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District Governor's Report

08/16/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bill Snellgrove

We have just returned from the District Convention in Youngstown. What a wonderful event! We were honored to have International President Alan and First Lady Jeri with us – and to have Alan appointed as our district counselor for next year. There was a lot of fun, fellowship and forums. I want to thank Barb Smith and the convention committee for a job well done and Governor designate Craig Wallace and Leadership Development & Education Chair Sharon O'Neal for the wonderful educational forums.

This year I have stressed the need to grow our clubs and build new clubs. That need continues to exist. Service and membership are intertwined – we cannot have one without the other.



To date, 90 of our clubs have grown and 60 maintained membership. That is great! However we cannot relax now – we need to continue growing these clubs and start growing in the other 90 clubs. The really good news is that we know there are people out there who have a servant heart and would be good members. We need to recruit them. Ask a potential member to join in on one of your service projects so they can see and experience the good that we do. Then invite them to a club meeting. They won't be able to resist joining if you make them feel welcome and involve them from the start.

And we now have a new way to ask couples and family members to join. The recently approved Family Membership Pilot will allow the 2nd and 3rd family member to join a club at reduced dues to KI and the district, but be a full voting member of the club. Information will be on the district website soon. Invite me to a division council meeting and I will present the facts. Young professional couples and new empty nesters are a focus for this. Add just 2 couples per year with this and you will have 20 new members in five years.

But don't neglect your existing members - Re-Member 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. As an added incentive, maintain your membership – do better than average over the next two months - and you get to see me take a pie in the face at Mid Year. Folks, I would be excited to take that pie for

the district!

Finish Strong – so that we have a terrific start to next year!

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

08/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



We just completed our 95th District Convention in Boardman, Ohio with the election of a new leadership team for the next Kiwanis administrative year. But the 2011-12 Kiwanis year is not finished. We have just over 40 days to finish the year strong with positive membership gains and with more service being provided to our communities. Let's keep running right through the finish line and make this the best year in our club's history! I just have a few items of interest to pass along to you.

District Installation

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find detailed information about our District Installation taking place on Saturday, September 29th in Findlay, Ohio. Be sure to make plans to join us as we formally install the district leadership team for 2012-13. Plans are being made for another wonderful year of service in the Ohio District.

District Election Reports

As this newsletter is finished, only 95 of 240 Ohio Kiwanis Clubs have filed a Report of Club Elections on KiwanisOne. This is significantly lower than in prior years. It is extremely critical that your Club Secretary file this report now. It was due on June 1st and the lack of information can and will result in delayed publication of our District and International Directories. Please file the report even if you only have a President and/or Secretary at this time. Other officers can be added as they become known. Please help us by completing this information right away.

Family Membership Pilot

I am sure that many of you are aware that the Kiwanis International Board approved the participation of the Ohio District in the Family Membership Pilot program. Information was distributed at the District Convention in Boardman about the program that will

reduce dues a club will owe for the second and third members of a family living in the same household. As soon as Kiwanis International has the application finished for new family members to be added, we will send that information to all clubs in the district. In the meantime, the form to convert existing members of your club to "family" members can be obtained by clicking on the following link:

[Click here](#) to open a PDF copy of the Family Membership Conversion Form.

Should you have any questions regarding this pilot program, please feel free to call the district office at (888) 827-8196 and go to my Extension of 201.

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary

District Installation and First Board Meeting

08/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Craig Wallace

The Ohio District Installation will be held in Findlay on Saturday, September 29. The event will be held at the Findlay Country Club, 1500 Country Club Drive, Findlay, 45840. The evening will start at 5 pm with a cocktail hour. The dinner will begin at 6 pm with the introduction of the 2012-2013 District Board. You will have 3 choices for dinner-salmon, chicken or vegetarian at a cost of \$35 per person. This includes beverage, rolls, salad, vegetables and dessert. The dress for the evening is business/formal with tuxedos and long dresses optional. The Lt Governors are to wear a tuxedo or long dress. Reservations are to be made through the district office.

