

# Newsletter Kiwanis Club of Eye of the Tiger

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## *The Rochford Files*



What a phenomenal last 30 days! We had our first annual Eye of the Tiger cruise and had over 15 people who had an absolutely awesome time. We spent one session talking about Kiwanis membership and how we can continue to positively impact the organization by emphasizing that and getting members of our club to seek leadership positions to further spread that message.

Our club is doing a number of new club opening events, and we had a very successful one down in St. Louis, Missouri. That site was selected because of the long-time dedication to new clubs by our member, Barb Thompson, and we successfully opened two clubs, one of which was organized in two days and the other in four days and totally resulting in 40 members between the two clubs. As usual, we will be providing our awesome set of books to the two new clubs to give them their first service project. Members participating: Barb Thompson, Laura Gilliland, Dr. Jay Hubbard, Joe Meyer, Kendra Skidmore-Morris, and Jim Rochford. We also recruited the LTG and coach of the new clubs, Tiffany Ermeling, new tiger and future governor of the MO-RK district! Another example of  $1+1 = 3$ !

Our April program was candidates from our clubs seeking to be elected to the International Board. We are first and foremost about membership with an emphasis on new clubs but secondly about leadership and encouraging those who understand the importance of membership to seek leadership positions on both the international and district levels.

Before we know it, ICON will be here, and our impact will be felt across the Kiwanis world as between 40 and 50 members will participate in helping to open three new clubs in the greater Minneapolis area. This will all take place with two days out in the field. We have been meeting monthly for over six months on the planning, and it will continue to heighten the pace, including training for members interested in helping to set appointments for our three teams.

Life just doesn't get much better than being around the enthusiasm of the Tigers! We need to look for prospective members who understand the importance of membership or anyone who you think has the potential to be a strong believer in the importance of membership to ensure the long-term health of our organization.

Keep the Eye of the Tiger,

Jim Rochford, President.

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## May Calendar of Events

May 1st - Labour Day (May Day)  
 May 5th - Cinco de Mayo  
 May 8th - EOT BOD 8:30 PM EDT  
 May 8th - Coronation of King Charles III  
 May 14th - Mother's Day  
 May 18th - EOT Membership Meeting  
 May 25th - Liberation Day  
 May 29th - Memorial Day  
 KI CONVENTION - June 21-24th

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 1st - Angela Buford  
 May 3rd - James (Jim) M Rochford  
 May 6th - Ingrid Goulbourne  
 May 7th - Kendre L Morris  
 May 23rd - Robert (Bob) D Larsen



# Kiwanis



## May BOD

May 8 at 8:30 PM EDT.

Membership Meeting:

May 18th at 8 PM EDT.

Melissa Guire will send out Zoom link prior to meeting. If you don't receive an email, contact Melissa Guire  
[melissaguire1@gmail.com](mailto:melissaguire1@gmail.com)

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## 2022-2023 Eye of the Tiger Kiwanis Board Members



President - Jim Rochford  
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 Director - Dan Leikvold  
 Director - Dr. Mary Jo Brubaker  
 Director - Kendra Morris  
 Sage - Dr. Barb Thompson



## Jim's Gems

*Minneapolis, here we come! Here is the magical 3-step close our expert club builders use.*

1. Build rapport – you'll never get a second chance to make a first impression. Get people comfortable enough to talk about themselves, their careers, families, and pets.
2. Share about Kiwanis – craft a 30-second explanation of what Kiwanis is. Ask them if they know what Key Club is. If there is an orphaned Key Club (a Key Club without a sponsoring Kiwanis Club), share that with the prospect. Tell them that you think it would be a good idea to have a Kiwanis club in their community. Start filling out the application with them.
3. Ask for the dues! The new dues structure can make it easier to ask because of the proration schedule. Depending on how close you are to the Kiwanis year, you may be able to get two years of dues upfront.



## May Interclubs

LaMissTenn eKiwanis Club May 1st,  
6 pm EDT

**Speaker: Mike Downs,**  
KI Director of Conventions & Meetings

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I-I Grid eKiwanis Club May 2 at 8 PM EDT

**Speaker: Jerry Scheuing**

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Kiwanis Club of Lake St Louis  
May 3rd, 7 pm EDT **New Club in Mo Ark**

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PA 2.0 eKiwanis Club May 12th, 9 pm EST

**Asian Pacific Heritage**

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Minnesota Dakota eKiwanis Club.  
May 24th, 6 pm EDT

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Rocky Mountain eKiwanis Club TBD

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Worldwide eKiwanis Club meeting.  
5/21 8 pm EDT

## *Last Call for **ICON Club*** *Build Volunteers!*

June is quickly approaching, and with it, our Kiwanis International Convention.

