



# Kiwanis

August 10, 2021

## KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL DATELINE



### **NEW MEMBER FEE TO BE ELIMINATED**

The New Member Fee charged by Kiwanis International and Kiwanis districts is going away on October 1. Instead, anyone who joins a Kiwanis club will be charged prorated Kiwanis International and district dues and fees, based on the month they join. On each subsequent October 1 (the first day of the Kiwanis year), all members will then be assessed the annual dues-and-fees amount.

The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees conducted an exhaustive review of its billing procedures in 2019 and determined there was too much complexity. Based on feedback from clubs, the board voted to streamline the process, eliminate the New Member Fee and make the dues assessments fairer to new members. This change goes into effect on October 1, 2021.

[Click here](#) for answers to some frequently asked questions. Visit [kiwanis.org/dues](https://kiwanis.org/dues) for the prorated amounts in Tier B and Tier C.

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## GIVE PEOPLE THEIR OWN HAMMERS

*A MESSAGE FROM KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STAN SODERSTROM*

I recently had the honor of interviewing Captain “Sully” Sullenberger. Like most people, I learned of Captain Sullenberger in 2009, when he landed a disabled airliner on the Hudson River between New York and New Jersey. But by the time I interviewed him — at Kiwanis International’s Education and Leadership Conference in Salt Lake City this past June — part of my interest in him came from what I’d learned more recently.

There were many fascinating outcomes of that famous incident 12 years ago, but the most remarkable is the fact that all 155 people onboard survived. In Sullenberger’s subsequent book, “Highest Duty: My Search for What Really Matters,” he gives credit for that 100% survival rate to the people themselves: his crew, the passengers, control tower personnel, the rescuers and numerous others.

For Sullenberger, it was more than a matter of sharing credit. He understands that his performance in the cockpit resulted from preparation and training — not just as a pilot, but as an ethical leader.

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## **DEADLINE TO PROPOSE AMENDMENTS TO THE KIWANIS BYLAWS IS OCT. 31**

The deadline to submit proposed Kiwanis International bylaws amendments and resolutions is October 31. Submissions must be received by [email](#) or postal delivery no later than October 31. Postmark has no bearing on submission date.

“Don’t wait until the last minute to submit a bylaw amendment or resolution,” cautions Barry Glazer, Kiwanis International’s parliamentarian and past president of the American Institute of Parliamentarians. “Begin working on it early to allow advance time to consult with the staff, parliamentarian and any reviewing committees. They can provide advice as to whether the amendment is in the proper form, if the language is appropriate, if it addresses all relevant provisions and if there may be potential problems with implementation.”

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## **MINUTES OF JUNE 2021 KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BOARD MEETING AVAILABLE**

The minutes of the June 16, 2021, Kiwanis International Board meeting are now finalized. They can be downloaded [here](#). The minutes will be approved at the next board meeting. If you need further information regarding committee reports and tabs, please contact [Denise Parker](#).

## **MINUTES OF JUNE 2021 KIWANIS CHILDREN'S FUND BOARD MEETING PUBLISHED**

The minutes of the June 25, 2021, Kiwanis Children's Fund Board meeting are now finalized. They can be found [here](#) and will be approved at the November 2021, Kiwanis Children's Fund Board meeting. If you need further information regarding committee reports and tabs, please contact [Denise Parker](#).



## LEGACY OF PLAY CONTEST IS OPEN

The eighth annual [Legacy of Play contest](#), sponsored by Kiwanis partner [Landscape Structure \(LSI\)](#), is now open. It's easy to enter through September 10, 2021. Simply submit your club's playground proposal on the official contest page. The winning Kiwanis club will receive US\$25,000 in playground equipment.

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## USE THESE 12 STEPS TO EXCITE MEMBERS, PROSPECTS

The key to keeping members engaged is making them feel valued and appreciated. Assess your club experience by asking members questions such as:

- “What do you enjoy most about being a member of our club?”
- “What is our club’s greatest strength?”
- “If you could change one thing about our club, what would it be and why?”

[Here are 12 steps](#) to excite your members, impress your prospects and enhance everyone’s Kiwanis experience.

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## IN MEMORIAM

[Irene Sellers](#), wife of 1997-98 Kiwanis International President **Walter Sellers**

# CALENDAR

## 60 DAYS

October 1: 2020-21 administrative year begins

October 10: Club rosters due

## 90 DAYS

October 11-15: [Youth Protection Week](#)



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