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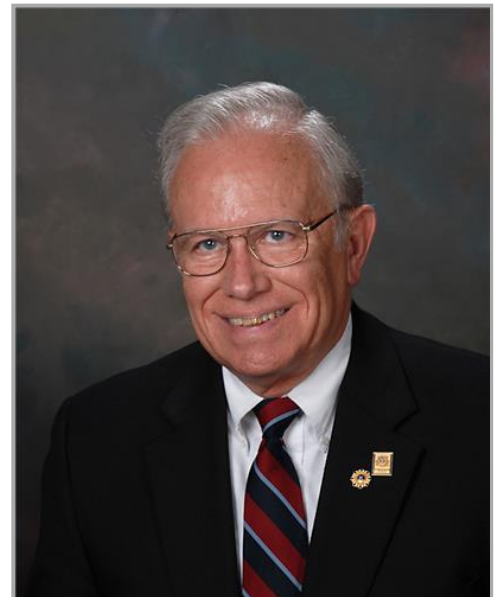
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Governor's Notes

04/15/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: John DeVilbiss

Warmer weather is now with us. Spring is here, and summer is not far behind. Many Kiwanis clubs are planning fundraisers and service projects, now that the weather is better. It's also time to sell and promote Kiwanis. Make sure you have a brochure and club information at all of your projects, no matter if it is a fundraiser or service project. You also might want to have people walking around talking to people, telling them what service your Kiwanis club is doing and inviting people to your meetings. Don't forget the First Family Project and have Chad stickers available for all those that have car seats. This is a great way to help your community and advertise Kiwanis at the same time.



The Ohio District has just completed a very successful webinar entitled "Best Practices for Membership Growth". Our special thanks to Lanton Lee, Eric Bush, and Amy Zimmerman for all their work and efforts in making the webinar such a great success. If you missed the webinar, it is archived and is available for you to listen to at any time. You can find the archived webinar at the following website:

<https://kiwanis.box.net/shared/8jgzb32m9d>.

Make sure to take the time to utilize this excellent resource on membership development for your club.

Also, don't forget, we need articles for the Buckeye Bulletin of your service projects and fundraisers you are doing this spring. Take a picture of your members doing the project and write a small story about the project. You can submit the story for the Buckeye Bulletin by going to the Ohio District website (www.ohiokiwanis.org) and clicking on the "News" tab and then "News Story Submission". Let others see what your Kiwanis club is doing for Kiwanis service.

And finally, make sure the members of your club are rewarded for the new members they are bring into your club. "1-2-3 You Hold the Key" are awards available to members for bringing in 1 to 3 new members. Adding one member will get the sponsoring member a bronze "Key". Adding two members will get the sponsoring member a silver "Key". Adding three new members will get the sponsoring member a gold "Key". If a member sponsors five new members they are eligible for the "Ruby K" award. The awards are

furnished at no cost to the club. The club just needs to contact Kiwanis International and let them know they have Kiwanis members eligible for the awards and Kiwanis will supply them.

Banner Patches for K-Kids

04/11/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Faith Cook Kiwanis Kids Chair



The school year for the three Kiwanis Kids Programs is coming to a close and various recognitions will be given for goals achieved and service projects completed.

K-Kids clubs have a few opportunities to be recognized throughout the year by Kiwanis International with club banner patches for the following projects:

Read Around the World Conduct related projects throughout the year and complete the online banner patch order form.

Kiwanis One Day Complete the online banner patch form.

Trick or Treat for UNICEF Clubs that earn \$250 or more are eligible for a banner patch. Learn more at www.unicef.org/trickortreat

Annual Achievement Report Clubs complete and score a report (due May1) of their activities for the year.

Number of points earned by the club determines if the club is honored as a Distinguished Club or a Honored Club. Clubs earn a banner patch.

K-Kids Contests Banner patches are earned by clubs that submit a Scrapbook or a Club Single Service entry for their single best service project for the year. Awards are given for the KI Foundation's Leadership Award (which recognizes outstanding leaders within K-Kids Clubs) and the contest categories of Essay, Speech and Art. Download the Contest Booklet for information and entry forms for the entire contests.

