Greetings fellow Ohio Kiwanians. I am honored for the opportunity to serve as your 2016-2017 Ohio Kiwanis Governor. Peggy and I look forward to getting to know many of you better and serving and working with you as we travel the Ohio District this coming year. To begin the year Peggy and I would like to share a little about ourselves and the Ohio Kiwanis goals for the coming year.

We both grew up in Burton, Ohio in Geauga County, both graduating from Berkshire High School and both going on to graduate from The Ohio State University. My degree was in Accounting and I have gone on to enjoy a 34 year banking career currently working for Westfield Bank in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. Peggy’s degree was in Education and she currently works as a sixth grade intervention specialist in the Ravenna School District. Immediately upon completing college we spent ten years in South Florida where I began my Kiwanis career in the Kiwanis Club of Hollywood. We have been married for 34 years and reside in Stow, Ohio where we are both members of the Kiwanis Club of Stow Munroe Falls. We are blessed with two adult children and two granddaughters.

The Ohio Kiwanis District goals for the coming year, as adopted by the District Board, include the following:

**Add 1000 (gross adds) new Kiwanis members in Ohio this year.** History shows us we lose approximately 800 members a year in Ohio so to grow our organization we need to add more than that on an annual basis. We hope to achieve this goal through a combination of new club opening, club strengthening, and organically by inspiring current members to want to share their Kiwanis experience with friends and family. Club opening this year will be chaired by Rich Ulmes, who can be contacted at rulmes@natca.net. Everyone is encouraged to think about communities near them that may benefit by having a Kiwanis club in their area and reach out to your Lt. Governor and/or Rich with these suggestions. Club strengthening is chaired by Bill Snellgrove, who can be reached at governor_bill@columbus.rr.com. If your club desires club strengthening/counseling services please reach out to your Lt. Governor and Bill. Everyone is encouraged to invite a friend to one of your club service projects and hopefully in the process inspire them to want to join our organization when they see firsthand the impact our organization has on our local communities.

**Achieve 75% club participation in the first family literacy project and include your service leadership programs (SLP) in the project.** This year’s first family project is focused on literacy (see the related article in this issue for more details) and every club is asked to complete a literacy related project in their community and include their SLP’s in the project.

**To enhance the Kiwanis Image in Ohio by obtaining regional media coverage of at least four multi club or multi divisional service projects and one District wide service project.** The District wide project will occur at our District Convention and be literacy related. However, your help is needed in identifying multi club or multi divisional service projects in your area and making sure that the project leadership reaches out to the local media with press releases etc. Please share these service projects with our community service chair Rick Kidwell who can be reached at rkidwell@aol.com.

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As we begin a new Kiwanis year of service, the Ohio District has much to be thankful for. We just completed a very successful Kiwanis Family Project during which more than 70 Amtryke cycles were presented to individuals throughout the district giving the much-appreciated gift of mobility. We are also excited about the 2016-17 Kiwanis Family Project. This year Governor Bill Flinta and First Lady Peggy have chosen literacy for their project. They are asking each club to survey their community and determine a literacy related need that they can help solve. You can find more information on our website at the following link: http://www.ohiokiwanis.org/Page/31539

2017 Paris Convention
As I am sure most of you are aware, the 2017 Kiwanis International Convention will take place in Paris, France. It should be the trip of a lifetime. Our District has endorsed Tumlare as our official Tour provider in 2017. You can find additional information on their official website at kiwanisparis.com. The price today is $2,299.00 per person and it includes your airfare, hotel (adjacent to the convention center), and various local tours during the convention. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find a note from the Tour Representative from Tumlare urging you to book your tour soon as airline prices are already beginning to go up and they do not know how long they will be able to keep the price at $2,299.00 per person.

2016-17 Club Insurance Resource Guide
Your club secretary should have received the 2016-17 Insurance Resource Guide in a mailing from Kiwanis International. It contains answers and information to most questions about your liability coverage and risk management practices. If you have specific liability insurance questions, you can call Lisa Heindricks at Kiwanis International (1-800-549-2647 ext 112) or our district Risk Manager Jack Hilborn (1-740-369-9641 or hilborn@midohio.net). You can also view all of the material online at http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanisone/lead/risk-management.

