

# BUCKEYE BULLETIN

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## District Secretary's Notes

*08/18/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman*

Last weekend we completed another successful district convention. Our members left Toledo full of information that they could take back to their clubs to allow them to better serve their communities and its children. We encourage all members to attend the Mid Year Education Day and the District Convention to take advantage of the educational opportunities they afford.

Next on our schedule is the District Installation in Columbus on Saturday, September 17th at the Doubletree Columbus/Worthington Hotel. Information about this Gala Event was sent to all Kiwanis Club Secretaries in early August. We encourage all to consider attending this event to support their Lieutenant Governors and District Officers as they prepare to Kickoff our 2011-12 Administrative Year.



[Click here](#) to open a PDF copy of the Memo mailed to all Kiwanis Clubs regarding our 2011 District Installation.

[Click here](#) to open a PDF copy of the 2011 Installation Meal Order Form.

We hope to see a great turnout at the upcoming District Installation.

Dave Whiteman  
District Secretary

## Eliminate Project KickOff At District Convention

*07/24/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Dist. Coor.*

**ELIMINATE**  
maternal/neonatal tetanus

By the time you read this, the Ohio District Kiwanis convention will be history, but the kickoff of this exciting program will have only begun. At the district convention in Toledo, speakers, an educational forum, donations and other activities highlighted the official start of this four year worldwide service partnership of Kiwanis International and UNICEF.

Eliminate seeks to save the lives of 129 million mothers and their children in 38 underdeveloped countries. This is a program that has a face for both women and men. For women, it is empowerment through a series of three immunizations and clean birthing practices. For men, it is a program that can strengthen the family unit by keeping both the mother and children alive and well.

Getting involved is easy. Develop a new fundraising project and spread the word in your community. Get educated through such sites as: [www.TheEliminateProject.org](http://www.TheEliminateProject.org); or the Kiwanis International site, link at:

[www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org). A list of regional coordinators will be published soon, and they can help with presentations. For more information, contact Eliminate coordinator Cindy Champer at 419/350-0477 [begin\\_of\\_the\\_skype\\_highlighting](https://www.skype.com) 419/350-0477 [end\\_of\\_the\\_skype\\_highlighting](https://www.skype.com); or [CindyChamper@aol.com](mailto:CindyChamper@aol.com).

Cindy Champer  
Eliminate Coordinator

## 2011 District Convention Report

*08/18/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman*

Last weekend the Ohio District of Kiwanis International held its 94th Annual Convention in Toledo, Ohio. The following individuals were elected to lead the district during the 2011-12 Administrative Year:

District Governor: William A. (Bill) Snellgrove, III  
Kiwanis Club of Northwest Columbus

and I-NEXT Kiwanis  
Governor Elect: Craig Wallace  
Kiwanis Club of Findlay and the E  
Club of Northwest Ohio

Treasurer: Michael R. (Mike) Fischbach  
Kiwanis Club of Parma-Parma

Heights

Rounding out the Executive Officers will be Immediate Past Governor John E. DeVilbiss of the Kiwanis Club of West Alexandria and District Secretary Dave Whiteman of the Kiwanis Club of Newark, Ohio.

Also elected at last weekend's convention were the following members of the Finance & Structure Committee:

- Diana Keplinger of the Kiwanis Club of Mount Gilead
- Tom Riggs of the Kiwanis Club of Price Hill-Western Hills

Very soon you will find photos posted on our website at [www.ohiokiwanis.org](http://www.ohiokiwanis.org) that will show highlights of the 2011 District Convention. You will find them on the District Convention page on the left hand side of our home page.

Dave Whiteman  
District Secretary



# Now is the Time to Support the Kiwanis International Foundation

08/15/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Len Abrams, Chairperson



With only a few weeks left, before the end of this administrative year, there are many clubs yet to participate in supporting children of the world through your foundation. You can order a brand new brochure at [www.kiwanis.org/foundation](http://www.kiwanis.org/foundation) that tells the complete story of your foundation. It can also give you great ideas of how your club might benefit from getting more involved in your International Foundation.

This can be felt in the support we give our sponsored youth as well as the children of the world. What is really important as we come to the end of this year is participation at some level by you. The target is \$5 per member, however, participation at some level is what is really important. Right now we have heard from only about 50% of our clubs. Let's get on the bandwagon and raise that percentage.

For a look at how the foundation has been aided by your foundation check out the articles on pages 16 and 17 of your recent Kiwanis magazine. Also, if you have questions please call me at 330-465-4690 or email me at [lhachfc@yahoo.com](mailto:lhachfc@yahoo.com). As always your foundation thanks you for your support and involvement.

