

# YEAR IN REVIEW

KIWANIS CLUB OF RALEIGH  
2014-2015 Year in Review  
September 25, 2015



**Kiwanis**<sup>®</sup>

Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world,  
one child and one community at a time.

**together, we do more!**

We began this Kiwanis year with six goals:

- 1) Achieve net growth of 12 members and develop a membership engagement task force
- 2) Complete our clubs commitment to contribute \$100,000 to the Eliminate Project
- 3) Kick off the 2020 Centennial Parks Project, raising \$250,000 in gifts and pledges
- 4) Celebrate the Centennial of Kiwanis International
- 5) Develop a Club Procedures manual as a legacy for future club leaders
- 6) Initiate our Club's involvement in the Kiwanis International One Day of Service project

Here's what we accomplished together in each area. >>>

# Membership Growth

This year we recruited 33 new members with a net growth of 24 members, doubling our goal. As of September 25, 2015, our total membership stands at 239, and over the last 12 months the average age of our members has declined from 63 to 61. Each new member was welcomed with an orientation that now includes an introduction to the many opportunities for service and an opportunity to become engaged from day one. Thank you to our Membership Committee led by **Tarver Sammons** for their record setting results and to **Stacy Askew** and **John Ramsay** for leading our orientation process.

## New Members

We welcome our 33 new members; hope you will find your membership to be meaningful, and look forward to your service and leadership. New members and their sponsors are:



thank you!

New Member	Sponsor	New Member	Sponsor
Tom Jones	Gwen Vass	Blake Thomas	Gary Pendleton
Bob Northrup	Sid Eagles	Christopher Edmonston	George Ramsay
Kelley Rooney	Jefferson Griffin	Laura DeVivo	Eric Atkinson
Jason Spain	Chris White	Gus Willis	Jefferson Griffin
Amy Funderburk	Nick Fountain	Harrison Tulloss	Gary Pendleton
Wes Saunders	Jefferson Griffin	Frank Manson	KC Ramsay
Bob Edwards	Phil Kirk	Jeanne Tedrow	Frances Bobbie
Eric Hall	Gary Pendleton	David Beeler	Knicole Emmanuel
Laura Bromhal	Martha Rippard	Tim Gasper	Phil Kirk
Dennis Parnell	Bob Goodale	Ashley Kirk	Phil Kirk
Chris Loutit	Martha Rippard	Jim Brown	Chris White
Bennett Dunn	Martha Rippard	James I Brown	Tarver Sammons
Robert Smith	Nick Fountain	Blake Cason	John Gastineau
Laura Beaver	Jefferson Griffin	Mary Jo Gurule	Jack Radford
Andrew Perry	Jefferson Griffin	Chip Thomas	Travis Wiggs
George Pender	Paul Hoover	Win Coleman	Marvin Thompson
Caroline Sullivan	Phil Kirk		

Thank you to every member who sponsored a new member and invited a prospective member to visit one of our club meetings this year.

# The Eliminate Project



In 2010, Kiwanis International partnered with UNICEF as part of Kiwanis' second global campaign for Children to raise \$110 million to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) in the 39 countries in which it remained an epidemic. After being endorsed by the Board, in 2012, our club voted unanimously to raise \$100,000.00 to support Kiwanis International and UNICEF to rid the world of MNT. To date, the Kiwanis Club of Raleigh is one of only three clubs in the Carolinas District, and one of only 43 clubs worldwide to pledge \$100,000.

This year we met our goal and to date our club has recorded gifts and pledges from 129 Kiwanians totaling \$110,615, more than meeting our original commitment. This campaign now includes 59 Zeller level donors and 10 Diamond Level Zeller donors. Thank you! And congratulations to the entire membership for your faithful support of this project.

# Club Procedures Manual

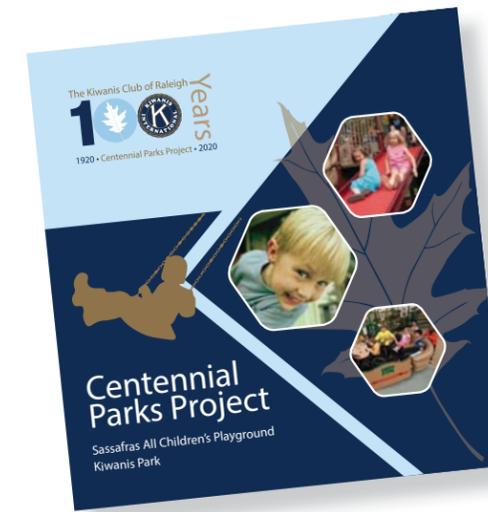
Every incoming President is challenged with understanding the responsibilities of leading our club, and recruiting leaders for the numerous committees, events and service projects we undertake. This year **June Small** and her committee undertook the large and complex task of documenting how the work of the Club is accomplished in a Procedures Manual. Her committee of **Helen Ballentine, Courtney Allen, Sandra Birkhead** and **Rocky Strickland** has completed drafts of our most complex and critical operations. Soon new Club Officers, Board members and volunteers will be able to understand their roles and responsibilities by "looking it up."

