Day
 11: International Thank You Day
 18: Martin Luther King Day
 21: Kiwanis turns **107!**
 24: **Belly Laugh Day**

FEBRUARY

- 1: Chinese New Year
 12: Lincoln's Birthday
 14: Valentine's Day
 15: Presidents Day
 16: Washington's Birthday
 21-25: K-Kids Week

Happy Holidays!



Belly Laugh Day is a day for having a good chuckle at anything at all. Did you know that laughter has been known to cause the tissue lining our blood vessels to expand increase blood flow? This in turn makes you feel more positive, boosts your immune systems and generally just makes us feel happier!



What kind of motorcycle does Santa like to ride? A Holly Davidson!



Have you seen our Facebook page lately?

Visit us here: <https://www.facebook.com/KiwanisTiger>

If you would like to have news and photos published in the January 2022 Newsletter, please contact Editor Barbara Breuer:

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We really want to hear from you; please stop by and visit our website <https://kiwanistiger.org/>

We are in the process of updating it and would appreciate your input. Contact Alan Guire aguire@portnaz.org with questions or comments. It takes an entire village to do what just a few have been doing. We Need your input, photos and articles!

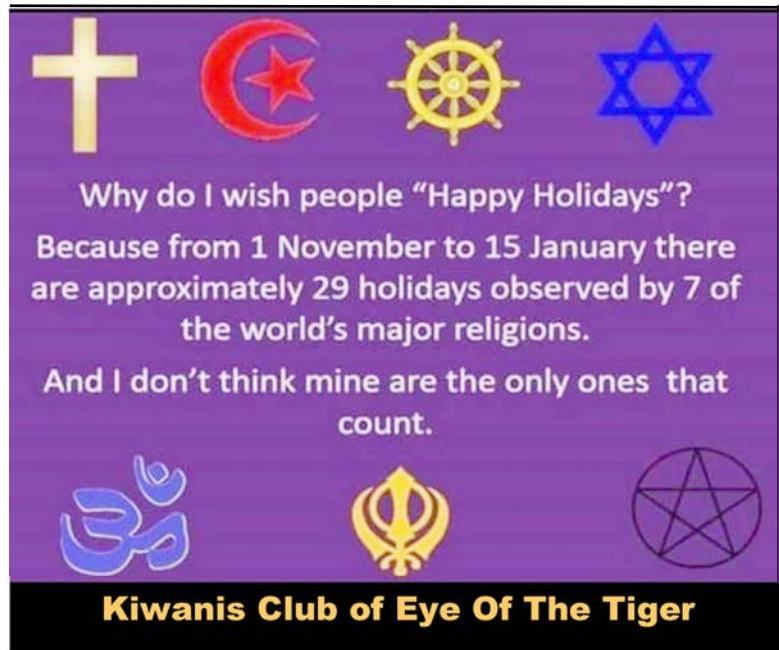
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December has finally arrived, and with it comes an abundance of colorful lights, vibrant wreaths and a bunch of family parties. Most of these celebrations are inspired by Christmas and Hanukkah, the two major religious holidays celebrated by Christians and Jewish believers, respectively, in America. But those aren't the only religious holidays this month.

Here are 12 holidays with a little explanation on each.

Dec. 6: Saint Nicholas Day — Christian: This holiday honors the birth of Saint Nicholas, the saint who serves as a role model for gift-giving and is commonly known as Santa Claus,

Dec. 8: Rohatsu (Bodhi Day) — Buddhist: This holiday celebrates the historical Buddha's decision and vow to sit under the Bodhi tree until he reached spiritual enlightenment. It's celebrated through meditation and is embraced similar to how Christians celebrate Christmas to honor Jesus Christ.

Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception — Catholic : In the lead-up to Jesus' birthday celebration on Christmas, Catholics celebrate the day of Immaculate Conception to honor his mother Mary who they say was preserved from original sin.

Dec. 10 to 18: Hanukkah — Judaism: This is the eight-day Jewish festival of lights, which celebrates the Maccabean revolt in Egypt. Eight candles are lit with a menorah to honor the holiday.

Dec. 12: Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe — Catholic: This is a primarily Catholic holiday celebrated by Mexicans and Americans of Mexican descent that honors the reported appearance of the Virgin Mary in Mexico City, according to Interfaith Calendar.

