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changing the world one child
and one community at a time.*

FOR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

DONALD R. "DON" CANADAY

*Fishers, Indiana, USA
(Indiana District)*



■ PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family: Wife, Linda; six children; 17 grandchildren.

Profession: Retired US Army officer and retired business executive.

Education: Business administration, University of Maryland.

Military: Twenty-one years of active duty in the US Army and four years in the Indiana Guard Reserve; achieved rank of brigadier general; recipient of 23 awards and decorations.

Hobbies: Golf, bridge, Civil War history, teaching, and spoiling grandchildren.

■ SERVICE AND HONORS

Within Kiwanis:

Club: Member, Kiwanis Club of Meridian Hills, Indianapolis, for 20 years, and its charter president (1986-87); former member and president of Kiwanis Club of Lawrence, Indiana, and the Kiwanis Club of Chena-Fairbanks, Alaska; three-time distinguished club president; held all club officer positions and chaired numerous club committees. **District:** Governor (1997-98); lieutenant governor (1988-89); chairman, membership growth, new-club building, achievement, fundraising, training and leadership, and finance and budget committees; vice-chairman, Worldwide Service Project; Indiana District Kiwanian of the Year (1995-96). **International:** President-Elect (2007-08); Vice-President (2006-07); International Trustee (2003-06); District Counselor to Alabama, Austria, Florida, Germany, Iceland-Faroes, Kentucky-Tennessee, Louisiana-Mississippi-West Tennessee, New Jersey, Norden, Pennsylvania, and Rocky Mountain districts; served on various International and Board committees. **Additional information:** Life Member; Legion of Honor; Hixson Fellow (Diamond Level 10); Tablet of Honor; Heritage Society charter member; Kiwanis International certified trainer and new-club builder.

Outside Kiwanis:

President, Veterans Day Council; Vice-Chairman, Indianapolis 500 Festival Parade; USO Council; Boy Scouts of America, Scout Master and merit badge

counselor; 2003 recipient of Indiana Veterans Council Public Service Award; five-year member of the National Board of Trustees of the Association of the United States Army.

■ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What experience and strengths would you bring to the Board as President?

As a 38-year Kiwanis member, having served at all levels of Kiwanis, I believe I have a clear understanding of the purpose of our beloved organization. I believe our community is the world. I have witnessed great successes and also failures in Kiwanis clubs. My varied experience in Kiwanis gives me an understanding of how the International organization can enhance and contribute to helping Kiwanis clubs be more successful in community service, club operations, fundraising, growth, retention, and community awareness. My extensive background and experience in management, planning, budgeting, training, and leadership enables me to be an effective, contributing force as a member of the International Board and as International President.

What is your Kiwanis moment, a Kiwanis experience that made a difference in your life?

One day, I received a call from a middle-school counselor, asking Kiwanis' help for a young girl undergoing chemotherapy for leukemia who was losing all her hair. The counselor asked if the club could provide funds for the girl to purchase a wig. I said yes, immediately, assuring her that if the club didn't approve it, I would see to it personally. But when I announced this request to my club, it took less than a minute to gather enough contributions for the wig. Later, after the girl was cured, she wrote the club a thank-you letter. When it was read, there was not a dry eye in the house. We had touched a child's life with our help, but, more importantly, that child's life had touched mine.

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FOR INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT

PAUL PALAZZOLO

*Springfield, Illinois, USA
(Illinois-Eastern Iowa District)*



■ PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family: Wife, Suanne; two children.

Profession: Auditor, Sangamon County, Illinois.

Education: Bachelor's degree in finance, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Hobbies: Family activities, Kiwanis, history, and current events.

■ SERVICE AND HONORS

Within Kiwanis:

Club: Member Kiwanis Club of Springfield-Downtown since August 1984; distinguished president (1991-92); secretary (1984-86); cheese sale chairman for 10 years; bulletin editor for two years; Kiwanis advisor to Sacred Heart-Griffin High School Key Club (1989-present); perfect attendance since joining Kiwanis.

