



**Kiwanis**<sup>®</sup>  
CLUB OF ASBURY PARK



# Kiwanis International - Global

**Kiwanis International is a global organization of over 800,000 volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time.**



# What Does Kiwanis Int'l Do?

**Kiwanis International has 7,000 clubs in 79 nations. Each year, Kiwanis clubs around the world cumulatively accomplish so much.**

- Sponsor nearly 150,000 service projects
- Devote more than 18.5 million hours to service
- Raise more than \$100 million





# The Kiwanis Club of Asbury Park

**Apolitical, volunteer-driven, non-denominational,  
not-for-profit organization**

- All vulnerable youth are worthy of a chance to feel love and support regardless of their faith, creed or color

**Empowers people and businesses to improve the  
community in which they live and work by making lasting  
differences in the lives of at-risk children**

- Laser focus on education and literacy, food and clothing insecurities, and general health and safety.
- Commitment to safe, fun whenever and wherever possible



# Organizational Structure

**Service year** runs from October 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>

Elections for officers and the board held in June for the following service year

## **OFFICERS**

President: Deena Cohen  
Secretary: Joanne Papaiani  
Secretary: Shannon Shine  
President-Elect: Jeannine Defoe  
Treasurer: Alex Mizenko  
Past President: Steve Everk

## **BOARD**

Tom Newgarden  
Lauren Wagner  
Wendy Smith  
Cori Lewin  
Kevin Strickland  
Karen Harrington

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

Social & Outreach: Jeannine Defoe  
Finance: Claire Woodrow  
Membership: Wendy Smith

## **SERVICE EVENTS COMMITTEES**

As needed



# Partners Extend Our Reach

**Partnerships are critical to achieving our goals. We partner with like-minded organizations that share our commitment to helping vulnerable Asbury Park youth.**

- Asbury Book Cooperative
- Asbury Park Homeowners Assoc.
- Asbury Park Little League
- Asbury Park Music Foundation
- Bridge Of Books Foundation
- Community Karma
- Covenant House
- Jersey Shore Arts Center
- Mercy Center
- Public Library
- Rotary Club
- Salvation Army



# Impactful Youth Initiatives

## Our Biggest Fundraiser of the Year

- ***EAT HERE NOW*** generates thousands of dollars/year for the Club so we can support critical youth initiatives presented by the community and our valued partners.

## Literacy & Education

- ***Scholarships*** - Awarded over **\$6,000 in scholarships** to Asbury Park High School students.
- ***Book Arks*** - Working with **Bridge of Books Foundation**, launched **Book Arks** with thousands of books to high-spirited youth at several local Elementary Schools.
- ***Backpacks for Kids*** - Raised money, packed and shipped hundreds of backpacks with school supplies for **Community Karma** initiative.

## Food & Clothing Insecurities

- ***Mercy Center*** - Volunteers keep the food pantry open in evenings to meet the needs of working families.
- ***Covenant House*** - Room preparations, building renovations, landscape refreshes and birthdays celebrations are our top priorities for the male and female teen residents.





# Impactful Youth Initiatives (cont.)

## General Health & Safety

- **Mentors** - training for Club members to administer emergency services as needed and offer advice on health and nutrition.

## Safe, Good Times!

- **Little League** - our valued partnership with **Asbury Park Little League** has us on the field supporting our teams with equipment and uniforms as well as serving up great food at the big pancake breakfast!
- **Second Life Bikes** - lots of fun is had as children run, bike and "Play on Pine" Street in Asbury Park on Friday nights. Kiwanis Club adds to the fun offering FREE snacks, drinks and activity books to all.
- **Movie Afternoon at the Showroom** - hosted approximately 25 boys, girls and family members to a super fun afternoon full of laughs, treats, popcorn and toys!
- **Beach Toy Borrow Box** - built and placed on 2nd Ave. for kids to "borrow " toys, enjoy for the day and return to the box for more kids. Good for the environment too -- no toys left on the beach or in the ocean.





# All Volunteers Are Welcome

**We need to expand our base of volunteers to continue support for so many initiatives.**

- Attend Club Meetings
- Participate in service and fundraising projects based on your availability – one or more than one is totally fine!
- Serve on committees (but not chair)



# Member Involvement

## Members make our projects go round and round!

- Develop service and fundraising projects
- Serve on committees
- Run for office
- Attend district council meetings
- Participate in inter-club meetings
- FEEL GREAT ABOUT YOURSELF!



# How Much Time Will This Take?

**Monthly Club Meetings (2):** Business Meeting, Social Meeting

**Committees:** Meet as needed. Committee Chairs are expected to form and lead the committee from beginning to end of project.

**Service Projects:** If you actively participate in just one or two projects during the year, that's great!

*We do not count service hours. Club meetings are not mandatory as minutes are issued after Club business meetings.*



# What Does Membership Cost?

## **Membership Dues: \$150/yr (prorated)**

- Covers insurance
- Feeds the Kiwanis International Matching Fund
- Provides Literature, training, etc.

## **Background Checks (required): \$35 every 2 years**

***NOTE: Asbury Park Kiwanis will not allow dues to be a membership roadblock. If fees represent a challenge, the Treasurer will (discreetly) reimburse.***

**PLEASE CONTACT CLUB MEMBERSHIP POINT PERSON WITH QUESTIONS.**