BEWARE OF EMAIL SCAMS.

Kiwanis club members should be aware of "spear phishing" email scams.

Spear phishing scams target individuals by taking advantage of their goodwill. The attacker exploits a relationship you have, making the email seem as if it has been sent by someone you know. The goal is to get the recipient to take a particular action.

One common scam is to trick Kiwanis members into sending gift cards by saying that the cards will benefit Kiwanis initiatives. The scam works like this:

- A member receives an email that seems to be from a district leader. However, the email address has been altered. For example, instead of the email address the leader typically uses (e.g., name@gmail.com), the email will come from name1@gmail.com or name@otherprovider.com. The scam email will usually have a district leader's first and last name in the email pretending to be from that person.
- The email will state that the leader is in a meeting and needs gift cards from a specific store to be purchased and sent to him or her as quickly as possible.
- The email promises that the member will be reimbursed quickly.

Protect Yourself

Protect yourself from spear phishing attempts with the following steps:

- 1. Google your email addresses to find websites on which they are published.
- 2. Remove personal information from the sites you find (e.g., email, telephone, physical address, etc.).
- 3. Contact the site owner and ask that your information be removed.
- 4. Turn on multi-factor authentication for your accounts (e.g. Google, Facebook, etc.) using an authenticator app on your phone.

Questions or like more education, please contact Jessica Kuipers, MT District of Kiwanis Public Relations Coordinator at pr@mtkiwanis.org or call/text 701-741-2402.







Feel like you are missing out?
Heard about an email from
the Governor but you didn't
receive it?

Check out these tips to make sure that you don't miss out on all the Montana District of Kiwanis Happenings and Governor's News!

- Check your spam filters and move the email to your inbox.
- Make sure you have marked districtsecretary@mtkiwanis.org and pr@mtkiwanis.org as safe senders and add them to your contacts. Emails from the Governor and other Montana District of Kiwanis email content will almost always come from one of these email addresses.
- Does your club secretary have your email address entered in? Is it correct?
 Did you get a new email address?
 - You can check this by visiting https://www.kiwanis.org/clubs/memberresources and going to 'Member Login'. First time there? Click the 'Set your password here' area.

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