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District Governor's Report

04/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bill Snellgrove

Isn't the weather great! An early spring is a good thing – and a wonderful time to renew our efforts. Many clubs are planning Kiwanis OneDay projects this weekend, and planning other new projects to support and help their communities. We all know the need for our service is great.

This is also the best season to work to grow our clubs. It is the only way to grow our service. May should be a time to recruit new members. And to start thinking about retention of existing members. Re-Member some members who you have not seen for a while. Invite them back for service. Let them know that we care about them and that they are important to the club and the community.

To date this year, we have seven divisions (2, 10W, 11N, 11S, 15, 16, 22) and 79 clubs that have grown, and four divisions (1S, 8, 12, 14) and 73 clubs that are holding their own. And let me highlight eight clubs that have grown since Sept 2010: Elmore (+20%), Delaware County (+21%), Carey (+22%), Worthington-Linworth (+23%), Lucasville (+24%), Bath Richfield (+32%), Harrison (+50%) and Lander Circle, Village of Pepper Pike (+64%). This is a great effort by all of these clubs and divisions that have grown, but we must keep working on it to give us the hands to increase our service.

There are also many events coming up. The Kiwanis International Convention is the end of June. I hope that many of you will be there to support our own Alan & Jeri Penn, vote on candidates and express your opinions on bylaw issues. Each club can have a voice in KI's direction. And there is a lot of fun in New Orleans: tours, fellowship with other great Kiwanians, good food and a reception the district is having on Thursday June 28th. I hope to see you there.

Then there is the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Golf Outing in July and the district convention in Youngstown August 10th – 12th. All are great opportunities for fun and fellowship.

Every club this year has the opportunity to be distinguished. Club officers should have received the form to nominate your club to be distinguished. The club does not have to



do everything on the form, but does have to show its impact in the areas it focusses on and that it is working to grow service and membership
Please know that your service as Kiwanians is recognized and does make a difference in the lives of the children in your community and in the world. **REMEMBER: YOU ARE THE KEY – TO YOUR CLUB’S SERVICE, TO YOUR CLUB’S SLP, TO YOUR CLUB’S GROWTH & TO YOUR CLUB’S SUCCESS.**

You are building a great legacy! It is appreciated!

Thank you for giving Cheryl and I this opportunity to serve you.

Governor Bill Snellgrove
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District Secretary's Notes

04/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



As this issue of the Buckeye Bulletin is being prepared, district Kiwanians are preparing for our 95th Annual District Convention. This year we will be meeting in the Youngstown Area at the Holiday Inn Boardman. The convention committee is working very hard to make sure you have an enjoyable convention experience. Please mark your calendar for August 10-12, 2012 to attend the first convention held in that part of the district.

Club Election Reports

Next month most Kiwanis Clubs will be electing their leaders for the 2012-13 Administrative Year. Once that is accomplished please be sure to report your elected officers to Kiwanis International and the Ohio District. The preferred method is the online election form included in the Secretary menu of the KiwanisOne Club

Reporting system. The process is very simple and easy. The great thing about using the online version through KiwanisOne is that you avoid the hassle and cost of mailing the forms. If you have any questions regarding the process, please call me in the District Office.

If for some reason you are unable to report your club elections online, you can still complete the form and mail it in manually. [Click here](#) to open a PDF fillable copy of the Club Election Report. You can fill in the information, print it off, and mail copies to both Kiwanis International and the Ohio District.

2012 District Installation

Please be sure and mark your calendar for the Installation of our 2012-13 District Board. The Installation will take place on September 29, 2012 at the Findlay Country Club in Findlay, 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.ohiokiwans.org. The first official meeting of our 2012-13 Kiwanis Board will take place on Sunday, September 30th.

The 2011-12 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

Eliminate Support Continues to Grow with new Zeller Fellowship

04/08/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Dist. Coord.

Congratulations are in order to both Kiwanis International's Eliminate Project and KI First Lady Jeri Penn, who is the most recent recipient of the Mothers Day Zeller. The Zeller was given to Jeri in recognition of her newest grandchild - a granddaughter! But the Mothers Day Zeller, which features a predominant pink, is not just for a limited few. Everyone who wants to save lives and recognize the mothers, aunts, sisters, cousins and others in their lives can participate. To find out more, contact your regional or division coordinator, or go to the website: www.TheEliminateProject.org. There you will find pledge forms and all the information you need to help save the very important lives of thousands of women and children.