It is not too early to begin planning for the 2011-2012 school year. Kiwanis and Faculty Advisors should visit the K-Kids Web site at www.k-kids.org/contests to plan their contest and award opportunities for the next year.

Key Leader Registration is Still Open!

04/15/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kelly Shaffer, Key Leader Chair

Spring Key Leader is just around the corner, April 29-May 1 and registration is still open. We have plenty of spots available for 8th-12th grade students who wish to pursue leadership opportunities in their schools, communities, Key Clubs, and more. This is a great, affordable way to give a student just the push he or she may need to step into that role.



The Key Leader weekend includes chances to make new friends, participate in discussions about moral and ethical issues, challenge themselves on low-ropes activities, and much, much more. It all happens in a clean, safe camp facility with trained, background-checked volunteers.

The cost of sponsorship is only \$225 per student registered after April 15 (\$200 per Key or Builders Club member). This is much less than other leadership education programs. Won't you offer sponsorship to a deserving student?

Did you know that Kiwanis Key Leader has helped over 13,000 students worldwide find their inner leaders? If your own community hasn't been touched by Key Leader, don't wait a moment longer. Please contact ohiokeyleader@gmail.com with any questions.

Kelly Shaffer
District Chair
Key Leader

District Secretary's Report

04/15/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman

As this issue of the Buckeye Bulletin is being prepared, district Kiwanians are preparing for our 94th Annual District Convention. This year we will be meeting in Toledo, Ohio at the Park Inn. The convention committee is working very hard to make sure you have an enjoyable convention experience. Please mark your calendar for August 12-14, 2011 as we will have a special celebration in honor of Alan Penn's election to the office of International President in Geneva, Switzerland.

Club Dues Update

As of the last Unpaid Dues Report, published by Kiwanis International on March 30th, thirty-eight (38) of our District Clubs owe more than \$150.00 in dues and/or fees. I realize that some clubs have paid since that date, but a significant number have not and they are in danger of not having delegates seated at the International Convention and/or District Convention. Please be sure your club is current when you come to convention. We have ballot issues to be considered at the delegate session and we need your vote to handle the business of the Ohio District.



2011 District Installation

Please be sure and mark your calendar for the Installation of our 2011-12 District Board. The Installation will take place on September 17, 2011 at the Doubletree Columbus/Worthington in Columbus, Ohio and further details will be coming to your Club Secretary in early August. We will also post information online using our district website at www.ohiokiwanis.org. The first official meeting of our 2011-12 Kiwanis Board will take place on Sunday, September 18th.

The 2010-11 administrative year is now more than half over. Be sure to look elsewhere in this newsletter for information concerning various items of interest. Please don't hesitate to call us with your questions or concerns.

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary

March Growth Report

04/15/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Membership Committee

Seventy-five (75) clubs are now a member of the leaders that have met the goal of having a "Plus" in membership as of the end of March. This means that they have had a net gain of at least one member in their Kiwanis Club. Many clubs have exceeded the goal.



This is a great start. We need to continue to work on membership to turn around the numbers and be a "Plus" club, division, or District. There are eighty-eight (88) clubs that are at zero and another twenty-six (26) clubs that are at minus one. If these clubs would add enough members to be a "Plus" club, the Ohio District would be "Plus". Let's all "Light The Fire" in membership and be a "Plus" club.

[Click Here](#) to review the membership leaders as of March 31, 2011.

Young Children: Priority One

04/15/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Diana Keplinger



Spring is a great time to be concentrating on projects and programs that benefit our young children. In the United States, April is designated Alcohol Awareness Month. Keep this in mind as your club schedules events and campaigns. On September 9th at 9:09 AM, the ninth minute of the ninth hour of the ninth day of the ninth month of the year, around the world bells are rung, lullabies are sung and stories are shared, all in an effort to remind pregnant women of the dangers of drinking alcohol. Your club can plan an event on this day using resources available at www.fasday.com.