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



The host hotel for those staying overnight is the Findlay Inn and Conference Center, 200 East Main Cross Street, Findlay. The hotel is offering a reduced rate of \$84 per night plus tax. This includes a continental breakfast and free wireless internet service. To make a hotel reservation, please call the hotel at 1-419-422-5682.

On Sunday, September 30, the first meeting of the 2012-2013 District Board will be held at the Findlay Inn starting at 9:00 am. All Lt Governors are to attend this board meeting. The District Chairs and Administrators are invited to attend. This will be a great weekend in the Ohio District.

Craig Wallace
Governor Designate

Don't Forget About YCPO

08/14/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Ashley Ritz



With the school year right around the corner, we are often consumed with making sure that school age children have school clothes and supplies. This is very important but I also encourage clubs to engage in projects that benefit younger children ages 0-5 years old. These children might just be starting out in school or are too young to attend school but they are also in need of items to meet their basic needs.

One project that is easy, fun, and inexpensive is making tied fleece blankets. For each blanket all you need is 2 pieces of fleece material, scissors, and a ruler. While you may be thinking it is too hot outside now, knowing this Ohio weather there are sure to be some cold winter days coming upon us within the next few months. Tied fleece blankets make for a great club project to do during a meeting. Club members can chat and share as they tie the blankets together. At the end of the meeting, several blankets are produced and can be donated to young children.

If your club does not consider themselves to be crafty then you could collect baby food and formula, and donate it to food pantries or shelters. Diapers are also a necessity that daycares and shelters can never have enough of.

I would love to come spend time with your club or division and see your YCPO projects. Please contact me at aritz@openarmsfindlay.org.

Thank you for all that you do for the young children!

Ashley Ritz
YCPO Chair

Key Club Report

08/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Moriah Saer

I can not believe summer is coming to an end and schools are about to start up again. With this new school year, Key Clubs will hopefully become more active. As for the Key Club District Board, we are planning on having two board meetings in the coming months and we are busy preparing for Fall Rally.

At Fall Rally, Key Clubbers from all over Ohio join together for workshops, hands-on service projects, and fellowship while at COSI in Columbus. Fall Rally will be November 4th and is sure to be a big success. Consider sponsoring Key Club members in your local area to attend this amazing event. All clubs should be receiving more information on Fall Rally in a few months.

Moriah Saer
2012-13 Governor
Ohio District Key Club



District Convention Recap

08/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



The 2012 Ohio District Kiwanis Convention was held August 10-12, 2012 in Boardman, Ohio. Attendees participated in workshops on various Kiwanis topics and enjoyed their time in Northeast Ohio. One of the most important duties of our delegates attending the district convention was the election of a leadership team for the 2012-13 Kiwanis Year.

We are pleased to announce that Craig Wallace, a member of the Findlay and E Club of Northwest Ohio Kiwanis Clubs, was elected to lead the district as Governor for the coming year. His wife Lee Ann, also a member of the E Club of Northwest Ohio, will serve as First Lady of the Ohio District. Their photo is shown with the article.

Our only contested election in Boardman was for the position of Governor Elect. Jennifer DeFrance, of the Kent Kiwanis Club, won election as Governor Elect over District Convention Chair Barb Smith, of the Western Mahoning County Kiwanis Club in a closely contested race. Jennifer has served the District as a Distinguished Key Club Governor, a Circle K Lieutenant Governor and Club President, and as a Distinguished Lieutenant Governor for Ohio District Kiwanis.

Our 2012-13 District Treasurer selected by the Delegates will be Steven Donahue of the Reynoldsburg Kiwanis Club. Steve joined Kiwanis originally with the German Village Club in Columbus and served this year as Lieutenant Governor of Division 10-S.