District: Distinguished governor (1994-95); distinguished lieutenant governor (1988-89); secretary (1990-91); treasurer (1992-93); earned Kiwanis International's Administrative Excellence Award as governor and secretary; president, District Foundation Board; lieutenant governor trainer for 10 years and club officer trainer for six years; past Kiwanis governor advisor to Key Club and Circle K Boards; member, Key Club District Adult Committee (1984-93). **International:** Vice-President (2007-08); Trustee (2004-07); Board Executive Committee (3 years); Chairman, Board Leadership Development Committee (2006-07); Board Counselor to Circle K International (2005-06); Key Leader Development/ Advisory Committee; International Chairman of various committees; member, Governor-Elect training team for three International Presidents. **Additional information:** Member, Griffin High School Key Club, Springfield, Illinois (1980-84); Key Club lieutenant governor (1982-83) and distinguished governor (1983-84); Life Member; Hixson Fellow (Diamond Level); Tablet of Honor; Heritage Society; secretary, 1994-95 class of governors; Alabama Kiwanis Foundation J. Mercer Barnett Fellow; Circle K International Opal Award (2000); attended 20 Kiwanis International conventions (forum presenter at seven), 14 Key Club International conventions, and nine Circle K International conventions.



Outside Kiwanis:

Treasurer, Senior Center Services Board (2006-present); treasurer, Springfield Airport Authority (2000-06); trustee, Springfield Park District (2001-05); Co-chairman (with wife, Suanne) of Salvation Army's Tree of Lights campaign (2003 and 2004); member and lector, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception parish; past president, Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central Illinois; Kentucky Colonel (1994); licensed real estate broker; winner of Springfield Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Community Leadership Award.

■ **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

What experience and strengths would you bring to the Board as President-Elect?

I believe I'd bring a unique perspective and a history of successful leadership to the role of Kiwanis International President-Elect. Regarding experience, I'd offer a distinct understanding from having served as a club secretary, distinguished club president, distinguished lieutenant governor, district secretary, district treasurer, distinguished governor and International Vice-President. When it comes to issues facing our Kiwanis family, I have a direct knowledge from having served as a Key Club district governor, a Key Club advisor for 19 years, and from experience working with Circle K clubs and Builders Clubs. My education and career background contribute to a working knowledge of the financial aspects of our organization. Finally, I also believe my personal family support and my story of Kiwanis-family service will provide an extremely positive example for the future of our organization.

What is your Kiwanis moment, a Kiwanis experience that made a difference in your life?

During my high school years, many Kiwanians made a difference in my life. These individuals (our Key Club faculty advisor, district administrator, other Kiwanians, locally and throughout the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District) made an impact on me as adults I wanted to model my life after. When I was asked to join the Kiwanis club that sponsored my Key Club, it was an honor and a way to continue being involved with those individuals who helped develop many of the skills I have today. More importantly, I saw it as a responsibility to help the organization continue doing what it did for students like me. As a result, Kiwanis moments for me are when I see young people I've worked with in the Kiwanis family become successful in our organization and in their chosen fields.

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FOR INTERNATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

JORGE H. GARCIA

*Bogotá, Colombia, South America
(Andean and Central America District)*



■ PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family: Wife, Nora (member of Kiwanis Club of Bogotá); two children.

Education: Electrical engineering, Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana, Medellin, Colombia.

Hobbies: Reading, music, and travel.

■ SERVICE AND HONORS

Within Kiwanis:

Club: Member, Kiwanis Club of Bogotá since 1974; distinguished club president (1978-79, 1999-00, and 2000-01); served as club secretary, treasurer, and member of club's board of directors. **District:** Governor (1988-89); secretary-treasurer (1987-88); lieutenant governor (1984-85); won the Pearl Award for District Performance as governor. **International:** Trustee (2005-08); Executive Committee (2007-08); Chairman of the Finance Committee (2006-08); served on Board's Voice, Global Membership, and Diversity committees.

Outside Kiwanis:

Thirty-seven year employee of Crown Holdings Inc., the third-largest manufacturer in the world and a leader in metal-packaging technology with a significant presence in Latin America; General director of Crown Litometal S.A., in Colombia; Promoted to president of Crown Colombiana; Serving also as legal counsel; Recognized by the Colombian National Manufacturers Association (ANDI) as one of the most outstanding executives in Colombia in 2005.



■ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What expertise and strengths would you bring to the Board as Vice-President?

As an executive manager the past 30 years, I am a team-oriented player with experience in financial controls, with emphasis in cost reduction and profit optimization. I know I can improve the organization's performance in:

- Membership growth and implementing worldwide programs that represent a "plus" for Kiwanis.
- Member retention, which is a priority. Many members have resigned from clubs because of lack of incentives for individuals and projects that invigorate members.
- Leading Kiwanis into the future and ensuring members' dues are being used to fund critical, strategic opportunities in marketing, public relations, new-product lines, and leadership development for members and leaders. Investing in our future will help us achieve our goal: 1 million members by 2015.

What is your Kiwanis moment, a Kiwanis experience that made a difference in your life?

In 1978, when I was club president for the first time, I organized and managed the first "Great Walk" in Bogotá, a fundraising event to provide relief to needy families in the community. The event was so successful that the then-president of Colombia adopted the Great Walk as an official government program. Today the program is called the "Solidarity Walk" and is held every year to raise funds to help the most underprivileged families of the city and country. This showed me the power we have as Kiwanians and the power we have to do so much for our communities. It gave me the strength and enthusiasm about Kiwanis members to stay in the organization for the past 30 years.

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FOR INTERNATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

CHIA-SING HWANG

*Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
(Malaysia District)*



■ PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family: Wife, Looi Phang; two children.

Profession: Chairman of Logistics Operations Company.

Education: Masters in information technology (2007).

Hobbies/Interests: Traveling, reading, and serving the community.

■ SERVICE AND HONORS

Within Kiwanis:

Club: Member, Kiwanis Club of Kuala Lumpur for 23 years; club president (1987-88). **District:** Area coordinator (1990-92); governor (2002-03).

International: International Trustee (2005-08); Counselor to Pennsylvania, Montana, Southwest, Korea, Philippine Luzon, and Taiwan districts; member of Executive, Finance, One Kiwanis, and Leadership Development committees; Vice-Chairman, Kiwanis Asia-Pacific Region (2003-04). **Additional information:** Tablet of Honor; Hixson Fellow.

Outside Kiwanis:

President, Kuala Lumpur Basketball Association (1999-2001); vice-chairman, board of governors of Khai Chee, a Chinese elementary school in Kuala Lumpur; awarded the “Kesatria Mangku Negara” (KMN) by the King of Malaysia in 2003; Officer of the Most Distinguished Order of the Defender of the Realm.

■ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What experience and strengths would you bring to the Board as Vice-President?

My passion for Kiwanis began in Malaysia in 1985, grew through my work in Asia-Pacific, Europe, and America, and, since 2005, includes my work with the International Board. I truly believe in the need to build new Kiwanis clubs to increase the capacity for Kiwanis service. I gained valuable experience from opening 16 new clubs. I believe that “one” person can inspire/start a new Kiwanis club, and I want to carry my passion for Kiwanis to share and to inspire Kiwanis leaders throughout the Kiwanis world.

My vision: I have seen and experienced the rapid growth of a new Kiwanis

district. I have participated in leading this new district of Malaysia from its infancy as a non-districted nation to a distinguished district in a few short years. Along the way, I have embraced the need for annual goal setting and accomplishment, financial integrity, altruistic service, leadership education, and lifelong friendship: the strategic ingredients for a vibrant, enjoyable, and effective international Kiwanis movement.



My diversity: English is not my first language. However, I have learned to speak and write in English so I can tell the Kiwanis story in English, as well as in Malaysian, and Chinese, my native language. With my diverse language and cultural background, I shall present a different perspective of how our Kiwanis experience will be received by new and potential members around the world.

What is your Kiwanis moment, a Kiwanis experience that made a difference in your life?

In 1990, my home club established the first Kiwanis Down Syndrome Foundation Centre in Malaysia to conduct a special education program for children with Down syndrome, and to promote public awareness on Down syndrome. In the beginning, many parents of these special children were reluctant to appear publicly in the media to talk about Down syndrome because of social stigma.