Congratulations are also in order for Hilliard Kiwanis, who has just joined the Model Club family! We are so excited for them and also the thousands of lives they will save! And the process can start with you. Simply go to the Eliminate website listed above and you will find simple fundraising ideas, such as container covers that you can use at meetings to collect loose change. Or you can join the Columbus club and others like them who are establishing an annual 5K race, which will benefit Eliminate now and the club projects later. Helping save lives is only limited by your imagination!

First Lady's Project Update

04/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cheryl Snellgrove



As you all know, I'm still working hard to get items for the backpacks, so keep collecting right up until District Convention time, in August. We still need lots of items on that list. If you don't have a list, let me know, and I will email it to you. You can email me at csnellgr@columbus.rr.com.

We've done very well so far in getting donations for purchasing the backpacks, but I'm still short of my goal of \$18,000. If your club has not helped with this, please give it some consideration.

Now is the time to let me know if your club would like to continue this project as a service project for your own community, so that you can get your first order for backpacks in with mine in June. This would be a very financially manageable project for any club and would help kids in your county. Please discuss this idea at your

next meeting.

These kids need our help. Thank you for everything.

First Lady Cheryl

It's Not Too Late for Convention

04/11/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Al Allender

Although the deadline for early registration has passed, it is not too late to attend the Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans June 28-30. You can register online until May 14. After that date you must register at the Convention site. The opening session is Thursday afternoon and the closing session is Saturday afternoon.



We still need more Ohio Kiwanians to attend. We are about 75 persons short of the goal where we should be. We need the votes and we need Kiwanians to support our own Alan Penn as he presides over the convention as Kiwanis International President. We want everyone to wear red during the delegate sessions. It can be an "official" Ohio shirt or one of your own as long as it is RED.

This will be a great Kiwanis experience. It is a rare opportunity to experience an international convention run by a member of our own delegation. It is also a rare opportunity to interact with other Kiwanians from all over the world. It presents opportunities to learn the real scope and accomplishments of Kiwanis all over the world during convention presentations. There are opportunities to attend forums and seminars on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday with topics covering almost any aspect of Kiwanis operations and programs. You can also hear a number of great motivational speakers.

New Orleans also offers an opportunity for a great family vacation before and/or after the convention. Registered family members can attend the convention functions with you. Under 21 registration is free. The area has many interesting scenic and historic places to visit.

Go to Kiwanisone.org and click on the New Orleans logo and register online. You can select one of the hotels listed online, or use any other hotel you choose.

If you have questions, please contact: Al Allender, Ohio District On-To Chair, (740) 392-8471, by cell at (740) 507-4274, or by email ajallender@embarqmail.com

Al Allender
District Chair
On to International Convention

Let's Have a Baby Shower!

04/12/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Ashley Ritz



Hosting a club baby shower is a fun way to educate club members about YCPO priorities and it is an easy way to assist the women and young children throughout your community.

Listed below are a few tips to help make your club's baby shower extra special:

- Make it a big deal!
- o Set the date for the baby shower well in advance. Give plenty of time to make several

announcements at meetings about the baby shower and to provide explanation for those members who may not want to participate. Send e-invites through email or paper invites.

- Explain to members that on the day of the baby shower they are to bring new baby items i.e. diapers, blankets, bottles, toys, clothing, formula, baby food, etc.
- Make it the focus of the meeting and have fun!
 - o The baby shower should be the main focus of the meeting. Use baby blue or pink tablecloths, create placemats with a baby shower theme, get pink or blue balloons, instead of singing the usual Kiwanis songs, sing Rock-a-Bye Baby
- Get everyone involved!
 - o Just like a regular baby shower, play games and get all members involved. When selecting games be careful to select something that every age group can participate in.
- Invite guests!
 - o Invite 3 (or however many you want) agency representatives from local social service agencies that serve women and young children. For example, Women's Resource Center, Domestic Violence Shelter, Homeless Shelter, Help Me Grow.

I would love to visit your club or division to share more ideas. Please contact me at aritz@openarmsfindlay.org. Thanks for all that you do!

Ashley Ritz
2011-12 District Chair
Young Children Priority One

Bylaws and Policies--What's the Difference?

04/10/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Don Parker

Kiwanis International, the Ohio District of Kiwanis, and your club have bylaws. KI and the District also have policies. Your club may have policies as well but that is not so common among local clubs.

The reason that organizations have bylaws is fairly obvious. The bylaws provide a framework for the conduct and operations of the organization. Bylaws usually specify the qualifications, rights, and responsibilities for membership as well as a description of the powers and duties of the governing body of the organization. Bylaws can be fairly general or highly specific. Bylaws generally are intentionally hard to change, requiring a number of steps within a specific timeframe and a specified percentage of membership approval (often 2/3 majority) to bring about a change.