Along with Craig Wallace, Jennifer DeFrance, Steve Donahue; Bill Snellgrove, of the Northwest Columbus and I-NExT Kiwanis Clubs, will continue on the District Board as our Immediate Past Governor and Dave Whiteman, of the Newark Kiwanis Club, will serve as District Secretary.

In addition to the election of officers, one minor bylaw revision was passed. That revision was primarily housekeeping in nature and it removed the reference to three separate billing groups for payment of dues. That provision is no longer necessary since all clubs will pay dues on the same schedule beginning with the 2012-13 Kiwanis Year.

Several Resolutions were adopted by the delegates; the most important of those was to congratulate Alan and Jeri Penn for their service and leadership as the President and First Lady of Kiwanis International. Alan will continue to serve our district during the coming year as our Counselor on the Kiwanis International Board.

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary

Ohio Kiwanians Save 500,000+ Lives Through Eliminate

08/15/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Cindy Champer, Dist. Coor.

OHIO KIWANIANs SAVE 500,000+ LIVES THROUGH
ELIMINATE WORK



By luck of birth, those of us reading this article - and our children and grandchildren - were blessed to have clean birthing practices as standard procedure. But such is not the case in many countries that still have MNT existing - and we as Kiwanians of a good heart, have the responsibility to help those who are less fortunate.

Many thanks to the outstanding work of our MDC's (multi-division coordinators), division coordinators and in some cases club coordinators who have helped make this possible. And thanks also to the 15 Model clubs who stepped up to save even more lives - they are Alliance, Belden Village, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Coldwater, Fairview Park, Hilltop-Columbus, Hilliard, Mansfield, Medina Breakfast, Newark, Northside-College Hill, Northwest Columbus and Warren. Their efforts have been assisted greatly by the \$2,500 donation from Medina Sunrise Rotary club and also our Cincinnati and Columbus clubs, who pledged \$100,000 and \$130,000 respectively. To date, we have pledged or donated funds to save 500,000+ lives.

But we cannot rest on our laurels. Between now and 30 September, we need to save another 55,000+ lives, so we are asking all Kiwanians to donate an additional \$12 between now and year end; or better yet, consider becoming a Zeller fellow, which if paid in full, will be presented at the Sept. 29 installation by our own KI President Alan Penn.

We are #1 in saving lives through MNT and need to stay that way!

Cindy Champer
District Coordinator

Community Service: The Name of the Game

08/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Al Allender



As Kiwanis is a "SERVICE CLUB" by definition, it seems as though our primary purpose is to do "COMMUNITY SERVICE" projects. Most clubs do a pretty good job of service in their community, but the need is so great that the total needs of most communities are not met.

Governor Designate Craig Wallace has set a two part goal that he would like to see all Ohio Kiwanis Clubs accomplish next year. Part one – do at least one Community Service Project every quarter. Part two – do at least one new Community Service Project next year. If Ohio District Kiwanis Clubs strive to reach these goals, a great improvement in our local communities will occur.

Accomplishing these goals will require new ideas. Where will we find these new ideas? There are several sources to tap for ideas for new projects.

- Do a Community Survey. The survey is provided in the Leadership Guide and will help find needs in your community.
- Talk to Community Leaders. They know the needs of their communities.
- Ask club members. Members likely have ideas for projects they would like to develop.
- Visit other clubs. Interclubbing is a great way to get new ideas for things that others are accomplishing.

Community Service goes hand in hand with membership. You may need additional manpower that new members can provide for increased service. You may also need new service projects to keep new members engaged and interested. New members are a great source of new ideas for service.

As THE Ohio District Community service Chair for 2012-13, I am compiling a list of project ideas I will be glad to share with any club. I am interested in including projects currently being done by local clubs. If you are willing to share the unique projects of you

club, please email the info to me at ajallender@embarqmail.com. I can also be reached by telephone at (740) 392-8471 or cell (740) 507-4274.