In 2004, the Kiwanis Centre moved to a new building. At the official opening ceremony, one parent volunteered to talk to the press about the progress of his child at the Kiwanis Centre. That parent also approached me as the past president of the foundation and thanked us for having set up the foundation, and he expressed his surprise that none of our Kiwanis members has any children with Down syndrome. That truly was my Kiwanis moment.

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FOR INTERNATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

WEBSTER A. JAMES

*Goldsboro, North Carolina, USA
(Carolinas District)*



■ PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family: Wife, Celia; two children.

Profession: Owner of Comprehensive Communications Services LLC; director, Faith Formation, and permanent deacon for St. Mary Catholic Parish in Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Education: Attended college in Florida and completed four years of studies in formation for ordination as a member of the Roman Catholic Clergy.

Hobbies: Tennis and amateur radio.

■ SERVICE AND HONORS

Within Kiwanis:

Club: Member, Kiwanis Club of Goldsboro, North Carolina, for 17 years; former member of the Fort Myers-Palm City and the Fort Meyers-Edison, Florida, Kiwanis clubs, and the Martinez-Evans, Georgia, Kiwanis club; three-time distinguished president. **District:** Distinguished past lieutenant governor for the Carolinas (1993-94; 1995-96; 1999-2000) and Florida (1990-91) districts. **International:** International Trustee (2005-08); member or Chairman of International Magazine, Public Relations, and Branding and Marketing for North America, New-Club Building, Membership, Leadership, and One Voice committees; Counselor to Poland, Capital, Carolinas, Andean and Central America, Alabama, Nebraska-Iowa, New England, Kentucky-Tennessee districts, and Key Club; attended 25 International Conventions; Board committees: Executive, Global Membership, Our Voice, Leadership, and Chairman, One Voice. **Additional information:** Hixson Fellow; Tablet of Honor; and Life Member.

Outside Kiwanis:

Past member, National Association of Broadcasters, North Carolina Association of Broadcasters, the Society of Broadcast Engineers, and the Wayne County Chamber of Commerce; current president, Wayne County Amateur Radio Association.



■ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What experience and strengths would you bring to the Board as Vice-President?

Leadership is about helping others do and become more than they ever thought possible. It's about unlocking potential. This is true whether it's individual potential or that of a group, company, or organization. It is not about telling people what to do, but inspiring them to see what they are capable of and then helping them get there. This belief has guided me in business, Kiwanis, and throughout my many endeavors. The successes I've enjoyed in all of these areas need to be shared in order to be valued. My service as Trustee has helped me to know the heart of our organization on a global level. With your support, I would be honored to continue my service to Kiwanis, to you, and to the children of the world.

What is your Kiwanis moment, a Kiwanis experience that made a difference in your life?

One of my favorite Kiwanis moments would have to have been working with the North Fort Myers Key club as Kiwanis advisor and seeing the members of that club go on to be successful in business, their personal lives, and their service to Kiwanis. This is especially poignant, as I have had the privilege to see a former Key Club president from North Fort Myers become governor of the Florida District.

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FOR INTERNATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

SYLVESTER "SYL" NEAL

*Auburn, Washington, USA
(Pacific Northwest District)*



■ PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family: Wife, Doris; five children; seven grandchildren.

Profession: Retired State Fire Marshal, Alaska.

Education: Bachelor's degree in justice from the University of Alaska at Fairbanks (1983).

Military Service: US Army (1968-1970).

Hobbies: Collecting pennies, golf, photography, group singing.

■ SERVICE AND HONORS

Within Kiwanis:

Club: Member, Kiwanis Club of (The) Valley, Auburn, Washington, for seven years; former member, Anchorage and Fairbanks, Alaska, Kiwanis clubs; past president; four-time Kiwanian of the year. **District:** Lieutenant governor (1990-91); governor (2002-03); honorary chairman, District SIGN Project; chairman, District International Club Partnership Project; District TAG Team member; earned District Governor's Cup for outstanding service.