# 2020 Centennial Parks Project

In 2013, then President **Chris White** shared his vision for a significant project to help celebrate and recognize the Centennial of the Kiwanis Club of Raleigh in 2020. He assembled a committee of 8-10 Past-Presidents, Chaired by **John Brantley** and **Nick Fountain** who examined numerous options and then recommended the following:



- 1) The Project would have to be worthy of 100 years
- 2) The project would need to be local in focus
- 3) The project would need to provide opportunities for hands-on participation
- 4) The project would need to relate to children, the core mission of Kiwanis
- 5) The project would need to elevate the community profile of Kiwanis



The committee settled upon the creation of Sassafras All Children's Playground at Laurel Hills Park at Edwards Mill Road and Glen Eden Drive, regenerating the 25 year old playground there, and rehabilitation of Kiwanis Park on Noble Road. Among those Past-Presidents participating in the discussions and work were **John Brantley, Chris White, KC Ramsay, Nick Fountain, Bob Brooks, Mike Dodd, Sid Eagles, Andy Leager, Alice Garland, Harold Panel, Clay Taylor, and Bill Pappas.**

The campaign, rolled out in April at the Past President's Luncheon, has met with overwhelming success. With the strong support of the Raleigh Kiwanis Foundations, we have surpassed the initial goal \$250,000, by far the largest fundraising goal ever attempted, and as of September 2015 raised over \$351,500 with participation from 36% of our members. As more members participate we look forward to increasing our support of improvements at Kiwanis Park. We are truly gratified by this remarkable response and truly hope that every one of our members will participate in some way before the campaign concludes in January of 2020.

We have surpassed the initial goal!

# Centennial Celebration

We celebrated the 100th anniversary of Kiwanis International in style! **Sue Petrisin**, International President Elect, was our honored guest and keynote speaker for a gala dinner that included our **District Governor, Gary Cooper**, at least five former Governors, nearly 200 members and guests from our own club and the Kiwanis Clubs of Greensboro, and Fayetteville. All three clubs are \$100,000 supporters of the Eliminate Project. Thank you **Alice Garland, Danita Morgan, John Brantley, Nick Fountain**, and the 25 sponsors you made this event possible.

# Kiwanis One Day of Service

Every year in April Kiwanians around the globe come together on one day for service projects to help improve the world, one child and one community at a time. On April 11 our then new member, **Jefferson Griffin**, lead an enthusiastic cadre of volunteers who spent a productive day helping to build a new home with Habitat for Humanity of Wake County. Our group was also joined by other Division 12 Clubs. Thank you, Jefferson, and all our hearty volunteers for helping our Club become a part of this important International project!

# Service and Fundraising

In addition to these specific goals for the 2014-2015 year, we continued with our strong commitment to serving the children of our area and raising the funds needed to support this work:



Our 5th Annual Pancake Breakfast netted a **record \$28,000** with participation from 82% of our members.

**\$6,000** was provided to purchase dictionaries for hundreds of Wake County public school third graders

and delivered personally by members to nine of those schools.

**\$3,010** was raised for Christmas gifts for Wake County Foster Children, and our members served pizza and good cheer at the Foster Family Holiday Skating Party.

Christmas dinner and presents distributed by our own Santa Clause were provided for Boys & Girls Clubs of Wake County.

We continued our support for the Legacy Fund at the Boys & Girls Homes of NC for the Kiwanis Cottage and for the Carolinas District Foundation and Kiwanis International Foundation.

Our club sponsored Key Clubs at Athens Drive High School and Broughton High School, began sponsorship of Key Clubs at Enloe High School and Wake Early College of Health and Sciences, NCSU Circle K Club, and Aktion Club. \$3,000 in scholarships was awarded to Key Club seniors at Athens Drive High School, Broughton High School and Enloe High School. In addition we have chartered a new Builders Club at Martin Middle School and Circle K Club at Meredith College.

A **record \$63,700** in grants was awarded to 30 Wake County nonprofits serving children and youth by the Raleigh Kiwanis Foundation, Inc.

Our 25th Annual Kiwanis Golf Classic and raised a **record \$10,500** for the club's Foundation.

5th Annual Fight Hunger Food Drive for Urban Ministries of Wake County Food Pantry was our most successful food drive yet and produced **2,431 pounds of food**, approximately **2,250 grocery bags** and **\$6,035** in donations.

Our First 2000 Days project collected donated diapers, baby wipes, children's books, and checks to benefit THE DIAPER TRAIN at Saint Savior's Center. Several members volunteered to help sort and distribute diapers throughout the year.

Club members volunteered every week at the Shepherd's Table Soup Kitchen.

Food left over on Fridays was donated to the Salvation Army of Wake County and this year we began serving dinner one Friday evening a month.

The Change the Future campaign raised **\$3,800** from donated loose change and members who write a birthday check annually for an amount equal to their age...or more.



## Highlights

**John Brantley** completed a history of the Raleigh Kiwanis Club which is now available on the Club's website. Thank you, John, for this excellent research effort and for your diligent collection and recording of our Club's history.

Charter Night was held in February at Carolina Country Club for more than 165 members and guests, including most of our new members.

**Nick Fountain** was named 2014 Kiwanian of the Year.

Our now annual Past President's Luncheon was held at The NCSU Club with 24 Past Presidents attending who collectively pledged \$65,000 to kick off the 2020 Centennial Parks Project.

The summer outing at the Durham Bulls game at DBAP attracted 100 Kiwanians and their guests. Our own Kiwanis Choir sang the National Anthem!

To my fellow officers and members of our Board and to all those who chaired a committee or event, words are not enough to recognize and thank you for your service. To the membership of the Kiwanis Club of Raleigh, thank you for your good humor and support, even on the Friday when we failed to provide the delicious lunch we all look forward to each week.

**And most of all, thank you for all you do to help improve the world, one child and one community at a time!**



KC Ramsay  
2014-2015, President, Kiwanis Club of Raleigh