Dec. 16: Posadas Navidenas — Christian: This is a primarily Hispanic Christian holiday that commends Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem to give birth to Jesus.

Dec. 21: Solstice — Wicca/Pagan: Solstice is the point in the year "when the earth is most inclined away from the sun. It is the most southern or northern point depending on the hemisphere.

Dec. 25: Christmas — Christian: Christmas is a primarily Christian holiday that celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ.

Dec. 26: Zarathosht Diso (Death of Prophet Zarathustra) — Zoroastrian. Zoroastrians honor the death of their prophet, Zarathustra, who founded Zoroastrianism, one of the world's oldest monotheistic religions.

Dec. 27: Feast of the Holy Family — Catholic: Catholics use this day to honor Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

Dec. 28: Holy Innocents Day — Christian: Christians solemnly honor the deaths of children killed by King Herod, who was attempting to kill Jesus.

Dec. 31: Watch Night — Christian: For Watch Night, Christians will thank God for the safety they received during the year.



2022 is the Year of the Tiger according to Chinese zodiac. This is a Year of Water Tiger, starting from the 2022 Chinese New Year on Feb. 1 and lasting to 2023 Lunar New Year's Eve on Jan. 21. The Tiger ranks third in the 12-year cycle of the Chinese zodiac signs. The Years of the Tiger include **1914, 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022, 2034.** (*Are you A Tiger?*)

Tigers, considered to be brave, cruel, forceful, and terrifying, are the symbol of power and lordliness in Chinese culture. In ancient times, people usually compared emperors or kings with the tigers. Tigers are also considered as a patron deity for children and parents will prepare the shoes and hats with tiger designs for their babies.

The Chinese zodiac Tiger sign entitles people born in the Years of the Tiger to be natural leaders. They are adventurous, ambitious and have a strong sense of justice, but maybe also a little arrogant and impetuous.

November's EOT Guest Speaker – Larry Memmer

Our guest speaker was Larry Memmer, Past Kiwanis Governor of the Michigan District and current Kiwanis International Membership Recruitment Chair. He has put together a new club opening guide featured on the Kiwanis International Website. <https://www.kiwanis.org/>



The 2021-2022 membership initiatives are:



1. **More service** – As we emerge from the pandemic, we need our members to commit to inviting friends, colleagues, family members, and others to join our efforts to help children. Every member means more hands for service.
2. **Greater impact** – More Kiwanis Club members mean a greater impact for children in our communities, who will need us more than ever before due to services that will be cut or reduced because of the pandemic.
3. **Strengthening Clubs** – club strengthening is crucial to prevent the closure of clubs struggling either because of dwindling membership or lack of focus. Club coaches can provide support and nurturing.
4. **Open new clubs** – Kiwanis must continue to open new clubs in communities around the world to help under served and marginalized children.

Kiwanis International is ready to help open new clubs and strengthen clubs that are struggling. KI employs two staff members who only focus on club opening efforts. These staff members provide support from site selection to organizational meetings – as much or as little as districts want or need.

In addition, **Kiwanis International President Peter Mancuso** has assembled a team of qualified volunteers who are ready and willing to travel to assist in club opening efforts. Each of these volunteers brings a wealth of experience in the club opening process. You may find these volunteers are additional “boots on the ground” and a support system, knowledge base, and problem solvers.



Kiwanis International
President Peter Mancuso

Check out the Kiwanis International Website for more details, including applying grants and other helpful information. <https://www.kiwanis.org/>

BREAKING NEWS: JUST IN TODAY NOV 30, 2021

I worked with Lieutenant Governor Hollis Francis Jr of Division 27 Caribbean and organized the first Kiwanis Club of the EC&C District for the administrative year 2021-2022 on November 2, 2021. The Kiwanis Club of Antigua AR Fusion was organized with 21 members who are all excited to serve their community.

Cynthia I. Blackman,
2021-2022 Member - EC&C District Membership Committee
Immediate Past Lieutenant Governor



December Meeting will be held on Dec 16th via Zoom. Watch your Email for additional Information and **Links**.

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING FOR NEW YEARS?

New Year's is the celebration of new beginnings, better habits, hope and love. People celebrate this holiday all around the world, their customs might be different but their heart is the same. In Kiwanis we are **All About The Kids**.



Happy Hanukkah!