Policies are usually highly specific descriptions of how something is to be done within the organization. For example, in the Ohio District Policy Manual, there is an entire section devoted to how complimentary rooms, meals and registration fees pertaining to guests at district events will be handled. This policy provides guidance to the district office employees and to event chairs to ensure fairness and consistency. The Bylaws of the Ohio District of Kiwanis are silent on this matter.

This example provides some idea of the division between bylaws and policies. Bylaws provide the framework but policies fill in the gaps between the pieces of the framework. Policies are often very specific and describe in detail how some practice is to be carried out.

Policy is also generally made easier to change. Policy can usually be changed by a simple majority vote of the organization's governing body. Sometimes more stringent requirements are required for changing certain policies.

Kiwanis International is currently considering changing the Standard Form for Club Bylaws. The changes will provide a more open, flexible framework for club bylaws. All of the proposed changes can be viewed at the KI website, www.kiwanisone.org/proposedclubbylaws

A few of the proposed changes: simplifies matters pertaining to membership classification and status, give clubs more flexibility in defining such matters; allows more flexibility regarding meetings; provides flexibility in reference to elections and officers; moves some specifics from bylaws to policy requiring all clubs to have stated policies in addition to club bylaws.

The Kiwanis International Board will probably make the new requirements known by October 1, the beginning the 2012-2013 administrative year. Clubs should expect to begin the process of revising their club bylaws and establishing club policies shortly after that.

Those serving as club leaders for the 2012-2013 should be prepared to appoint a bylaw and policy review committee to begin functioning early in the new administrative year.

We will attempt to provide additional information to club leaders and members as the process moves along.

Don Parker
District Chair for Laws & Regulations

What is the Key to a successful Key Club?

04/16/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jeff Eble



For new and old advisors alike, I would suggest that the KCI website (www.keyclub.org) is a great resource and the Guidebook (pdf on the site) is a simple recipe to follow for a local Key Club.

There are a few keys and steps that can help to make your club be more successful.

- Meet with your new officers in June to plan and layout your year. Plan monthly board meetings and any events you will have for each month. Try to balance your activities and not overload one

month over another. Balance school activities with Key Clubs so you can be effective. Make the plan and work the plan.

- I would suggest you start the year early by choosing 20+% of your freshman student body that would be good candidates for Key Club and invite them and their parents to an evening meeting/reception. You can make the selection through guidance counselors, English teachers or any faculty that comes into contact with the majority of the student body. When you get them to the meeting, explain about Key Club, talk about Kiwanis, offer them a cookie, show them what a worthwhile organization they would be joining. While you have parents and check books, collect dues that night. Do this every year and you will find it an effective recruiting to establish a base.
- For your meetings pick a time and place that works for you and the majority of your members. Before school, after school, in the evening are all local decisions based on when you can get most members there. Have an agenda, have an order to your meetings. Have a short program. Kiwanians, career speakers, football coach, English teacher, Mayor, etc. etc. etc. If you ask they will come. 5 minutes max. Explain projects, sign up workers, and give thank yous and recognitions. Have food! All these things will help you to have effective meetings.
- Establish annual projects and routine projects. Allow certain groups to own some projects (freshman key clubbers always do the ushering for the spring musical, etc.) Routine is helpful for the Key Clubbers to plan and also establishes the club in your school with an identity and a role.
- Plan for Elections of officers in January and February. Have new officers shadow the old officers for training and take over the club meetings in May. This will maintain continuity and help train them to be ready to go for the next year.
- Attend Fall Rally, District Convention and International Convention. All of these will help to have your members and officers learn more about Key Club, get ideas, and strive to be better than the best of clubs. It will strengthen your home club in the long run.
- Get involved with Kiwanis. Go to their meetings, help with their projects, and have them help with yours. Use them for their expertise and their resources. Use them to support the club advisor and fill in where needed as chaperones. Both Key Club and Kiwanis will benefit.
- The number one key to a successful Key Club is the faculty advisor. It needs to be someone that likes High School kids, is willing to put in the time, enjoys seeing Key Clubbers grow and learn from their experiences. If you have a good advisor, support them and keep them.

If you do these things you will be able to have a successful club. One last point is fine tuning and repeat. Once you have been through the cycle of one year, adjust those things that worked well and those things that did not, and do it again. Build a culture that the Key Clubbers carry from one year to the next. Give them support and they will make each year an active successful year.

