Kiwanis International Distinguished Criteria 2011-12
(Recognizing our Success)

Distinguished Member

To qualify, a club member must:

- Sponsor two (2) new members
- Attend one of the following:
    - a midyear conference, International convention, District convention, regional/zone educational conference, KIEF or ASPAC conference or convention, Key Club convention, Circle K International convention, Aktion Club convention, or Key Leader event
- Participate in three (3) or more Kiwanis or SLP service projects
- Make a personal contribution to the District or International Kiwanis Foundation

Bonus activities that show a commitment to excellence

- Attend 4 inter clubs
- Contribute to KIF at the Hixson level or above
- Contribute to the District Foundation at the XX (to be determined by district) level or above
- Attend three of the events listed
- Contribute to the MNT project

The club president will verify those Kiwanians qualifying for the Distinguished Member recognition and submit the names to the District Governor who will forward to the KI President who in turn will forward the recommendations to Kiwanis International Board for consideration and approval.

Those achieving this recognition will receive a lapel pin and recognition on the Kiwanis International website.

Distinguished Clubs

To qualify, a club must excel in service, leadership education, and growth. The following areas will be considered to determine if a club will receive Distinguished status recognition.

Service

- The Kiwanis club fulfills its responsibilities to Service Leadership Program club(s) or assists other clubs with their responsibilities to the sponsored SLP club
    - K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club, or Kiwanis Jr.
- The Kiwanis club builds or co-sponsors and charters a new Service Leadership Program club
- The Kiwanis club participates in one of the following
    - K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Aktion Club, Kiwanis Jr. District or International convention

    - Has an advisor/administrator for any SLP at the District or International level
- The Kiwanis club participates in a Kiwanis Branded service project
    - Young Children Priority One, Read around the World, Bring Up Grades, Terrific Kids, or Key Leader
- The Kiwanis club will initiate two new service projects during the administrative year
- The Kiwanis club will continue a long term service project for a minimum of three years
- The Kiwanis Club will financially support the District or International Kiwanis Foundation – minimum contribution of $100 in local currency

Leadership Education

- The Kiwanis club president and secretary participate in the Kiwanis International Club Leadership Education (CLE) session prior to assuming office – preference is given to participation in the in person education program
- The Kiwanis club ensures that all new members receive Kiwanis International new member orientation
- The Kiwanis club has during the current administrative year an officer or committee member at a level above the club level
    - This includes any Division officer or committee member, any District officer or committee member, District Foundation Board member or officer
- The Kiwanis club has during the current administrative year an officer or committee member at a level above the District level
    - This includes any International or Federation or ASPAC committee member or officer
- The Kiwanis club submits all 12 Monthly Reports via the KiwanisOne online Monthly Reporting System.
- The Kiwanis club is represented at one of the following educational opportunities
    - District midyear, zone, or regional educational conferences, KIEF or ASPAC educational conferences or conventions
- The Kiwanis club is represented at one of the following educational opportunities
    - District convention or International Convention
- The Kiwanis Club will need to properly submit its Annual Club Report to be considered for Distinguished recognition

Growth

- The Kiwanis club has a net membership gain by the end of the administrative year
- The Kiwanis club sponsors or co-sponsors a new Kiwanis club or club satellite
- The Kiwanis club returns to Charter II strength

Bonus activities that show a commitment to excellence

- The Kiwanis Club participates in 10 or more inter clubs
- The Kiwanis club gives a minimum of $10 per member to the KI or District Foundations
- The Kiwanis club has at least three delegates attend District convention or two delegates attend International convention
- The Kiwanis club has a new fund raising or service project dedicated to MNT

The Lt. Governor will recommend their choices for Distinguished Clubs to the Governor who in turn will forward the recommendations to the KI President who in turn will forward the recommendations to Kiwanis International Board for consideration and approval.

Distinguished clubs will receive a Distinguished Club Banner Patch and a Distinguished Club lapel pin for each club member. In addition, the Club will be recognized on our Kiwanis International website.

Distinguished Division

The following areas will be considered to determine if a Division will receive Distinguished status recognition.

- The Division maintains the current number of clubs within the division
- The Division has a net increase in the number of clubs within the division
- The Division maintains the current membership number
- The Division has a net increase in the current membership number
- The Division has an increased number of clubs attending CLE compared to the previous year
- The Division Lt. Governor attends the District sponsored Lt. Governor training
- The Division Lt. Governor attends all District Board meetings
- The Division Lt. Governor attends the District regional or midyear conference/education days
- The Division Lt. Governor attends the District convention

Bonus activities that show a commitment to excellence

- The Division meets at least 8 times per year
- The Division has a division wide service project in support of MNT
- The Division has 80% participation by all clubs within the division to all division council meetings
- The Division has two clubs return to Charter II status
- The Division has a Lt. Governor elect

The District Governor will recommend their choices for Distinguished Division to the KI President who in turn will forward the recommendations to Kiwanis International Board for consideration and approval.

A Distinguished Division will receive appropriate recognition and acknowledgement on the Kiwanis International website. The Lt. Governor and each club president will receive a Distinguished Division pin and each division club will receive a Distinguished Division banner patch.

Distinguished District

The following areas will be considered to determine if a District will receive Distinguished status recognition.

- The District will maintain or increase the current number of clubs within the district

- The District will maintain or increase the current membership number
- The District will increase the number of clubs attending CLE as compared to the previous year
- The District will increase the number of SLP clubs as compared to previous year:
- The District will increase the service hours per club as compared to previous year
- The District will provide an opportunity at a district event for a service project focused on SLP, YCPO or MNT.

Bonus activities that show a commitment to excellence

- The District builds 10 club satellites
- The District holds a district wide fund raising or service project in support of MNT
- The District has 100% of clubs using the online reporting system provided by KI
- The District has at least one club member from 75% of the district clubs participating at the district convention
- The District exceeds its quota for member participation at the international convention
- The District has 20% of its clubs eligible for Charter II status achieve this status

The ASPAC chair and the KIEF President will recommend their choices for Distinguished District to the KI President who in turn will forward the recommendations to Kiwanis International Board for consideration and approval.

The KI President will recommend the choices for worldwide recognition of Distinguished Districts to the Kiwanis International Board for consideration and approval.

A Distinguished District will receive appropriate recognition at the 2013 International convention and acknowledgement on the Kiwanis International website. The Governor and each member of the District Board will receive a Distinguished District lapel pin and each club will receive a Distinguished District banner patch.