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Back to School

08/11/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer DeFrance

Greetings Ohio Kiwanians! I cringe this time of year as I walk through stores like Target and see all of the school supply displays. For me, it means that summer is almost over, and I wonder how I seemed to miss it. I also have those fond memories of fresh packs of crayons, pencils, and notepads that I would use to start off my school year (yes, I did like school). And now, I am often scouring the stores for a good deal to sweep up for my Kiwanis Club's service for schools.

There are some ways that we should consider in our service to school age children – assisting them with their schooling and sponsoring our Service Leadership Programs effectively.

Kiwanis Clubs often have school supply drives and then distribute them to schools. I am sure that our efforts in this help children start their year off right. Parents also face bills for various workbooks (do they still buy workbooks?) and fees. Maybe your Kiwanis Club can consider offering local schools a fund to assist those in critical need for these funds. Students also want to engage in many after school activities including sports, band, or other clubs. Your Kiwanis Club could provide students with scholarships to rent musical instruments or help pay for "pay to play" fees.

Kiwanis Clubs and SLPs can also get involved with afterschool programs at organizations like the YMCA or Boys and Girls Club, reading programs at the school and library, through the Bringing Up Grades Program and Terrific Kids, and with mentoring programs through the guidance counselor. The one-on-one involvement with the students will be very beneficial.

Kiwanis Clubs have the ability to transform school playgrounds, remodel sporting facilities, or improve a library through books and enhanced technology. (And make sure to use the Kiwanis brand!)

Many of our clubs already sponsor a Service Leadership Program. Be sure to provide training to the SLP group, assist with Open Houses and membership drives, and help plan service projects and fundraisers. Your interaction with these members will help



them understand what Kiwanis does while assisting them to meet their goals. This is our responsibility when we sponsor SLPs.

Don't forget that it is not too soon to start identifying students to send to the Key Leader this fall on November 14-16 at Recreation Unlimited!

Kiwanis' good works in schools will improve the branding of Kiwanis. Working within the school system may attract parents, teachers and school officials to join Kiwanis. Remember, we need to ask them to join or remind them that they are welcome. If attending meetings is an obstacle, find ways to accommodate their membership... start a satellite club at the school for parents and teachers.

Love it. Share it. Live it.

Best,

Governor Jennifer DeFrance

District Secretary's Notes

08/13/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman



We have recently completed our 97th District Convention in Columbus, Ohio and the comments we heard from around the District were overwhelmingly favorable. Thanks to District Convention Chair Eric Bush and his committee of volunteers. They did great work in putting together our District Convention and showed us we could have fun while we work!

Club Election Report

As we publish this newsletter, we still have had only 107 Kiwanis Clubs file their 2014-15 Officers online using the KiwanisOne web portal. This is considerably lower than 2013, and it still leaves about 125 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.

2015 Kiwanis International Convention

If you haven't heard yet, our 2015 International Convention will be held in Indianapolis and we will be celebrating our 100th Birthday! 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 support John DeVilbiss and enjoy the festivities planned for our 100th Birthday. Tumlare, the travel agent we used for the 2013 Alaska Cruise, has prepared a 100th Birthday Kiwanis Cruise for 2015.

[Click here](#) to download a PDF copy of the Kiwanis Cruise Brochure.

Finish Strong

We have just about a month left in the 2013-14 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 Opening Update

08/14/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Kathleen Moylan

I remember the first time I was asked to establish a new club like it was yesterday. It was in the Georgia District, and I was fairly new to Kiwanis. Then Governor Carlton Norris had invited me to be a part of his Membership & Growth Team to assist the 3 Regional Chairs. I was incredibly nervous; I was still a novice trying to learn all the aspects of Kiwanis – quite a daunting task. I was afraid that I would not be able to answer questions that people asked, that they would reject me and I was afraid I would let the team down.



Now in my 8th year of being a District Chair in some aspect of Membership, Growth and New Club Building it has become a passion of mine to open new clubs. There is an amazing sense of accomplishment when you hear what these new clubs are doing for the communities they were opened in – when they establish a Key Club at the local high school, host an Easter Egg hunt, assist with a Special Olympics program, conduct a food drive or participate in a Backpack Blessings program – and so many more! It is no longer daunting, it is fun!