District Office Moving
During the week of November 21st, the Ohio District Office will be moving. Our new office address will be as follows:

Ohio District of Kiwanis International
941 Chatham Lane, Suite 326
Columbus, OH 43221-2416

The phone numbers and email addresses should not change, but we may be losing our toll free number. We do not hope that will be a hardship on anyone due to the fact that most people have unlimited long distance on their cell phones. Please be sure to use this address after November 21st.

Have news to share?
The Buckeye Bulletin is always looking to share good news about the terrific service that our clubs are doing. To share your club’s story in the Buckeye Bulletin, please submit an attached photo of your club members in action. A brief description of the project and who will be benefitting from the activity should be included. If this is a signature project or a new project that information should be included as well.

You never know, your project could inspire another club in the district to do something similar in their community. We are also interested in your Service Leadership Program clubs’ activities, since they often do amazing projects with minimal resources available to them.

Send articles to: secretary@ohiokiwanis.org. We will use them as space allows.
Identify two new strategic partnerships that can potentially provide rewards to the members, club, District, or the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation. In recent years Kiwanis has begun to identify strategic partnerships that can return rewards to our organization, for a current list of partnerships please visit the Ohio Kiwanis District website, www.ohiokiwanis.org, click on the menu dropdown and then the partnership tab. If you are aware of other strategic partnerships we may be able to establish for the benefit of Ohio Kiwanians please reach out to our Partnership chair, Jamie Kaufman at jamie@impactbdg.com.

In closing thank you for being a Kiwanian and the service you provide to your community. Our communities are all better places thanks to the local Kiwanis involvement.

Yours in Kiwanis Service,

Governor Bill

Can you imagine a community without opportunities for children to participate in BUG programs or Terrific Kids, or that they won’t have the opportunity to join a K-Kids Club, Builders Club or Key Club, or children who are missing out on opportunities to develop leadership skills, improve self-esteem, increase their civic engagement, learn life skills and create strong moral character through service to others? All around us are communities without Kiwanis Clubs and the children in them are missing out. When you realize that every new member of Kiwanis touches the lives of approximately 200 children a year, you start to understand the importance of bringing our message and mission to more people and communities. The Ohio District is in a great position to help these communities, thanks to Bill Snellgrove and Kathleen Moylan over the last few years a team of Club Openers and Club Counselors have been trained to assist existing clubs and communities in opening new clubs to those communities without.

We currently have several sites designated for Club Openings and the Formula Team is looking for other opportunities within the district. If you or your club know of any areas that would benefit from a new club, please contact your Division Lt. Governor so they can pass it along to Bill Snellgrove or myself. Let’s start the new year out strong, open new clubs and serve the children of our communities.

2nd Place Achievement Award for 2015-16
By Robin Gagnow

Baldwin Wallace University’s Circle K International (CKI) service club was recognized at the Circle K National Convention this past summer. This is the first year that BW CKI submitted a nomination packet for an international award.

The organization won 2nd Place in the 2015-16 Club Achievement Award competition for the Silver Division (36-60 members). The award is based on service projects, service fundraising, service hours, Kiwanis involvement, leadership and fellowship.

Holly Taylor, CKI 2016-17 President, received the award on behalf of the organization at the national convention. (photo included)
Hello Ohio Kiwanis!

Recently, I have been asked a few different times by members of sponsoring Kiwanis clubs what they can do to best help their Circle K club. My best advice, and this applies to a Kiwanis club sponsoring any SLP, is to be present. We always appreciate the financial support, whether it’s assisting with dues or funding a few members attending a district event, or it could even be used to provide a scholarship. You could also plan a joint service project! Many Kiwanis and Circle K clubs that I know have projects they could not accomplish without each other. With Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club all participating in the focus on literacy this year, the possibilities for a larger scale service project are endless!

What are some ways to go above and beyond as a sponsoring Kiwanis club? If you can, set aside some money in your budget for your SLP. It can be as simple as buying pizza for their open house, it could assist with district/international event attendance for a few members, or it could even be used to provide a scholarship. You could also plan a joint service project! Many Kiwanis and Circle K clubs that I know have projects they could not accomplish without each other. With Kiwanis, Circle K, and Key Club all participating in the focus on literacy this year, the possibilities for a larger scale service project are endless!