Encourage local bars and restaurants that serve alcohol to offer free milk, or fruit juice, to women who are pregnant and distribute a flier that lists the participating establishments. Communicate the message that they are proud to help pregnant women have healthy babies. Arrange for local experts to talk at employee meetings of companies about the importance of avoiding alcohol during pregnancy. Representatives from the public health department, March of Dimes and family and child

services departments.

Pamphlets are available from a variety of organizations and can be ordered and distributed in clinics, doctors' offices, high schools, college campuses, drug stores and even liquor stores. To print enough educational pamphlets to really cover your community, offer to give credit on the pamphlet to a printer who will donate the printing. Make color copies of the FASD brochure that is available at www.kiwanisone.org/ycpo.

The first step in a healthy pregnancy is to get good prenatal care. If a free clinic for prenatal care does not exist in your community, a coalition can develop one, using contributed resources. If a free clinic is in operation, your club could publicize its location and service hours and/or offer transportation to it.

These and many other ideas are available in a special Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders service bulletin from Kiwanis International. Here are some of the organizations that you can contact for more valuable information. The Arc of the United States at www.thearc.org; Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse and Addictions (CASAA) at fas@casaa.unm.edu; the March of Dimes Foundation at www.marchofdimes.com; and our very own www.KiwanisOne.org.

The information for this article was taken from the Kiwanis International Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder Service Bulletin.

If I can be of any further service to you or your club, please contact me at (419) 566-5903.

Diana Keplinger
District Chair
Young Children Priority One

Ohio District Convention

04/14/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Craig Wallace

The 94th Annual Ohio District Convention will be held August 12-14, 2011 at the Park Inn Hotel and the adjacent Seagate Convention Center in downtown Toledo. After the Friday night convention kickoff, we will celebrate the election of Alan Penn to President of Kiwanis International. This will be a very special event as Alan becomes the 5th International President from the Ohio District. After the celebration, we'll "Meet the Candidates" to be followed by a Sock Hop. All SLP alumni will be invited to the Sock Hop to socialize with their friends and to make new ones.



Saturday morning starts with the annual meeting of the district foundation and all Kiwanians are encouraged to attend. This will be followed by a full schedule of educational forums will be presented throughout the day. In the afternoon, the business and elections of the Ohio District will take place at the delegate session. On Saturday night, Governor John and First Lady Wanda Devilbiss will be honored at the annual Governor's Banquet.

As part of the convention-*we will be doing a service project!* **Starting now, in April and until the convention, we will be collecting socks-any kind of new socks.** Both Kiwanians and SLP members, are asked to donate socks. Sock drives can also be held in Ohio communities. The socks are to be brought to Toledo to be presented to "Hannah's Socks". This is a Toledo based charity organization started five years ago. When 4 year old Hannah saw a sockless homeless man, she asked her mother if she could give her socks to him. Hannah's Socks grew out of this simple beginning. All socks collected by Hannah's Socks are given to people who need them. Service Project Chair Dave Schlaudecker has set a goal of donating 50,000 pair of socks to Hannah's Socks at the District Convention.

Toledo is a great city with many activities for family members. The Toledo Zoo, the Glass Pavilion at the Toledo Museum, the Imagination Station, area shopping, local restaurants, the Toledo Botanical Gardens, etc. are nearby. Please make plans now to attend the District Convention. I look forward to seeing you in Toledo!

Craig Wallace
2011 District Convention Chair

Kiwanis International Foundation Needs Your Support

04/14/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Len Abrams

The race is on to obtain as high a percentage of Ohio District clubs participating in this year's Kiwanis International Foundation Annual Gift Campaign. So far we have raised over \$16,000 but have a long way to go. That's because there are a great number of clubs that have not yet participated. The objective is to have each club give \$5 per member.



However, I've set a goal of obtaining as high a percentage of clubs participating as possible. Each year there are numerous Districts around the world that have 100% participation. I know Ohio can be a part of that success. It just takes recognizing the need and find a level your club can afford. It may not be the targeted \$5 but if we can just get 100% of clubs making some gift we will raise more than we have ever done in the past.

When addressing this issue of giving I like to use a little example of how easy it can be. Let's look at a typical club with 30 members. Let's also consider that they raise \$5,000 in their service and welfare activities each year. If this club were to give \$5 per member that is \$150. This represents just 3% of their service and welfare monies. That also means that 97% of monies raised stays in the local communities.