This year we had a goal of 6 clubs, and although we have been pounding the pavement hard for the last several months, it may not become a reality. A very difficult Winter did not help our efforts. The good news? We will have some momentum going into the next Kiwanis year.

Our newest club, The Medina Evening Club, chartered last Friday – just in time for the Ohio District Convention. Congratulations to Regional New Club Opener Barb Smith and Lt. Governor Elizabeth Wilson and their team. Their Charter party will take place on September 17th, and I would encourage you to attend if you are anywhere near Medina. There is something special about celebrating a new group, committed to making a difference in the community.

There are many more clubs in process, and I hope to share good news of two or three of them chartering before the year is out. I'd also like to thank my Regional Chairs for their tireless efforts when asked to assist in a site survey or community analysis, and for their participation in countless meetings to assist the efforts of a potential Kiwanis Club in areas where they are needed.

Let's finish this year strong. Won't you assist the Ohio District Formula Team in our "member lead" initiative to strengthen new clubs, invite new members to join our existing clubs and open new clubs? There will be additional training for The Formula on Saturday, October 4th, prior to the Installation Banquet for Governor Designate Diana Keplinger and her new Board of Directors. Please contact Bill Snellgrove or me if you would like to be a part of our efforts. We are looking for Club Counselors for new clubs, Club Counselors for existing clubs and New Club Openers for each Division. **The Formula – LOVE IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.**

Service Projects: Best are Simple, Affordable and Fun

08/10/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer Lewis, District Chair, Youth Services



A successful service project encourages every member to contribute – this is easiest if you keep it simple, affordable and fun! Consider also the timing of your event, the abilities and desires of your members, and add incentives to keep it fun, which encourages participation!

Gov. DeFrance and the Service Chairs organized two simple, affordable and fun, district-wide service projects for the District Convention. The first project was a fundraiser and healthy “Walk to Save 10 Lives/Eliminate Walk” at Convention on Friday, August 8th at 4:30PM. Over 50 District Officers and Kiwanians walked a few laps around the picturesque pond at the Crowne Plaza in North Columbus. Each participant donated at least \$18 to Eliminate and was recognized with an Eliminate ribbon on their convention badge.

Thank you Kiwanians for an amazing outpouring of crayons and coloring books at District Convention! Together we filled the back of a full sized pick-up truck with NEW crayons, coloring books and activity books for children in social services! Many boxes will be distributed throughout central Ohio and neighboring counties. (The projects often serve the host convention site, which rotates around the state each year.)

Why was the crayon drive such a success? – In part because it was fun, simple and affordable. We also considered the timing of the event. (Crayons and activity books are on sale in August.) We kept the project simple so that everyone could participate, even with limited time or money. (Any contribution was useful and \$.25 could buy a box of 24 crayons.) Buying crayon and coloring books for the drive was fun and nostalgic. (Crayons and coloring books are fun and associated with happy childhood memories for most. Everyone remembers wanting a box of sharp new crayons, maybe the big box with the sharpener.) We aimed to help Eliminate and children in social services. (Both projects helped others in need, children, their families, workers and volunteers, many in less privileged situations and in social services. Both projects allowed members to contribute as much as they wished and enabled us to work together as a District to reach a bigger goal.) Most importantly, both projects were communicated and advertised well in advance – Thanks to our Governor, District Officers, Lt. Governors, Club Presidents and members!

Take a second to reflect on your successful service projects. Members have a few hours to contribute each week, so having regularly scheduled, well planned activities is a must. Encourage all ages and abilities to be able to contribute. Consider your busy family members and veteran members, be flexible, creative and keep it simple! Involve your SLPs! Consider volunteer sign-ups via email or your website, in case members miss a meeting. Use the media and newspaper to promote your service projects and Kiwanis.