Thank you so much to the many Kiwanis clubs who sponsor SLPs, as we would not be here without you! Did you know that Circle K clubs can co-sponsor SLPs with Kiwanis? Please continue to make Kiwanis known to your members, and always feel free to reach out to me with any questions about Circle K and SLPs!

Bill Snellgrove
Membership Chair
Governor_Bill@columbus.rr.com

Ohio District Circle K
Allyson Beechy
Governor
allybeeches@gmail.com

The Formula – Strengthen Your Club

It’s a great new year we are starting. I am proud to be in an organization with such a wonderful legacy of service to our children and our communities. The service our members do truly makes a difference. Always remember how important your club is.

Be proud of what you and your club do!

Our challenge is to grow our service and strengthen our clubs. There are two parts to strengthening your club: 1) Bring in new members every year and, 2) retain those new, and your existing, members.

For retaining members, I have found the best strategy is to have fun in the club and engage new members in projects that meet their needs. Soon they move from being members to being Kiwanians.

In order to promote the first family project, we are having “Laps for Literacy”. This is a marathon of 26 miles, 385 yards. Each division is a team and each team has a goal to add new members to their existing clubs based on the division’s October 1st membership. You move about 1 mile down the track for each about 3.8% of your goal added as new members. All teams across the finish line will be recognized at Mid-Year 2018, since every team that completes the marathon by September 30th 2017 is a winner as their clubs will be stronger and service greater.

The first three teams over the finish line, and who remain over the goal at year-end, will get prizes:

Gold - $250, Silver - $150 and Bronze: $50, all donated for children’s books to the local school, library or other group designated by the division to help Today’s Readers Become Tomorrow’s Leaders.

Your Lt. Governor has the details – Join your division team today: INVITE A NEW MEMBER AND BE A WINNER.

As always, I encourage you to let the rest of the world know how essential and important your club really is. Share the excitement with someone. Show them how belonging can meet their needs and invite them to join your club. Do it today – it is the only way to continue your club’s wonderful legacy of service to your community!!!!

Love Your Club! Share Your Kiwanis Experience! Live Kiwanis Out Loud!

Hello Ohio Kiwanis!
URGENT: KEY LEADERS NEEDED

The Ohio District is gearing up for the next experiential service leadership education weekend. Key Leader is November 11-13 at Recreation Unlimited in Ashley, Ohio, an easy drive from anywhere in the district. At the time of this writing, registration is down significantly. It is critical that we work together to raise our numbers. Please consider what you can do to help (find and sponsor a student, donate to the ODKF designated for Key Leader, get in touch with us regarding direct sponsorship of a student outside of your local area, etc.)

To find and sponsor a student, it is as easy as thinking about and talking to a teenager. Your Kiwanis Club can help this student realize his/her potential as a leader just by providing the Key Leader opportunity. No one will be disappointed. Students learn about their own personal growth as a leader, integrity: doing the right thing even when no one else is watching, what it means to give and receive respect, how to build a community to get things accomplished, and how to plan for excellence. These are the items which the Key Leader program defines as the five tenets of service leadership. Using the Greenleaf model, students are encouraged to be themselves and lead through service.

The ideal Key Leader participant is in 9th-12th grade and is willing to participate in the activities and try new things. He or she may need a little confidence boost, may be your up and coming Key Club leader or just want to try something new. The Key Leader team is especially encouraging 9th and 10th grade boys to attend. Current ratio is 1 boy to 7 girls.

Registration is only $250 (before Nov. 4) and covers all weekend costs including: five meals, several snacks, two nights’ lodging, Saturday evening social, t-shirt, all curriculum materials, and as much fun and learning as can be packed into one weekend. Students report that the Key Leader weekend is life-changing and amazing and awesome. Don’t let your students be left out. Act today!