Al Allender
2012-13 Community Service Chair

A Key Leader Weekend

08/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kelly Shaffer

Take the Lead: A Key Leader Weekend was published in The Stampede, student newspaper of Madeira High School, Madeira, Ohio on May 4, 2011. It was written by Key Leader attendee Emma Sabransky.

I climbed up the four steps to the top of the platform with my legs and hands shaking almost uncontrollably. I turned around, put my heels to the edge, and took a deep breath. "Spotters ready?" I asked.

"Ready!" came the reply.

"Ready to fall," I said, my voice getting tight with the anticipation.

"Fall away!" my group responded.

"I swallowed hard and took a shaky breath. "Falling," I said. And then I fell. Never in my life did I think that I would do a trust fall. More importantly, I didn't think that I would ever do one with a group of people that I met 24 hours earlier. But on April 30, I did just that.

This past Friday, I made my way up to Ashley, Ohio, where the Key Leader program was being held. Key Leader is sponsored by Kiwanis, and it is a weekend retreat for teenagers. This one was held at Recreation Unlimited. About 50 high school students from all over Ohio came to this event where we learned how to be leaders at our school, in our activities, and in our community. At first, I thought that it sounded like a simple job, but after hours of group activities and discussions, I realized that there is so much more to being a leader.

Any person can stand up and start telling others what to do, but a leader has integrity and follows her values. A leader knows that personal growth and trust develop who she is. A leader gives respect and receives it in return. A leader accepts everyone for who he is and works to create a better community. And most importantly, a leader strives for excellence.

My weekend cannot be summed up into a single sentence. Each day there was absolutely amazing. Our lead facilitator was an inspiration to every person in the room, and I am proud to say that she has helped me believe in myself and my abilities to become a leader. But I think the most important part of my experience was the challenge course. It was there that I learned how important trust is. Not only was the trust fall fun, but it taught me an important lesson. No matter who you are, what you stand for, and how you lead others, you still fall down sometimes. But there is always



someone who is ready to catch you.

Please make Emma's experience a reality for a student near you. Our next event is November 9-11, 2012 at Recreation Unlimited in Ashley, Ohio (north of Columbus, minutes from I-71). It is only \$200 to give a high-school student a life-changing weekend. Key Club members receive a discount of \$25. (Late fee applies after 10/26/12) As our students are returning to school, please help us spread the word and offer service leadership education to Ohio's youth. If you need assistance with the selection process or would prefer to make a contribution to help with the program, please send inquiry to ohiokeyleader@gmail.com. General program questions can also be directed to our email.

Kelly & Brian Shaffer
Key Leader District Chairs

The Difference You Need to Know

08/17/2012 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Len Abrams



At our recent District Convention it became obvious to me that there were two important differences club officers needed to know.

The first is the difference between our wonderful Eliminate Project and The Annual Gift Campaign. Both are projects of your Kiwanis International Foundation. Eliminate is our major project focused on a specific goal with an end date of 2015. Annual Gift is done every year to fund grants made by your foundation worldwide. Last year your foundation was able to fund grants of \$494,743 that served 129,476 children in 11 countries including 12 U.S. states. So it is very important for your club to support both of these efforts. If you have not sent in your Annual Gift Campaign support yet please do so now as September 30th is looming very fast.

The second difference is that of your Ohio District Foundation and Kiwanis International Foundation. These are separate entities but both have Annual Gift Campaigns used to fund their grant requests from your clubs. Both depend upon the generosity of you and your clubs. So when you are considering making a gift, think in terms of some of it going to each entity to support the causes at each level. As always, the children of Ohio and the world thank you.

