Buckeye Bulletin

Barb and I are looking forward to our year leading Ohio Kiwanis and have been preparing for it over the last year. Our theme this year is “Grow Ohio Communities” and our First Family Project is “Feed Ohio’s Children”

The following goals reflect my commitment to grow Ohio Kiwanis:

1. Build a minimum of 24 new Clubs and strengthen existing Clubs For a net gain in Ohio membership.
2. Increase Ohio Kiwanis Leadership through meaningful and accessible education.
3. Encourage and increase partnerships with SLP’S and Kiwanis Divisions.
4. Promote the Kiwanis Brand through social media and print media.
5. Increase recognition of the accomplishments of Kiwanians, Clubs and Divisions.
6. Increase participation in District and Division events through communication and streamlining the event with emphasis on education fellowship and fun.

I realize these goals are only achievable by inspiring and training hundreds of dedicated Kiwanians to partner with me and the Formula Team for success and ultimately more service to the children of Ohio.

I have experienced life fulfillment as most of you with volunteering with Kiwanis as many statistics prove volunteerism enhances our lives in many ways.

I believe Kiwanians are in a unique position to grow our membership and new Clubs through our service leadership programs (SLP’s).

Our Service Leadership Programs (SLP’s) are the premier student lead programs from first grade through college. We have many SLP alumni that are current Kiwanis members which proves the success of these programs and the reason to actively promote these programs.

Our Formula Team Chair Brad Kunze and Vice Chair Diana Keplinger have the tools and process to strengthen our current clubs and open new clubs.

I challenge you to get in contact now with me, Brad or Diana and see where you can help because I assure you there is a place where you can serve and make a difference in lives of others and yours.

"The world is so fast that there are days when the person who says it can’t be done is interrupted by the person that is doing it.”
It is hard to believe, but we are beginning another Kiwanis Year! We are beginning our 100th year of service to the communities and citizens of the State of Ohio. Our year-long celebration will culminate with a very special District Convention in Toledo, Ohio from August 10-12, 2018. We hope you will make every effort to join us as we celebrate with the ten clubs who originally formed the Ohio District of Kiwanis International in the Fall of 1918. Those ten clubs are all still functioning and serving their communities and the Children of the World! In order of their organization, the ten clubs are Cleveland, Columbus, Dayton, Toledo, Cincinnati, Canton, Youngstown, Akron, Delaware, and Newark.

This coming year will be a bittersweet year for me personally. At our recent District Convention in Dayton, Ohio, I announced my plans to retire as your District Secretary on September 30, 2018 after 20 years in the District Office. Those 20 years have been some of the most enjoyable of my professional life. I have met many wonderful Kiwanis members from all over the world and visited places I could only dream of prior to my accepting the position as District Secretary. I want you all to know that your friendship and support has meant more to me than you will ever know. Please be sure to stop and say hello when you see me at any of our events during the coming year!

I begin this year with many concerns for the district. In the 12 months leading up to the district convention, we lost 11 clubs due to charter resignation, revocation, or through merger with another club in their area. Since the convention we have heard of another five or six clubs intending to cease operations. We all know that “Kids Need Kiwanis”, but if no club is in the community to serve those Kids who will fill the gap? I urge all Kiwanis members to consider the following during our 100th year of service:

* We hope you will contact the District Formula Team if your club needs help in keeping current members or recruiting new members. Each division has coaches/counselors in place to assist you.
* Encourage your members to make use of the excellent training modules available on the Portal-buzz website. Training is available online for Club Presidents, Secretaries, Board Members, Committee Chairs and more. If you need assistance in finding that training, please don’t hesitate to contact us in the District Office at (614) 848-5000.
* There is no substitute for your club leaders attending the Club Leadership Education sessions presented in the Spring. The information they will receive from our Certified Instructors and from other club leaders attending the sessions is invaluable in improving your clubs.
* Finally, make sure you and your fellow club members attend the Mid-Year Education Day, District Convention, and the Kiwanis International Convention during the coming year. Nothing will do more to recharge your Kiwanis batteries!

The children of our communities and the world need Kiwanis now more than ever. We must do everything we can to be sure we are here for them.

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.
Hello Ohio Kiwanis!

