

Kiwanis Southwest District Awards and Contests - 2025

AWARDS

NOTE: All awards listed in this first section, will be presented at our SWD Mid-Year Conventions, in early 2026 for Governor Don's year (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025)

Interclub (Inner Club Circle, Middle Circle and Outer Circle)

1. All rules for Interclubs as stated in the Southwest District By-Laws apply. The number of members required to attend an interclub depends on the size of your club. See chart below to determine how many members must attend.
2. Please report all interclub visitations made by your club, Oct. 1, 2024 – Sept. 30, 2025, by using forms on the SWD Convention website. Deadline date for submission will be **September 30, 2025**.
3. There are three recognition categories (see rules for each below).
4. Be sure to contact the host club in advance to receive confirmation that the host club will meeting at the stipulated time and place. Many clubs only meet once or twice per month and location of meetings shift. NO INTERCLUB VISITATION CREDIT APPLIES TO THE HOST CLUB.
5. In addition to visits made to a host club's regular meeting time and place, meetings hosted at the District Convention, Midyear Conference, Governor's Visit, Council Meetings, or actively participating in the host club's service projects (does not include fundraiser events) will qualify as an interclub.
6. SWD policy was modified to include qualifying visits to a SLP club. Please indicate if the visit was with a SLP.

Required Number of Members in Attendance:

- For clubs having a membership of **twenty (20) or less** members, a minimum of two (2) members in attendance will be required to constitute an Interclub meeting.
- For clubs having a membership of **twenty-one (21) to thirty (30)** members, a minimum of three (3) members in attendance will be required to constitute an Interclub meeting.

- For clubs having a membership of **thirty-one (31) or more** members, a minimum of four (4) members in attendance will be required to constitute an Interclub meeting.

Interclub Recognition Categories:

INNER CIRCLE (sometimes referred to as an Interclub visit): A club must visit each club within the division during the twelve-month Kiwanis year at a regular meeting or when the club to be visited is the host at a division, district, or international meeting or by actively participating in the host service projects (does not include fund raiser events). A visit is not required for clubs opened in the division in July, August, or September to earn the Circle Award.

MIDDLE CIRCLE: A club must visit seven (7) different divisions, in addition to their own, during the twelve-month Kiwanis year with two or more Kiwanians. Choices of which divisions to visit are up to the individual club. Completion of the Inner Circle Award is also required to receive this award.

OUTER CIRCLE: A club must visit all of the other fifteen (15) divisions, as well as completing the Inner Circle Award in their own division, in the course of the twelve-month Kiwanis year with two or more Kiwanians.

Distinguished Awards

2023 – 2024 and 2024 – 2025 Distinguished Awards:

Distinguishing Club Recognition:

ACHIEVEMENT QUALIFICATIONS Club must:

- Earn at least 100 points to reach distinguished status.
- Be in good standing with Kiwanis International and the district by the end of the administrative year (September 30).
- Be at least at charter strength in membership (15) by the end of the administrative year (October 10)

1. MEMBERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT

1.1 Develop a membership plan that includes at least one recruitment event. Kiwanis International provides an online membership form that is accessible to the lieutenant governor. 2024-25 membership plans are due by October 31, 2024. **5 points**

1.2 Recruit at least four (4) new members into the club. **15 points**

1.3 Achieve a net gain of at least two (2) members. **20 points**

1.4 Sponsor or co-sponsor a new Kiwanis club. **10 points**

1.5 Appoint a club membership chairperson at the start of the administrative year. Membership chair should be submitted on the club election report. **5 points**

1.6 Complete at least one Achieving Club Excellence (ACE) tool. Self-reported. **5 points**

Section 1 - 60 possible points SCORE: _____

2. LEADERSHIP & EDUCATION

2.1 Club president, secretary, treasurer, and membership chair participate in Club Leadership Education or similar training coordinated by division, district, or international educational leaders prior to taking office in 2024-25. **10 points**

2.2 Members attend the 2025 district, regional or international conventions. Self-reported. **5 points**

2.3 At least one member participates in Kiwanis Amplify. **5 points**

Section 2 - 20 possible points SCORE: _____

3. COMMUNITY IMPACT

3.1 Submission of a club signature project in the 2025 Kiwanis International Signature Project Contest. **5 points**

3.2 Continue or start a club annual signature project. Self-reported. **5 points**

3.3 Sponsorship of one or more Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs (Aktion Club, Builders Club, Circle K International, Key Club, K-Kids) or one of the following programs: Terrific Kids, Bring Up Grades or Key Leader. **15 points**

3.4 Support (through service or donation) another local organization focusing on the needs of children. Self-reported. **5 points**

