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District Governor's Report

05/02/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Craig Wallace

Greetings you all! I hope everyone who reads this is doing well and enjoys being a Kiwanian. If you are not a Kiwanian, please consider becoming a part of the best service organization in the world!

With the recent Kiwanis One Day on April 6, many of you provided thousands of hours of service throughout Ohio-thank you! Our communities are better because of the service you performed this day.

We are celebrating the addition of 2 new clubs to the Ohio District-the charter parties for the West Cleveland and West Chester clubs will be held soon. There are other clubs in the works so I am optimistic that we will soon celebrate more new clubs.

Through April, I am excited to tell you that the Ohio District has added a net of 42 new members since October 1-Great news!! We have 15 divisions with membership gains: 1S +3; 2 +16; 3 +7; 4 +1; 5 +39; 7 +3; 9 +20; 10E +4; 10S +3; 10W +12; 12 +5; 14 +4; 17 +9; 22 +9 and 24 +10. Thanks to each of the Lt Governors for their hard work. And let's continue to work to add new hands of service through new members.

Many clubs have added a significant number of new members to their clubs. Here are 17 clubs which have added 132 new Kiwanians to better serve their respective communities. Thanks to each of these club presidents for a job well done. Findlay +11 to 106, Delphos +5 to 47, Piqua +4 to 48, Sharonville +6 to 34, Greenhills Forest Park +13 to 62, Athens +6 to 28, Wheelersburg +4 to 37, Lancaster +7 to 80, Hilliard +4 to 34, Columbus +10 to 166, Bay Village +4 to 44, Fostoria +6 to 32, Bath Richfield +7 to 41, Stow Monroe Falls +5 to 41, Kirtland +17 to 73, Parma Area +19 to 33, Newton Falls +4 to 16. Let's celebrate these new community leaders dedicated to changing the world one child at a time! I want to highlight my home club of Findlay as they have grown by 11 members!

May is Membership Month so each club and division is encouraged to hold a special membership contest during the month or focus on inviting guests to at least one meeting during May. Make new membership activities fun so all can enjoy the experience of



sponsoring a new member!

Congratulations to the new Governor of Circle K-Logan Otto-and the new Governor of Key Club-Natalie Hagy! A warm thank you to outgoing Key Club Governor Moriah Saer as well as Circle K Governor Alex Bour-Great Job to both of you!! I have enjoyed serving with each of these wonderful young adults and wish them all the best as future Kiwanians. I extend a very special thank you to Sarah Roush for her dedicated 4 years of service as District Circle K Administrator.

Let's publicize the many service projects you are doing throughout the district. Write an article and send pictures to Dave Whiteman to include in the Buckeye Bulletin.

REACH OUT IN FELLOWSHIP, IN SERVICE AND IN HEALING!

Craig Wallace
Governor 2012-2013

District Secretary's Notes

04/25/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



As this issue of the Buckeye Bulletin is being prepared, district Kiwanians are preparing for our 96th Annual District Convention. This year we will be meeting in Lima, Ohio at the Veteran's Memorial Convention Center. The convention committee is working very hard to make sure you have an enjoyable convention experience. Please mark your calendar for August 9-11, 2013 to attend a truly memorable District Convention.

Club Election Reports

Next month most Kiwanis Clubs will be electing their leaders for the 2013-14 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. I must admit that last year the majority of the clubs in the Ohio District did not file an Election Report at all. This makes it very difficult for Kiwanis International and the Ohio District to prepare district directories in a timely manner. The 2012-13 Kiwanis International Directory went to press with no contact information for 164 Ohio District Kiwanis clubs. This level of response to preparation of the Club Election Report is simply not acceptable.

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 copy of the Club Election Report. You can print the form, fill in the information, and mail copies to both Kiwanis International and the Ohio District.

2013 District Installation

Please be sure and mark your calendar for the Installation of our 2013-14 District Board. This year, the Installation will take place on Sunday, August 11, 2013 and it will close

our 2013 District Convention. This is another great reason to attend the District Convention and support our new District Board that will be assuming office on October 1, 2013. Watch for more details to come!

The 2012-13 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

Come for the Fun, Leave Inspired

04/12/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Candace Newland

Where can you discover the story of John Dillinger, look into a space capsule, munch on famous hamburgers, watch Sprint cars race around a dirt track and still have time to smell the roses? Why it's the 2013 Kiwanis District Convention!