Len Abrams  
2010-11 District Chair  
Kiwanis International Foundation

## Young Children: Priority One

08/17/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Diana Keplinger

### Keep Up the Good Work!

This has been an exciting year for me as YCPO Chair. I have traveled around the state, made many new friends, and have learned about exciting and effective YCPO projects. I would like to share some of my experiences and new ideas with you. Some highlights of this year include doing presentations for Division 10 W and Division 1S. I had a chance to use my visual aids, usually puppets and stuffed animals, to bring ideas to the clubs in attendance. I always emphasized the First Family Project and mentioned a host of new ideas to consider. At the conclusion I gave out handouts, illustrations, order forms, and email addresses to use when planning YCPO projects. I still have more of them. If you will contact me I will gladly send them out to you. I enjoyed attending the Findlay Club's amazing baby shower. It was very close to attending a real shower except for the "expectant fathers" that wore "Baby On Board" and similar t-shirts over chubby bellies. A great time was had by all and the recipient agencies left with a load baby items to distribute to needy families.



At the recent Ohio District Convention in Toledo, First Lady Wanda gave an impressive report of data collected about what clubs have done this year with the First Family Project. Based upon that information, you have done an amazing job of distributing CHAD stickers, educating families about pediatric transport safety, and providing new pediatric transport equipment to hospitals and EMT units throughout the state. The basket auction for the First Family Project made well over \$3000. This money will go to the Ohio District Foundation to provide more grants to support pediatric trauma transport. If your club has not applied for a grant, now is the time to do it! She also told us that the Kiwanis year is not over. Your club has plenty of time to get involved with these projects or continue them in your community. Thousands of Ohio infants, toddlers, and pre-school children are safer because of your club's generosity and hard work.

As the Ohio summer comes to a close and we look toward the fall and the start of school, I thought I would mention some ideas that you can still plan and/or do to end the year strong. Your club could adopt a school or a classroom and provide school supplies. A nursery school, preschool, or Head Start class always needs materials. A "Back to School" picnic for preschoolers would be fun. You could give each child a needed item of clothing for school wear. It may be the only new piece of clothing they have ever received. Scholastic has a program called The Great Pajama Drive. For every pair of new pajamas that you provide, Scholastic will give a needy child a new book. You can find out more about this program at [www.scholastic.com/pjdrive](http://www.scholastic.com/pjdrive). At [nancysnotions.com](http://nancysnotions.com) you can find out how to make very basic little dresses to ship to Haiti where little girls need clothing. The children of Haiti do not have winters, but they do have serious needs.

In your community you can sponsor a Coats for Kids drive so that children have a warm coat to begin the cold Ohio winter or a Shots for Tots day to assist your health department in getting every child properly immunized. Since the department stores already have their Christmas decorations out, let's think about what we can do for our children at that time of the year. Your club could sponsor a Breakfast with Santa, where every child goes home with a new toy. County family services agencies always have a list of families that need help at Christmas time. Your club could adopt a family. Or you could go to [www.christmasbagsforhaiti.com](http://www.christmasbagsforhaiti.com) where you can find information about how to fill holiday bags with needed items for young children in that impoverished country. Start early on that campaign. Bags need to be sent out much earlier than you think. I have had a great year promoting YCPO projects. I would like to thank you for all of the smiles, nods of agreement, creative ideas, and general enthusiasm for YCPO that I have met around the state. Keep up the good work!

Diana Keplinger  
YCPO Chair 2010-11

## **Health Update**

*08/19/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Don Parker*

My fellow Buckeye Kiwanians:

I wish to thank you for all the thoughts, wishes, and prayers you have offered on my behalf during my recent illness. As many of you know I had surgery to correct an intestinal problem. Numerous complications followed and my recovery has been slow. I am recovering at home and will be slow to resume my Kiwanis activities but hopefully



will be back to full strength in a couple of months.

Again, thanks for the cards, the thoughts, and prayers. Carol and I consider our Kiwanis friends our extended family and your support during this time is greatly appreciated.

Don Parker  
2009-2010 Governor

## Year End Service and Club Recognitions

*08/04/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jean Forbes*

As the 2010-11 Kiwanis year nears the end, clubs are looking for ways to recognize members who excelled in leadership and service. A popular choice is the Past International Presidents (PIP) Award. With a \$500 donation to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, an individual or club can recognize an individual or an organization for their dedication to serving children in need. The donation can be designated to be split between the Foundation and the First Family Project. More information and contribution forms are available at [www.odkf.org](http://www.odkf.org).



Clubs are also encouraged to make their annual donation to the Foundation in the amount of \$3 per member before the administrative year ends. These donations allow the Foundation to increase the grants given in the District for support of Kiwanis Club projects. A banner patch is awarded to all clubs who make this donation.