Food drives are a common club service project – they are simple, affordable and fun! Many clubs and their SLPs contribute regularly to their local pantry and county-wide networks. And after this year, following Gov. DeFrance’s Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities initiative, we can focus on making them healthier! At our recent District Convention, Gov. DeFrance recognized the 11S Lt. Gov. Ted Howard with a “Taste of Home Healthy Cooking” cookbook as the division with the highest club % in our District Healthy Food Drive at MidYear and also thanked each division for supporting the project. Many Divisions participated in collecting \$1607 and over 3.5 pallets of very healthy,

nonperishable food items and baby items for one of the Ohio regions in greatest need served by the SE Ohio Food Bank. Many clubs regularly support their local food banks and focus on high protein, low sugar and low sodium donations. Monetary donations have the greatest impact. We aimed in the Midyear healthy food drive to serve the region in Ohio with the greatest need. The SE Ohio Food Bank serves three (*) of the six counties in Ohio with highest Ohio Child Food Insecurity Rates (>30%) according to data from Feeding America. The six counties in greatest need are Adams, Jackson*, Meigs*, Pike, Scioto and Vinton*. Of the students in these counties, 68% of these children are eligible for federal nutrition programs, including free or reduced-price school lunches, school breakfast and summer food programs as well as the WIC and SNAP programs. Thus, 32% of these children remain ineligible for federal nutrition programs. Please continue your local food donations and recognize those areas in greatest need, which may be around you. For additional data, please visit www.feedingamerica.org/mapthegap.

Winner of the "Almond-Count Contest" announced! Congratulations to Kiwanian Kathy Smith of Bellevue who won a 37 oz. jar of Planter's Cocoa (Dark chocolate coated) Roasted Almonds with her guess of 993 almonds (actual count was 999) at the Service Chair Display Table at District Convention. Did you know almonds are not only tasty, they are also super healthy! Facts: Almonds are 13% protein; 1 oz. serving (about 23 almonds) is a great source of vitamin E, magnesium, copper, potassium, calcium, phosphorus, iron, B vitamins, fiber and protein; a 1 oz. serving of almonds contains about the same amount of antioxidants as a serving of broccoli; 1 oz. almonds provide 1/3 the daily value of Vitamin E; almonds are cholesterol-free and contain the "good" monounsaturated fat; ¼ cup almonds contains 18 grams of fat (11 grams are "good" monounsaturated fat); 20-25 almonds contain as much calcium as ¼ cup of milk.

We hope you continue the "Healthy Kiwanians, Healthy Communities" theme in your projects for 2014. Gov-Elect Diana Keplinger and the 2014-15 District Service Chairs will expand these projects with the theme of "Safe and Secure". We hope you have a chance to read the related Ohio District Service Project handbooks. Both handbooks contain useful statistics and project ideas, however you may contact the chairs with your own suggestions to share with the District. Contact any of the service chairs to share your successes or questions. Club News is another great way to share your successes!

Please make sure to fill out the form for the 2013-14 District Service Project banner patch. Just fill out the form and describe one healthy project that you completed this year (participation in any food drive or the crayon drive counts). Return the form (located at the back of the service project handbook) to the Ohio District Kiwanis Office or contact Sarah Roush for assistance.

Thank you for a terrific year of District and International Service!

Jennifer Lewis
2013-14 District Chair Youth Services

Linda Steinbrunner
2013-14 District Chair YCP1

Sarah Roush
2013-14 District Chair Community Services

District Installation Invitation

08/14/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Diana Keplinger

The Ohio District Convention was a huge success! Nearly 400 renewed old friendships and made new ones. We participated in a walk to save babies and contributed hundreds of coloring books and crayons to area community mental health agencies to support their programs with abused children. The Ohio District Foundation raised over \$6600 through the kindness and generosity of those who donated over 100 baskets or supported the OSU ticket raffle. I believe that is a new record! We attended educational forums, took care of the business of the district, elected new leaders and enjoyed a great time of fun and fellowship. Congratulations to Governor Jennifer DeFrance, Convention Chair Eric Bush, and the entire convention committee for a job well done!



As we move ahead in our Kiwanis year the next exciting event will be the Installation Banquet and 2014-15 District Installation. It will be held in the Doubletree Columbus/Worthington Hotel from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 4, 2014. The hotel is located at 175 Hutchinson Ave., Columbus, Ohio. This event will mark the beginning of the new administrative year. We will enjoy a delicious meal, an inspirational program hosted by Past Governor Jack Hilborn, and the installation of the 2014-15 leadership team.