**Club president Jim Rochford is asking for volunteers to develop new Kiwanis clubs in the Minnesota Dakota District from June 18th thru June 21st.**

Our ultimate goal is to see the successful development of three new Kiwanis clubs at the site of our convention. We are confident that we can make this mission a reality with the right dedication and effort.

Kiwanis International Vice President, Lee Kuan Yong, is helping coordinate the volunteer base that will attend. Many members have already notified our club that they will be there. In addition, many will help with our EOT service project at the convention.

So, we are giving a final shout-out to those who have yet to respond before finalizing our volunteers. On May 22nd, we must have a completed roster of our members to assign rooms from June 18th - June 21st. No one needs to contact the hotel to reserve rooms; that will be taken care of for you on or before May 22nd.

Also, please let us know if you need transportation from the airport on Sunday, June 18th.

***Finally, please let us know by May 5th if you will work with us on this new club build.***

The hotel information is as follows:

Hampton Inn Minneapolis/ St Paul Woodbury  
1450 Weir Drive  
Woodbury Mn, 55125  
(651) 578-2822

**If you have any further questions or comments, please get in touch with Joe Meyer at [onesud1@gmail.com](mailto:onesud1@gmail.com).**



## International Trustee Candidates

### Ron Hill

Ron has been a Kiwanian since 1995. He has a background in construction and has owned and operated his own firm for over 25 years. His home club is the Kiwanis Club of Conway, and he is a past governor of the Missouri-Arkansas district.

Ron says that his greatest strength is enthusiasm. He believes in Kiwanis and understands that the more people we ask to join, the more we can do.

*1. How would you envision imparting the vision of new membership in your district and on your board?*

The key is enthusiasm. If they see you are out there helping, they will get inspired. Do things to get people enthused. We are the only ones that focus exclusively on kids.

*2. What do you think is the single most important thing you, as a new international board member, can bring to the table?*

Everyone has different experiences; therefore, we can share different ideas. Most importantly, we can listen to each other. I will always answer my phone – if I can't, I will return calls when I can. I will be myself.

*3. There will be a dues increase proposed at ICON this year of \$30 per year. What is your personal view concerning this increase?*

Everything has gone up, including prices in business. I see it in my own business. We don't have any choice but to raise our dues – we just have to find a number we all can live with.

**Closing Remarks:** I have always been interested in working with kids in his community, and from 1968 until 2021, I ran a baseball and softball program involving more than 1500 kids. I was also a football coach for 51 years. I have been greatly inspired by the people I have met. Despite our differences, we always agree that we need to help kids. I have fun getting out there and talking to people. I love watching young kids grow up with Kiwanis and move up from K-KIDS all the way through Circle K.



### Mohan Lamsal (International Trustee-At-Large Candidate for Kiwanis ASPAC)



Mohan joined Kiwanis in 2015 and currently serves as the membership growth chair for Kiwanis ASPAC. Mohan is a founding member of the first Kiwanis Club in Nepal and was among the first to join Kiwanis there. He is an active member of the Kiwanis Club of Kathmandu, the Kiwanis Club of Peace Nepal, Kiwanis Club of Likasi, Kiwanis Club of Eye of the Tiger, and the Kiwanis Club of Helping Hands India.

Mohan served as governor during the pandemic, and during his tenure, he opened 36 new clubs in Nepal. In addition, he invited and inspired many people to join Kiwanis, especially since so many children had lost their parents.

Immediate Past Kiwanis International President Peter Mancuso inspired him to help build Kiwanis clubs in India. Mohan has traveled to India many times to build clubs there – he is excited to know that India will soon be its own district.

*1. How would you envision imparting the vision of new membership in your district and on your board?*

We need to focus on how to inspire the community and grow clubs. We must make people understand what Kiwanis is about and why we need it. We need to make an impact through service projects as well as fundraising to sustain and increase membership. We need Kiwanis for needy children.

*2. What do you think is the single most important thing you, as a new international board member, can bring to the table?*

We need to plan how to grow and make a strong international image and organization.

*3. There will be a dues increase proposed at ICON this year of \$30 per year. What is your personal view concerning this increase?*

We need to have adequate funding to continue our work. Arguments always exist for and against raising dues; however, an organization will only survive if adequately funded. We need to increase our dues to make KI stronger – I'm not sure how much, however.