Jeff Eble
Key Club Administrator

DISTRICT CONVENTION 2012

04/15/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Barbara Smith

Let me personally invite you all to the 2012 Ohio District Kiwanis Convention. It will be held August 10-12 at the Holiday Inn, Boardman (suburb of Youngstown). Most activities will take place at the hotel.

Two venues will take place at The Georgetown (1 mile up the road). Those would be the delegate session and the luncheon. We will provide busing between the Holiday Inn and The Georgetown. These buses will also take guest or those not voting delegates to the Southern Park Mall, The Butler Museum and Fellows Riverside Gardens in Mill Creek Park should you want to see some sites on Saturday.

Governor Elect Craig Wallace and Education Chair Sharon O'Neal are putting together great forums. We will be collecting school supplies as our convention service project. The convention committee with Governor Bill Snellgrove have put together a convention with YOU and FUN in mind. Plan to join us.



Be sure to "LIKE" us on facebook. With enough "likes" we can post updates.

To get to our page type in the search box CONVENTION 2012-OHIO DISTRICT OF KIWANIS.

Let me know at cfbarbsmith@aol.com if you might be bringing children and their ages. See you soon - at the convention

Barb Smith
2012 District Convention Chair

KUDOS for Kiwanis Kids

04/15/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Faith Cook, Kiwanis Kids Chair



The end of the 2011-2012 school year finds Kiwanis Kids going strong. K-Kids chartered 5 clubs for a total of 59 clubs. 59 clubs means lots of service to their schools and communities. Service projects ranged from making book-markers for Right to Read Week; making foam flower bouquets for Battered Women's Shelter; braiding friendship bracelets for Children's Hospital; organizing a school wide pet food collection for "St. Paws Day" to donate to animal shelters, and the list goes on. In addition, several clubs submitted entries to the K-Kids Contests. First place District winners in each category were sent to Kiwanis International for International judging. A recent survey of Kiwanis clubs showed that 12 clubs sponsor the Bring Up Grades Program and 3 clubs the Terrific Kids Program.

The activities of Kiwanis Kids may or may not make the evening news, but they have made the newspapers that highlight the positive sides of our programs. However, Lisa Pyron, K.I. Kiwanis Kids Elementary School Projects, has drawn attention to an article written April 9, 2012, in the Charlotte Observer by John Rosemond titled "Is Your Child Truly Terrific?" Since it negatively references our Terrific Kids Program, Lisa is writing a response. You are urged to go to

<http://www.charlotteobserver.com/2012/04/09/3161959/is-your-kid-truly-terrific-take.html>; read the article and email Lisa at lpyron@kiwanis.org to let her know your thoughts. Of course you can also email John and put in your 2 cents!

All in all our Kiwanis Kids programs and their Advisors deserve our thanks and kudos.

Faith Cook
Kiwanis Kids District Chair

Club News

ANOTHER EGGCELLANT HUNT

04/15/2012 - Club: Western Mahoning County - Submitted by: Barbara Smith

Members of Western Mahoning County Kiwanis club and the Jackson Milton Key Club teamed up to stuff eggs and run an egg hunt held at Liberty Park in North Jackson. This is an annual event, free of charge to the community. Nearly 300 participants from the community took part in this year's hunt. Wal Mart donated bikes to be given in each age group.



Jackson Milton Key Club members hid the eggs in the park and helped direct kids to their age group's hunt. Kudos to the club's egg hunt chair, Frank Yacucci.

Park Avenue K-Kids Donate to Eliminate Project

04/12/2012 - Club: Mount Gilead - Submitted by: Erin Kelty, Kiwanis Advosor



The Officers of the Park Avenue K Kids Club are pictured here with a thank you letter they received from Kiwanis International for their special donation. On February 8th Retired Park Avenue Elementary Principal and Kiwanis member, Diana Keplinger, did a program for the K Kids about the Eliminate Project. Following the presentation the Club voted to donate the proceeds from their Valentine Dance to help mothers and babies survive

tetanus.

On February 17 the Park Avenue K Kids sponsored a Valentine Dance for all the fathers and daughters in the school. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the evening of fun, music and refreshments. According to the club advisors Rhonda Dettra, 5th grade teacher, and Erin Kelty, Kiwanis member, the dance was an overwhelming success. The Club raised \$800 which has been sent to Kiwanis International as a donation to help save mothers

and babies from MNT.