Key Leader
Brian and Kelly Shaffer
ohiookeyleader@gmail.com
This year’s First Family Project is known as “Today’s Readers Tomorrow’s Leaders”. This program asks all Kiwanis clubs to survey their community and complete a literacy related project for the betterment of their community. They should choose a project that is meaningful to them and within their means to complete. The possibilities are endless, but please see Bill and Peggy’s list of 102 possible projects at www.OhioKiwanis.org under “Today’s Readers, Tomorrow’s Leaders” to get your ideas flowing. Clubs are being asked to include their Service Leadership Program participants in the project with them to further strengthen the bonds of the Kiwanis family. The success of this project will be measured in hours of literacy related service to our communities so please be sure to report your service on the Kiwanis monthly report and by sending the below form to Governor Bill at Bill Flinta, 4182 Leewood Road, Stow, OH or e-mail it to him at gobuckspbf@sbcglobal.net. Please include any photos you have of the project as well.

Often donations are made to the Ohio Kiwanis Foundation for the First Family Project at the Governor’s official visit to Divisions and at other times throughout the year, these will gladly be accepted this year. All proceeds received will be used to fund small grants back to Ohio Kiwanis clubs to assist them with literacy related projects, or to fund other literacy related projects within Ohio.

Your support of this project will improve literacy within Ohio and for our Ohio families. Thank you for your support of this project. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to Peggy Flinta at 330-801-6224 or at gobuckspbf@sbcglobal.net.

Ohio First Family Kiwanis Literacy Related Project Report Form

Kiwanis Club of _______________________________

Date of project: ______________________

Brief Project Description:
_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________
_____________________________________________________________________________
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Was this project completed jointly with a Service Leadership Organization?
Yes _________ No ___________

Number of volunteers: _____________    Number of people served: ______________

Number of service hours: ______________

_____________________________    Date: _______________

Club Secretary

Mail to Bill Flinta, 4182 Leewood Rd., Stow, OH  44224 or e-mail to gobuckspbf@sbcglobal.net
FULFILLMENT ON ELIMINATE
PROJECT PART OF OHIO’S CHARGE

As Ohio Kiwanis members are undoubtedly aware, the Eliminate project changed just slightly as of January 1, 2016 - moving from an active fundraising campaign, to the Fulfillment segment of this capital campaign. That means that in Ohio, we need to not only complete our pledges and assist neighboring clubs in doing likewise, but we also need to look for new opportunities for fundraising.

*For example, whether or not your club has an active Eliminate pledge, you can continue to purchase Zellers to recognize outstanding officers and members. Each $1,250 saves and protects the lives of 694 women and their unborn children.

*If you have an active pledge, please pay on it regularly. Establish a time - for example quarterly - when you will send in whatever you can. The sooner funds are submitted, the sooner funds will be out in the field helping women with vaccines and education.

*You could also personally choose to help the Ohio District complete its pledge by doing a Save a Baby a Day. How wonderful would it be to wake up each morning and know that your $1.80 per day ($657 per year) would save at least one life each and every day?

*I would like to personally challenge all district leadership to consider pledging to Save a Baby or Day; or perhaps challenging your club or division. Or another alternative would be to have just one member – or possibly more - from each club in the district to Save a Baby a Day. This impetus would donate approximately $150,000 in new monies and save and protect over 82,000 children during this 2016-17 Kiwanis year.

*Finally, if you have a Key Club, please work with them to be sure that their funds to meet the $3 million pledge are turned in promptly. Trick or Treating for UNICEF is a wonderful way to make this happen.

If you have any questions about your pledge or your club’s pledge, please contact Lora Hoover at Kiwanis International (lhoover@kiwanis.org). She will be glad to help you!

Nine hundred and fifty years ago we became forever linked to France. William of Normandy, referred to as William le Bâtard (you figure it out) due to his being born “out of wedlock,” claimed that a promise had been broken, a promise that he would become the next ruler of England. So he and his army longboats (they were descended from Norsemen after all, hence “Normans”) and claimed the crown by force. Consequently, the language of the court infiltrated the native English language to such an extent that today as much as 56% of English may be derived from French.

