# Newsletter Kiwanis Club of Eye of the Tiger

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**President Chuck Gugliuzza** 

### President's Message

Welcome to the new Kiwanis Year 2024 - 25! Kiwanis is about the kids (or should be)... with dedicated and passionate Kiwanians such as yourselves, kids' lives around the world are impacted each and every day! You make that difference many times without knowing.

Membership is the key to our Club, and without members, Kiwanis would be just like a business that sold widgets but had none—out of business! Let's continue to make a positive impact not only worldwide but also in your local community.

I want to take an opportunity to thank Alan Guire, a member of the Button Brigade 2014 - 15, but more importantly, a friend who led our Club with honor and pride through September 30, 2024. I only hope I can fill the shoes of Alan and all of our past presidents, who brought our Club to where it is today!

Thank you for your trust in allowing me to serve this year, but know one thing: it is never about me but rather about each and every one of you. Together we can, and together we will! Let's stop talking about Kiwanis and start doing Kiwanis

Yours in Service Charles "Chuck" Gugliuzza

#### Jim's Gems

Hopefully everyone is finishing strong on getting membership built up in their clubs and Kiwanis District!

We have a great opportunity that lies ahead of us in the 24-25 Kiwanis year. In Lee Kuan Yong, we have a leader serving as president of our organization, who is very intelligent and very membership oriented. He and I have been close friends for over twenty-five years. During that time, I have worked on opening new clubs with him in six different districts. He walks the walk and talks the talk and is the right leader at the right time for our organization. I am proud to serve as his World Membership Chair, and Gary Levine of our club, who serves as the first president of the EOT Club, is my World Vice-Chair.



Sage Jim Rochford

His class of governors did not have the opportunity to have governor- elect training. To help offset that loss of a great opportunity to learn and bond with their classmates, we are giving them the opportunity the week of October 6 to be involved in opening three new clubs that week, two in Kentucky and one in Indiana. Nine members of the EOT club will be involved on the ground, helping to train 16 governors who are coming in to work on these three new clubs.

We need to get all Tigers motivated to participate in their own districts and where other opportunities present themselves to open new clubs so that our organization continues to grow and thrive and be able to impact the children of the world through our great leadership training and service programs in the schools from first grade through college. In addition, our clubs and new clubs have a major impact on the quality of life in communities throughout the world. Now is the time for Tigers to step up and do everything they can to build our organization's membership, both existing and new clubs and get youth involved and dedicated to giving back to their community through service. Life is like the game of tennis; he or she who serves best seldom loses.

Keep up the great work, Tigers! I am very proud of Lee Kuan Yong and honored to serve as his World Membership Chair!

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## October 2024 **Birthdays**

10/04 **Gary M Baker Chuck Fletcher** 10/06 Douglas O Chadwick 10/08 Hannah H Temple 10/23



### October 2024

Calendar of Events

10/2-10/4 Rosh Hashanah

10/13 EOT BOD via Zoom

10/14 Columbus Day

10/17 EOT Membership Meeting

10/31 Halloween

October BOD (Sunday) October 13th 8:30 PM EST **Membership Meeting** October 17th 8:00 PM EST

Melissa Guire will send out Zoom link prior to meeting. If you don't receive an email, contact Melissa Guire melissaguire 1@gmail.com

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS, WE'LL PRINT

CALLING ALL TIGERS - WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR ROAR!

WE KNOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING EXCITING THINGS WITHIN YOUR DIVISIONS AND DISTRICTS, AND WE WANT TO HEAR ABOUT IT.

WE INVITE YOU TO SUBMIT ANY NEWS YOU MAY HAVE TO US - WE WILL BE HAPPY TO INCLUDE IT IN YOUR NEWSLETTER. DON'T WORRY ABOUT GRAMMAR AND SYNTAX - SUBMIT WHAT YOU HAVE. AND WE WILL TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL EDITORIAL MATTER TO BARBARA BREUER AT

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WE CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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# **2024-2025 Eye of the Tiger ekiwanis Board Members**



Charles "Chuck" Gugliuzza President -President-Elect -Laura Gililland

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Director -Colleen Lawson-Taylor

Dr. Barbara "Barb" Thompson Sage -

Jim Rochford Sage -

## Member Profile - Chuck Gugliuzza

During our September membership meeting, Chuck Gugliuzza turned the tables and asked all the Tigers on the call to ask him questions!

