

K-T Notes

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Notes from the Editor

The summer has been hot, but hopefully you and your club have been hot changing the world one child at a time.

Earlier this month I assisted with the Daisy National NBB Gun Championship Match in Arkansas which features teams of kids trained in gun safety by various civic type clubs. I visited the new Crystal Bridges Art Museum

More next time. The next issue will be in September. Please have submissions to me by September 7 .
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There were 95 Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanians and 15 guests registered for the 97th Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans. Comments by those in attendance indicate that it was a great experience. More complete information will appear in other reports, but I will report here that most of the "housekeeping" amendments were passed by the delegate assembly. The dues increase proposal was tabled for a future delegate assembly, and Kiwanis International leaders were elected for 2012-2013.

Now we are anticipating the 94th Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District (K-T) Convention in Gatlinburg, Tennessee, August 9-12, 2012.

If you have not done so, you need to register for this great event right away. Registration forms were sent to your club leaders. You can also click in the "Convention News" box on the lower left side of the first page of our www.ktkiwanian.org web site to find additional forms. Please notice that if you plan to stay in the Park Vista Hotel you must reserve your room before July 9 to be guaranteed a room rate of \$109 per night plus tax.

I look forward to seeing each of you at the K-T Convention and would urge you to make every effort to attend the first general session at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening. We hope you will enjoy our featured speaker, Ted Gocke from Chattanooga. Ted will take us back to an earlier time that some will remember from their radio listening days. But don't worry, the television watchers of a few decades ago will not be left out. He will inspire, teach, and entertain us all with his message. And, yes, there will be a social hour and ice cream following that session.

How can you be involved? Tee time for the Foundation Golf Tournament at Bent Tree Golf Course will be Friday at 8:00 a.m. Through our service project we can provide school supplies, underwear, tee shirts and socks for kids (The Big Question: Will Kentucky folks fill their box fullest, or will it be Tennessee folks who fill their box fullest?). There will be an orientation for those attending for the first time at 5:00 p.m. on Friday. For those who have not yet attended leadership training in preparation for 2012-2013, Al Porell has scheduled a CLE session on Friday beginning at noon. On Saturday we will have a chance to learn about Kiwanis in the Saturday workshops arranged by Governor-Elect Bob Brinkmann. You will eat good food and will be entertained with good music. You will have an opportunity to win an i-Pad-2 Wi-Fi or a Kindle Fire by purchasing ticket chances through the K-T Foundation.

From the Foundation Golf Tournament and General Session on Friday, through the Foundation Luncheon and the Governor's Banquet on Saturday, the Sunday morning Memorial Service and the Delegate Assembly where we will install a new governor, governor-elect and vice governor, you will experience a convention you will long remember. See you in Gatlinburg. After all, it is the Convention (a l) thing to do.

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WOMEN IN KIWANIS – YES? OR NO?

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS LATER By Governor Don Ritter

In a 1986 issue of the K-T Notes a writer used this headline for his article: “WOMEN? NO!” The writer then reported that after a 45 minute discussion in the Delegate Assembly of the 1986 Kiwanis International Convention, the amendment to admit women as members of Kiwanis was defeated by 1,000 votes.

Of course, we all know that history did not repeat itself in 1987. As a result, in 2012, we are celebrating the 25th anniversary of a momentous event during which the 1987 Kiwanis International Convention Delegate Assembly voted in Washington, D.C. to admit women as members of Kiwanis. This is a commemoration of that great occasion and the decision made by the forward-looking men in that delegate body.

As the years have passed, some evidence has been lost and accurate data has become difficult to confirm. However, it appears that the first lady to become a Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanian was Cindy Champer of the Ashland, Kentucky Breakfast Club. Cindy, who was inducted July 14, 1987 (approximately ten days after the amendment was approved), was recently honored as one of those first female Kiwanians in the 2012 International Convention in New Orleans.

The available evidence tells us that the first female lieutenant governor in the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District was elected in 1993-1994. She was Betty Miller from Cattlettsburg in Division 16. In 1994-1995 three more female lieutenant governors were elected. They were Judy Lee, Nancy Mitchell, and Patricia Hall. Their divisions and club names are not available.