Celebrate our kinship in Paris this summer at the International Kiwanis Convention! Ride along the Seine on a bateau mouche. Visit the Louvre, the world’s largest art museum. See the roman baths, watch kids play soccer in a roman amphitheater, and enjoy famous medieval tapestries at the Cluny Museum. View the city—and well beyond on a clear day—from the top of the 984 foot tall Eiffel Tower, the showpiece of the 1889 World’s Fair. Search the Luxembourg Gardens for the small Statue of Liberty or check out the larger one at one end of the Isle aux Cygnes (Swan Island, in the Seine), neither anywhere near the size of the 1886 gift from France to the United States which stands on Liberty Island in New York Harbor, a testament to our shared beliefs in freedom. Tour the Opera House. Ride the (very logical!) subway, the Métro. Be awed by the enormity of Notre Dame de Paris, its rose windows, the bell tower you can tour. For sheer beauty, go to Ste. Chapelle, the private chapel of kings, on a sunny day and see the sunlight stream through walls of brilliant stained glass.

And don’t forget the food! Pastry shops. Chocolate shops. Bakeries with windows full of all kinds of breads baked on site just this morning. Glaceries offering rich ice cream as well as sorbets made with fresh fruit. And wherever you walk along the streets of Paris there will be tiny restaurants offering their delicious menu à prix fixe (3 or 4 course meals for a single price), often prepared and served by a husband and wife to appreciative diners at only a handful of tables.

Make your plans to attend the Kiwanis International Convention in Paris next July! Package deals are available by Tumlare Destination Management at 1-800-954-6713 Ext. 11 or Kiwanis@Tumlare.com.
Harvest Home Fair Reaps Rewards

The 157th annual Harvest Home Fair, sponsored and run by the Cheviot Westwood Kiwanis Club, was held September 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th.

The Cheviot Westwood Kiwanis Club took over the reigns’ of Harvest Home Fair in 1939. This is our 79th Harvest Home Fair.

The Fair begins with a parade through the community on Thursday ending up at the Harvest Home Fair Park in Cheviot. This year there were over 10 Divisions with 20+ units in each. High School Bands, scouts, school and church groups, military veterans, Police and Fire Depts., businesses and political candidates participate in the parade.

The 4 day fair consists of an Art & Flower Show, craft and vegetable exhibits, 4H Show, Horse Show, games, bands, entertainment, rides and food. Many of the booths are manned by our 4 Key Clubs, churches and other 501C3 organizations in the area.

The Harvest Home Fair is a major social event for the members of the community as well as raising money for many projects in the community.

Members of the Cheviot-Westwood Kiwanis Club takes the opportunity to educate the community about Kiwanis and the impact our organization has in local communities as well as around the world.

Outreach education activities like this is a terrific way of recruiting potential members, discovering service opportunities and sharing the Kiwanis story. Membership information brochures can be ordered from the Kiwanis Internation-

DON’T FORGET!

NOVEMBER IS KIWANIS FAMILY MONTH!

Plan a joint project or meeting for your Kiwanis Family to celebrate our commitment to service!
Hello Ohio Kiwanians!

Congratulations on the official start of the Kiwanis year! The Key Club year starts April 1st, which just means that we get a chance to work with two sets of Kiwanis club officers and, on the district level, district board members. A few Ohio Key Club district board members and I, had a chance to meet the Ohio Kiwanis 2016-17 district board this year at the Ohio Kiwanis District Convention in August, and are as thrilled to work with them as they (hopefully) J are to work with us.

On the district level, Ohio District Key Club has been in full swing planning this year’s Fall Rally, themed “Surfing into Service”. At our board meeting this past September we created a promotional video for the event - which you can find on our website ohkc.org or on any social media platforms. The event is on October, 30th at THE Ohio State University’s Student Union from 10am-3pm. If you sponsor a Key Club that doesn’t have information about Fall Rally, please encourage them to visit our website and attend this amazing event. It is truly incredible to watch 500+ high school students gathered together and ralying for Key Club. This event isn’t just for students either, travel with your Key Clubbers for more fun and to “surf into service” at the start of the Kiwanis Year.

Circle K Governor Allyson also joined us at the board meeting, and granted us insight into the world of Circle K and how to find and connect to clubs near our high schools. If you know of a Circle K club near you, please connect your Key Clubs to their officers and help to bridge that gap between our branches. Governor Ally was also present as the district board voted on our district service project for the year. I am pleased to announce that we will be combining efforts with Ohio Kiwanis and Ohio Circle K in the “First Family” project promoting literacy! We are eager to see the impact we make alongside other members of the Kiwanis family. As Key Clubbers begin on their journey to promote literacy, plan service projects with your sponsoring Key Clubs to truly make this a uniting experience.

