

# BUCKEYE BULLETIN

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## District Governor's Report

08/28/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Craig Wallace

**Wow! What a great District Convention!** We had over 400 people in Lima for an excellent weekend experience! We reached out in **Fellowship** as we made new friends and renewed old friendships. We reached out in **Service** as we donated hundreds of baby items and cash to Heartbeat of Lima. And we reached out in **Healing** as we received over \$4,000 for the First Lady's Project through the basket auction. Thank you to the many donors for the 90 baskets-a record basket auction! During the convention, we attended educational forums, took care of the business of the district, elected new leaders of the district, had great meals, and enjoyed a fun time! We even installed the new leadership team of Governor designate Jennifer De France. Thanks go out to the Convention Planning Committee under the leadership of Bev Beery and Candy Newland along with extra help from Robert Day-**Great Job!**



This is the time to **clean up your club's membership roll**. We do not want to lose any Kiwanis member. But, the truth is-many clubs delete members in September and October. If you plan to delete members at the end of the year, instead, do so now. There is no reason to wait until October, clean up the membership rolls now. Then hold a membership drive in September. **More Members equals More Service!** And don't forget the current members of your clubs! Keep them active in service to keep them involved in the club. The membership goal is for each club to end up with at least plus 2 members by September 30, compared to last October 1. **Let's use this last quarter to strengthen our membership!**

We are closing in on the needed 500 signatures for the Ohio license plate with the Kiwanis logo on it. The proceeds from the sale of the license plate will directly benefit the Ohio District Foundation and, thus, **healing** the children of Ohio. If you or someone you know has not signed a petition please do so!

When I was in high school, I ran for a Hall of Fame coach. He told us many things which helped us do our best. One saying that he repeated often was-**FINISH STRONG!** As we get closer to September 30, I am reminded of these important words for any situation-

**FINISH STRONG!** Don't let up before the end of the year. Keep working to accomplish the goals for the year including adding new members and building new clubs-let's **FINISH STRONG!!**

**Enjoy life and remember to  
REACH OUT IN FELLOWSHIP, IN SERVICE AND IN HEALING!**  
**Governor Craig Wallace**  
**cwallace@woh.rr.com**

## **District Secretary's Notes**

*08/28/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman*



We have recently completed our 96th District Convention in Lima, Ohio and the comments we heard from around the District were overwhelmingly favorable. Thanks to District Convention Chair Beverly Beery and Candace Newland. They did great work in putting together our District Convention and showcased what a great community they have in Lima.

### **Club Election Report**

As we publish this newsletter, we still have had only 138 Kiwanis Clubs file their 2013-14 Officers online using the KiwanisOne web portal. This is considerably better than 2012, but it still leaves about 100 clubs who have not reported their officers online. Please make sure your club has their report filed either online or by hard copy

within the next few days. This information is critical to accurate preparation of the Kiwanis International Directory and our Ohio District Directory.

### **2014 Kiwanis International Convention**

If you haven't heard yet, our 2014 International Convention will be held in Tokyo-Chiba, Japan in the Asia-Pacific Kiwanis District. The Ohio District has endorsed Past Governor John DeVilbiss to run for the office of Kiwanis International Trustee at the convention. Please consider sending delegates to Tokyo to support John DeVilbiss and to take in the sights of a truly International Convention. Tumlare, the travel agent we used for the 2013 Alaska Cruise, has prepared a very competitive package including Airfare, transfers, hotel, and other items. The package is much more reasonable than purchasing your airfare and hotel individually. [Click here](#) to download a PDF copy of the Kiwanis Tokyo Ohio Brochure. To guarantee the best pricing, please make your reservation by October 1st. We would also suggest that you consider Package C (Hotel Francs). While Kiwanis International will not be assigning districts to hotels, our suggestion of the Hotel Francs would essentially make this the "unofficial" hotel of the Ohio District. This hotel is directly across the street from the convention center.

### **Finish Strong**

We have just about a month left in the 2012-13 Kiwanis Year and so far our district is one of three in North America to show positive growth. Let's make a big push and see if we can finish the year with positive growth for the first time in over 10 years. More Kiwanis members mean more hands serving the children and communities of the Ohio District.

Dave Whiteman

District Secretary

## New Club Building

*08/26/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kathleen Moylan, NCB Chair*

As we wind down the 2012-2013 Kiwanis year we are all reminded to "Finish Strong." Those words resonated from Governor Craig Wallace at the District Convention and the Ohio District New Club Building Team is hard at work!

Congratulations to the newest Club in the Ohio District - Garfield Heights! This amazing club is up to 45 members and are anticipating membership at 50 when they hold their Charter Party on September 12th. The first new club of the year, West Chester - Liberty Township has increased their membership by 3 since their Charter Celebration. Hot on their heels are new clubs in New Albany, Beavercreek and a Medina Evening Club. Help us "finish strong" by helping us get these clubs organized!



