

January 20, 2015

Welcome to **Monday News**

Div. 10E Meeting

Division 10E combined with Divisions 10S & 10W to welcome the Ohio District Governor Diana Keplinger for her official visit to our divisions..

Host Clubs *

- Northwest Columbus Div. 10W - Pres. Craig Smith
- Berwick Club Div. 10S – Pres. Don Gales
- Columbus Northland Club Div. 10E – Pres. Beth Riemenschneider

Division Meetings *

- Division 10S Lt. Governor Nelson Kopp
- Division 10W Lt. Governor Judy Andrews
- Division 10E Lt. Governor Jerry Miller

* All Club and Division meeting were opened and basically closed.

Lt. Gov. Jerry Miller Introduced Governor Diana Keplinger.

Gov. Diana's theme for her year is "To soar to new heights". She has given balloon lapel pins to each Lt. Gov. as a reminder of her theme.

She met with all of the club presidents prior to the general meeting and discussed her goals with them.

Gov. Diana's message to the group was to support the Eliminate Project, which will be ending this year on Sept 30th. She encouraged each club to increase our support of the Eliminate Project. She would like to see 100% participation of all clubs in the Ohio District. She is asking each club to give a minimum of \$180 to save 100 babies. Some clubs have not made a pledge.

Her goals also includes the support of the International Formula of Love it Share it and Live it by improving our clubs, have meaningful service, increase membership, and clubs support the Ohio District Foundation. This list is long and may be burdensome, therefore she is going to reduce the list to two goals. Improve membership, and save babies (The Eliminate project).

Improve membership. Make meetings fun by singing from the Kiwanis song book, maybe have a "happy buck" time where members donate a dollar and tell the club members why they are happy, have good programs, etc. We need to involve new members and reduce the loss of membership. If we add members, we also need to retain members. Each club should survey their membership to find out what the members like and dislike about the meetings. Are the programs good, the food good or bad, does the meeting start and end on time, etc.

Remember Circle K and Key Clubbers are associate members of Kiwanis and if they join Kiwanis within 2 years of graduation, *I believe I heard this correctly*, they will not be required to pay dues to Kiwanis International for 2 years.

She related a couple of projects that she participated in as a fundraiser and a food drive.

The fundraiser involved a dunk tank, which was miserable because the water was very cold, but it also was very dirty, you could say it was extremely dirty. The tank had been stored in a barn and it was not cleaned before they filled it with water. *I leave it to your imaginations as to the materials that were in the tank*. She did complete her time at the dunk tank, but the others who were to participate did not show up.

The other project involved a food drive that the K Kids Club was sponsoring. The collections were not coming in very well and she volunteered to sit on the roof of their school building and read a book until they met their goal. Of course on the day she was to do this, it was raining and cold. She, in her yellow rain slicker, umbrella, chair and book went to the 2nd story roof of their building and read the book of her choice, a Norma Roberts novel. The food donations came in and every thing was going well until some of her students said she wasn't reading because her lips were not moving.

She used these examples as ways to think out of the box to make a project successful.

At the time she was doing this, she was the principal at the school.

At the end of her talk the clubs in the divisions presented checks to her as a gift and a donation to the Eliminate Project.

Gov. Diana officiated in the charting of the South Columbus Club which was organized September 29, 2014.

She then inducted the officer's of the club as well as inducting seven new members.

They were chartered with 15 members and with seven new members they, of course, are at 22 members.

The South Club raffled off gift baskets that were donated to them from other clubs in the 10E, 10S, & 10W divisions for them to use the income as a fundraiser.

I believe only one club was not in attendance. There are a total of 29 clubs in the three divisions. About 137 Kiwanians were at the meeting.

Our division had 32 members in attendance with all 8 clubs present. Our Club had 9 members present. The following Granville members attended: Walt Chaney, Tom Harvey, Alice Lewis, Jennifer Lewis, Tim LePontois, Charlene Lossing, Lesa Miller, Jerry Miller, and Dave Thomas

I had the pleasure of giving the closing reflections, which to me meant a closing prayer.



Figure 3 Ohio District Governor Diana Keplinger



Figure 1 Roy Young, Fred Russell, and Walt Chaney

After the meeting was over, I started remembering my years (1989-1990) as Lt Gov. Our three divisions, Lt. Gov. Fred Russell Div. 10S from the Berwick Club and Roy Young Div. 10W of the W. Franklin County Club and of course myself, celebrated the 75th Kiwanis International Anniversary at the Berwick Manor Restaurant in the same room. See the above photo.

I believe at the time it was referred to as the Berwick Party House.



Figure 2 Lt. Gov. Jerry Miller

Walt Chaney

Notes: *Slanted words are my commentaries*

Corrections - welcomed

Criticisms - tolerated

Meeting Location - Berwick Manor Restaurant. On Refugee Rd.
Presiding - The Lt. Governors of Divisions 10E, 10S, & 10W
Invocation - Don Gales President of Berwick Kiwanis Club
Closing Reflection - Walt Chaney Granville Kiwanis Club
Meal cost - \$22

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