All donations can be sent to Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation, P. O. Box 1013, Wooster, Ohio 44691.

## July 2011 Membership Growth Report

*08/17/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Membership Growth Team*



As of July 31, 2011, the number of "Plus" members in clubs went down a little. We are very close to making the District a "Plus District". We know there will be deletes in the month of September by club secretaries. Let's make a special effort for the rest of the year to bring in new members and "Be the Miracle" in membership.

[Click here](#) to view the Ohio Districts who have shown growth through July of 2011.

## 2011 Aktion Convention Kicks Off

08/18/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Sande Johnson

The 5th annual Ohio Aktion Convention is scheduled to kick-off on Saturday, August 27th at Recreation Unlimited Camp in Ashley, Ohio.

Registration forms are still available as are contests entry forms for the Tom E Crawford Service Award, speech contest, poster contest & t-shirt design contest. The design chosen as winner of the t-shirt design contest will be the design for the 2012 convention.

We will also be electing our Ohio Aktion District Council, having officer training, holding a corn hole tournament, swimming and more. The highlight of the day will be held in the evening at our Awards banquet.

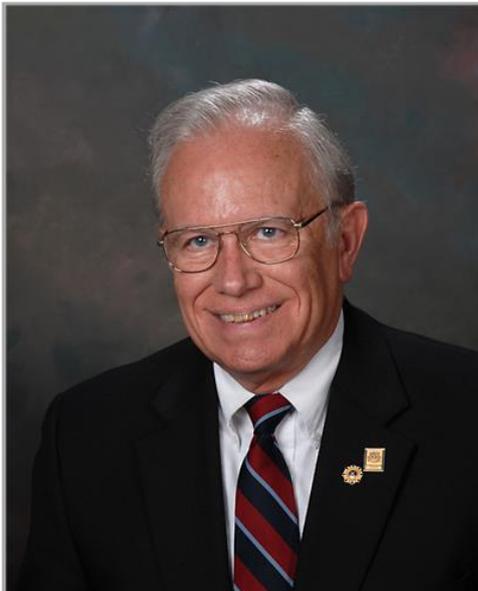
As always, it's a great way to spend the day and meet other Aktion Club members & advisors from around the great District of Ohio.

Hope to see you there!



## District Governor's Report

08/17/2011 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: John DeVilbiss



The Ohio District Convention is now over and I want to take this opportunity to thank all those who attended. The District Convention is a time to meet new Kiwanians, renew old friendships, and learn about Kiwanis. A special "thank you" goes to the convention committee for all their work and support of the convention. Your hard work and efforts produced a very successful convention. Everyone certainly had a good time. We were very honored to have Kiwanis President designate, Alan Penn, and First Lady Jeri, along with Kiwanis International Trustee, Sue Petrisin, Counselor to the Ohio District, at the convention.

The Eliminate project was officially launched at the District Convention. Maternal Neonatal Tetanus is an extremely devastating disease that kills one child every 9 minutes in the world. Past Governor Cindy Champer has stepped forward to lead this project in the Ohio District. The momentum in Ohio is great and the Ohio District has raised enough funding to save the lives of over 83,000 at the start of the program. You and your Kiwanis club will soon be hearing more about how you can join the program and save the lives of women and children around the world. Join your fellow Kiwanians and save lives. Just \$2 protects a woman and her children from this terrible disease.

Many Kiwanians said, "We have just 48 or less days in this Kiwanis year". We need to

make a special effort to bring new members into our Kiwanis clubs. We are very near to making this year a "Plus Year" in membership. As First Lady Wanda said, "Everyone needs to ask at least 5 people 'What service club do you belong to?' If they don't belong to a service club, tell them about Kiwanis". If every Kiwanis club member would ask at least 5 people, over 40,000 people would be asked to join a service club. Think about how many might say yes. Let's get going! Do your part. We are so close to our goal and we can "Be the Miracle".

## Club News

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### Hannahs Socks & The Lima Aktion Club

*08/15/2011 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Ginny German*

Aktion Club members David and Serena (president) present 54 pair of socks which were collected for the Hannah's Socks service project to Kiwanis members Robert L Day Jr. (President) and Don Sadler .



### Westlake Kiwanis Keeps Olympic Flame Alive

*08/15/2011 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkowski*



The Westlake Kiwanis and Westlake School District kept the Olympic flame alive with their Second Annual Westlake Special Olympics. Despite the heat there were smiles aplenty as the Olympians received their medals. Event organizer and Westlake Kiwanian Russ Milan said this year's event went off with only a minor glitch. He said there were 68 participants this year an increase of two over last year. Mr. Milan said with more coordination and advertisement he hopes to grow the event to 150 participants or more next year.