### Closing Remarks:

My entire family has joined Kiwanis, and my brother is the current governor of the Nepal district. All have a heart for serving children. We need to focus on children in need. 600 million children are suffering in Southeast Asia. They need good nutrition as well as education.

The children need us.



**EOT Club's Mission Statement:****Eye of the Tiger, eKiwanis I-I Mission (Why We Exist)**

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**Eye of the Tiger, eKiwanis I-I Goals (Accomplishments to Achieve this Mission)****1. Lead** by example and train others by opening clubs.

- Open at least two clubs at the site of ICON (when ICON is in North America and when ever possible elsewhere).
- Open a club in the district of members who are governors.
- Support other club members in opening clubs on a voluntary basis.

**2. Develop** (identify, encourage, and support) leaders at the district and international levels in the culture of growing Kiwanis through new club openings.**3. Support** new club openings with service projects. *Thirty to Thirty Five EOT volunteers will be there to follow our mission statement, but more importantly:*

**To help attain the goals** of increasing membership by opening clubs at this year's international convention in Minneapolis.

**To help train** the Minnesota-Dakotas district's volunteers in membership recruitment.

**To support** these three new clubs with our own service project – donating a literacy program in the form of books to each of their communities.

**Memorial Day, Monday, May 29.**

As with most federal holidays, a majority of offices, banks and government buildings will be closed in observance of the day.

While many people spend the three-day weekend hosting cookouts or shopping the sales, Memorial Day is intended as a somber day of remembrance for U.S. military personnel who lost their lives in service to our country.

To honor those courageous men and women, we've gathered Memorial Day quotes to post on Instagram, Facebook or anywhere else you see fit.

"To live in hearts we leave behind is not to die." - Thomas Campbell

"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks." — James Allen

"Every post is honorable in which a man can serve his country." — George Washington

"In valor there is hope." — Tacitus

"The cost of liberty is less than the price of repression." — W.E.B. DuBois

"I got to fight on till I leave here, and I hope I leave some footprints." — Mattie Jones

**June 21-24th ICON**

Did you know EOT will have a booth at the convention? Yes, selling shirts and pins, handing out project information, also a chance Giveaway! We need volunteers to spend a couple hours of their time at the booth. If you are interested and can find the time, please contact Jeanette Igoe @ [Jigoe5@aol.com](mailto:Jigoe5@aol.com) for more information.

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Look your best while you ROAR! Don't miss out on our high-quality apparel that will make you stand out in the crowd! Three styles for men and five for women. We will be placing the group order soon, so you need to order ASAP if you plan on ordering.

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# Member Profiles

## **Babukrishna Karki**

Babukrishna Karki of Kathmandu, Nepal, is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Kathmandu City, Nature Conservation Nepal and Janakpur, where he also is a past president.

He served as Kiwanis Children's Fund District Chair in 2020-21 and is a George F. Hixson Fellow. He is currently serving a three-year term as Kiwanis Children's Fund trustee.

Karki said that he was drawn to Kiwanis after he saw how much an earthquake had devastated the lives of children – he could not stand to see the children in his country suffer. Children all around the world need Kiwanis!

In addition to his work with Kiwanis International, Karki is involved in rescue and relief services and human-wildlife conflict work. He is also a philanthropy ambassador for the Kathmandu Institute of Child Health.

Karki earned a master's degree in political science from Tribhuvan University in Nepal. He was formerly a brigadier general in the Nepal Army and currently works as a member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

He enjoys photography, skydiving, tennis, nature conservation, and tours in his free time. His wife of 35 years, Gita Gurung Karki, is also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Janakpur. The couple have seven children.

He will happily serve as a tour guide for any EOT members who wish to visit Nepal!



## **Khushwinder Khushwinder**

Khushwinder hails from New Delhi and is the first Governor of Kiwanis India Provisional District; he has done a phenomenal effort to expand Kiwanis International's vision, mission, and brand in India. In a short period, Kiwanis India District can support multiple initiatives for the benefit of children and the underprivileged.

He is an accomplished pharmacist and specializes in oncology products and cancer medications. He worked for many leading pharmaceutical companies until he opened his own company, Krypton Global Health, in 2010.

He joined Kiwanis because it touched something deep in his heart. In India, there is a huge gap in income – people are either very rich or very poor, and he cannot stand to see children suffer.

He was encouraged by how quickly Kiwanis in Nepal had been growing, and with encouragement from Kiwanians there, he opened his first Kiwanis club. Soon, others in India became excited about Kiwanis, and membership grew quickly – soon, India will become its own district!

Khushwinder is married with two grown children.