On Saturday, October 7th from 10am-1pm the Western Reserve Division of Ohio District Circle K will be hosting a divisional service project. The Western Reserve Division includes Baldwin Wallace University, University of Akron, Case Western Reserve University, Kent State University, and Tri-C Metro. This event will be taking place at Cuyahoga Valley National Park and is open to everyone in the K-Family! Volunteers will be working on/cleaning up the Pine Grove Trail at Cuyahoga Valley National Park. If you are interested in taking part in this service project, or just have questions regarding the event, please reach out to Western Reserve LtG, Holly Taylor. We hope you consider attending!

When: Saturday, October 7th 10am-1pm
Where: Cuyahoga Valley National Park (15610 Vaughn Road, Brecksville, OH, 44141-3018)
Contact: Holly Taylor
Email: htaylor14@mail.bw.edu
Cell: (440)864-0166

Help Wanted: New ODK Club Coaches
You don’t have to go to LinkedIn to find a new opportunity to serve the Ohio District. I am sure that you have many of the qualifications. They include being positive and enthusiastic about Kiwanis, being committed to strengthening new and existing Kiwanis clubs, and being a good listener. I am sure that description applies to you!

The ODK Formula Team is looking for enthusiastic members who believe in the power of Kiwanis in the lives of children and others in need, are looking to increase their involvement in the district, and can spare some time to offer support and assistance to new or existing clubs.

Please consider becoming a part of the Formula team for the 2017-18 administrative year. Contact me with any questions or to express your interest in becoming a club coach. Your help is “Wanted” and needed!

Yours in service,
Diana Keplinger, Ohio District Vice Chair, The Formula
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Did you realize that 1 in 4 children in Ohio suffer from “food insecurity?” They don’t know if they will have dinner when they go home after school, or even if they will have any food the whole weekend. Food insecurity has many negative results. These students often have more illness, behavior problems, and developmental delays. They need Kiwanis. Children are our future!

Ohio Kiwanis can make a difference in the lives of these children. Your club may choose to identify a local school that have children suffering from food insecurity and begin a Weekend Food Pack program. Send us an email if you want information on how to begin your program. blitzinger07@gmail.com

If you do not think your club can take on that job, you may choose to donate money to the Kiwanis Foundation that can help support other clubs taking on this challenge.

You could donate time helping an existing group who supplies weekend packs, or donate specific food items that the existing group may need.

Be watching for a list of specific foods that can be donated at mid-year that will be donated to some local Weekend Food Pack programs.

Barb Litzinger, First Lady 2017-18

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What is The Formula?
The Formula is a multi-year, MEMBER DRIVEN, STAFF SUPPORTED, initiative to strengthen Kiwanis membership in existing clubs and expand Kiwanis’ reach to communities that do not yet have the benefit of a Kiwanis club. The initiative is based on the simple premise that when members have an exceptional Kiwanis experience, they want to share Kiwanis with others.

When members share Kiwanis with others, their clubs become stronger, new clubs open and communities benefit from stronger, better Kiwanis service. This idea inspired The Formula’s tagline (Love it. Share it. Live it.) and the elements of The Formula’s graphic.

As a part of The Formula and working in conjunction with your Lt. Governor, Kiwanis International has trained Kiwanis members designated as a resource to assist Clubs, serving as a volunteer coach in strengthening a Club, encouraging achievement and in improving the overall experience for their members. I am pleased to Chair the Leadership Team of The Formula for the Ohio District. While we are continuing to identify key leaders, the District leadership includes Rich Ulmes, Diana Keplinger, Bill Snellgrove, Jack Hilborn, Rick Kidwell, Randy Beard and Larry Good.

We are available to your President, President Elect, Officers and/or Committee Chairs to discuss any aspect of improving your Club. You can use the web link: http://www.kiwanis.org/theformula/strengthen-your-club/achieving-club-excellence/request-a-club-counselor or contact me directly by email at 1218odk@gmail.com or by phone, 937.844.0467.
Key Leader: By the Dates

Now-November 3: Early registration. $250 per student/$225 per Key Club member. Student Facilitator Application also accepted (Key Leader graduates strongly preferred please.)
https://kiwaniskeyleader.regfox.com/recreation-unlimited

November 4 – November 7: Late registration

November 10:

- 2:00 pm: Student Facilitators arrive and meet with professional Lead Facilitator
- 4:00-5:45 pm: Check-in. Students must have three forms to check in.
- 6:00 pm: Dinner is served in the dining hall.
- 6:45 pm: Programming begins with icebreakers and expectations. Students meet their “neighbors,” the weekend’s adult chaperones and other participants. Each small group (neighborhood) gets a chance to create an identity for themselves and present their name, logo and cheer to the larger group. The Lead Facilitator will introduce the first of the five curriculum sections, Integrity, to the students. Students have a chance to examine their personal values and begin to consider how those affect their leadership styles. They see the first of three video segments from “The Collector of Bedford Street.”
- 12:00 am: Students and chaperones head to their respective cabins for the night.