The details of this event and registration information will be sent to each club and an email invitation will be sent to all district board members, district chairs, and past officers.

[Click here](#) to open a copy of the memo with information related to the District Installation.

[Click here](#) to open a copy of the District Installation Registration.

Between now and then, be the inspiration in your club to plan a membership drive, invite a prospective member, call a member who has not been active and find out why he/she has not attended, or invite a member of the growth team to be a guest speaker at your meeting. That will give your club a "lift".
Be well and happy.

Governor Designate Diana Keplinger

2014 District Convention Recap

08/13/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Dave Whiteman

The 2014 Ohio District Kiwanis Convention was held August 8-10, 2014 in Columbus, Ohio. Attendees participated in workshops on various Kiwanis topics and enjoyed their time in Columbus! One of the most important duties of our delegates attending the district convention was the election of a leadership team for the 2014-15 Kiwanis Year.

We are pleased to announce that Diana Keplinger, a member of the Mount Gilead and I-NeXT Kiwanis Clubs, was elected to lead the district as Governor for the coming year. Her photo is shown with the article.

Amy Zimmerman, a member of the Cincinnati Kiwanis Club, was elected as Governor Elect. Amy has served as a Lieutenant Governor and in various District Chair positions.



Amy began her Kiwanis Family experience with her high school Key Club and then continued as a Circle K member at the University of Cincinnati.

Our 2014-15 District Treasurer selected by the Delegates will be Bob Williams of the Olmsted Falls and I-NeXT Kiwanis Clubs. Bob has been a very active member of the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation serving as its President.

Along with Diana Keplinger, Amy Zimmerman, and Bob Williams; Jennifer DeFrance, of the Kent Kiwanis Club, 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, 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.

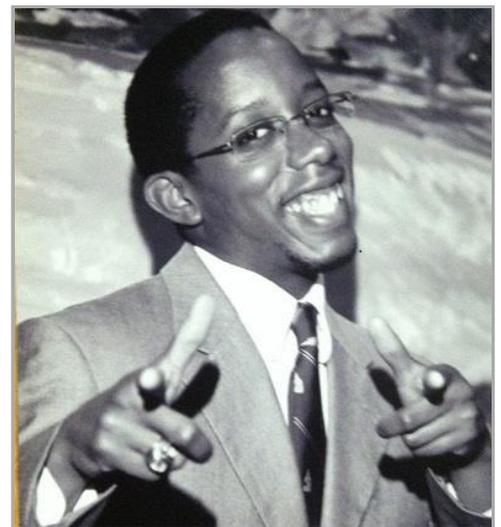
Several Resolutions were adopted by the delegates; the most important of those was our resolution to support Past Governor John DeVilbiss as he runs for election to the office of Kiwanis International Trustee in Indianapolis at the 2015 International Convention.

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary

Perseverance Leads to Longevity in Marriage and in Kiwanis

08/13/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Hasani Wheat

Have you ever been in a place such as a church or restaurant where a couple has been honored for their marriage? Do you personally know of a couple that has had a long and sustaining relationship? Most likely, the answer to these two questions is a resounding "yes." For some of us, we wonder how these couples managed to make their relationship work for so many years. I was reading an article on WorldMag.com on Marriage and Longevity (http://www.worldmag.com/topic/marriage_longevity/ for those that are interested in reading the series) that profiled couples who have been married for at least 35 years. The answers to how the marriages have been successful were varied; however, majority of the answers I have heard or have researched evolve around faith and working through any and all obstacles that was put in front of their marriages. Simply put, these couples persevered.



Similarly, a person's involvement in Kiwanis is constantly tested especially on the club level. Like that of a marriage, Kiwanians need to be able to effectively communicate with each other and provide support when life takes an unexpected turn for both the good times and the bad times. Sometimes, like marriage, being in Kiwanis will take some time to figure out; there will be challenges that you or your club will need to work at in order

to become a better couple and better individuals. Have you ever heard of the quote from renowned author, pastor, speaker John C. Maxwell: "Change is inevitable, growth is optional"? I believe this quote to be true since there are many things in this world that are out of our control but how we adapt to these changes will show how far a married couple (or in our case, as Kiwanians) can grow.