We happily obliged.

ALAN GUIRE: What are your long-term goals?

**CHUCK:** Continue to do what we do in this club and Kiwanis for service.

**GARY LEVINE:** How did you get into property management?

**CHUCK:** I started in accounting and began doing financial management for community associations. I transitioned to property management and now manage over 44 communities with Emilia.

BARBARA B. How long did it take you to become fluent in Spanish?

**CHUCK:** I learned by immersion. When I met Emilia, neither of us knew how to speak each other's language, so I started to learn Spanish, and she began to learn English. It's been a process that has taken over five years. By the way, I only speak Spanish in the present tense.

**BARB THOMPSON:** You and Emilia started giving scholarships for Key Club students. Where would you like to see that money go?

**CHUCK:** I would love to see more than one student attend ICON; however, we would need to get more support through funding to see that happen. It's important to build our Key Club and offer those young adults an opportunity develop leadership skills they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

BILL SEEMAN: When did you start your Kiwanis career?

CHUCK: I met Mother Teresa in 1994, and she inspired me! However, I didn't join Kiwanis until 2001.

**GARY LEVINE:** What role did you enjoy the most in Kiwanis?

**CHUCK:** I loved being a Lieutenant Governor and Zone Administrator for Key Club. The Key Club Kickoff events are exciting; we had almost 1000 RSVPs. Every Christmas, I play Santa, visit schools, and give gifts to children. I love seeing children's faces light up when they get their gifts. This year, we are expected to give out over 20,000 gifts!

GARY LEVINE: Florida is one of the powerhouse districts. How do you see Kiwanis moving forward in Florida?

CHUCK: I've said this many times before – we have to stop talking about Kiwanis and start doing Kiwanis!

BARB THOMPSON: Tell us how you got your dog, Cabo.

**CHUCK:** We took a trip into Columbia – not so far from the Venezuelan border. We were working with several new clubs we had opened there. We distributed 500 bicycles, books, and a lot of food. A little dog ran up to Emilia, and we fell in love! We asked the village leader if we could take the dog, and he said yes. We took the dog home with us.





## Announcing This Year's Jim Dooley Service Award Recipient – Gary Levine

Jim Dooley was a tireless worker known for opening new clubs and is fondly remembered by everyone who knew him. This year's Jim Dooley Service Award recipient is Gary Levine, who is recognized for his instrumental behind-the-scenes work for the club and contributions to helping kids worldwide.





### New Club Building - We Need You!

Opening new Kiwanis clubs and increasing membership directly impacts both Kiwanis and the children it serves. Club openers, coaches, and all who work behind the scenes have been successful in the past few years; however, membership is still down. A club cannot function without active, engaged members!

Sixteen Kiwanis governors will join Jim Rochford and other Tigers in October for hands-on new club opening training in Indiana and Kentucky.

Jim has announced plans to open over 400 new clubs throughout the world. He emphasized the importance of securing new member applications and payments, as this is a practical step to build confidence among governors during the upcoming training efforts in Kentucky and Indiana. The incoming governors did not benefit from in-person training this year, so the best way to motivate them to open new clubs is to demonstrate success!

New club openings involve many people with different talents and skill sets. Most people think of appointment-setters and those pounding the pavement, visiting business owners. However, many work behind the scenes to ensure everything goes smoothly, including those who set up the spreadsheets with names, addresses, and other information so those setting appointments will have accurate information. Of course, there are also those who confirm appointments.

We need your help! Your contribution can be part of a collective effort to achieve great things. If everyone does a little, we can form a powerful team that can make a significant impact!

What does T-E-A-M stand for?





#### **EOT Club's Mission Statement:**

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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 whenever 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 Philadelphia.

**To help train** the Pennsylvania 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.



Upcoming 2024-25 Interclubs

Want to Join or Schedule an Interclub?
Contact Laura Gilliland @
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Get Your EOT Golf Balls and a chance to win one of 3 Cash prizes.





November 21, 2024



Eye of the Tiger 2024 Fundraiser
Benefiting The Eye of the Tiger eKiwanis Club
November 21, 2024 8:00 PM EST Virtual Helicopter Ball Drop