Len Abrams
District Chair
Kiwaniis International Foundation

Club News

Robert P. Connelly Medal Awarded to Jake Turner

08/14/2012 - Club: Lima - Submitted by: Robert Day

Jake Turner, holding his brother Noah, was presented the Robert P. Connelly Medal for

saving Noah's life in a near drowning incident on November 19, 2011. Jake was nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Lima, Ohio. The award was presented by the Ohio District Governor Elect Craig Wallace, far right. Members of Jake's family look on, as well as Division 2 Lieutenant Governor George Doyle, back right, and Lima president Robert Day, back left. In addition to a plaque, Jake received American Express gift cards and a book was donated in his name to the Children's Section of the Lima Public Library.



Wigs for Kids

08/13/2012 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: Robin W. Gagnow



The Wigs for Kids hosted its 7th annual Wigs for Kids 5K Run & Walk at the Cleveland MetroPark Zoo on Saturday, July 28. Eight Berea Kiwanis and five Baldwin Wallace University CKI members assisted in organizing/working the event. The event included over 975 runners and walkers, the largest event so far. The event raised over \$55,000, which will be used to help local children in Ohio. In addition, a Cut-A-Thon was

hosted by LaBarberia Institute, around twelve individuals donated their hair at the event. It was a great community event in which members of the Kiwanians family made a difference by donating their time and energy.

Walter G. Sellers Memorial Football Game 2012

08/10/2012 - Club: Xenia - Submitted by: Vernon L. Dillon

The 4th annual Walter G. Sellers Memorial Football game will be held in Xenia, Ohio between the Xenia H.S. "Bucs" vs Bellbrook H.S. "Eagles" on Friday, August 31.

The Game was started by the 2 communities to honor Walter G. Sellers, as a Community & Educational Leader and being the 1st African-American elected International President of Kiwanis. Mr. Sellers passed away from cancer in 2008



The winning team receives the Walter G. Sellers Memorial Trophy and plaques will be given to both teams for outstanding play on Defense, Offense and special teams.

We would like to invite all Ohio Kiwanians to come and attend the game.

Pictured is the winning team of last year Game Bellbrook Eagles holding up the Walter G. Sellers Memorial trophy beating Xenia in a close game 22-21.

Play Ball

08/09/2012 - Club: Berea - Submitted by: Sam Brown



This Year Berea Kiwanis Club was active in sponsoring two Youth Teams in Berea Baseball League.

Berea Baseball Association has been serving Youth in Berea since 1975, and is designed to provide healthy recreational activity, learning fundamentals of the game along with value of sportsmanship, teamwork, fair play, and discipline in a family environment.

Kiwanis sponsored a Girls Fast Pitch 12-14 Year Old group and a T-Ball team, both teams played very hard and with great enthusiasm. Both teams received outstanding coaching. Hopefully the athletic and sportsmanship skills and lessons learned will carry with them in life. At the time of this article, pictures were not available of T-Ball Team.

Sam Brown

Downtown Athens Club Assembles 14th Version of Smart Start Kits

08/08/2012 - Club: Downtown Athens - Submitted by: Cliff Houk

Pictured are members of the Kiwanis Club of Downtown Athens assembling 588 Smart Start Kits for every incoming kindergartner in Athens County. This is the 14th year that the Downtown Kiwanis group has been providing these kits to the children of Athens County. Each kit includes: 24 count Crayola crayons, glue stick, bottle of Elmer's glue, Fiskar scissors, and a brand new pencil box. Kits are being distributed to all of the county Elementary Schools this week to be distributed to the Kindergartners during the first week of school. The cost was slightly less than \$1400.



Findlay Club Celebrates Local Agencies by Hosting Baby Shower

07/30/2012 - Club: Findlay - Submitted by: Ashley Ritz

The Kiwanis Club of Findlay's Young Children Priority One Committee held its 3rd Annual Baby Shower on June 11, 2012. Club members brought in new baby items which were distributed to three local charities who serve women and children in the community. A representative from each agency attended the meeting and presented on the work their agency does and how the baby items will be used in their organization.



Our program included not your average baby shower games including baby trivia and name that baby food for “expecting” mommies to be. A great time was had by all and we were able to give a lot of baby items to the agencies.