Concerning our first female district governor, the data is clear. Inducted into the Gallatin Kiwanis Club in 1987 (October), Jo Ann Sircy was elected governor of the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District in 2000-2001. She had been elected the first president of the Gallatin club (1992-1993) and was elected the first lieutenant governor from Division 2 (1995-1996). As with all governors, Jo Ann modestly attributes the success she experienced as governor to the effectiveness of her lieutenant governors, and they were great ones. One of them was a lady honored as a distinguished lieutenant governor. Her name is Fran Marion, and Fran now serves as the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Kentucky-Tennessee District.

It wasn't smooth sailing. There was strong opposition to the idea of inducting women into Kiwanis. It is probable that the decision motivated some men to leave Kiwanis. We have heard what many Kiwanis men of that time had to say about that decision. Repeatedly, those men are heard to say, “I was strongly opposed to admitting women to Kiwanis, but it is one of the best decisions we ever made. Our club would not be able to do all of the great things we do if it were not for our women members.” And so it is with the Kentucky-Tennessee Kiwanis District. Men are dedicated Kiwanians, but our district is even stronger because our dedicated women are working with those dedicated men. How did we ever do it without them?



Kiwanis Club of Lexington, KY gives Legion of Honor

At the regular meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Lexington, KY on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, the program was dedicated exclusively to recognizing and awarding the Kiwanis International Legion of Honor Award to twenty qualifying members.

This award was created to assist in extending a token of appreciation to Kiwanians who achieved more than twenty five years of membership. It consists of a certificate and a specially developed pin. The certificate is signed by the President and Executive Director of Kiwanis International and our club president and secretary. The pin indicates the years of service beginning with twenty five years and in five year increments up to seventy five years, plus the highest office held in Kiwanis.

After the explanation to members of the award 's purpose, members were called to the front individually where President Terry Hayes presented the certificate and pinned the appropriate pin on the member. Members were recognized in an order from the lesser amount of service years, twenty five, to the longest which was sixty three years.

The members honored were:

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| Phillip G. Halley | 25 years and Past President |
| James R. Jenkins | 27 Years, Past President and Past Lt. Gov. |
| George M. Ely | 28 years, and Past President |
| Joseph T. Bovier | 31 years |
| John W. Lemaster | 32 years |
| James L. Anderson | 34 years |
| T. Melville. Boyd | 34 years and Past President |
| Stuart Lowenthal | 34 years and Past President |
| Herschel J. Taylor | 35 years |
| B. Wayne Sullivan | 39 years, Past President, Past Lt. Gov. and Past Governor |
| Richard L. Rothman | 40 years |
| William P. Sturm | 40 years and Past President |
| Don Lee Jacobs | 41 years |
| Charles Williamson | 47 years, Past President, Past Lt. Gov. and Past Governor |
| W. Thomas Bunch | 48 years and Past President |
| J. Wiley Finney, Jr. | 49 years and Past President |
| Bingham Robinson | 49 years and Past President |
| John W. Gorrell | 50 years, Past President, Past Lt. Gov. and Past Governor |
| Ben L. Kessinger, Jr | 62 years and Past President |
| Harold W. Dorsey | 63 years and Past President |

Two of these awards were made posthumously. Both members, John Lemaster and Harold Dorsey had passed away just a short time before this ceremony. John Lemaster 's award was delivered to his wife, and Harold Dorsey 's will be mailed to the nearest living relative.

Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis presented a check to the Georgia Northwestern Technical College Foundation in honor of Doris White at a recent meeting.



Downtown Kiwanis Presents Six Bicycles to Readers at Area Schools

The Downtown Kiwanis Club in three separate presentations awarded six bicycles to prolific readers at three local area elementary schools. The bikes are presented to encourage reading at the elementary school level.