This year's exciting convention in Lima will have offerings for the entire family. Beginning with a golf outing on Thursday, August 8th, there are activities for young and old throughout the weekend. Friday evening's chicken BBQ begins a host of evening entertainment including Sprint car races at the Allentown Speedway (weather permitting), live music at "Rally 'Round the Square" or a quiet dessert with a glass of wine at The Met, all within walking distance or a short drive from the Convention Center. Lima offers an award winning Children's Garden, a celebrated historical museum and the Neil Armstrong Museum which is located just a few minutes down the road. And everyone loves Lima's famous Kewpee Burgers which is located across the street from the Convention Center.



The Education Committee is already hard at work to provide Kiwanians with an entire day of enlightening sessions to not only update members as to what Kiwanis is doing worldwide but to inspire and motivate clubs to accomplish their goals of service to their communities and the world.

Overnight guests may stay at either the Wingate Hotel which is attached to the Convention Center or the beautifully remodeled Howard Johnsons located on the east side of town. Those staying at the Howard Johnsons will be treated to a beautiful swimming pool and hot tub as well as complimentary shuttle service to the Convention Center. Both hotels offer a free hot breakfast. Conference meals will be catered by the Milano Cafe and will be sure to please.

An extra special event this year will be the installation of our new Governor Jennifer DeFrance and her District Board on Sunday morning, after the memorial service. This will afford a wonderful opportunity to share in a special time that usually requires an extra meeting and drive time. We hope that all will stay to welcome Jennifer and the entire District Board.

Your District Convention Committee is working hard to make this a memorable, educational and fun weekend so bring your friends and family to Lima the weekend of August 9-11. We want you to have a "dog gone good time"!!

Builders Club

04/11/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Suzanne Lemak



Congratulations to the Elmore Kiwanis Club for sponsoring a new Builders Club at Woodmore Middle School. The Ohio Kiwanis District now has 72 Active Builders Clubs!!! My thank you goes out to all the Kiwanis and Faculty Builders Club Advisors for all you are doing for our future leaders.

Students need to regularly hear that hard work leads to success and believing that success will come—even in the face of setbacks—will help you reach your ultimate goal. What a liberating and crucial message to send to our future leaders.

Eliminate Week

Builders Club Eliminate Week is May 6–10! Kiwanis-family clubs around the globe are using this week to focus on raising funds and awareness for The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus. Every Builders Club is needed to participate. The time to start planning your fundraising project is now. And we've made it easy - The Builders Club website – www.buildersclub.org has all the tools you need to start planning today. If your club participates, the club is eligible for fundraising recognition and a 2013 Eliminate Week patch.

Suzanne Lemak
2012-13 Builders Club District Chair

Thank you message from Sande

04/22/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bob Hobart

Over the past few years Aktion clubs in the Ohio District have blossomed in many ways. We have grown from 15 to 39 clubs and enlarged and enhanced an annual Ohio District Aktion Convention.

Ohio Aktion Clubs were the first to institute district-wide Aktion Club officer training, one of the first to hold an annual Aktion Club convention, the first to create the Ohio Aktion Club Distinguished Club award, and the very first to create a district-wide Aktion council to help direct the annual convention and club projects by electing council members from all the Aktion clubs in Ohio.

Most importantly we saw tremendous individual and club growth over the same years as adults with disabilities gained more self confidence in a world that minimizes their capabilities. They gave to each other and those people and communities love, compassion and aid as they were able.

I've been so very honored to be able to help these wonderful clubs and members over the past few years and want to wish them all the highest success as clubs and individuals as we transition to a new Ohio Aktion Club administrator. A very special thank you to the Kiwanis Clubs, members and Ohio Kiwanis officers and staff for their support and help over the years. Without you so much wouldn't have been accomplished. Please keep up the good work!

Thank you. I love you all. Best wishes to Bob Hobart who will do a wonderful job as the new Ohio Aktion Club administrator.

Sande Johnson Theis



On to Convention Vancouver 2013

05/04/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Frank Walker



Last chance to add ticketed events online. May 15th is the last day that those of you planning to attend the International Convention in Vancouver can add ticketed events, online. After May 15th all ticketed events must be purchased on site-but some events may be sold out.

Book your hotel room too! Hotels are filling up fast. Get affordable at hotels close to the Vancouver Convention Centre by booking on line or call 877-766-7607 Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST, Email the Kiwanis 2013 International Convention Housing Bureau at kiwanis@conferencedirect.com with questions.

The Kiwanis International Foundation Honors Reception has been added to the roster of ticketed events. The event will take place Friday, June 28, 6-8 p.m. Heavy

hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Delegates should be prepared to vote their clubs wishes. Go to www.kiwanisone.org/convention to get the list of candidates and amendments and discuss them with your club in order to be prepared to vote during the delegate session.

