Outlook

Host a Global Kickoff 2026 watch party!

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LEADERSHIP CORNER

Help your Builders Clubs get their program kits
Administrators, the school year and Builders Club service year have begun! Help Builders Clubs in your district get the program materials they need. Contact your sponsoring Kiwanis club(s) to encourage payment of the Builders Club renewal fee today. For a full explanation of how to renew a club, see our frequently asked questions or check your inbox for the email sent on August 5 to Kiwanis club secretaries and treasurers and Builders Club advisors and administrators.

Kiwanis Youth Protection Week
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This is also a great opportunity for Kiwanis Clubs to:

- Conduct mandatory youth protection training.
- Ensure all sponsored SLP advisors have a current background check.
- Review and strengthen club compliance practices.

After all, nothing is more important than the safety and well-being of the youth we serve. Whether you're a club leader or simply passionate about youth protection, visit the Youth Protection Week webpage for helpful resources, information and updates.

2026-27 K-Kids and Builders Club Administrator Chats
Check out the list of this year's chats! To join each event, your don't have to register. Save this "Join the Administrator Chat" link to your calendar — or at the time of the chat, click the "Join the Meeting" link listed below the event on the administrator webpage.



HOST A GLOBAL KICKOFF 2026 WATCH PARTY

Don't forget to mark **Thursday, October 1**, in your club calendar. That's when Kiwanis International will release Global Kickoff 2026 on video! Your members — and hundreds of K-Kids and Builders Club members around the world — can watch during a club meeting or watch party.

The Global Kickoff will help your members start the new service year! Be prepared to:

- Be inspired to "Feed your community" — this year's Global Service Project challenge!
- Get tips for recruiting new members.
- Hear members talk about their favorite service projects.
- Get ready for Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF with the president of Key Club International, the Kiwanis volunteer program for high school students.
- Hear how the president of Circle K International (the Kiwanis program for college/university students) got her start in Builders Club.

Mark your calendar — and get your club ready for this fun and inspiring event!

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MAKE SURE YOUR CLUB GETS ITS PROGRAM KIT

Each year, a Builders Club receives its program kit after its sponsoring Kiwanis club pays its annual renewal fee. If your club has not yet received its kit, contact the Kiwanis club's secretary to give them the information they need and ask them to pay the fee promptly. The secretary will need to know how many members you anticipate for the year, the name and contact details for the primary faculty advisor and the address to which the kit should be mailed. For details about the renewal process, see our frequently asked questions — or check your inbox for the August 5 email sent to Builders Club advisors. Kiwanis club secretaries and treasurers received a similar email on that date.

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Visit the Youth Protection Week webpage for helpful resources, information and updates. Check out the upcoming live training webinars, and click each session below to learn more and register:

- October 5 at 7:30 p.m. ET: Know. Protect. Respond. Understanding Kiwanis Youth Protection.
- October 6 at 8 p.m. ET: Get Educated! Understanding Kiwanis Youth Protection policies.
- October 8 at 8 p.m. ET: Get Educated! How to involve your Kiwanis district on youth protection policies.

LEARN MORE



MAKE HALLOWEEN COUNT

At a time of year when many kids focus on costumes and candy hauls, Builders Club members have something bigger in mind: Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF! Add some meaning to their Halloweening by making a difference for children around the world.

Participants don't just collect donations — they help build insakas through Start Strong: Zambia, Key Club International's signature project in support of UNICEF's early childhood development work in Zambia. The insakas serve as community centers constructed with sustainable materials that provide children and families with a place to learn, play and grow.

Builders Club members, with the help of Key Club and Aktion Club, raised US$86,955 last year — enough to fund two insaka community centers, each with a classroom and playground. Just imagine the impact we can make this year with your help! Use last year's iconic orange boxes or order more by October 21 and get planning today!

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TAKE SURVEYS BY OCTOBER 31

The first member survey for 2026-27 is open until October 31, so add it to a club meeting soon! Clubs whose members complete a beginning-of-year member survey will have an opportunity to receive a US$25 Amazon gift card. And clubs who submit all three 2026-27 Builders Club surveys — beginning-of-year and end-

of-year member surveys and an end-of-year advisor survey — could receive a club pizza party!

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BUILDERS CLUB RAISES FUNDS FOR MOVIE NIGHT

Members of Griffiths Middle School Builders Club in Downey, California, U.S., transformed their school's cafeteria into a movie theater! For its movie-party fundraiser, the club sold tickets to the event, as well as refreshments during the movie — raising more than US$300 for the City of Hope, a cancer research and treatment organization. This creative fundraising event was highlighted in the club's winning 2025-26 scrapbook and poster contest submissions.



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.

- Porter Ranch Community Middle School, Porter Ranch, California, U.S., California-Nevada-Hawaii District
- Keystone Heights Junior/Senior High, Keystone Heights, Florida, U.S., Florida District
- West Middle School, Rapid City, South Dakota, U.S., Minnesota-Dakotas District
- Wettel Elementary, Vernon, New York, U.S., New York District
- Seeders CEBG Republica de Haiti, Panama, Panama District
- Pag-Asa National High School, Dasmarinas City, Cavite, Philippine Luzon District

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

23: K-Kids and Builders Club Advisor Chat: Start strong for the year and awards, 7-8 p.m. ET.

OCTOBER

1: K-Kids and Builders Club Global Kickoff 2026 video release, noon ET.

1-31: Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

31: Beginning-of-year member survey deadline, 11:59 p.m. ET.

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