

Auto Withdrawal Offers Easy Foundation Involvement

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If you saw the movie *Jerry McGuire*, you'll remember Cuba Gooding, Jr., as Rod Tidwell uttering the iconic phrase, "Show me the money!" At one time or another, we've all wanted to see the money, often to use it to do good works and allow us to support worthy causes.

Now, thanks to the wizardry of electronics, you can do just that. Your Nebraska-Iowa District Foundation (NIF) now makes it easier than ever to contribute to the organization's good works, while building equity toward its most prestigious award.

"More and more people, our members among them, are paying their bills online, and using automatic withdrawal," says Mary Langdon, NIF President. "Now those conveniences extend to supporting their Foundation."

It's a simple matter to designate the amount and schedule for your monthly or bimonthly bank withdrawals from either checking or savings accounts. Simply fill out the form available on the district Web site, and forward it to the NIF Secretary or Treasurer. The Foundation will handle the rest.

"Every Kiwanian in good standing within our District is a member of the Foundation," Langdon explained. "But to increase involvement and achieve voting status requires Life Member status. That means a \$100 donation. A second \$100 elevates membership to Star Life status. But, more importantly, each donation moves the donor one step closer to becoming a Bartlett Fellow or Lady."

Bartlett awards are bestowed on Foundation members who contribute \$1,000 or more. The award is named for the Nebraska-Iowa District's first International President, Wes Bartlett, of Algona, Iowa. Donations may be made in a single amounts, or allowed to accumulate over time. That's where regular automatic withdrawals come in. Such transactions are painless ways to accumulate funds to reach Bartlett membership level. There is no time limit, nor are amounts strictly limited. You need only authorize withdrawals of at least \$15 during each period to begin the climb to expanded Foundation involvement, and achieving Bartlett status.

"As a Foundation reaching out to the children and communities of Nebraska and Iowa, our goal is to make greater involvement and member growth as easy as possible," Langdon commented. "We feel that by accepting credit cards during the last year, we eased individual budgeting concerns, and erased barriers to membership. Now, through automatic withdrawals from financial institutions throughout the district, we're taking the availability of participation to another level."

If you are interested in automatic contributions, see the form available on the NIF section of the district Web site. For further information, contact your division Foundation Trustee, or check with NIF Treasurer or Secretary Bob or Marvel Dunaway.