Frank Walker
2013 On to International Convention Chair

Kiwanis Understands

04/10/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: BJ Koontz

I received this from a friend and I am passing it on to you. The author is unknown.

A farmer had some puppies he needed to sell. He painted a sign advertising the 4 pups and set about nailing it to a post on the edge of his yard. As he was driving the last nail into to the post, he felt a tug on his overalls. He looked down into the eyes of a little boy. "Mister ," he said, "I want to buy one of your puppies." "Well", said the farmer, as he rubbed the sweat off the back of his neck, "These puppies come from fine parents and cost a good deal of money". The boy dropped his head for a moment. Then reaching deep into his pocket, he pulled out a handful of change and held it up to the farmer. " I've got thirty cents. Is that enough to take a look?" Sure," said the farmer and with that he let out a whistle. "Here Dolly!" he called. Out from the doghouse and down the ramp ran Dolly followed by four little balls of fur. The little boy pressed his face against the chain link fence. His eyes danced with delight. As the dogs made their way to the fence, the little boy noticed something else stirring inside the doghouse. Slowly another little ball of fur appeared, this one noticeably smaller. Down the ramp it slid. Then in a somewhat awkward manner, the little pup began hobbling toward the others, doing it's best to catch up. " I want that one", the little boy said, pointing to the runt . The farmer knelt down to the boy's side and said, "Son, you don't want that puppy. He will never be able to run and play with you like these other dogs would." With that the little boy stepped back from the fence , reached down , and began to rolling up one leg of his trousers . In doing so he revealed a steel brace running down both sides of his leg attaching itself to a specially made shoe. Looking back up at the farmer , he said "you see sir, I don't run too well myself, and he will need someone who understands". With tears in his eyes , the farmer reached down and picked up the little pup. Holding it carefully he handed it to the little boy . "How much? " asked the little boy NO CHARGE." answered the farmer, There's no charge for love.



The world is full of people ,especially the little one's that needs someone who UNDERSTANDS . Kiwanis shows this by making children priority one. In this time of new awakenings let us renew our resolve to make our mission true.

Betty "BJ" Jackson Koontz
2012-13 District Chair
Human & Spiritual Values

New Model Club Helps Move Ohio to Saving 2 million Lives

04/10/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Dist. Coor.

ELIMINATE
maternal/neonatal tetanus

Congratulations are in order to the Powell Kiwanis club and divisional coordinator Lynn Stoychef for being Ohio's newest Model club! This great action will help Ohio to save a total of 2 million lives by September 30,

2013!

Yet, so much more work is needed to help those who are the neediest women and children, in areas hard to reach, where immunizations are needed but not always received, where clean birthing practices are not always the rule.

What can you do? Even the smallest donation of \$1.80 - that cup of coffee, a bottle or two of water - will provide a series of 3 immunizations, thereby providing immunity to both the mother and her unborn child. Tetanus comes from the Greek meaning "tout" referring to the muscle tones and spasms related to it. Tetanus is reproduced by spores which then produce a toxin that moves along the nerves to the brain, and then on to the respiratory muscles which can block breathing. This toxin is also responsible for the stiffening of joints and arms, often referred to in earlier days as "lockjaw". Other effects include painful repeated contractions of the body and extreme sensitivity to light and touch - so a mother cannot hold or touch her suffering baby that usually dies.

As Kiwanians, we have a responsibility to BOTH our local communities and to the international community as well in terms of saving lives. So volunteer as a club coordinator, work with your SLP groups to support this worthy cause and DONATE!

Cindy Champer
Ohio District Eliminate Project Coordinator

National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month

04/09/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Ashley Ritz

April is National Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. During this month we are reminded that by supporting families and strengthening communities we can prevent child abuse and neglect. The youngest children from birth to 3 years of age have the highest rate of abuse and neglect and account for the largest percentage of child victims at 34 percent. There are a variety of activities which occur throughout the month of April which bring attention to this growing problem, but as Kiwanians we should be planning and working year round to keep children safe.



Some projects include:

- Provide education to parents and caregivers on appropriate methods to discipline children
- Sponsor a parenting education fair in your community to link parents/caregivers with available resources
- Distribute home safety checklists
- Support programs like Safe Kids which provide car seats to parents
- Provide healthy parent-child activity lists
- Volunteer at agencies that work with abused children

This list is just the tip of the iceberg and there are many other ways that we can prevent child abuse and neglect. I encourage you to educate yourself, your club, and your community on how each of us can take an active role in working to eliminate child abuse.