If your club has not made a commitment yet please get on board today. Kiwanis International Foundation supports an active grants program that help children around the World. That includes our important sponsored youth programs at all levels. The time is now, take action. If you have questions contact me at 330-465-4690 or lhachfc@yahoo.com.

Len Abrams
District Chair
Kiwanis International Foundation

First Family Project

04/15/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Wanda DeVilbiss

For those of you that have not heard about it, here is a synopsis of the First Family Project "Safe Pediatric Transport".

- C.H.A D. stickers go on car seats and booster seats providing ID information for children in emergency situations.
- Comfort bears can be donated to fire, rescue, and police dept. for use to calm traumatized children.
- Pedimates (5 point harness that straps onto cots), child sized backboards and other pediatric trauma items can be donated to local rescue squads to provide safe

transport. (See photo)

- New car seats can be donated to needy families.
- Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation grants can be requested to help with these projects.

If you need more info on this project, please send an e-mail request to kiwanis@earthlink.net.

I am thrilled to hear about all of the successes from the First Family Project and I want to share some ideas with you.

- Contact your local rescue squad and tell them you are handing out Chad stickers so that they look for them.
- Put the Chad stickers on neon labels so they are easier to see. (If not in stores, try generics on line).
- Have a car seat at the table so people can see how they look.
- Buy laminating material to apply after the labels have been filled out.
- Contact a local hospital or YMCA to put a Chad booth at their health fair.
- Have a Chad table at parent/teacher conferences, kindergarten registration, preschool registration, t-ball sign up, soccer signup, Easter egg hunts, Halloween parades, sports opening days, July 4th celebrations, and at every Kiwanis fundraiser or event.
- Branch out into the small towns near you and offer pediatric transport equipment (and of course offer Kiwanis membership-maybe start a satellite club).



Don't forget to send a raffle basket to District Convention. Our project doesn't end until October and we will need to fund much more service before we are finished. Donations can also be made to the Ohio District Foundation.

In closing, I need a favor from all of you. It will be very difficult to judge the effectiveness of the First Family Project in monetary terms, so I need your help. Please start figuring out how many CHAD stickers you have placed, how much money you have spent on safe pediatric transport, how many Boo Boo/Comfort Bears you have distributed, and how many new members you signed due to interest in this project. In other words, how you have changed lives, and send that info to me before the convention in August. We are going to try to have a report you can complete in September.

Thanks from the DeVilbiss family and all the little ones you have saved from trauma, injury, and worse.

Wanda DeVilbiss
First Lady
Ohio District Kiwanis

Ohio Key Club

04/16/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jeff Eble

What can Kiwanians do to be of help to Key Clubbers? Pretty much the same things they would do as a good parent. Go to their events. Be interested in what they are doing.



Give advice and ideas when they need help. Your interest as a Kiwanian can be a great motivator to the Key Club you sponsor. Include them in your projects and give them praise when they do a good job.

I get to spend a lot of time with the District Board members. Are they great examples of today's high schoolers? Sure. Are they leaders among their peers? Sure. Are they still typical teen age high school students with all the same fears, worries, and trauma that goes

with that age? Absolutely!

What should we NOT do if we truly want to give our Key Clubbers a true leadership experience and allow them to truly grow and be successful? We can't control all they do and make it perfect. We learn far more from our failures than we do our successes. As Kiwanians we need to have enough trust, to allow the Key Clubs to try projects, have problems, and be allowed to work them out, and yes, sometimes to have failures. Many things like post it notes and super glue came about from failures on some other project. Key Clubbers need to learn about leadership by working out differences with their fellow club members, not having "mom or dad" fix it. They need to struggle and sometimes fail. A project that has failed, and been reworked to be stronger may become a great annual event. The lessons taught by that will go as far as any text book in teaching about the world and working with people.