I have met with a number of the Lt. Governor Elects that are anxious to get the ball rolling on new clubs in their Divisions. The New Club Building Team and District Leaders have comprised a list of over 30 potential new sites. We are already starting site surveys in several communities.

New Club Building is critical to growth in the Ohio District. Do you have a potential area we should be exploring? Do you have the passion it takes to get out there and recruit with the NCB Team? We would love to have you join us on our journey. Contact me at: [kathleenmoylan@bellsouth.net](mailto:kathleenmoylan@bellsouth.net)

Kathleen Moylan  
New Club Building Chair

## Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation Report

*08/29/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jean Forbes*



At the Annual Meeting in Lima, the Foundation reported providing \$34,665 in 18 grants in the past year. Checks were presented to the recently approved projects including

- Seville Kiwanis Club preschool scholarship of \$500
- Brooklyn Kiwanis Club book project for \$2,250
- Warren Kiwanis Club support of Camelot Center for \$5,000
- West Akron and Bath Kiwanis Clubs support of school reading program for \$1,000
- Lisbon Kiwanis Club and County Health Department bicycle helmet project for \$459

The next deadline for grant applications is October 31. Applications can be found at [www.odkf.org](http://www.odkf.org).

As the Kiwanis administrative year approaches, clubs should consider presenting awards provided by the Foundation for donations honoring their leaders and members. Past International Presidents Award, Alan Penn Award, Donald Williams Award and Legion of Honor Society awards are described on the Foundation website at [www.odkf.org](http://www.odkf.org). More information is available at [secretary@odkf.org](mailto:secretary@odkf.org).

New members and officers of the Foundation were also elected at the Annual Meeting in Lima. Board members Doug Huth, Kathryn Karpus, John Millar and Katie Rennard were elected for three year terms. Doug Huth was elected President, Kathryn Karpus elected Vice-President and Jean Forbes elected Secretary/Treasurer for the 2013-2014 administrative year. Congratulations to those who serve our District as volunteers in the work of your Foundation.

Jean Forbes  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation

## **ELIMINATE MNT**

*08/28/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Ted Coons*

Model clubs, Zeller's, gifts of all kinds in support of the ELIMINATE project. The Ohio District is once again on a roll in saving lives from the scourge of maternal and neonatal tetanus. The First Lady's basket project provided additional support from the District convention.



As Kiwanians in Ohio, what will we do within the final weeks of the current administrative year to save additional lives? New Zeller's? Presidential Zeller's to recognize great club leadership? An impact gift? A new MNT project? A club pledge at the Model Club level? Finish strong, we have so many more lives to save.

Thank you for all that you do for the children of the world.

## **Key Club Report**

*08/28/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Natalie Hagy*

Six other Key Club representatives and I had the pleasure of attending Kiwanis District Convention August 8-10. It was a wonderful experience meeting all of the Kiwanians from across the state and Lima did an excellent job as the host club! Thank you for sharing the weekend with us.

We learned about how we, as Key Clubbers, could better support our fellow K-Family groups and what goals were set for the new Kiwanis Family year. Key Club is proud to say that we have chosen to focus on the Eliminate Project to help Kiwanis with their \$110 million goal. One of our clubs, Hilliard Davidson from 10 West, raised \$2,441 for the Eliminate Project. This will save 1,356 lives! The best part was that not everyone involved was a part of Key Club. This helps support our idea that the Eliminate Project is for everyone and we want everyone to help.



We ask that each Kiwanis Club look to sponsor a new club to go to Fall Rally this year! It will be held at the Ohio Union at The Ohio State University on October 27. We are working to make an interactive, service and fun packed day! If you could please promote this to your Key Clubs and help sponsor them to this event, we would greatly appreciate it. After all, active Key Club members make for active Kiwanis members in the future.

Natalie Hagy  
2013-14 Governor  
Ohio District Key Club

## Circle K Updates

*08/28/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Megan Hurley*

It's a busy time for Circle K! Classes are starting up and clubs across the state are holding open houses to tell college students that Circle K is about service, not slushies.

The district board has been busy too! We've been working on big plans for Fall Rally in October, District Convention in late winter, and Spring Officer Training at the end of the school year. We have a district calendar and all sorts of other resources at [ohiocki.org](http://ohiocki.org). Fall rally information should be available very soon!

If your Kiwanis club sponsors a Circle K, please encourage members to become involved at more than just the club level. There are several ways for them to do this. First, we're aiming for high attendance at district events this year, and we'd love to see as many new faces as possible! Second, there are still some open board and chair positions for the Ohio District. Openings are listed at <http://ohiocki.org/district-board/join-the-district-board/>.



