

BC WIRE

E-Newsletter for Builders Club Advisors

November/December 2010

'Tis the season

The Builders Club and Kiwanis International staffs wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season.

This is the last edition of BC WIRE for 2010. Be sure to continue checking out the Builders Club website for the latest news and club highlights. Contact Members Services at 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 411 or memberservices@kwianis.org if you have questions.

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Builders Club renewal

Has your Builders Club been renewed for the 2010–11 year? Have you received this year's club supplies? If you answered no to these questions, you can renew your club at the [Club Renewal Center](#). Contact Members Services at 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 411, if you need assistance or have questions.

Sign-up more members

Use the Builders Club video (Find it on the DVD in your club renewal kit or view it at <http://bit.ly/BuildersClubVideo>) and [recruitment card](#) together to reach more potential club members. On the back of the recruitment card, you can write in information about the next meeting or service project.



Try these ideas:



- Be present at registration, open houses and parent nights. Have the video playing while you hand out recruitment cards to potential members.
- Distribute recruitment cards to faculty and ask that they give information to students and direct interested students to you.
- Have members hand out the recruitment cards and invite their friends to attend meetings and projects. Play the video at meetings to let the visitors know what you're all about.

Kiwanis Family Month

Throughout November, step up your service activities and work with other clubs in the Kiwanis family. Why not partner with other Kiwanis clubs or a local Service Leadership Programs club—K-Kids, Key Club, CKI or even other Builders Clubs—in joint service, fund-raising, social and publicity events. Let [us know](#) if your club takes part in a joint activity—and send pictures.

Annual achievement report

Want to earn another banner patch? Keep track of your club's activities throughout the year and submit an annual achievement report to Kiwanis International by May 1. Check out the [Contest and Awards page](#) at www.buildersclub.org for more information.

Facebook

Check out the [Builders Club page on Facebook](#) and be connected with others who work with middle school students around the world. Once you've joined in, post ideas and questions.

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Contests

Have your club members checked out the 2010–11 contest book? Learn about this year's speech theme, a new contest and complete contest rules at the [Contest and Awards page](#) at www.buildersclub.org.

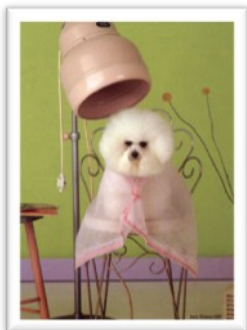
Make your meetings fun

Your club does some serious work in your community, but that doesn't mean everything about your club needs to be serious. Inject some fun into meetings using icebreakers, exercises and examples from other clubs available at www.KiwanisOne.org/fun.



10 service project ideas

1. Organize a coat drive with [One Warm Coat](#).
2. Collect blankets for your local homeless shelter.
3. Rake leaves for those physically unable to tend to their lawns and can't afford to pay someone.
4. Dress up a tree with gloves and mittens of all sizes then donate the tree to a school or shelter in need.
5. Collect canned goods and donate them to your local food pantry.
6. Organize a letter-writing session for soldiers abroad or prison inmates.
7. Hold a chili cook-off and donate the proceeds to your club's favorite charity.
8. Organize a free pet-grooming session.
9. Offer to photograph pets and collect money to give to your local animal shelter.
10. Adopt a family from your school or partner with an agency that already has identified families in need. Use a list of the family's needs, clothes sizes and children's wishes



Another chance Builders Club advisor webinar

On October 7, 2010, Kiwanis Builders Club hosted a webinar for Builders Club advisors. Don't miss the great suggestions to recruit members, ideas of for service projects and ways to engage the Kiwanis-family. View the [archived webinar](#) today!

No Name-Calling Week is January 24–28, 2011



No Name-Calling Week is an annual week of educational activities aimed at ending name-calling of all kinds and providing schools with the tools and inspiration to launch an on-going dialogue about ways to eliminate bullying in their communities. This year, No Name-Calling Week will take place the week of January 24-28, 2011. To learn more about

No Name-Calling Week and the resources available for middle school students, visit www.nonamecallingweek.org.

UNICEF donations

Did your club participate in a Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF project? Are you wondering what to do with the money you raised? Submit your club's donations with the [UNICEF Donation Form](#).

