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Welcome

It has been a rough two years since COVID-19 disrupted our lives, shifting the way in which we were able to connect and serve with one another. I am over the top excited that you are all here today in person. There is no price tag that can be placed on the networking and relationships built when we come together.



As your Governor, I have the utmost respect for every single person that has taken on a leadership role and given back to this awesome organization. Despite what my title may be, I will always put members first. The membership - you - are what matters most.

Building our membership is an absolute must if we are to continue to have this organization that we all want. Taking advantage of opportunities such as conventions, online education, and exploring new service project ideas are only a few of the ways we can ENCOURAGE members to stay and ADD members to our ranks.

**ENJOY THE CONVENTION AND REMEMBER=
COMMUNICATION+ EDUCATION=SUCCESS!**

Cherie Neudick
2021-2022 Montana District of Kiwanis Governor

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SCHEDULE

Friday, February 25

9:00 A.M. **BOARD MEETING** — *Executive Board Room*

9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. **REGISTRATION** — *North Convention Center Lobby*

12:00 P.M. **LUNCH** — *Missouri Room*

EDUCATION — *Yellowstone Room*

1:00 P.M. Youth Protection — *Barbara Monaco, Youth Protection Manager*

2:15 P.M. Is your club distinguished or extinguished? — *Dave Curry, Past KI President*

3:00 P.M. **BREAK** — *Sponsored by Bitterroot Valley Kiwanis*

3:15 P.M. **EDUCATION**

Leadership — *Cathy Tutty, Immediate Past Governor*
Gallatin Room

Secretaries — *Kristel Callahan, District Secretary*
Jefferson Room

5:00 P.M. & 7:30 P.M. **MARDI GRAS DINNER** — *Windmill, 3429 N Transtech Way*

Sponsored by Atwood Architecture

Welcome by *Cherie Neudick, Governor*

Until 10:00 P.M. Hospitality Suite — *Room 1046*



Saturday, February 26

7:00 A.M. **BREAKFAST** — *Missouri Room*

8:00 A.M. **OPENING CEREMONY** — *Yellowstone Room*

Presentation of Colors — *Marine Corps Honor Guard*

Welcome — *Bill Cole, Billings Mayor*

Opening Remarks — *Cherie Neudick, Governor*

EDUCATION — *Yellowstone Room*

8:30 A.M. AIDSpirit USA — *Tom Jacques, Director*

9:15 A.M. Key Club — *Michelle Preston & Val Pacht, Co-Program Administrators*

9:45 A.M. Circle K — *K'Lynn Harris, Program Administrator*

10:00 A.M. Special K Ranch — *Steven Aadland, Development Director*

10:15 A.M. **BREAK** — *Sponsored by Western Security State Bank*

EDUCATION — *Yellowstone Room*

10:30 A.M. Key Leader — *Brandon Janshen, Lt. Governor Division 5*

10:45 A.M. Landon's Legacy — *Marcie Smith, President*

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SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 26

- 11:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. **SERVICE PROJECT FOR FOSTER CARE** — *North Convention Center Lobby*
- 12:00 P.M. **LUNCH** — *Missouri Room*
Gold Medal Ceremony — *Cathy Tutty, Immediate Past Governor*
- EDUCATION** — *Yellowstone Room*
- 1:30 P.M. Leadership — *Katrina Baranko, Kiwanis International Vice President & Rhonda Vrell, Kiwanis International Area Director*
- 2:30 P.M. Upcoming Conventions
- 2:45 P.M. Leadership Positions — *Cherie Neudick, Governor & Scott Atwood, Governor-Elect*
- 3:00 P.M. **BREAK** — *Sponsored by Butte Sunrise Kiwanis*
- 3:30 P.M. **CAUCUS** — *Yellowstone Room*
- 4:00 P.M. **NEW LT GOVERNORS MEET WITH GOVERNOR-ELECT**
- 4:30 P.M. **PRESENTATION OF SERVICE PROJECT**
Deb Cole, Regional Administrator
- 6:00 P.M. **BANQUET** — *Missouri Room*
Sponsored by ISU Streeter Brothers Insurance
Invocation
Remarks — *Cherie Neudick, Governor*
Keynote — *Katrina Baranko, Kiwanis International Vice President*
Quilt Drawing
Membership Awards
Thank Yous
Silent Auction & 50/50
Entertainment — *Tom Blankenship*
- Until 10:00 P.M. Hospitality Suite — *Room 1046*



Sunday, February 27

- 8:00 - 9:30 A.M. **FAREWELL CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** — *Missouri Room*
Sponsored by Bozeman Club



SPEAKERS & SPECIAL GUESTS

Katrina Baranko, Kiwanis International Vice President

Katrina Baranko of Albany, Georgia, was elected Vice President of Kiwanis International at the 2021 Kiwanis International Convention. She was elected as a trustee of Kiwanis International in 2018. Katrina will serve as president of Kiwanis in 2023-24.



Katrina has served on the Membership Committee, the Service and Partnership Committee, Vice Chair of the Audit and Finance Committee, and Chair of the Leadership Development and Education Committee.

Katrina has been a member of Kiwanis for 28 years and served the Kiwanis Club of Albany as distinguished president and secretary. She also has served as membership chair and as a member of the board of directors. At the district level, Katrina was a distinguished governor, lieutenant governor, a member of the finance committee, and has been parliamentarian. She also is a Certified Club Leadership Trainer and has presented at three international conventions.

