



September 13, 2023



LEADERSHIP CORNER

Save the dates and register for fall district administrator chats:

- **District Administrator Update Call, Thursday, September 14, 7 p.m. ET:** Hear what's new and what's coming up for administrators and your Builders Clubs and K-Kids. [Register here.](#)
- **Experienced Administrator Refresher, Thursday, October 12, 7 p.m. ET:** Review strategies and tools for new club recruitment, how to support existing clubs, responsibilities of administrators and club advisors and more. Bring your questions and be ready to share tips on what works for you. [Register here.](#)
- **Strategies for Club Growth, Wednesday, November 1, 7 p.m. ET:** Review 2023-24 district administrator responsibilities for club growth and goals. Learn about tools available to administrators for growth work. Discuss strategies and share your own tips for recruiting new clubs. [Register here.](#)

Help your clubs receive their materials as soon as possible. Contact the club secretary for each Kiwanis club that sponsors a Builders Club(s) and remind them to renew their clubs in September. Program kits will only be mailed to Builders Clubs

after their renewal fees are paid and membership counts are entered into the secretary dashboard on [Kiwaniis Connect](#).



REGISTER NOW FOR GLOBAL KICKOFF 2023

Join Builders Clubs and K-Kids clubs around the world, and Kiwanis International for our virtual Global Kickoff on Saturday, September 30, at 1 p.m. ET. Hold a special Saturday club meeting so your members can participate. If your club can't meet then, invite members to join with their families from home. Get more information at buildersclub.org/globalkickoff and register before September 25.

REGISTER NOW



REGISTER NOW FOR 2023 ADVISOR TRAINING AND CHATS

If you are a new advisor, join Service Leadership Programs staff for the **New Advisor Crash Course on Wednesday, October 4, 7 p.m. ET**. Learn about faculty and Kiwanis advisor responsibilities and tools for planning and keeping track of key tasks. Learn how to use the Builders Club toolkits to optimize students' learning, leadership and service experiences. And bring your questions about Builders Club and being an advisor. [Register here.](#)

If you have been a Builders Club advisor for some time, join SLP staff for the **Experienced Advisor Refresher on Thursday, October 5, 7 p.m. ET**. Review faculty and Kiwanis advisor responsibilities, advisor resources for recruitment and planning, and how to use the Builders Club Member and Officer Toolkit and service resources. Bring your questions and be ready to share tips on what works for you and your members. [Register here.](#)

Join SLP staff for the **How-tos of Service Planning and Implementation on Tuesday, November 7, 7 p.m. ET**. Learn how to use the activities in the Builders Club Service Toolkit to create the most meaningful experiences for your students. Hear how to earn points for your Annual Achievement Report by using the four steps of high-impact service. [Register here.](#)



COMPLETE THE BEGINNING-OF-YEAR MEMBER SURVEY

Your Builders Club members can share what they expect from the club, the service needs that interest them and more by completing a beginning-of-year survey **between Friday, September 15 and Friday, October 20**. [Access the survey](#).

Clubs that complete surveys will be entered in a drawing to win a US\$25 Amazon gift card. Read [the results from last year's survey](#) to see what members and advisors told us.



USING THE ADVISOR'S QUICK START GUIDE

The Builders Club Advisor Toolkit is the starting point to equip you for the role of Builders Club advisor. Start the year by using its Quick Start Guide (pages 4-5). This two-page essential tool is a checklist of key tasks and when to complete each one. Examples of beginning-of-year tasks include determining meeting times and frequency, conducting officer training, marketing for new member recruitment and creating a club budget. Your toolkit will arrive in your Builders Club program kit, and you can also [download it](#). We hope you enjoy a well-planned beginning to the service year!



RESULTS FROM LAST YEAR'S SURVEY

Thanks to the Builders Club advisors and members who completed end-of-year surveys last April and May. The surveys provided insight for Kiwanis International staff about students' experiences and advisors' observations. Read our blog to see nine things we learned from advisors and members.

[LEARN MORE](#)



HELP MEMBERS FEEL LIKE THEY BELONG

Builders Club advisors can cultivate a sense of belonging among members by creating an inclusive club environment. Al Riggle, Kiwanis club advisor for the Austin Middle School Builders Club in Indiana, U.S., has guided club members in creating a fun and inclusive environment for more than 10 years. His Builders Club meets bimonthly and welcomes over 20 members at each meeting. Learn what his Builders Club members do to help others feel welcome at club meetings and activities.

[LEARN MORE](#)



WELCOME TO THE BUILDERS CLUB FAMILY

We're growing our family one club at a time! Here are the newly chartered Builders Clubs and the Kiwanis districts where they're located.

- Elite School of Excellence, Nassau, Bahamas, Bahamas District
- St. Maarten Academy, Sint Maarten, Caribbean-Atlantic District
- Fusion Youth Activity and Technology and Centre, Ingersoll, Ontario, Eastern Canada & Caribbean District
- Rosedale Public School, Sarnia, Ontario, Eastern Canada & Caribbean District
- James S. Rickards Middle School, Oakland Park, Florida, Florida District
- Marco Island Charter Middle School, Marco Island, Florida, Florida District
- St. Catherine Catholic School, Sebring, Florida, Florida District
- I.C.S. "Cardinale G. B. Dusmet" Nicolosi, Nicolosi, Italy-San Marino District
- Raymond and Phyllis Simon Middle School, Conway, Arkansas, Missouri-Arkansas District
- St. Ignatius School, Bronx, New York, New York District
- College D'Auteuil, Dumbéa, New Caledonia, New Zealand-South Pacific District
- Scoala Alexandru Debarateanu, Rosiori De Vede, Romania, Non-Districted Europe
- Ballard Brady Middle School, Pepper Pike, Ohio, Ohio District
- Stewart Middle School, Tacoma, Washington, Pacific Northwest District
- North East Middle School, North East, Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania District
- Tarece Integrated School, San Carlos City, Philippines, Philippine Luzon District
- Tonto Basin Elementary School, Tonto Basin, Arizona, Southwest District
- Hudson Area Library, Hudson, Wisconsin, Wisconsin-Upper Michigan District



IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER

1 – 30: Work with sponsoring Kiwanis club secretary to renew your Builders Club for 2023-24 and get your program kit

1 – 30: [Suicide Prevention Month](#)

21: [International Day of Peace](#)

30: [K-Kids & Builders Club Global Kickoff event, 1 p.m. ET](#)

OCTOBER

1 – 31: [Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF](#)

1 – 31: [Bullying Prevention Month](#)

4: [New Builders Club Advisor Crash Course, 7 p.m. ET](#)

5: [Experienced Builders Club Advisor Refresher training, 7 p.m. ET](#)

5: [World Teachers' Day](#)

9-13: [Kiwanis Youth Protection Week](#)

20: [Beginning-of-year Member Survey closes](#)

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