

Fantastic Forums

District Convention July 31-August 2

Holiday Inn & Convention Center – Joplin, MO

Key Leader for Adults

Get a glimpse of a Kiwanis Key Leader Camp with emphasizes on: “Keys of Excellence” ... Personal Integrity, Personal Growth, Respect, Building Community and the Pursuit of Excellence. All will be discussed with hands on and team building activities. The purpose of the forum is to give Kiwanians an idea of the fantastic weekend experience that teens enjoy. After you attend this forum you will insist on sending kids from your community to Key Leader! *John Goss, Key Leader Chair, 25 year Kiwanian will be leading this fantastic forum that you don't want to miss!*

Overcoming the Technological Barriers of Effective Communication

Do you often get overwhelmed by calling your club members to remind them about activities? Do you want to save money on Club mailings? Don't you wish you could quickly and easily communicate to all your members at one time? In this forum we will show you three simple techniques, step by step, how to communicate with your members at **little or no cost!** This forum is HANDS ON, simple, and effective in ways to communicate with your club with technology you currently use now! A must for Presidents and Secretaries! *Joanna Finch, District Chair for Circle K will be teaching. When you have to communicate with college youth you have to be “up” on all the techie stuff. This promises to be a great and useful forum.*

Bug, Terrific Kids, and K-Kids

The greatest Elementary School Programs available, anywhere! And we have them. The presenters will acquaint participants with how to implement and support these programs and motivate students to achieve academically and build self-esteem through encouragement and recognition as they grow into leaders and good citizens. If you want to grow your Kiwanis Club ... you must use these programs. *Rachel Rankey, Till Fehrenbacher, and Dave Tuck will lead you out of the maze into the easiest and greatest programs for Elementary available. All three are actively involved with these programs and will give you down to earth and practical advice.*

Understanding Poverty and Kids

If you work with youth in Builder's Club, Key Club, K-Kids, YMCA, etc or if your club is located in a diverse socio-economic area you need this forum. Topics covered will include generational poverty, situational poverty, middle class, new money vs. old money. We will look at the hidden rules of the classes and check to see if we understand why children (& adults) act the way they do in situations. Participants will investigate resources and registers of language and how they affect building relationships. *Cheryl Anderson is a certified Ruby Payne trainer. Her experience as a school teacher and training make this a must forum for those involved in youth.*

What are Aktion Clubs, Why We Need Them and How to Start One in Your Community

A great forum for everyone, because we all come into contact with disabled people in our daily lives. They want to make a difference the same as we do. For adults living with disabilities, Aktion Club is the only community-service club for these adult citizens. Aktion Club is wonderful because it provides its members not only the opportunity to give back, but to develop initiative and leadership skills in serving their communities. It is easy to start an Aktion Club and in this forum we will discuss the Why's and How's. *Diane Gollihugh is a dynamic lady with a huge Kiwanis heart of love and will be leading this forum. She started an Aktion Club (and Key Club, and BUGS program). She has recruited over 30 members into Kiwanis. Don't you miss this forum!*

Rebuilding the Small Club

This forum will be focused on rebuilding small clubs, but will feature tips and resources any size club can implement. This interactive session will keep you laughing while discovering ways to build excitement and buzz about your club. New club building ideas will be shared and together participants will brainstorm to formulate a plan to use at their own club. *Amy Rosier became President of a club that was on the verge of dismantling and during her leadership the club doubled in size. You can't miss the impact of her dynamic forum on growth.*

The Importance of Building Young Professional Kiwanis Clubs

What is a Young Professional Kiwanis Club? Let's face the facts, Kiwanis as a whole is not appealing to young professional adults. But the good news is WE CAN! What are the In's & Out's of starting a Young Professional Kiwanis Club? What do young adults look for in a service organization? You will get sample meeting formats for a YPC, sample "After Hours" meeting formats, and Service Project ideas that appeal to these young adults. *Whitney Branch has been a Kiwanian since she was age 22. She and Troy Massey will inspire you with what can happen when you get young adults passionate about helping children. This is going to be one of the most important forums you can ever attend.*

Club Building for Dummies

This forum will provide practical information for the average Kiwanian about how to form a new Kiwanis Club. Simple, easy, step by step we will talk about how to survey a potential site, who to talk to, how to recruit charter members, the paper work necessary to charter the club, and how to mentor the club their first year. *David Bohenkamper was amazed at all there was to do, yet how simple it could be when he lead the effort to start a new club this last year. He will provide pragmatic information for those wanting to start or help in building a new club. Knowledge is power and **this forum will give you the power to build a new club.***

Everything You have Always Wanted to Know About Service Projects and Fund Raisers, but Were Afraid to Ask!

Is your club looking for new and innovative community service projects? Are you tired of the same old fundraisers? Does your club need a shot in the arm to take it to the next level? Come prepared to share YOUR club's best service projects and fund raisers and learn from others as they do the same. Bring handouts to share, your enthusiasm and excitement to this interactive session. The price of admission to this forum is your great ideas of your most fun and rewarding service projects and fundraisers. *Wayne Dothage will facilitate this wonderful time of sharing. Wayne has been a teacher and now is a Tourism Director and knows how to "steal" good ideas.*

Do You Know Your SLP'S?

That's **S**ervice **L**eadership **P**rogram's This forum will familiarize attendees on what is an SLP, What are the local benefits for the local Club and the responsibilities. It will answer what is the process for sponsoring an SLP. Each District Chair will speak about 5 minutes and then they will answer questions from the attendees.

Joanna Finch -- Circle K District Chair

Jim Zuroweste -- Key Club District Chair

John Goss -- Key Leader District Chair

Betty Flowers -- Builders Club District Chair

David Fulton -- K-Kids District Chair

Diane Gollihugh -- Aktion District Chair Elect

You will learn about each program and how they all work together... Kiwanis is helping children and these programs are the heart and soul of Kiwanians helping children. If your club doesn't have one or more of these programs ... you are missing the boat.