Bicycle Recipients were as follows:

McNabb Elementary – Jamorie Fabbs, 3rd Grade & Shelby Bundy, Kindergarten

Morgan Elementary – Phoenix Richard, 1st Grade & Malaya Thomasson 2nd Grade

Clark Elementary – Alexandria Copper & Treshaun Bagby

The Read to Ride program is a program sponsored by the Downtown Kiwanis Club of Paducah Kentucky. Its purpose is to encourage elementary age student to take a greater interest in reading books. This program began in the 2008-09 school year and works in conjunction with the Accelerated Reader Program, a computer-based reading management and motivational system designed to challenge children to read more books. A bicycle, helmet and lock were donated to each of the three Paducah Elementary schools and awarded to a student at mid-year and also at the end of the school year. Winners were chosen based on the student who had accumulated the most points in the Accelerated Reader Program. The Accelerated Reader program uses a weighted point based system that award points based on the reading level of the book. Club member Craig Howard suggested the project to the club after moving to the area from New Orleans. The program is modeled after one used by the Dawn Busters Kiwanis Club of Metairie Louisiana (New Orleans area) that has been very successful in encouraging students to read more books. This is Paducah Kiwanis ' fifth year for the program. Paducah Kiwanis gives a special thanks to Bike World of Paducah who has partnered with the Downtown Kiwanis Club of Paducah by providing the bikes, helmets and locks at a greatly reduced price.

Kiwanis Club of Elizabethton honored member Dr. Harold Lane for 50 years of perfect attendance

By Bryan Stevens

The Elizabethton Kiwanis Club on Tuesday, June 5, recognized Dr. Harold Lane for 50 years of perfect attendance. Lane is only the second person in the Elizabethton civic club recognized for a half-century of perfect attendance. The first was his father-in-law, Dr. E.T. Pearson.

Lane said that the Kiwanis Club does make provision for members who must be out of town during a meeting.

"You can go to a meeting of another club," he said. After attending the make-up meeting, a note from that club's secretary is brought back and registered with the secretary of the local club.

In addition, cruise ships always offer meetings for service clubs such as the Kiwanis and Rotary. "There are round-table meetings aboard cruise ships that you can attend," he said.

He once attended such a meeting while visiting the Cayman Islands on a junket sponsored by Trident Chewing Gum.

"At the time, there were only two motels on the island," Lane recalled. "One was a Holiday Inn and the other a mom-and-pop place."

Lane noted that Don Tetrick was in line to become president of the Elizabethton Kiwanis in 1966 but asked Lane to skip ahead of him.

So, in 1967, Tetrick became president and freed Lane to pursue his goal of winning the Harper Gatton Award, which recognizes the Kiwanis Club whose members attend the most inter-club meetings in a year.

"That was my big goal that year," he said.

Lane came close to achieving that goal. He said that the chairman for the Kiwanis Club in Louisville, Ky., "nipped us at the wire" for the award.

"We gave them a run for their money," Lane said.

Tetrick, the owner of Tetrick Funeral Homes, helped out in the pursuit of that goal by providing one of the family cars from his funeral home business.

"Eight people could travel together in that car," Lane said. "Don would drop four of us off at one meeting and then four at another, and then come back and pick us up."

Lane said that he enjoyed some great times traveling to meetings in cities as far apart as Jonesborough and Johnson City in Tennessee and Big Stone Gap and Bristol in Virginia.

He shared one story about a trip he made to Big Stone Gap with fellow Kiwanians Dan Laws, Fred Davis and Bill Scott.

"The muffler fell off the car," Lane said, adding that they found and recovered the muffler on the trip back to Elizabethton.

In addition to rides in the funeral home family car, Lane and other Kiwanians also got to fly to some meetings in cities across the southeastern United States.

"Bill Greene used to fly us to Atlanta and Birmingham," he said. "We had some great times."

Lane has also served as fund-raising chairman for the Elizabethton Kiwanis.

"I was brazen back then," Lane declared. "It was nothing to raise \$5,000 back then, and that was a lot of money for the time."

To solicit donations from chain businesses, he became an expert at ferreting out phone numbers and contact names for the corporate office of different chains.

His fund-raising efforts went to help the Kiwanis Club with its community projects on behalf of local youth.

"We keep up Kiwanis Park," he noted. He said the club is working currently to help with a fencing project at the park. Over the years, the Kiwanis Club has also donated playground equipment for the park.