I once had a former Key Club Governor tell me an interesting story. Out of college for some time, recently completing a master's degree, and going through Job interviews, he said he spent more time talking with prospective employers about his time and experiences as Governor, than about his Masters! At first he was surprised, and then he realized these people either were, or knew of Kiwanis and Key Club. They recognized the value of practical experience in leadership and could understand some of his leadership style by understanding his Key Club background.

This is the Key Club experience. The opportunity to stand up, plan an event, have successes and have failures. All with the help and guidance of Kiwanians, but with the ability to do it on their own. Little lessons of youth become big ideals and philosophies of the future! Good luck!

Jeff Eble
District Administrator
Ohio District Key Club

Club News

Broadview Heights Kiwanis Flag Project Results

04/13/2011 - Club: Broadview Heights Area - Submitted by: Joe Price

I wanted to update our donors with the final results of the purchase of United States of America Flags for our service personnel.

Because of one innocent request... and the heart of a third grader, William Giulivo of Assumption Academy and a member of Assumption K-Kids, asked all of you to kindly think of his Aunt CAPT Beth McCluskey, serving in the 256th Combat Support Hospital in Tikrit, Iraq, and you have.



William asked his 2nd grade teacher Mrs. Barb Deimling if the K-Kids could help by sending a flag to his Aunt serving in Iraq. Mrs. Deimling... enlisted the help of her husband Al who then presented Williams request to the Kiwanis Club of Broadview Heights and we asked for your help.

Because of you...

We received \$1625.00 in donations and the donation of 1 United States of America Flag. Your donations accounted for and purchased a total of 116 additional United States of America Flags and an additional \$25.00 was donated towards shipping costs. In addition to that... the Assumption Academy K-Kids raised over \$300 in donations.

The flags and cash donation were presented to the Assumption Academy K-Kids yesterday afternoon. It was an emotional and gratifying ceremony as we all were witness to something very special that came from a very special group of children at Assumption Academy. We also present to William the Kiwanis Club of Broadview Heights Charter Presidents M.A.D. award for Making A Difference in our community and beyond.

This morning God put on my heart his words from Matthew 7:7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you".

William selflessly asked for "a single flag" with the hope Mrs. Deimling & fellow K-Kids members might do the same. Mrs. Deimling then sought the help of her husband Al Deimling in the hope they could do more. Mr. Deimling then knocked on the door of the Kiwanis Club... and all of you opened the door and welcomed them in.

2 Corinthians 9:6,7 "Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

From the bottom my heart I want to thank you all for being a cheerful giver!

May God Bless you all... May God Bless America and May God Bless our service men and women by keeping them from harms way.

Joe Price

Brecksville Kiwanis Honors Two Members

04/06/2011 - Club: Brecksville - Submitted by: Kevin Brusk

The Kiwanis Club of Brecksville recognized two of its valued members, Robert Andree and Dr. Dasarathi (Das) Ram, with Legion of Honor Awards at a recent Thursday night meeting.

Das has been an active member of the Brecksville club for 30 years. Working long hours as a radiologist has not prevented him from finding time to give back to the community through Kiwanis. Das truly takes the Kiwanis mission of service to heart, as he is not only a past Club President, but has also put in hundreds of hours of service in many club



projects such as the Horse Show.

Bob Andree was presented with a Legion of Honor award for his 45 years of service in Kiwanis. Bob was first a member of the Rocky River Kiwanis Club, later moving to the Brecksville Club where he has been an active member for the past 38 years. A past Club President, Bob supports the mission of the Kiwanis not only at the local level, but also on a statewide level, serving as both the Division 24 Lieutenant Governor (1976-77) and the Ohio District Governor (1993-94).

At this recent Kiwanis meeting it was further noted that of the fifty four members of the club, there are six other members who have given 25 or more years of service in Kiwanis. These six members, along with Das Ram and Bob Andree, have given a total of 302 years of service to their community through Kiwanis, and they personify the spirit of service that Kiwanis seeks to advance.

Ford Middle School Builders Club Supports Ronald McDonald House

04/05/2011 - Club: Middleburg Heights - Submitted by: Audrey Brewer

The Builders Club of Ford Middle School in Brook Park, Ohio participated in a school wide pull tab collection contest for the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland. Proceeds from recycling pull tabs benefit families staying at the Ronald McDonald House and will help to fund several activities. The contest was held from March 14th through March 25th. Our school collected a whopping 71lbs. of aluminum pull tabs! Our winning homeroom collected 13 lbs. The grand prize for the contest is a McDonald's Treat Party.



