

Vice-President-Elect Thanks Supporters



Dear Friends:

For traveling long hours, for spending (and possibly losing) much money in Vegas, for handing out brochures, postcards, and hand-held coloring fans for children in scorching temperature, for praying, hugging, cheering and crying, you made a difference in our lives and in the lives of many who will continue to be served by all the good works performed by Kiwanians around the world.

Thank you for your kind support and generosity of heart. We promise to work hard and make you proud to be a Kiwanian and an advocate for children and a better future for all.

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Pediatric Lyme Disease

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Scientists are gaining a better understanding of the human immune response that leads to Lyme disease. For example, they are uncovering the mechanisms responsible for treatment-resistant Lyme arthritis. Improved understanding of the human immune response may lead to better diagnostic

and prognostic tools. For example, the b. burgdorferi immune assay, a test under development, indicates active Lyme disease infection earlier than antibody tests now in use.

Because Lyme disease is difficult to diagnose and sometimes does not respond to treatment, researchers are trying to create a vaccine that will protect people from getting infected. Vaccines work in part by prompting the body to make antibodies.

These custom-shaped molecules lock onto specific proteins made by a virus or bacterium. Often those proteins lodge in the microbes outer coat. Once antibodies attach to an invading microbe, other immune defenses are called upon to de-

stroy it.

Although Lyme disease poses many challenges, there are challenges the medal research community is well equipped to meet. New information on Lyme disease is accumulating at a rapid pace, thanks to the scientific research being conducted around the world. You can get more in-depth information on Lyme disease from your local library or health care provider.

Remember the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation was set up to help your children with Lyme disease pay for treatment and/or medication. If you know someone with Lyme disease who needs some financial help, contact us.

Protect your club's federal tax status

File your IRS Form 990 or risk losing your U.S. tax-exempt status. Find out how.

In recent years, the United States Internal Revenue Service has amended its policies regarding tax-exempt status. As a result, all U.S. clubs must annually file an IRS Form 990. Failure to file will result in a club losing its tax-exempt status. Most clubs have a Feb. 15 deadline.

Filing the form is an easy process.

1. Find your club's status on the Urban Institute's National Center for Charitable Statistics website.

2. Click on your state.

3. Put "Kiwanis" in the "Name" field; do not fill out the "Location" field.

4. Select "All Organizations" in the "Organization Type" field.

5. Check the "Limit to organizations in danger of revocation" box.

6. Do not fill out the "NTEE purpose/activity code."

7. Click "Submit."

Here are other things to keep in mind:

If you can't find your club's name, the IRS considers your club in good standing (see next item).

You can find a list of organizations that already have filed their returns by following steps 1 through 4 above and removing the "check mark" from the box titled "Limit to organizations in danger of revocation?" The report will indicate what form has been filed for your club.

The IRS does not automatically update the list, so your club's status may not be updated for up to one month. Check back in 2-4 weeks to see if your club is noted as having filed.

If your club is on the list and you have not recently filed the form, click the "File Now" link in the right column and follow the directions.

Most Kiwanis clubs should have a Sept. 30 year end with a Feb. 15 deadline. If your club's year end is different, try to enter the year end as Sept. 30. If this is

not possible, continue with the current year-end as listed by the IRS.

If you click on the club name, it will bring up a window that lists your club's name followed by your club's EIN. This is the EIN the IRS and Kiwanis International have registered for your club.

Remember to file this return annually after your club's year end. You must remain current with this annual filing.

Kiwanis International does not have your club's IRS records. The IRS website offers support, including answers to frequently asked questions. You can contact the IRS for assistance by e-mail or by phone at (866) 255-0654 (the IRS reports that e-mail messages are preferred). For the Kiwanis International Office, e-mail finance@kiwanis.org or call (800) 549-2647, ext. 153 or 146.