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Welcome to the New Year! Everyone finished up the 2014 calendar year in great style ... Lots of projects and over 200 New Members! ... Congratulations to you all!

Tour for 100th Anniversary

The Kiwanis Centennial Tour, led by Kiwanis International President John R. Button, M.D., will visit 12 districts to celebrate Kiwanis' 100th anniversary and leave a legacy of service to children through some special playground builds.

The New York stop will be at Long Beach April 23-26, 2015.

2015 International Convention

Registration for the 2015 Kiwanis convention will be up any day now.

The New York District will party Thursday afternoon, June 25 at the Hard Rock Café from 4 PM to 7 PM. Get your tickets now before they run out!

Prep for the 100th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Indianapolis with this at-a-glance schedule preview, subject to change. Get updates when you sign up to receive convention news:

Every day: Get fit with yoga and runs/walks on Cultural Trail. Tour the Kiwanis International home office and the Kiwanis World Showcase (formerly Exhibit Hall).

Wednesday, June 24: Get on track at pre-convention workshops, attend the Service Leadership Programs Conference and network at happy hour.

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Thursday, June 25: Get educated at 30-minute round robins, watch the Panc-a-tron at the Monumental Pancake Lunch and experience the opening and The Eliminate Project celebrations.

Friday, June 26: Have breakfast with the Kiwanis family, get down to business and explore Indy before the Birthday Bash on Georgia Street and Fireworks Night at Victory Field.

Saturday, June 27: Dedicate the Kiwanis Playground, exchange ideas TED-style and wrap up the 100th at the Up With People concert and Next Century Ball.

Feedback from the last Kiwanis International convention was clear: Attendees loved the shorter education sessions laser-focused in key topic areas. Along with the new pre-convention education tracks, the 2015 convention will offer:

- 30-minute round robin workshops focused on the four areas of Kiwanis' strategic iPlan: Membership and engagement; Meaningful service; Image; Financial viability

- A TED-style, "show and tell" morning at which members can hear real suc-

cess stories and learn the success secrets from other members.

See the convention schedule on the Kiwanis Centennial site. Again, registration will open soon.

Things around the corner

- Kiwanis One Day is Saturday, April 11th this year.

- The deadline for grant applications to KI Foundation is April 15. All Kiwanis family clubs, districts and district foundations are eligible to submit applications.

- The District directory is available for download. Your Club President and Secretary has the link to use.

- Registrations for the Mid-Year Conference are available on-line at www.kiwanis-ny.org/my/. Visit this site often to see changes in schedule and forums.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office ANY TIME!

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Time for Clubs to file IRS Form 990

The IRS Form 990 is an informational tax form that most tax-exempt organizations must file annually with the Internal Revenue Service. The form gives the IRS an overview of Kiwanis club's activities, governance and financial information. For those clubs with a foundation, they need to file as well.

Club and foundation treasurers are required to file one of three Form 990 reports based on gross receipts on the 15th of the month, 5 months after the end of the fiscal year. For example, if the fiscal year ends Sept. 30, file your report by February 15, 2015. You'll find suggested steps to follow and details about determining which form fits which club's circumstances on the Kiwanis website (www.kiwanis.org).

The IRS website also includes related tools and resources. Kiwanis International does not have records of club's IRS history, but clubs can contact the Kiwanis International Office's Finance Department by email at finance@kiwanis.org or call 1-800-549-2647, ext. 153 or 146, for guidance.

2014-15 Events

Feb. 20-22, 2015:

Mid-Year Conference, Holiday Inn, Wolf Road, Albany

March 20-22, 2015:

Circle K District Convention, Albany Hilton

March 27-29, 2015

Key Club Leadership Training Conference, Desmond, Albany

April 23-26, 2015:

Kiwanis Centennial Playground Dedication, Island Park

May 1-3, 2015:

Key Leader Weekend, Camp Stella Maris, Livonia

May 15-17, 2015:

Kamp Kiwanis Work Weekend and Open House

June 25-28, 2015:

Kiwanis International Convention, Indianapolis

Circle K International Convention, Indianapolis

Key Club International Convention, Indianapolis

Aug. 12-16, 2015:

District Convention, Desmond Hotel, Albany