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Temporary new-member fee waiver for existing Kiwanis clubs extended through December 31, 2020

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an impact on communities worldwide. More than ever, kids and communities need Kiwanis. To encourage existing Kiwanis clubs to continue to invite new members, the Kiwanis International Board approved a new-member fee waiver to bolster membership and help Kiwanis clubs perform the service needed in the wake of this pandemic and beyond. The board encourages districts and clubs to comply with this waiver due to the emergency conditions presented by the pandemic.

APPROVED MOTION BY THE KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BOARD

That, due to the continuing emergency conditions, the Kiwanis International Board approves the continuation of the waiver of the Kiwanis International new-member enrollment fees for new members of existing Kiwanis clubs (excluding new clubs) from October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. Further, the Kiwanis International Board recommends that districts and clubs also waive their respective new-member enrollment fees for the same period. District new-member enrollment fees will not be collected by Kiwanis International.

NOTE: The Kiwanis International Board originally passed a motion on April 22, 2020, that waived the new-member fee through September 30, 2020. The motion above passed on October 2, 2020, extends this waiver through December 31, 2020.

NEW CLUB CLARIFICATION

This new-member fee waiver is not applicable to charter members of new Kiwanis clubs organized during this same period. Members of new Kiwanis clubs must pay the new-member fee.

DISTRICT AND CLUB NEW-MEMBER FEES

The Kiwanis International Board strongly requests districts and clubs to waive any new-member fees. District boards and club boards should meet to approve such waivers. Kiwanis International will not collect new-member fees for districts during this period. If a district wishes to continue to collect a new-member fee for members added through December 31, the district must invoice the club. Questions regarding member rosters for billing should be addressed to Member Services at memberservices@kiwanis.org.

DUES VERSUS FEES AT KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

In addition to a new-member fee (the amount a member remits to initially join Kiwanis International), insurance and magazine subscription are fees assessed in subsequent years. Dues are not assessed to new members. Annual dues are billed on members after their initial new member period beginning October 1.

REPORTING NEW MEMBERS

Club secretaries should enter new members into the secretary dashboard. The Kiwanis International staff will make the necessary adjustments to billings.