If your club doesn't sponsor a Circle K, consider donating to the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation KICK fund; even \$25 would go a long way towards helping our organization. If there's a college or university near your club that doesn't yet have a Circle K but you think there's a possibility for one to form, please let me know! I and Circle K thank you for all your support.

Megan Hurley  
Ohio District Governor  
Circle K International  
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# Community Service ....It's what we do.

08/29/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Sarah Roush



Kiwanis and Community Service, the words go together like a hand and a glove. It's what this great organization is all about. Late summer and early fall is such a great time of year to do club activities that promote the foundation of Kiwanis. I hope your club is planning a couple of new hands on projects for this year. Keep in mind, these do not need to be large, expensive projects. Here are some very simple projects

that could be done with minimal investment:

1. Clean out your (or community) gardens... donate extra produce to local food pantry.
2. Work with your local health department to hand out flu prevention kits to attendees at the local football/soccer game.
3. Plan and host a "homecoming dance" at the local senior or community center.
4. Send thank you letters to veterans for their services. Send them to the local VFW.
5. Rake leaves for individuals who are unable to do so.
6. Coordinate a blood drive through the Red Cross in conjunction with your next pancake breakfast/chili dinner.
7. Donate packets of lined notebook paper, bottles of hand sanitizer or tissues for schools – so teachers don't have to purchase these out of pocket for their classrooms.
8. Bake cookies or cupcakes and surprise your SLP members at a meeting with a special treat.
9. Make chew toys for the animal shelter from old t-shirts.
10. Provide support to any of the local charities doing walk-a-thons, by assisting with registration, clean up or handing out supplies.
11. Volunteer to help with the concessions stand at any of the local high school games... especially the JV games or the ones during the week. The boosters club will thank you.
12. Rake leaves at a smaller "historical" cemetery. (Local historical society can provide locations that can use assistance).
13. Plant bulbs for spring in parks, at libraries, community areas or recreational/senior centers.
14. Collect "Box Tops" coupons for your local schools. Many use them to purchase needed supplies.
15. Make holiday themed book markers and donate them to public and primary school libraries.

These are just a very few ideas for your club to consider. Don't forget that your club's community assessment is also a great tool for creating new projects. So, let's continue to show the world that Kiwanis is THE service club for hands-on projects and let's get busy!

Sarah Roush  
2013-14 Community Services Chair

## District Convention Recap

08/28/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman

The 2013 Ohio District Kiwanis Convention was held August 9-11, 2013 in Lima, Ohio. Attendees participated in workshops on various Kiwanis topics and enjoyed their time in Lima as the convention returned to that city for the first time since 1921. One of the most important duties of our delegates attending the district convention was the election of a leadership team for the 2013-14 Kiwanis Year.

We are pleased to announce that Jennifer DeFrance, a member of the Kent Kiwanis Club, was elected to lead the district as Governor for the coming year. Her photo is shown with the article.

Diana Keplinger, a member of the Mount Gilead and I-NeXT Kiwanis Clubs, was elected as Governor Elect. Diana has served as a Lieutenant Governor, on the Finance & Structure Committee, and in various District Chair positions. Her husband Tom is also a member of the Mount Gilead Kiwanis Club and is currently finishing out his term as Lieutenant Governor.

Our 2013-14 District Treasurer selected by the Delegates will be Bill Flinta of the Stow-Munroe Falls Kiwanis Club. Bill joined Kiwanis originally in the Florida District and served this year as President of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation and as a member of the Finance & Structure Committee.

Along with Jennifer DeFrance, Diana Keplinger, and Steve Donahue; Craig Wallace, of the Findlay and E Club of NW Ohio Kiwanis Clubs, will continue on the District Board as our Immediate Past Governor and Dave Whiteman, of the Newark Kiwanis Club, will continue as District Secretary.



In addition to the election of officers, four bylaw revisions were passed. Those revisions were housekeeping in nature and allowed our District Bylaws to come into compliance with recent changes made in the International Bylaws.

Several Resolutions were adopted by the delegates; the most important of those were to congratulate Alan and Jeri Penn for their service and leadership the past 7 years on the Kiwanis International Board and as International President and First Lady; memorial resolutions for Lieutenant Governor William "Bill" Adams and Past Treasurers Dennis Mozser & Baird Krueger; and finally the delegates resolved to support Past Governor John DeVilbiss as he runs for election to the office of Kiwanis International Trustee in Tokyo at the 2014 International Convention.