International: International Trustee (2005-08); co-Chairman, Americas Growth Team; Chairman, Global Membership; Member, Finance, and Executive Committees; Chairman, International Task Force on Leadership Diversity; member, Board committees on Voice and YCPO Advisory Council; member, Diversity, Membership Growth, Children's Miracle Network, and Sponsored Youth committees. **Additional information:** Life Member; Hixson (Diamond Level); Diamond Mel Osborne; CKI Carthage-Pullman Society;

Outside Kiwanis:

Member, President's Commission on Diversity at Green River Community College; chairman, Alaska State Fire Commission; member, Alaskans Commission for a Drug-Free Youth; United Way coordinator; Red Cross First-Aid Instructor and volunteer; Citizen's Volunteer Award-Anchorage School District; Criminal Justice student of the year; chairman, state fundraising drive for the Fallen Firefighter's Memorial.

■ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What experience and strengths would you bring to the Board as Vice-President?

My Kiwanis membership, workplace leadership, and life experiences are my wellspring of tools for continued Kiwanis leadership. They are the source of my sound judgment, my skills as a public speaker, my talent for consensus building, and my ability to work as a team member and leader. Our vision requires more and better Kiwanians in more and better clubs wherever men and women of good will share our vision of “a world changed forever” by Kiwanis.

What is your Kiwanis moment, a Kiwanis experience that made a difference in your life?

Having a single mother with six children pray for me and call me a “Kiwanis angel” for bringing her family food on a cold, dark Thanksgiving eve.

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FOR INTERNATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT

JOEL LEE WILLIAMS

*Troy, Alabama, USA
(Alabama District)*



■ PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family: Wife, Teri; two children; one grandchild.

Profession: Lawyer.

Education: Bachelor's degree in Economics from Troy University; law degree from Samford University.

Hobbies: Kiwanis, second-degree black belt, sports, politics.

■ SERVICE AND HONORS

Within Kiwanis:

Club: Member, Kiwanis Club of Troy, Alabama, since 1982; president (1984).

District: Lieutenant governor (1992-1993); governor (2000-01); president, Alabama Kiwanis Foundation. **International:** International Trustee (2003-06); Counselor to Key Club International Board, and the Western Canada, Montana, Iceland-Faroes, Philippine Luzon, Illinois-Eastern Iowa, New York, Eastern Canada and the Caribbean, and the Netherlands districts; Chairman, International Board Committee on Administration. **Additional information:** Hixson Fellow; Heritage Society; Mel Osborne Fellow; Kiwanis Foundation of Canada; J. Mercer Barnett Fellow.

Outside Kiwanis:

Outstanding Young Man of Troy; president, Habitat for Humanity; member, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Advisory Board; Sunday school teacher, St. Mark's Episcopal Church; chairman, Alabama State Bar Association, Indigent and Defense Committee; member, Task Force on Legal Education; camp commander, Sons of Confederate Veterans; Alabama State Democratic Executive Committee.



■ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What experience and strengths would you bring to the Board as Vice-President?

If Kiwanis is to have a place in this world in the future, then we must start marketing to the future rather than catering to the past. We have made progress in recent years in positioning our organization to do business in more fundamentally sound ways. Now I believe we must begin to, first, deliver services and resources to local clubs to empower our clubs and members, and, second, begin to focus a marketing strategy on building new-style Kiwanis clubs immediately with our former Key Club and Circle K members.

It is my heartfelt belief that we should use our God-given talents to help humanity. My talents always have been in the area of leadership. This is evident by the fact that I have been given leadership roles in every organization with which I have been involved, from president of my senior class to president of Habitat for Humanity. I know of no better way to serve humanity than through Kiwanis. That is why I want to use my leadership skills through Kiwanis, and in furtherance of the Objects of Kiwanis, to do God's work in this world.

What is your Kiwanis moment, a Kiwanis experience that made a difference in your life?

My Kiwanis moment was not so much an event as it was a process. It was the process of realizing that hands-on service to humanity is the work God has given us to do, and the further realization that the service I provide through Kiwanis is, in fact, my spiritual life in action.

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FOR INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE REGION I (US)

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(New Jersey District)*



■ PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family: Wife, Diane; seven children; 14 grandchildren.

Profession: Owner / innkeeper of The Fairthorne Bed and Breakfast; retired, after 30 years service, from Bell Atlantic as a network engineering specialist.

Education: Some college; Bell Telephone management training.