Kiwanis Park is located along Carter Boulevard and is adjacent to the firehouse on W. G Street in Elizabethton. The park features playground equipment, two picnic pavilions, an outdoor basketball court and an athletic field.

In the schools, the Kiwanis Club sponsors the K-Club for younger students and Key Club for high school students.

Lane, who joined the Kiwanis Club in 1962, said he felt honored to be recognized for the achievement of perfect attendance for 50 years.

Kiwanis International, founded in 1915, is an international, co-educational service club headquartered in Indianapolis, Ind.

Current membership for Kiwanis International is 240,000 members in 7,700 clubs in 80 countries. The organization's current motto is "Serving the Children of the World."

In addition to working his way through the ranks to serve as the club's president, Lane has also been a long-time member of the board of directors for the club.

Lane and his wife, Barbara, are the parents of two daughters, Claudia Lane and Monica Hollifield. Monica is the wife of Chris Hollifield.

The Lanes are the grandparents of Justin Cooter, Taylor Leighliter and Kaylee Hollifield.

A retired dentist, Lane opened his dental practice in the old Franklin Clinic building. He practiced there for more than 30 years, moving to West Towne Square in 1995 upon the sale of the building. He retired earlier this year after almost 50 years in family dentistry.



Downtown Kiwanis Awards \$13,500 in Scholarships

The Downtown Kiwanis Club presented \$12,000 in \$1,000 scholarships at its June 7th club meeting. Club President Brandon Clifton and Scholarship Committee Chair Tom Dolan presented scholarships as follows:

Community Christian Academy
Shelby Clark

Lone Oak High School
Jessica Graves
Tyler Wallace

Paducah Tilghman High School
Olivia Carner
Amber Hussain
Haley Massad
Chandler Smith
Justin Wynne

St. Mary High School
Alexa Brandon
Zoe Dannenmueller
Mary Farrell
Abby Powell

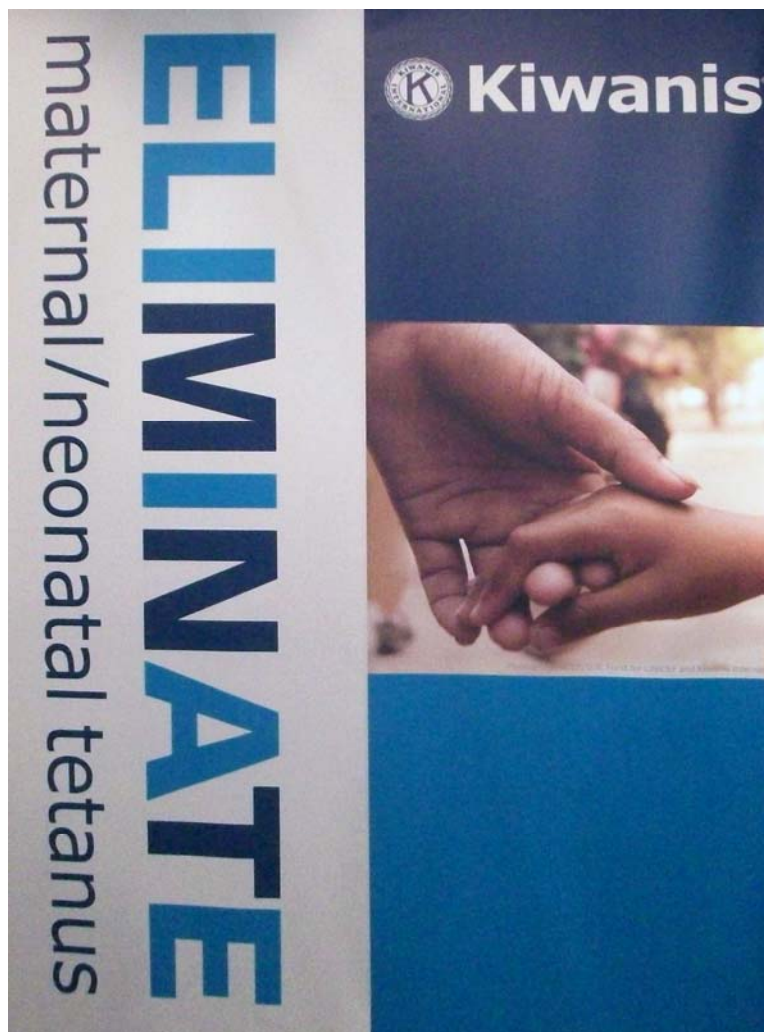
Additionally, Samantha Crutcher was announced as the winner of the \$1,500 Louise Mandrell-Downtown Kiwanis Scholarship by Kiwanis member, Jim Cash. This scholarship is awarded to a Junior or Senior from the surrounding counties attending Murray State University and majoring in Special Education.