Although I am not married, I wanted to give out advice that can be used interchangeably with establishing a long and healthy marriage as well as having a long and successful Kiwanis journey:

- Be emotionally invested- The more of an attachment that you have on something, the more likely it is that the relationship will not only survive, but thrive for a very long time. Take the time to be emotionally invested.
- Appreciate and support each other's gifts- We must realize whether through a marriage or through our journey in Kiwanis that we all need to find and utilize our best assets. We also need to support the assets of others because you never know when those assets are no longer going to be available.
- Accept the good with the bad- The journey through marriage or through Kiwanis can't always smell like roses; sometimes, there will be days that will rain on your parade. The key is to grow closer with each other in bad times instead of growing apart.
- Be persistent and stay the course- There is a reason, whether you know it or not, that you are now linked with this particular person or with this particular Kiwanis club. You were drawn in by something that you felt at the time that you identify with; give the relationship time and you will be surprised at what blessings will be in store.
- Be yourself and allow others to be themselves- It is so easy to try and mold someone into the image that you picture them to be instead of letting these people be who they really are. Instead of trying to change these people to fit a particular image, try focusing more on what makes these people unique.

Marriage can be a very bumpy road for a couple. Being in Kiwanis will also have its challenges for an individual. We must realize that we are not on this journey called marriage or Kiwanis alone. We have and will need all of the support that we can muster in order to have that longevity that some married couples and some Kiwanians have worked so hard to achieve.

Hasani Wheat
2013-14 Human & Spiritual Values Chair

Aktion Club Update

08/13/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Bob Hobart



We will be holding the 2014 Aktion Club District Convention at Recreation Unlimited in Ashley on August 22-23. If your club has not registered and still would like to attend the event, please contact me ASAP at rhobart@lb.com.

International announced last year that Aktion Club dues will be increasing from \$5 per member to \$8 per member effective with the 2014-15 Administrative Year. If your club pays the membership dues for your Aktion Club, please make a note of this increase as you create your Kiwanis budget for the upcoming year. As always, if you have any questions or are interested in starting a club

in your area, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Marketing Kiwanis' 100th Anniversary

08/11/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: Jennifer DeFrance

Kiwanis formed in January 1915 in Detroit. This January will mark Kiwanis' 100th Anniversary. Let's maximize the impact of this landmark accomplishment in our own clubs and be sure to have great marketing and PR programs around the anniversary.



To celebrate, remember Kiwanis International's and your own club's history; plan anniversary-themed events; and create your own celebration. Kiwanis International has a section of their website devoted to the 100th Anniversary:

www.kiwanis.org/kiwanis100 This site has ideas and resources that we should utilize.

Here are some steps to help you create your marketing plan for the 100th Anniversary:

- Build your centennial channels. Determine what your club has done in the community. Look back in history to learn about all of the types of projects your club has performed. (This could inspire your members to revisit these projects.) When we work with media, we need to determine who are the contact people for your 'brand' approach in the community? In other words, how are we developing personal leadership skills and empowering youth? These are key contributions that Kiwanis makes.
- Sell the 100th Anniversary locally. What happened in 1915 in your area? How can you tie Kiwanis' history with your community? What organizations and businesses were in operation in your area in 1915? How can you partner with them? Make your community aware of the Kiwanis-Family centennial and Kiwanis' impact.
- Develop your 'centennial brand' awareness program. Keep a calendar of all upcoming activities and events you have researched and committed to doing. Have a "champion" for each activity or event. Send your media releases in ADVANCE of the event. Submit exciting photos that are action shots to the media. Follow up with the media after article submission to ensure usage and to gauge the interest in the article.
- Write a media release. The headline should be powerful and relevant. Include how Kiwanis is developing personal leadership skills and empowering youth. Be sure to use the Five Ws and H – who, what, where, when, why, or how. All the essential facts are needed, especially if you are inviting community members to join you! Quotes make the articles better.
- Actively use a Facebook page to promote the 100th Anniversary and your activities. Use a blog to write about Kiwanis through the years. Involve Kiwanis in annual community festivals and parades. Use good symbolism to catch people's eyes.