Hobbies: Golf, travel, snorkeling, theater, museums, and grandchildren.

■ SERVICE AND HONORS

Within Kiwanis:

Club: Member, Kiwanis Club of Cape May for 28 years; president (1983-84).

District: Lieutenant governor (1985-87); treasurer (1988-91); distinguished governor (1998-99); served on many committees and was financial chairman; Kiwanis certified trainer; Key Club advisor. **International:** Member, Membership and District Secretary committees, including two years as Chairman of District Secretary Committee. **Additional information:** Hixson Fellow; Tablet of Honor; Life Member; Legion of Honor; recipient of New Jersey Key Club Andrew Batsis Key of Honor and Fred Briggs Award; New Jersey District Foundation Carrington-Swain recipient; Heritage Society; "Celebration of Excellence" recipient from Kiwanis Club of Cape May.

Outside Kiwanis:

Member and past president of Preferred Inns of New Jersey and the Historic Accommodations of Cape May associations; Greater Cape May Chamber of Commerce; member, Select Registry–Distinguished Inns of America, Cape May County Chamber of Commerce, and Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts; served on Cape May mayor's advisory committee and zoning board; currently serve on city and county library commissions.



■ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What experience and strengths would you bring to the Board?

I have been involved in community service most my life. I began serving with my church, 4-H, and Boy Scouts. Then, 28 years ago, I was asked to join the Kiwanis Club of Cape May and got involved in helping those in the community who needed help. I also began working with the Key Club. All of my Kiwanis experience has shown me what this great organization is about. We have to commit to making it better for all members to serve the community and the world. After being a second-level manager in the Bell Telephone System and being past president of different associations, I learned how to listen, gather all of the facts, form a consensus, and make decisions I feel are best for all involved. I have gone through and led all kinds of changes in the different organizations to which I belonged and look forward to the opportunity to bring forth the changes that Kiwanis has to consider in order to move forward. I always have been a very positive, dedicated, and hard-working person, and with the support of family and Kiwanis friends, I will be an asset to the Board and Kiwanis members.

What is your Kiwanis moment, a Kiwanis experience that made a difference in your life?

To steal a line from Elizabeth Barrett Browning, "Let me count the ways." The fulfillment one has when working and helping children cannot be described in words. It is a feeling in your heart and the pride in your soul, that you made a positive difference in someone. Your only hope is it will last a lifetime with them.

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FOR INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE REGION I (US)

JIM JENNINGS

*Green Valley, Arizona, USA
(Southwest District)*



■ PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family: Wife, Sherry; two children.

Profession: Education; teacher and administrator.

Education: Bachelor's and master's degrees in education.

Hobbies: Golf, reading, raising a Siberian husky, teaching, historical research, writing.

■ SERVICE AND HONORS

Within Kiwanis:

Club: Distinguished club secretary; distinguished club president. **District:** Distinguished lieutenant governor; Key Club administrator; distinguished governor; chairman, district convention; secretary, District Foundation Board; Certified Leadership Education instructor; Kiwanis International Foundation district chairman; facilitator for lieutenant governor training; district Key Leader chairman. **International:** Member, Kiwanis International task force to develop the Key Leader program; International Key Leader advisory team.

Additional information: Hixson Fellow; Tablet of Honor; Heritage Society; Southwest District Foundation Kachina Society; Southwest District Foundation Legacy Society; Life Member; recipient, Outstanding Service Award as Kiwanis advisor to Key Club; along with wife, Sherry, recognized with the district's Past Lieutenant Governors Association Superstar Award for service to Kiwanis.

Outside Kiwanis:

Citizen of the Year in Byron, Illinois; Daughters of the American Revolution Excellence in Community Service Award; Byron Forest Preserve District Volunteer Service Award; honorable mention, Illinois State Board of Education Those Who Excel Award; police commissioner, Mount Morris, Illinois; president, Byron Forest Preserve District, Village of Progress Board (a social service agency for the disabled), Byron Illinois Chamber of Commerce, Northern Illinois United Way, and the Sunset Hill Golf Club board of directors; chairman, ByronFest and the Byron Economic Development Council; currently serve as co-chairman of the Desert Southwest Conference Strategic Direction Team for the United Methodist Church.

■ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What experience and strengths would you bring to the Board?

I served in many leadership positions, including those during my tenure with the Byron, Illinois, school system. When I retired from there, I was appointed executive director of the Museum District. In that role, I led the development of the Byron History Museum, one of the finest small-town museums in Illinois. Leadership in these positions has given me broad experience in budgeting, policy making, and strategic planning. My role as a visionary was recognized when I was assigned to the task of developing a new form of technology education for the Byron, Illinois, school district.

What is your Kiwanis moment, a Kiwanis experience that made a difference in your life?

One of many Kiwanis moments occurred in November, 1994, when, as Kiwanis advisor to the Byron High School Key Club, I was taking part in the club president's "Homeless Sleepout." Students slept in a local park for 12 hours to raise food and money to donate to an area homeless shelter. At 5 a.m., with the time/temperature sign showing 22 degrees, a local policeman drove up and shared a cup of coffee with me. As he left, the club president, Heather, came over and we just began to talk about her project. As she sat on the concrete bench I was using as home, she shared words that have had a lasting impact on me. She said, "In a couple of hours, I will go home, take a hot shower, and have a warm breakfast. The real homeless have another night just like this to look forward to." My commitment to Kiwanis and our youth programs was cemented as firm as my concrete home as I truly realized the value of what we were teaching our youth.



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FOR INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE REGION I (US)

GARRY L. WARNER

*Sikeston, Missouri, USA
(Missouri-Arkansas District)*



■ PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family: Wife, Shirley; one daughter; one granddaughter.

Profession: Automobile dealer.

Education: Music education, Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas; Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kansas.

Hobbies: Singing in vocal ensembles, reading, spectator sports.

■ SERVICE AND HONORS

Within Kiwanis:

Club: Member, Kiwanis Club of Sikeston, Missouri, for 16 years; former member, Kiwanis Club of Ferguson, Missouri; Key Club advisor; distinguished club president.

District: Lieutenant governor (2002-03); governor (2006-07); district strategic planning team; member, district TAG Team. **International:** Member, International Membership and Growth Committee, and the International Growth Team. **Additional information:** Hixson Fellow; Tablet of Honor.

Outside Kiwanis:

Three-time recipient, Pontiac Masters Award (top 10 percent of all Pontiac dealers); former member, St. Louis Auto Dealers Association Board (seven years), Missouri Auto Dealers

Association Board (three years); GMC Midwest and National Dealer Council (two years); Pontiac Zone Dealer Council (three years); United Way board of directors; member, Sikeston Chamber of Commerce; past chairman of evangelism and education and Sunday school superintendent, and current



church council member and co-lay leader, First United Methodist Church of Sikeston; past district delegate to Missouri Methodist Annual Conference.

■ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What experience and strengths would you bring to the Board?

From the time I was a little boy, I was taught that each of us has the responsibility to share our talents in service to others. I have been a salesman most of my life. I have made my living motivating and encouraging others. I have experience in opening clubs and inviting new members (14 new clubs and more than 300 new members). I helped shape the strategic plan in our district. During my term as governor, we were one of two districts in North America with positive growth, and in the Missouri-Arkansas District, we added 10 new clubs, the highest number of new clubs for our district in more than 25 years.

We have a critical need in Kiwanis to motivate and challenge our membership to be bigger and better than we are. I am ready to take on that challenge. The world needs the best that Kiwanis has to give. I want to help us achieve that goal.

What is your Kiwanis moment, a Kiwanis experience that made a difference in your life?

Chris was a fourth grader when I met him three years ago. Our club had just put together a team of Kiwanis volunteers to give fourth- and fifth-grade boys rides to YMCA flag football and church league basketball.

Chris had lots of issues. He had five brothers, each with a different father, and he struggled in school. There was rarely an adult at home when I picked him up.

During the course of that first year, I got to see some wonderful changes in Chris' life. I was there the night when Chris' real father came and watched him play. And I witnessed the reuniting of Chris' mother and her father after a four-year separation. I was there when Chris made a three-point shot (all net) that won his team's final basketball game and gave his team an undefeated season. I was there at the end of the school year when Chris told me he had made the honor roll.