I would love to come visit your club! Please contact me at aritz@openarmsfindlay.org to make arrangements.

Thank you for all that you do on behalf of the children we serve.

Ashley Ritz
2012-2013 District Chair

Together.....We Can Grow Kiwanis

04/12/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bob Williams



West Cleveland Kiwanis club (Division 14) had it's charter party April 10th. One new club and twenty new members were added to the Kiwanis family in Ohio that evening. A club had once existed on the west side of Cleveland but that was years ago. Kiwanis was now back and in fact is the only community service organization on the western side of Cleveland.

The new club has already done several community service projects in their area. They recently worked with Lakewood Kiwanis club to create a flower garden at Malachi House a hospice care facility. They are planning to sponsor a K-Kids club at the local elementary school.

How many of us know of a Kiwanis club that once existed? How many of us know of a city, town, village that has a need for community service?. How many of us know of a person that was once a Kiwanian but has not returned to be a part of our organization? How many of us know of a person that would make a good Kiwanian?

Many times we get so busy in the business of being a Kiwanian in our clubs that we forget to do one very important task. To grow Kiwanis and share Kiwanis with others. That means building new Kiwanis clubs and sharing your passion of service by recruiting members to the club. We often say it's too hard to build a new club or we might lose members in our club if we build one next door. Kiwanis International and the Ohio District have the resources and experienced people to guide you thru the process. My experience has shown you never lose an existing member to the new club but you actually find new members for your club as you recruit for the new club.

I challenge clubs and divisions to do something you may never have done before..... build a new club. One of the most rewarding parts of being a Kiwanian is sharing what we do with others. Let's do that by providing community service where it does not exist. Help from the Ohio District Kiwanis New Club Building Team is just a phone call away.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE !!!

Bob Williams
New Club Building Team

Club News

Flying Horse Farms Honors Mount Gilead Kiwanis

04/23/2013 - Club: Mount Gilead - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman

The Kiwanis Club of Mt. Gilead was honored at the Volunteer Appreciation Reception held at Flying Horse Farms on Thursday evening, April 6th. The local club was presented with the "Helping Hands Award" for 2012. The award recognized the club for helping in many valuable ways during 2012. The club has been available to Flying Horse Farms for volunteer services since the planning stages of the camp. Accepting the award for the Mt. Gilead Kiwanis Club are Helen Farrington, Diana Keplinger and Erin Kelty.



Cleveland Kiwanis attends 50th Birthday Celebration for Vienna Kiwanis Club

04/23/2013 - Club: Cleveland - Submitted by: Alan Penn



Members of the Cleveland Kiwanis club traveled to Vienna, Austria the 14th to the 17th of March to help celebrate 50 years of Kiwanis in Europe.

In 1963 the Cleveland, Ohio Kiwanis club chartered the first Kiwanis club in Europe, the Wien Kiwanis club in Vienna, Austria. This action started the expansion of Kiwanis outside of the North American continent. Because of Cleveland's action, Kiwanis would now be global in its scope and influence.

13 Ohio Kiwanis members were a part of the delegation to help celebrate this historic event. Cleveland Club President William Spring led the delegation from Cleveland. He had 8 club members with him. Division 15 Lt. Governor Shirley MacDonald from the Lander Circle Club was also in attendance. First Lady Lee Ann Wallace represented Governor Craig. Immediate Past Kiwanis International President Alan Penn and First Lady Jeri were present.

One significant moment of the gathering in Vienna was the bringing together of the last active charter member of the Wien club and Richard Wertsler of Canton, Ohio. Richard was on a university trip in 1963 and learning of the charter party decided to attend. He discovered over 200 Ohio people in attendance Fate put him in Vienna in 1963 but on this trip he was a celebrity because he was the only Ohio and North American Kiwanis member present at the 50th party. He gave a special gift from the Belden Village Kiwanis club of which he is a member.

First Lady Lee Ann presented gifts and a proclamation from the Ohio Kiwanis District. President William Spring of the Cleveland club presented gifts and a proclamation of congratulations from Mayor Jackson of Cleveland.

The celebration included a welcome dinner and concert by the Vienna Boys Choir, a gala dinner attended by 700 Kiwanis members and guests from 22 nations, and a closing reception for all attendees.

The Mayor of Vienna and the US Ambassador made presentations and congratulatory remarks.

Immediate Past President Alan Penn and First Lady Jeri specially enjoyed their time in Vienna because in 1983 they attended their first Kiwanis International convention which was held in Vienna. The Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Club had sent Alan who was president elect of the club to the convention as a voting delegate. To return for the 50th anniversary was an honor.