Be sure to plan ahead and promote like crazy. Using the 100th Anniversary in interesting ways may attract potential members.

Submitted by the PR & Marketing Committee

Ohio Eliminate Project Heats Up with Great Fundraising News

08/10/2014 - District: Ohio - Submitted by: CindyChamper, Dist. Coor



The Eliminate Project has been steaming hot!!! in Ohio - and not due just to summer weather. We began with 10W MNT coordinator Craig Smith and his wife Laura, who presented a Mothers Day Zeller to Craig's grandmother Grace Banks - saving 690 lives! (Presentation picture attached).

Fast forward to our recent District convention and we offer congratulations and thanks to West Geauga Kiwanis, the first club in Division 22 to become a pledged Model club and saving 19,000 lives. Close on their heels was Randy Beard and the Warren Model club in Division 25, who paid up their \$24,000 pledge in full and now become a Legacy club.

Then there were the three surprise Zellers to the Lt. Governors of Div. 10E Bob Handleman, 10S - Dan Litzinger; and 10W - Terry Valentine, who went together and established a 3-division fundraiser for Eliminate, raising \$5,000 and saving 28,000 lives. Another surprise Zeller was presented by Division 12 to long time division secretary/treasurer, Key club assistant administrator and 46-year Kiwanis member Dick Dundore. and Division 14 joined with an award to Don H.

So how can you get involved? Except for club and individual pledges which have a longer payment time, the Eliminate campaign will end and culminate at the 2015 International convention in Indianapolis. Every \$1.80 helps to save a life. Forgo that cup of fancy coffee even once during the week and you will be so pleased with the outcome of saving another mother and her unborn children. Ohio is the lead district in USA1 but we need to all pull hard in the same direction to complete the task at hand.

Thank you!

Club News

Wildwood Park Playground Resurfacing and Cleaning

08/04/2014 - Club: Granville - Submitted by: Jennifer Lewis

On Monday, August 4, 2014, 4 to 8 PM the club hosted a service work meeting at Wildwood Park on West Broadway in Granville. To preserve the longstanding wooden playground, which the club helped erect over 15 years ago for the the Granville Recreation District, the club worked to coat the surfaces with a protective sealing of nature wood preservative, as well as maintenance by sweeping and weeding.



Over twenty Granville Kiwanians participated in the service project to support the GRD, followed by a hot dog picnic at the shelter house. At 7 pm we had a dinner break and short meeting led by President Elect Tom Harvey.

Children from Granville and neighboring communities visit the playground and park

regularly. They prefer the wooden structure over other metal structures that get very hot in the summer. The park is free and open daily to the public. We estimate over 4,000 attend the playground each year. The park is adjacent to soccer fields and the bike path, and is an asset for children in our community.

Aktion Club Mans Table for Buddy Walk

08/01/2014 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski



The Westlake Kiwanis Aktion Club volunteered at the "Buddy Walk" for the Upside of Downs on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at Progressive Field in Cleveland. The Aktion Club members worked the pre-registration table before the walk. They handed out tee shirts and walk packets to pre-registered walkers. Many of the members than took part in the walk themselves.

Kiwanis Grant Provides Fire Safety For Seniors

08/01/2014 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

The Westlake Kiwanis presented a \$500 check to the Westlake Community Center on July 21 to provide smoke detectors and/or carbon monoxide detectors for eligible senior citizens and low-income eligible individuals in the Westlake community.

This money was made available from a grant by the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation to the Westlake Kiwanis. These detectors will be distributed by the Westlake Fire Department.



Kirtland Kiwanis Club 47th Annual Scholarship Award Dinner

07/29/2014 - Club: Kirtland - Submitted by: Bill Pastor



Pictured: Ashleigh Kentt, Max Trubiano, Amanda Gabor, Dominic Camino, Lindsay Amyot, Dr. Bailey.

The Kiwanis Club of Kirtland's 47th annual scholarship dinner was celebrated at the club's Thursday July 24th meeting held at the Kirtlander with scholarship recipients and their families as honored guests. All totaled 31 Kiwanians, their spouses and guests made for an exceptional turnout of 46.