The Kiwanis motto is "Serve the Children of the World" and the Park Avenue K Kids have done an amazing job of being socially conscious of the needs of children worldwide. The Mount Gilead Kiwanis Club and The Ohio District Kiwanis are so very proud of the K Kids and their willingness to help babies and their mothers in remote villages of the world. For more information about this project, please visit www.TheEliminateProject.org.

Pictured from L to R: Rhonda Dettra, faculty advisor, Jayden Shipman, Club President, Claire Butcher, Kenzie Everhart, both serving as Sergeant at Arms, Jordan Sayre, Secretary, Jesse Wooddell, Treasurer, Adam Linder, member, and Erin Kelty, Kiwanis advisor.

Berea Kiwanis' 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt: An EGG-cellent success!!

04/01/2012 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: Mike Nichols

On Saturday, March 31, over 125 children ranging in age from 0-9 were jubilantly clutching baskets, buckets and bags overflowing with plastic, candy-filled eggs found at the Berea Kiwanis' 1st annual Easter Egg Hunt at Coe Lake. The near freezing temperatures and overcast skies could not dampen the spirits, nor slow down these zealous treasure hunters. Hidden among the over 4000 candy filled Easter eggs were 18 special golden eggs, which entitled the finders to large treasure filled baskets and Cleveland Brown items. And to no one's surprise, all of the eggs were found in record time.



The Easter bunny (as played by Kiwanian Sally Eldermire) was there having many photographs taken and putting many smiles on children's faces. McGruff the crime dog and Sparky the Berea Fire dog were also on hand to help out as well as Berea's Mayor Cyril Kleem, additional police, fire fighter and CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) personnel. Families were encouraged to bring donations for the Berea Welfare Food pantry. Four (4) boxes of food and over \$50 were collected for the food pantry.

The overall success of the Easter egg hunt is attributed to the superb planning by the committee led by Diana Emrich and Sam Brown, as well as the inclusion of Baldwin-Wallace College's Circle K Club and Roehm's Middle School's Builder's Club and many community organizations. Roehm's Middle School Builder's clubs were responsible for filling the majority of the Easter eggs. Over 3 dozen Kiwanian volunteers, including Division 24 Lt. Gov Bud Sheiff and B-W's Circle K'ers in setting out eggs, maintaining search area perimeters and break down and clean-up of the event. The delighted children, parents, community members and Kiwanians (especially the Easter bunny) brought a warmth and sunshine to a day that otherwise would have been gray.

Baldwin-Wallace Circle K takes home 8 Leadership Awards at the Ohio District Convention

03/26/2012 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: Mike Nicholas



At the Annual District Convention Circle K Chapters from 22 different colleges and universities from the state of Ohio meet for annual conference. The weekend included workshops and fun activities for Circle K members and opportunities for networking with other clubs and members.

Prior to each District Convention, each club was able to submit applications for the 2011-12 awards, and 17 were given out at the closing banquet. The Ohio District Board decided who should be given the awards based on the application form, which include the breakdown of the nominee's service projects, activities and an essay written describing the nominee qualification for the award. This year's BW Chapter brought back eight Leadership and Club Awards, more than any other club in the state of Ohio for the second year in row.

Individual Leadership Awards include: Outstanding Vice President – Julia Donajkowski, Andrew Littlefield Outstanding Treasurer Award – Maria Curia, P.A.C.E. Newsletter Award – Rebecca Kapusta (second year in row) and Kenneth Weeks Outstanding Advisor Award – Robin Gagnow .

Club Awards include: Daniel J. Romanello Achievement Award – 1st Place Overall, James F Kneisel Outstanding Kiwanis Sponsor Award – Berea Kiwanis, Single Service Award – 2nd Place and Early Bird Club Registration Award – Baldwin-Wallace College.

The highlight of the DCON is when BW was selected for the Daniel J. Romanello Achievement Award, which is given to the best overall Circle K Club in the state of Ohio for that year. The last time BW took home this award was in 2007.

In addition to the awards, the club completed over 580 service hours since August 2011, which included hosting three Red Cross Blood Drives and breaking the old record of the amount of blood collected at one time. BW Circle K submitted a Circle K International Tomorrow Grant application and co-sponsored a number of events with the BW community. This is the first time since 2005-06 District Convention that BW walked away with the majority of the awards. At the recent Berea Kiwanis Meeting the Circle K Officers present the James F. Kneisel Outstanding Kiwanis Sponsor Award to President David Tressel for all the support and leadership that Berea Kiwanis has provided over the past year.

Robin Gagnow
Baldwin Wallace Circle K Advisor