On display at the Friday dinner were banners with club bannerettes from around the world. These bannerettes were from clubs who had attended the charter party in 1963 or had visited the Wien club since its formation. One of the bannerettes was from the Grove City Kiwanis club that was formed in 1958.

Evan Williams who was Ohio's Gov. in 1963, from the "Eastern Columbus" Club was very involved with the Cleveland club in the formation of the Vienna Club. He collected bannerettes to take with him to Vienna for the charter party. Grove City was one of the bannerettes given in 1963. It was also discovered that Dieter Kalpin, of Germany, who attended the charter party in 1963 was an Honorary Grove City Kiwanian. He was sponsored by Ohio Past Governor Dale Leach.

In all it was a great celebration and a time to reflect on the importance of Ohio Kiwanis in the expansion of Kiwanis to Europe. After Vienna, six more clubs were built in a short time throughout Europe. Today there are over 32,000 Kiwanis members in Europe. They are helping make a difference in the lives of children and families in their communities.

We owe the Cleveland Ohio Kiwanis club a debt of gratitude for having the wisdom to grow Kiwanis outside North America – in Europe. It is hard to believe it has been 50 years.

Project Backpack

04/11/2013 - Club: Warren - Submitted by: Jan Vaughn

Representatives from Trumbull County Children's Services were present at the April 4th meeting of the Warren Kiwanis Club to receive a donation in support of the needs of local children. The Warren Club acted on behalf of all clubs in Trumbull County Division 25 to distribute Project Backpack personal care and comfort items.



Warren Kiwanian Randy Beard, who serves on the Ohio District Foundation Board, said, "The Defining Statement from Kiwanis International is: *Kiwanis is a global organization of members of every age dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.* We hope that the backpacks will remind children that there are groups like Kiwanis in the community that are providing hope for a better tomorrow."

Tim Schaffner, executive director of Trumbull County Children's Services added, "This will help give children experiencing relocation something positive to hold onto during this traumatic process."

Trumbull County Children's Services protects and advocates for children in crisis or at

risk of abuse and neglect.

Kiwanis One Service Project

04/11/2013 - Club: Warren - Submitted by: Jan Vaughn



On Saturday, April 6 members from the Newton Falls, Niles, and Warren Kiwanis Clubs (in Trumbull County Division 25) joined together to spruce up the playground area at the Children's Rehabilitation Center (CRC) in Warren on the Kiwanis Day of Service.

CRC is a pediatric outpatient center for children from birth to age 18 offering physical therapy, speech therapy, and a variety of other services.

Bushes were trimmed, trees limbs were cut, leaves were raked, mulch was spread and other projects undertaken with determination and know-how. In a short time, the clean-up effort yielded major results.

"Many hands make for light work," said Jan Vaughn president of the Warren Kiwanis Club, coordinator of the project. "With these dozen willing workers, we've accomplished much!"

Robert Foster, executive director of CRC, said, "We are grateful to the Kiwanis members for sharing their time and energy with our organizations. It means so much to have friends like the Kiwanis club joining in our efforts for the children we serve in the five-county area."

Photo outline:

Members of Kiwanis Clubs in Newton Falls, Niles and Warren worked on sprucing up the children's playground area at the Children's Rehabilitation Center in Warren on Saturday, April 6 – Kiwanis One Service Day.

Westlake Kiwanis and Key Club Adapt Toys For Disabled Children

04/06/2013 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis and Kiwanis Key Club teamed up to take part in a RePlay For Kids workshop at Westlake Porter Public Library on March 6.

RePlay for Kids is an organization of volunteers who repair and adapt toys and assistive devices for children with disabilities in the Northeast Ohio area.

The Kiwanis learned to disassemble, reassemble, repair and adapt a wide range of new and gently used toys under the direction of RePlay volunteers. These toys were fitted with special connectors so children with a wide variety of disabilities would be able to use them.

Several toys were adapted and the Kiwanis and Key Club expressed the fact that they had fun while helping children with disabilities.

If you're interested in volunteering at RePlay For Kids check their website at replayforkids.org for dates and times of future workshops. They also accept donations of new or gently used toys and monetary donations.



K-Kids Have Fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters

03/25/2013 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day



The K-Kids Club of Heritage Elementary School in Lima, Ohio participated in the Bowl-a-Thon to Benefit Big Brothers Big Sisters. The club raised \$358.00. Also, they were able to bowl for an hour and enjoyed treats. One member won a prize during a trick bowling contest.