Through the dedication and hard work of Kirtland Kiwanis members as a club and organization, \$9,000 was able to be awarded in scholarships this year. Each year the Kirtland Kiwanis Club awards scholarships to Kirtland area students who have demonstrated not only academic achievement but, more importantly a willingness to give back to their community through volunteer service. The Kiwanis organization is founded on the principle of improving the quality of life for children and families worldwide and takes pride in the capability to provide opportunities like these scholarships in the hope that in return the recipients will continue to serve their communities through volunteer efforts.

To be eligible for a scholarship an individual must be living in Kirtland's school district, be planning to continue their education and have a minimum 2.5 grade point average. Applicants submit an application listing their academic as well as extracurricular achievements (including community service) and submit a short description of their experiences and how these experiences have helped to prepare them for the future.

Dr. Bailey (Scholarship Committee Chair) led the program in honoring the Scholarship recipients Each honoree receives \$1500.00, \$750.00 tonight and \$750.00 after the first semester when proof of proper grades have been met.

Even though all five of this year's recipients were members of Key Club (the largest high school service leadership organization in the world), one of the five scholarships is specifically awarded as the "Key Club Scholarship". Before the Key Club Scholarship was announced, Key Club advisor John Bodmer gave a description of all the activities the Key Club participated in this past year, which included the Food Drive in conjunction with the Kirtland Area Service Council, the Make a Difference Program, the Clothes Drive for Africa, the Haunted Hayride, and also tutoring and yard cleanup.

Here are the winners and a little info on each of them:

The Key Club Scholarship was awarded to Domenic Camino, who will attend Ohio State and pursue a degree in chemical engineering. Domenic was Vice-President of Key Club.

The Kirtland Kiwanis Memorial Scholarships are dedicated to all the past Kiwanians who have served this club so well and provided the club with the foundation to which the club is able to provide so many opportunities for children and families in the community as well as worldwide Kiwanis projects. Founding members so honored include: Tom G. Johnson, Dr. Jack Deihn, and longtime members Rees Davis and Dr. Henry Weiss. The following are the Memorial Scholarship recipients:

Lyndsay Amiott -Lyndsay will attend Mercyhurst University, enrolled in the Intelligence Studies Program. After her graduation she hopes to work with one of our government agencies such as the C.I.A., Homeland Security, or the Secret Service.

Ashleigh Kmentt -Ashleigh will Attend Miami of Ohio and pursue a degree in Biology. She hopes to move on to Case Western Reserve afterward and pursue Dentistry like her father.

Amanda Gabor -Amanda will attend Ohio State and pursue a degree in Health Science and Rehabilitation, and hopes to become an Occupational Therapist.

Max Trubiano -Max will also attend Miami of Ohio to pursue a degree in business. He was Class President and the President of Key Club.

Lakeland Community College: The Kirtland Kiwanis Endowment Fund at Lakeland was started through donations from Kiwanians just a few years ago and now has over \$13,500 which generates approximately \$500 each for the scholarship recipient from Lakeland. The committee is in the process of working with Lakeland to identify this year's candidate.

In closing Dr. Bailey offered "congratulations to all and best of luck as you take on another chapter of your lives. Remember to work hard as you play hard, give back to your community when and however you can, and be true to yourselves."

The Sun and Olympians shine at Westlake Kiwanis Event

07/18/2014 - Club: Westlake - Submitted by: Victor Rutkoski

The fifth annual Westlake Special Olympics was held on Saturday, June 14. The event, a joint effort between the Westlake Kiwanis Club and Westlake Schools, was a big success. This year's event saw the most competitors ever with a total of 74 athletes ranging in age from 7 years to 68 years of age.

The event began with Special Olympian Robert Grant carrying the Special Olympic Torch and leading his fellow competitors in a parade around the Westlake High School track. The Rocky River Adult Center Choir then sang the national anthem to get the competition started.



The day started off cool but was heated up by the competition. Special Olympians jumped, ran and threw their way to medals. Everyone present enjoyed themselves as a good time was had by all. The competitors' smiles were only exceeded by the smiles of the Kiwanians putting on the event.

Pictured Westlake Kiwanian Ray Budoï raises Sharita Taylor's arm after she wins sprint event.