In her community, Katrina has been a member of the boards of directors of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce, Liberty House, March of Dimes, and the Albany Technical College Foundation. She was a finalist for Small Business of the Year and was named Junior Women's Club Family of the Year, Georgia Business Teacher of the Year, and Future Business Leaders of America Advisor of the Year. She is the owner of Merle Norman Cosmetics and Gifts in Albany, Georgia. She holds a bachelor's degree in education from the University of Georgia and a master's degree in education from Georgia State University.

She and her husband, David, have one son, daughter-in-law, and one grandson.



Rhonda Vrell, Kiwanis International Area Director



Rhonda Vrell has worked in the Global Education and Membership department at Kiwanis International since 2005. During this time she had provided education, support, and mentorship to Districts, Divisions, and Clubs on opening clubs, inviting and retaining members, leadership, and strong clubs. She has been instrumental in developing educational programs and membership materials for Kiwanians. Always learning from the amazing things that Kiwanians do and passing those best practices along to other Kiwanians.

Rhonda is currently a resident in North Carolina and has belonged to the Clemmons, NC Kiwanis club for almost 17 years. Before coming to Kiwanis Rhonda was very active in leadership and membership as a member with Toastmasters.



SPEAKERS & SPECIAL GUESTS



Marcie Smith, Landon's Legacy President

Marcie Smith is a wife, mother, business owner, and founder of Landon's Legacy Foundation. Marcie, who returned to Billings in 1984 with her husband Scott, have lived and raised their family in Billings. Marcie owned and operated a salon in Billings for 10 years. After losing Landon in 2013, the Foundation was established and has been her main focus. Knowing how little there was available in our community for individuals with special needs it has been her passion to establish a park where kids could enjoy the game of baseball and just be a kid and play on a playground or have fun splashing in the cool water on a hot summer day. Marcie's greatest joy has been being a mom and this has helped her know how much it hurts a mom to not see her child play like others. For more information about Landon's Legacy, visit <http://landonslegacy.com/>.



Tom Jacques, AIDSpirit USA Director

Tom and his wife Jean first traveled to the Kayunga District of Uganda in 2009 where they encountered and fell in love with 19 young, orphaned children and two guardians who were living in a tiny building with only a concrete floor, one light, no bathroom, no kitchen, and no indoor plumbing.



Since that fateful journey, they have returned 11 times with several other volunteers including six Montana Key clubbers and two Kiwanis members. Over the past 12 years with help of many donors they have been able to purchase land, build a home, and rescue over 100 vulnerable children who had been orphaned, abandoned, or severely abused.

The children now have a safe and secure home, a family who loves them, food, clean water, medicine, and most importantly, an education. Twelve of the original children Tom, Jean, and members of AIDSpirit USA have been removed from the streets have graduated from university or vocational schools and all are employed.

Tom has spoken at several Montana, Rocky Mountain, Southwest, and West Virginia District Key Club conventions, Circle K conventions, Builders Club events in addition to the numerous presentations he has given Kiwanis clubs.

Tom joined the Billings Golden K Kiwanis in 2018 and Jean recently joined in December 2021. In 2019 he also became an honorary member of the newly formed Kiwanis Club of Kampala Uganda.

Tom and Jean have six children, twenty-one grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren whom they passionately love spending, birthdays, and holidays with! He loves the time he gets to spend with the children in Uganda, as well as the many young people he has met through his involvement with Key Clubs.

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Can YOU explain Kiwanis in 60 seconds? Membership is EVERYONE'S responsibility. Communication and education are just a couple of the pillars to a successful club!

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION - INVITE, INFORM, INDUCT, INVOLVE



REMEMBER ME?

“It amuses me now to think that your organization spent so much time looking for new members when I was there all the time. Do you remember me?”

“I’m the person who was asked to join. I paid my dues and then I was asked to be a loyal and faithful member.”

“I’m the person who came to every meeting, but nobody paid any attention to me. I tried several times to be friendly, but everyone seemed to have their own friends to talk to and sit with. I sat down among some unfamiliar faces several times, but they didn’t pay much attention to me.”

“I hoped somebody would ask me to join one of the committees or to somehow participate and contribute but no one did.”

“Finally, because of illness, I missed a meeting. The next meeting no one asked me where I had been. I guess it didn’t matter very much whether I was there or not. On the next meeting date, I decided to stay home and watch a good television program. When I attended the next meeting, no one asked me where I was the meeting before.”

“You might say that I’m a good person, from a good family, that I hold a responsible job and love my community.”

“You know who else I am? I’m the member who never came back.”



I WILL DO MORE

- I will do more than belong, I will participate.
- I will do more than believe, I will practice.
- I will do more than forgive, I will forget.
- I will do more than teach, I will inspire.
- I will do more than care, I will help.
- I will do more than be fair, I will be kind.
- I will do more than dream, I will work.
- I will do more than give, I will serve.



THANK YOU!

Events like these take a team of people, volunteers, and more to put together. Join us in saying THANK YOU because without YOU we wouldn't have made it!



LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN

Montana Key Club District Convention

March 20-22, 2022 - Billings

Montana District Convention

August 4-7, 2022 - Lewistown

Montana Mid-Winter Conference

February 2023 - Great Falls

Montana Western Canada Joint District Convention

August 11-13, 2023 - Helena

Kiwanis International Conventions

June 8-11, 2022 - Indianapolis, Indiana

June 21-24, 2023 - Minneapolis, Minnesota

July 3-6, 2024 - Denver, Colorado

June 25-28, 2025 - Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