Chris is a sixth grader now, and I still give him rides sometimes. These three years have given me a passion toward getting every Kiwanian "one-on-one" with a child. With just a tiny contribution from us, we have opportunities to change lives.

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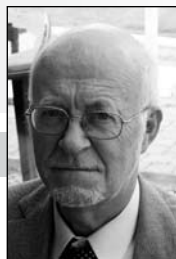
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FOR INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEE REGION V (At-Large)

ROBERT VANDE RIEVIERE

*Nieuwpoort, Belgium
(Belgium-Luxembourg District)*



■ PERSONAL INFORMATION

Family: Wife, Nelly (passed away August 20, 1998); two children; three grandchildren.

Profession: Director for Boticelli Bvba, a ladies' fashion store, as well as several shareholder-owned companies, including the Riviera computer and software firm; Ladies Fashion Diffusion, a ladies' fashion import-export company; and the Teximex real estate firm.

Education: Accounting; languages: Dutch (native); French and English (writing/speaking); German and Italian (speaking).

Hobbies: Cycling, art, classical music.

■ SERVICE AND HONORS

Within Kiwanis:

Club: Current member of the Kiwanis Club of Tielt, Belgium, for 27 years; president (1991-92); director, social actions (1986-89). **District:** distinguished lieutenant governor (1994-95); distinguished governor (2000-01); treasurer (1996-97); auditor (1997-99; 2004-07); have attended district conventions since 1995. **International:** Attended mid-year conferences in Texas-Oklahoma, Missouri-Arkansas, and California Nevada-Hawaii districts (2008); attended International conventions in Miami, Florida, (2000); Taipei, Taiwan (2001); and New Orleans, Louisiana (2002); attended Kiwanis International-European Federation conventions in Oostende, Belgium (2000); Salso Maggiore, Italy (2001); Maastricht, the Netherlands (2005); and Gdansk, Poland (2007).

Additional information: Completed visits to Kiwanis clubs in Springdale, Arkansas; and Versailles, Lexington, and Berea, Kentucky; visited a K-Kids club in Lexington, Kentucky; present at the of opening of the Kiwanis Professional Center, Rancho Cucamonga, Los Angeles, California (2008); helped deliver medical equipment and beds to pediatric hospital in Brasov, Romania, and assisted in food distribution to various organizations for children in Romania; transported athletes to events for Special Olympics Belgium.

Outside Kiwanis:

Director, VDR Furniture Company until 1991; director, sports council (1986-90); director, regional amateur soccer federation (1979-1986); director of city's children's playground (1978-1984); contribute to the support of a girl in Mala, India.

■ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What experience and strengths would you bring to the Board?

I have 27 years of service in Kiwanis with the Belgium-Luxembourg, and France-Monaco districts. My slogan as governor was: "The youth is our future." As club president, I recruited younger members to my club, and, with the addition of nine members, helped build our club into one of the largest and most active clubs of our division. Together with our first governor, Jackie Dehollander, I negotiated the placement of the Service Center in Gent, Belgium. As governor, I financially supported the Kiwanis Junior program. As a candidate for International Trustee, I recently traveled for three weeks in the United States. I wanted to know more what Kiwanis is doing in different parts of the world. It was a wonderful experience, and we must bring all good things of all regions together to strengthen our organization. I have some ideas for a new global action to regain that united feeling that was born during the IDD Worldwide Service Project.

What is your Kiwanis moment, a Kiwanis experience that made a difference in your life?

There were several Kiwanis moments. The first came during a trip with two fellow Kiwanians to Romania in 1991, where we saw unsanitary situations in the children's hospital. There were children suffering from AIDS and children on the street begging for food. We were there to help.

In 2007, I was traveling in South Africa and, against all recommendations, entered two townships to see under what conditions the children were living and to see how Kiwanis could help. I quickly learned that US\$100 can make the difference in the life of a family. I bought a statue from a young man from Zimbabwe for that price, and asked him how many months he could live on the money. He said three, but added that he would send the \$100 to his family in Zimbabwe, where his parents and five younger brothers and sisters could live on it for five months.



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