“ These young adults are the future of our country and we are pleased to help them pursue their goals of higher education, ” Brandon Clifton stated before the awards were presented. Brandon also spoke about how the amount of scholarship money given has steadily increased over the years.



Lakeview-Fort Oglethorpe Senior Clay Proctor was awarded the Zuma Richardson scholarship for 2012. The \$1,000 scholarship is given by the Kiwanis Club of Fort Oglethorpe in memory of Richardson who was a long time member of the club. Clay is the son of Angela Rowan Beard and Alan Proctor and was a member of the Key Club for the past two years. He will attend Georgia Tech and study engineering.

Shown: Clay Proctor accepts the Zuma Richardson Scholarship from Club President Jeff Epperson.



Kiwanis International Foundation by John Mayfield

John Mayfield was appointed The District Chair for the Kiwanis International Foundation. Several weeks ago he was trained in Indianapolis and he is ready to go to work. The Governor-Elect has given him permission to begin right away instead of waiting until October as he was formerly the Chair.

The first order of business that needs to be addressed is the annual gift. The International Foundation requests a donation of \$5.00 per member per club. The KY-TN foundation requests \$75 per club. I will be holding a workshop in Gatlinburg during the District Convention to discuss all of the things that both foundations accomplish with these donations. Many of you are already aware of the good things that these foundations do in order to change the world one child and one community at a time.

The second order of business is the ELIMINATE Project. Sue Fleschner is the District Coordinator for this project. She will also be giving a separate workshop in Gatlinburg. Sue and I have been working together because ELIMINATE is part of the Foundation. I had the privilege of visiting Sierra Leone in Africa during Thanksgiving to see first hand how well the partnership of Kiwanis, UNICEF, and governments can work together to save the lives of mothers and children around the world by vaccination to literally rid the world of maternal neonatal tetanus. These vaccinations are given in a series of three for a mere \$1.80 for the three. We have spoken to most of the clubs in our Division and we are now looking to branch out into the district. Sue is looking to have a coordinator at every level of Kiwanis including a club coordinator.

Report for KI Convention voting

The House of Delegates elected these new officers and board members:

President: Thomas E. DeJulio, Kiwanis Club of Fordham, Bronx, New York.

President-elect: Gunter Gasser, Kiwanis Club of Spittal an der Drau, Austria.

Vice president: John R. Button, Kiwanis Club of Ridgetown, Ontario

Trustees for U.S. and Pacific Canada:

Dennis M. Oliver, Kiwanis Club of Gulfport, Mississippi;

James M. Rochford, Kiwanis Club of Peoria, Illinois;

Elizabeth M. Tezza, Kiwanis Club of East Cooper, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina

Kevin Dean, Kiwanis Club of Suncrest Area, Morgantown, West Virginia, was elected for a one-year term to fill the position of Kiwanis International Trustee Oscar Knight III.

Trustee for the Canada and Caribbean Region: Colin Reichle, Kiwanis Club of South Edmonton, Alberta, was elected for a three-year term during the 2011 Western Canada District convention.

Trustee for the Europe Region: Óskar Guðjónsson, Kiwanis Club of Kopavogur-Eldey, Iceland, was elected to a three-year term during the 2012 Kiwanis International-European Federation Convention.

The House of Delegates considered 17 amendments during the 97th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans.

Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis Bicycle Ride

The Fort Oglethorpe Kiwanis 2nd annual 2 Hill and Back Bike Ride is on September 15. We challenge all Kiwanis Clubs to support a team or make a donation in place of a team. Information is on their web site www.kiwanisforto.org

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GUIDELINES FOR ADULTS WORKING WITH KIWANIS SPONSORED PROGRAMS by Glen Kleine

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Chaperone: A chaperone shall be defined as a Kiwanis member, faculty member, parent, legal guardian, or person who is in loco parentis, twenty -one (21) or older, approved by the school, and registered with and accompanying the youth at a specific event. **Alcoholic beverages:** While attending any project, meeting, social event, or other gathering that is produced primarily by or for the benefit of youth, adults are expected to refrain from consumption of alcoholic beverages during any portion of the event.

Use of tobacco: While attending any project, meeting, social event, or other gathering that is produced primarily by or for the benefit of youth, adults are expected to refrain from the use of tobacco products in the presence of youth.

Overnight stays: While attending an event that requires an overnight stay in a hotel or camp/conference setting, adequate adult chaperoning is expected and should include no fewer than one adult male for each ten or part of ten youth males, and one adult female for each ten or part of ten youth females. Except for a parent sharing a sleeping room with his/her own child, no adult should share a hotel or dormitory sleeping room with a youth. In the event that sleeping quarters consist of multiple beds, such as a bunkhouse or camp cabin, adults may share the sleeping quarters with youth members of the same gender, provided that two or more appropriately gendered adults are present.

Transportation: Adults transporting youth in a motor vehicle should do so with a second adult in the vehicle, or, in hardship cases, the “ rule of threes, ” being at least three people in the vehicle at all times, is recommended. All transportation decisions should be made in accordance with local laws and school policies.

Medications: The possession of prescription and nonprescription medications by youth at an event should be permitted only by the written permission of the parent/guardian.

Background checks: Criminal history background checks for adults working with youth may be required and should conform to applicable local and state/provincial laws and requirements. In the absence of such regulations, Kiwanis clubs are expected to undertake confidential background checks for all adults who will be working directly with youth outside of the school or who may not have undergone a background check.

Adults working with youth at all Kiwanis International-sponsored events including Key Club International Convention, Governor Administrator Training Conference, the Key Club International Leadership Conference, and any Key Leader weekend must have a background check that is approved or conducted by Kiwanis International.

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Conflicts with other rules: Whenever these guidelines may conflict with local school policies or rules, or local, state/provincial, or national laws or regulations, the highest applicable standards for conduct are expected to prevail.

Personal information: All documents bearing personal information, including registration forms, medical information forms, permission to treat forms, etc., should be treated as being confidential. Processes that protect this information should be created, including minimizing the number of people who have access to any such documents and securing the documents at all times. The documents should be maintained a minimum of three years or as required by applicable state/provincial laws and regulations if longer. After the maintenance period has expired, the documents should be destroyed in a way that maintains confidentiality, such as shredding. It is also expected that the disposal and destruction of all confidential information will conform to applicable state/provincial laws and regulations.

Youth and Social Media: For any social networking site that involves requesting a connection (such as inviting someone to be a friend on Facebook), adults should not initiate such connections with youth. If a youth requests such a connection from the Kiwanian, he/she should use their best judgment in responding. Adults should treat their interaction with youth on social networking sites as though the interaction were occurring in public, in front of other adults and young people. In other words, if it would not be appropriate to say to a young person in public, it should not be said as a comment on a social networking site either. Kiwanians should refrain from interactions that can be seen as excessive (such as constantly “ liking ” or commenting on a person ’ s posts on Facebook). Prior to posting any media online, such as photographs, obtain permission from any individuals (or parents for minors) that appear in that media; it could be illegal to do otherwise.

Behavioral or Health Issues: Kiwanians should refrain from counseling youth. If a Kiwanian observes troubling behavior or becomes aware of a situation that is unsafe for a young person, he/she should immediately contact the appropriate personnel at the school or agency as well as law enforcement personnel if necessary. All state/provincial laws regarding reporting should be followed.

Education: Every Kiwanis club is expected to inform and educate its members on these guidelines and best practices annually, including providing a copy of these guidelines to each club member. In addition, Kiwanis clubs should annually educate members who work with youth on state, provincial and local laws regarding what individuals must do when aware of youth in potentially harmful situations.