Something else to consider as we move into fall is sending your students to Key Leader. Key Leader is a weekend event, November 11th – 13th, in Ashley, Ohio at Recreations Unlimited, where students will be engaged in leadership activities and will meet other students from across the state – some of which will become lifelong friends. More information for the event is on their website www.key-leader.org as well as other promotional materials. This is an amazing experience for any student, and is not just limited to Key Clubs. You can use this event as means to connect with your Key Clubbers as well. Sponsor a student to attend, and then listen to their testimony. This is a fantastic way to hear how a young individual gained valuable confidence and leadership potential, all while inviting them into the world of your Kiwanis Club.

Thank you all so much for your continued support of Ohio Key Clubbers. On behalf of the district and the district board I wish you well on your endeavors this Kiwanis Year, and may it be one that will change countless homes, schools, and communities across the state.

Ohio District Key Club
Prestin Minter
Governor
Prestin.minter48@gmail.com

The Ohio District Kiwanis Office will be relocating our office on November 22. Because we will be moving into smaller quarters, we will disposing of multiple items. If you are interested in any of the following items, please let us know as quickly as possible. Items are first come, first serve. Donations would be appreciated.

1 10 foot conference table. Oak?
14 conference room chairs, orange and chrome. (easily reupholstered)
1 medium Computer Printer Stand
1 small computer printer stand
1 large multi-level AV cart with outlets
1 4-drawer filing cabinet

1 large metal storage cabinet
1 wardrobe
3 flag stands with poles
1 2-drawer metal filing cabinet
4 2-3 drawer filing cabinets

contact Dave@ohiokiwanis.org or 614-848-5000
Dear Ohio Kiwanis members,

I hope you are doing well.

If you’re considering traveling to Paris in July for the Kiwanis International Convention, please make your travel arrangements, as soon as possible. The airline prices are increasing and the longer you wait the higher the prices will go.

Tumlare is the preferred travel partner for the Ohio District. We are currently offering a 4 night Paris Convention Package, including hotel, round trip flights, sightseeing, breakfast and transfers for $2,299 per person, double occupancy. This price will be increasing soon, as the flight cost continues to rise.

In addition, we have pre/post trips to London, extended time in Paris, a Seine River Cruise, Spain and South of France with Italy.

Please view our programs at kiwanisparis.com or contact us with any questions, 1-800-954-6713 Ext. 11

I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,
Kayla Delman

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Kiwanis Club of Berea Celebrates 95th Anniversary

The Kiwanis Club of Berea celebrated 95 years of service to their community on September 27. Formed within the first decade of Kiwanis existence, Berea Kiwanis members became a force within the community, supporting the local Boy Scouts, building a centralized high school, donating playground equipment for the grade school, supporting a free eye clinic so underprivileged children could obtain eye exams and glasses. They also created and supported a milk fund for children and an annual Christmas Party.

In the last eight years, the club has increased their membership roster by 58 members and continues their history of assisting community causes and needs.

Pictured is Ohio Governor Bill Flinta installing Berea President Marty McGinty as Michelle McGinty places the President pin on his lapel.
Seventy clowns from around the country and around the world entertained a group of 150 kids and family members at the 5th Annual "BIG Show" sponsored by Newark Kiwanis Club. Some families came from more than 50 miles away to the Roosevelt Building’s gymnasium on a warm August night to be entertained by clowns and other children’s entertainers.

Big smiles were in evidence as youngsters scurried around getting autographs from our “Everyday Heroes” – an airline pilot, soldier, nurse, baseball player, scientist, firefighter, police officer, and got to check out the Newark Police K-9 unit and the Newark Fire Department’s emergency squad and ladder truck! Everyone got red noses and participated in crafts from the Licking County Library’s bookmobile.

We also had a visit by Ohio Kiwanis Governor Amy Zimmerman and Lieutenant Governor Jennifer Lewis. With the help of Newark’s safety forces, the county library and Newark City Schools, Newark Kiwanis had a big evening and made a big splash – all with no cost to the community, and no cost to the club. Congratulations and thanks to all!