Section 3 - 30 possible points

SCORE: _____

4. FINANCIAL VIABILITY

4.1 Donate at least US\$10 per member to the Kiwanis Children's Fund or national/district Kiwanis foundation. **10 points**

4.2 Donate at least US\$20 per member to the Kiwanis Children's Fund or national/district Kiwanis foundation. **5 points**

4.3 Complete a club fundraising project to support the club's annual financial goals. Self-reported. **5 points**

Section 4 - 20 possible points

SCORE: _____

5. BRANDING & IMAGE

5.1 Establish or maintain an active partnership with an official Kiwanis partner or a local partner. Self-reported. **5 points**

5.2 Receive positive media coverage (print, television, social media) for a signature or other service project. Self-reported. **5 points**

5.3 Complete Youth Protection Guidelines education. **5 points**

5.4 Appoint a club public relations chairperson at the start of the administrative year. Public relations chair should be submitted on the club election report. **5 points**

Section 5 – 20 possible points

SCORE: _____

TOTAL POTENTIAL POINTS > > 150 points

Club must earn at least 100 points to reach distinguished status

AWARD RECOGNITION

- **Presidential letter of recognition.**
- **Distinguished club president pin and certificate.**
- **Distinguished club secretary pin and certificate.**
- **Distinguished club banner patch.**

Presentation: At district convention or other district event by board counselor or district governor.

**All awards are at the discretion of the Governor of the Southwest District*

Distinguishing Division Recognition:

ACHIEVEMENT QUALIFICATIONS

- **At least 66% of the clubs in the division achieve distinguished club status.**
- **Special qualitative assessment by the Kiwanis president and/or district governor.**

AWARD RECOGNITION

- **Presidential letter of recognition.**
- **Distinguished lieutenant governor pin and certificate.**

Presentation: *At district convention or other district conference by board counselor or district governor*

5 STAR Awards

The District shall recognize Clubs whose members participate in District affairs by attending District meetings and events.

To be eligible for the award each club should have been represented by at least one member of their club at:

1. Governor Don's or Governor Sheila's (2024 – 2025) official visit to your division.
2. The virtual Mid-Year/In-Person Conference
3. The district convention in Laughlin, Nevada
4. International Convention in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania
5. A Division Council Meeting (DCM) other than the one held during the Governor's visit to their division.

This form should be completed by the Division Lt. Governor.

Prize: Banner patch

NOTE: All above awards will be presented at our SWD Mid-Year Conventions in early 2026, for Governor Don's/Governor Sheila's year (October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

DCON Contests

Note: All awards, listed below, will be given at this year's DCON Convention, in Laughlin and are for entries from October 1, 2024 – August 21, 2025.

Travel Awards

An award will be made to the club that accumulates the most points for convention travel. Multiple the **one-way** mileage from your home city to Laughlin, AZ by the total number of full registers members and guests your club has in attendance to arrive at your club's point total. **Convention Travel Award Forms are available at the registration table and must be turned in by Noon on Saturday, August 23rd, at the Registration desk**

Award: Winning club/division will receive a large goodie bag (worth \$100) with travel snacks, gas card (s) and other fun items.

Club Scrapbook Contest



- If your club maintains a scrapbook and wishes to enter it, please contact Barbara Mizelle at barbmizellekiwanis@gmail.com to make arrangements for it to be displayed at DCON and judged at convention. **All entries must be received at the DCON registration desk, no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, August 22, 2025.**
- A Best of Show winner from a committee appointed by the Awards Chair will be awarded patches.
- The 'People's Choice' will be awarded based on votes by DCON attendees. (awarded patches)
- Lynne had scoresheets, for both Best of Show and People Choice awards.

Club Bulletin/Newsletter Contest



Club bulletins/newsletters from October 1, 2024 to August 5, 2025 will be judged based on content (Kiwanis interest, information, etc.), appearance, regularity of publication and method of delivery. Submit two (2) copies of the three best issues. One copy will be used for the judging and the second will be displayed at the convention.

Bulletin/Newsletter awards are based on the size of the clubs.

White Division with 30 or less members;
Blue Division with 31–45 members;
Orange Division with 46–70 members;
Gold Division with 71 or more members.

Award: club(s) will receive a patch

Club Brochure Contest

If your club publishes a brochure which is used for recruiting new members you are encouraged to enter it in the Brochure Competition. Submit two (2) copies. One copy will be used for the judging and the second will be displayed at convention.

Award: club will receive a patch

For Bulletin & Brochure — Submission Deadline: August 5, 2025.

Mail Bulletin/Newsletter and/or Brochure entries along with a printed copy of this form to:

**Barbara Mizelle
Awards Chair
10610 N. 37th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85028**

Not responsible for late or misdirected mail.

All entries must be postmarked by 8/10/2025!