The event began with a parade around the Westlake High School track with participants following behind the Special Olympic Torch carried by Rick Grane Westlake Kiwanis President. The Rocky River Adult Center Choir sang the National Anthem to begin the games. There was competition in the 400-meter run, softball throw, standing long jump, 25-meter walk, 50-meter dash, 25-meter wheelchair run and the 25-meter assisted walk.

The Olympic games were staffed by volunteers from the Westlake Kiwanis, Westlake School District, Westlake Key Club and Westlake Aktion Club. The event was made possible by a grant from the Ohio District Foundation. This was truly a Kiwanis Family Event.

The smiles weren't just on the participants' faces but also the volunteers' and spectators' faces, too.

## **STUFF THE BUS Project 2011**

*08/03/2011 - Club: Hilltop, Columbus - Submitted by: Vicki Malone*

Hilltop Kiwanis is again heading up the Stuff the Bus project on August 13th from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Hoge Memorial Church, 2930 West Broad St, Columbus, OH.

We have five hours to fill the bus with school supplies. You purchase supplies, drive up, and our volunteers will take the supplies from your vehicle and place them on the bus. Representatives from various Hilltop elementary schools will then divide the supplies and take them back to their respective schools for distribution to those students in need.



This is our third year for this project. The first year we supplied six elementary schools with supplies. In 2010 we supplied six elementary schools and 975 children from Franklin County Childrens' Services who live with their grandparents, aunts & uncles, etc.

"It's better to reach for the moon and miss than to reach for the gutter and hit it". That was a statement made to me by a teacher many years ago. It made such an impact that to this day I continue to reach for the moon.

Sincerely,  
Vicki Malone

## **Lakewood Kiwanis K-Kids Summer Activities**

*07/30/2011 - Club: Lakewood - Submitted by: John Huetter*



Lakewood Kiwanis K-Kids at Harrison Elementary School in Lakewood are active even during summer vacation. With Anna Bacho leading the way they invited the kids from Garfield School to join with them for a special program. Ryan Demro was home on leave from Iraq and met with the K-Kids. He talked to the children about how the Army was rebuilding the community. He asked the children what they knew about Iraq. He then told them of the terrain, the food, clothing and animals. He talked about the war and the effect it has on the people of the country. The Army was there to help the people rebuild and move on with their country.

Here is some really great news from Anna and the K-Kids at Harrison & Garfield Elementary Schools with more summer activities.

"We are meeting over the summer. Garfield Elementary has joined us and we have 60 children. Our project was a K-Kids Happy Book from Kiwanis International. The book gives an opportunity for the children to list people who care about them, things they are really good at doing and things they want to do this summer. I was able to hold 4

classes to go thru the book and had the children speak about what they listed.”

This was certainly a very positive program for the children and it gave them the opportunity to realize and to speak about the personal feelings.

## Lakewood Kiwanis Adds Music to its Fundraiser

*07/30/2011 - Club: Lakewood - Submitted by: John Huetter*

Lakewood Kiwanis held its 2nd Annual Chicken-N-Ribs BBQ this past month and invited the entire community to a great feast....and come they did. We enjoyed a beautiful day at Lakewood Park on the shores of Lake Erie. It was a rather summery day with temperatures hovering near 90 degrees, but that didn't stop our community from coming out in support of our Kiwanis fundraiser.



Highlights of the event included the great BBQ meal and the "New Hat Blue Grass Band" which really livened up the diners even to the point of having one couple who enjoyed the music so much they got up and danced several dances.

The event was held in the Lakewood Kiwanis Pavilion which was a 1971 donation to the city in honor of our 50th Anniversary. Plans are now nearly complete for our 90th Anniversary celebration on August 24, 2011.

## MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS KIWANIS PEDIATRIC TRAUMA PROJECT

*07/21/2011 - Club: Middleburg Heights - Submitted by: John Gregory*



For the First Family Project on Pediatric Trauma this year, we met with the Chief of the Middleburg Heights Fire Department, Briant Galgas, two months ago to determine whether there was anything we could do under this project that would help his department. He studied the list of items recommended by the First Family Project and reported that they needed a field test device that can be used to measure oxygen saturation and carbon monoxide levels in pediatric trauma situations. They already have the basic Masimo Rad-57 instrument to use for adults but needed the adapter unit

that enables its use in pediatric cases. We decided to proceed with the purchase of this unit at a cost of \$595, and invited Chief Galgas to attend our meeting on July 18, 2011 as our speaker and to receive the check. The picture shows President John Gregory awarding the check to Chief Galgas, who accepted it on behalf of the City of Middleburg Heights.