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This is it. This is the year Kiwanis celebrates 100 years of service! How appropriate is it that Governor Eric's Governor's Project is to refocus our dedication to our Service Leadership Programs (SLP). Now is the time for your club to celebrate the service you do in your community.

**Mid-Year was a success!**

Thank you all for your participation during our Mid-Year Conference. We had over 30 forums PLUS this year we

had a CPR certification session that was highly successful. Thank you all for a great Mid-Year!

**2015 Kiwanis Convention AND 100th Anniversary Celebration**

The New York District will party Thursday afternoon, June 25 at the Hard Rock Café from 4-7 p.m. 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. The Formula Team meets at 9 a.m. Get on track at pre-convention workshops, attend the

Service Leadership Programs Conference and network at happy hour.

Thursday, June 25. At 7 a.m. is the District Board Meeting. At 8 a.m. is the District Caucus. Get educated at 30-minute round robins; enjoy the Monumental Pancake Brunch on Monument Circle. At 4 p.m. the New York District takes over the Hard Rock Café! And then at 7:30 p.m. is the opening session.

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.

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

**Chester Club Continues Program in Member's Memory**

More than 30 years ago Larry Neeb had an idea. He thought he could help bring the joy of gardening to a group of children who might not otherwise have had the chance to experience it, and provide them with a Mother's Day gift for their mothers as well.

Through a bit of detective work and a lot of arm-twisting, Larry found a local bulb company that could supply 300 lily bulbs that would be ready to bloom in six weeks. A local farmer was talked into providing soil and pots. The Kiwanis Club voted to fund the project and Larry's Bulb Project was born.

With a few other members in tow, Larry toted the supplies to what was then called the CP Center in Goshen. He delivered them to the classrooms, stopping to help with the planting when he could.

Each year, Larry ordered the bulbs, gathered the supplies and, with a few Kiwanians, visited the school, which grew into Inspire Kids. The children at Inspire Kids experience a variety of developmental delays or challenges, and receive special education and supportive therapies and services according to an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP).

This year the Kiwanis Club of Chester was faced with carrying on the Bulb Project without Larry, who passed away this winter. Kiwanis members stepped up to lead the project and found that Larry had already placed the order for the bulbs. A former member was ready to provide the pots and soil as he had done for many years. A group of Kiwanians was ready to help carry on in Larry's memory.

On March 26 the children of Inspire Kids planted oxalis bulbs, tucking them into the potting soil in their little pots, adding water and smiles to make them grow. In six weeks they will take blooming plants home to



their mothers for Mother's Day. Somewhere Larry Neeb is smiling and the friends he inspired at the Kiwanis Club of Chester are making plans for next year's bulb project, because it's the one way they can be sure that Larry will live on.

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**2014-15 Events**

**May 1-3, 2015:**

Key Leader Weekend, Camp Stella Maris, Livonia

**May 14-16, 2015:**

Kamp Kiwanis Work Weekend and Open House

**June 24-27, 2015:**

Kiwanis International Convention, Indianapolis  
Circle K International Convention, Indianapolis  
Key Club International Convention, Indianapolis

**Aug. 12-16, 2015:**

District Convention, Desmond Hotel, Albany