Lima Kiwanis Club sends Care packages to Soldiers

04/04/2011 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Ginny German

The Kiwanis Club of Lima sent care packages to soldiers who are currently serving our country. Our President, Bob Day prepared the letter thanking each of them for their service. The letter also explained what Kiwanis is all about and sent an open invitation for any of them to attend a meeting when they return home.



Berea Club hosts Second Annual Empty Bowl Soup dinner

04/04/2011 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: Fichard Fulcheron/LAG

On April 15th, we held our 2nd annual Empty Bowl Soup Kitchen. Once again we partnered with Berea and Midpark High Schools and Roehm Middle School ceramic students under the tutelage of art teachers Jessica Boone and Jim Bycznski. Soups are donated by local restaurants, and salad greens, dressings, rolls and pop are donated by community and Kiwanis sources. More than \$2750 was raised in 2010 and donated to Berea Welfare, the Southwest Community Network and Church Street Ministries. All are local organizations helping those who are hungry and in need.

"It was an excellent experience for everyone involved" said Tom Herr current Berea Club president. "Last year, the bowls, made by the pottery students, were all unique designs, and the guests enjoyed the food and fun trying to select a bowl from the array of colors and shapes."

The origin of this concept started in 1990 when a high school art teacher in Michigan and his students served guests a simple meal of soup and bread, the guests ket the bowl as a reminder of world hunger. Since then, the concept has developed into Empty Bowls, a fund-raising activity that has raised millions of dollars for food banks, soup kitchens, shelters and other organizations around the world. Berea Kiwanis is now happily part of that group raising money for those in need.

Circle K at Baldwin-Wallace takes 9 Awards at District Convention

04/04/2011 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: Robin Gagnow/LAG

Members from the Baldwin-Wallace Chapter of Circle K attended the 54th annual Ohio District of Circle K in late February. The Baldwin-Wallace club is sponsored by Baldwin Wallace College and the Berea Kiwanis Club. The weekend included workshops, fun activities and service projects in the Toledo Food Bank.

This year, Baldwin-Wallace Circle K brought home nine awards, both individual and club. The individual awards featured outstanding performance awards for President Michelle Athenas, Treasurer Rodney Hildebrand, Secretary Julia Donajkowski, Editor Rebecca Kapusta and Advisor Robin Gagnow.

The Baldwin-Wallace chapter collectively received awards as the most improved, second place in membership growth, second place for overall achievement, and the most improved club. The Kiwanis Club of Berea received the most outstanding sponsor club as well.

In the past year, Baldwin-Wallace Circle K has completed over 850 service hours, co-sponsored many events within the Baldwin-Wallace community, and hosted the 2010 fall rally. At a March 2011 meeting, Circle K's officers presented the outstanding sponsor club award to Berea Kiwanis. It should also be noted that Mr. Gagnow is the vice-president of the Berea Club.

Ninth Annual Kiwanis Club of Sandusky Golf

Scramble

03/27/2011 - Club: Sandusky - Submitted by: Heather Gilchrist

The Kiwanis Club of Sandusky will be hosting their 9th Annual Golf Scramble on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at the Sleepy Hollow Golf Course in Clyde. This year's event will benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters of Erie & Seneca Counties. Cost is \$65 per person; however, a 4-person team discount of \$240 will be honored until May 1, 2011. Registration includes golf cart, refreshments, hot dog at the turn and a steak dinner. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top three teams, while everyone will have a chance to win door prizes throughout the day and compete in a Poker Run. A \$10,000 hole-in-one prize will also be up for grabs. Registration forms are available online at www.sanduskykiwanis.org or by calling chairperson, Tony Cummings at 419-625-1894.



If you your employer would like to sponsor a hole or donate a door prize, please email Heather Gilchrist at president@sanduskykiwanis.org or call Tony Cummings at the number above.