Dave Whiteman  
District Secretary

## **2013-14 District Board Installation Report**

*08/22/2013 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer DeFrance*

At the conclusion of the 2013 District Convention in Lima, the 2013-14 District Board was installed during the Sunday Brunch. The installation was a great event. Newly elected District Treasurer Bill Flinta and Governor-Elect Diana Keplinger were installed as well as nearly all of the Lt. Governors, the District Chairs, the Immediate Past Governor



Craig Wallace, and District Secretary David Whiteman. The 2013-14 District Board showed their support of the Eliminate Project through Walter Zeller Fellowship presentations to new board members and other attendees. As the Governor-Designate, I had the pleasure of sharing our 2013-14 District Goals. We are committed to fulfilling our district roles: supporting existing clubs, building new clubs, educating our members, and supporting Service Leadership Programs and the Eliminate Project. I also shared that the Governor's Project will be "Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities." Kiwanis-Family members are encouraged to look inward to determine how we can improve our own health and health outcomes as individuals and Kiwanis Clubs. The project also asks us to look outward to the community to institute healthy projects. The "healthy" projects can include nutrition, exercise, health care, play, and more. Finally, I challenged Ohio Kiwanians to share my vision for a bright Kiwanis future through optimism, hard work, and dedication.

The 2013-14 District Board will have the first board meeting in conjunction with a Tri-K Kick Off Meeting at the William Street United Methodist Church in Delaware on October 5, 2013. The board meeting will be at 2:00 PM. Prior to the board meeting the Key Club, Circle K, and Kiwanis Boards will perform service, share lunch, and have breakout sessions together to form lasting Kiwanis-Family relations throughout the year. Any Kiwanian is invited to join the board members for the afternoon board meeting.

Jennifer DeFrance

Governor-Designate

## Club News

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### Westlake Kiwanis Spruce Up Camp

*08/29/2013 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski*

Several members of the Westlake Kiwanis volunteered at the W.H.I.S.T.L.E. Education Camp - Boat Building - Sailing - Ecology - Character Building -Self Reliance by painting, cleaning and general maintenance of boats and the camp. They also directed the campers in various activities. Pictures are Westlake Kiwanian Bob Clancy and Russ Milan.



### Mount Gilead Kiwanis Raises Funds for Eliminate Project

*08/22/2013 - Club: Mount Gilead - Submitted by: Diana Keplinger*



The thunderstorm that moved through Mount Gilead on Saturday, July 20th, didn't dampen the spirits of these Kiwanians! The club sold kettle corn at the local Sweet Corn Festival to raise money for the Eliminate Project. Erin Kelty, Susan Tavenor, Helen Farrington and Gov. Elect Diana Keplinger are members of the Mt. Gilead Club. They were joined by Past Governor Cindy Champer.



## Aktion Club Volunteers at Buddy Walk

*08/18/2013 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: victor Rutkoski*

The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club volunteered at the Buddy Walk for the Upside of Down at Progressive Field, Saturday, August 17, 2013. The Aktion Club manned the Pre Registration for the walk handing out tee shirts and bags to pre-registered individuals and teams. The Aktion Club had 17 members helping out.



## Aktion Club Honors Late Director of Adult Activity Center

*08/15/2013 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski*



The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion club honored the late Katherine Johnson at their August meeting. Katherine Johnson was the Director of the Rocky River Adult Activity Center and was instrumental in the formation of the Westlake Aktion Club. She was the original charter signer representing Cuyahoga County along with Russ Milan of the Westlake Kiwanis. The club purchased and presented a memorial stone to the Rocky River Adult

Activity Center which was placed in the center's garden. Show unveiling the memorial stone are the Aktion Club Officers President Jennifer Rutkoski, Secretary Meghan Drops, Vice President Gary Gomez and Treasurer Lynn Gomez.

## Warren Kiwanis Club Awards Zeller

*08/09/2013 - Club: Warren - Submitted by: Jan Vaughn*

The Kiwanis Club of Warren has chosen Greg Yurco of Cortland to receive a Walter Zeller

Fellowship award.

Yurco was recognized for his dedication and commitment to the local Kiwanis organization. He has been chairperson of the club's largest fundraising event, the Turkey Trot race/walk, for the past 25 years.

The Walter Zeller Fellowship award is named in memory of Walter Zeller, who made the first monetary gift to establish the Kiwanis International Foundation. The Zeller Fellowship recognizes a monetary gift by a local Kiwanis club to The Eliminate Project of Kiwanis, which aims to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) in the world. Yurco has served on the Warren club's board of directors and as club president. He was the club's Kiwanian of the Year in 2004-2005.

Yurco has previously been recognized by the Warren club with a George F. Hixson Award. The Hixson Fellow Award is named in memory of the first president of Kiwanis International.

Yurco works as a senior commercial analyst with Geauga Savings Bank