November 11:

- 8:00 am: Breakfast is served in the dining hall.
- 8:45 am: Programming resumes with students delving into topics of Personal Growth, Respect, and Building Community. These topics include discussions on communication, personality styles, gaining respect, morals in leadership and much more.
- 12:00 pm: Lunch is served in the dining hall.
- 1:00 pm: Programming resumes with a continuation of the day’s topics.
- 2:00-5:00 pm: Low Ropes/Team Building. Camp staff facilitates team building activities on the camp’s low ropes course. Groups enjoy challenging activities such as Spider Web, Mohawk Traverse, and a chaperone favorite: the Squeeze Box.
- 5:00-6:00 pm: Free Time
- 6:00 pm: Dinner is served in the dining hall.
- 6:45 pm: Programming resumes. While students work on finishing up the modules for the day, they view the remaining segments of “The Collector of Bedford Street.” They utilize some of their leadership skills and creativity to devise a community service project based on a given scenario.
- 10:00 pm: Block Party! The block party is an opportunity for students to relax together. Past parties have included a hot dog roast, bonfire with s’mores, or ice cream social. Along with treats, there is always music and dancing, games, and socializing.
- 1:00 am: Lights out!

November 12:

- 8:00 am: Breakfast is served in the dining hall.
- 8:45 am: Sunday morning programming gets rolling with discussions and activities which showcase the positive effects of planning and setting goals. Key Leader ends with closing activities. There is a slideshow of photos taken throughout the weekend, graduation, and a closing circle with a reflection.
- 11:30 am: Finally, after an inspiring and fun-filled weekend, students who started Friday as strangers say good-bye to their new best friends. Confident Key Leaders head out into the world to make a difference.

Key Leader is open to any students of high school age. There are still openings available for students who are interested in participating. Any questions may be directed to ohiokeyleader@gmail.com.
The Ohio District of Key Club International is almost halfway through the year and we’ve been doing really well throughout! Recently, the District has been preparing its annual Fall Rally drawing over 500 attendees. This event is Key Club’s kick-off to a year of service. Held at the Ohio Union on Ohio State’s main campus, students from across the District join together for a day of fun and service. Key Clubbers attend forums and workshops throughout the day, learning more about the organization and meeting new friends! Every year, Fall Rally carries an engaging theme to immerse members. This year, Fall Rally will be held on October 29th at 10:00am, ending at 3:00pm. All Kiwanians are invited to join us!

The Key Club Public Relations Committee is working on creating graphics for the District to strengthen connections with clubs across Ohio. This committee has already created promotional material for Fall Rally. Committee members have discussed organizing press releases on clubs that perform highly or engage in memorable service. PR has also considered attempts at getting various District events in the newspaper.

Lastly, the District Convention committee is gearing up for the busiest Key Club season. After Fall Rally, the District Board starts planning Key Club’s largest most spectacular event: DLC. District Leadership Conference is the second annual Key Club event. Held March 9th – 11th, this weekend is a transformative experience, teaching students the values of leadership, service, and inclusion. Throughout their weekend, Key Clubbers attend forums and sessions on various levels (club, District, and International) of Key Club – learning the intricacies of the organization. In addition, District Executives are elected through a highly competitive process that engages attendees. The social environment and atmosphere are supportive for members of our organization. District Convention is not only an engaging learning experience, but a fun lively one as well.

As Kiwanians, I implore you all to join us in spirit and in person – at our events! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at eshammoudi@gmail.com

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Experience the Convention!

Become an expert on Kiwanis: Attend a convention.

Engage and exchange with other Kiwanians. Gather tools you will use once you're back with your club. And make sure your club has a voice: Vote for the future leaders of Kiwanis and weigh in on proposed amendments.

Kiwanis conventions aren't all about business. Experience inspiring speakers and entertainers, and purchase tickets for additional meal and fellowship events. Of course, fellowship is foremost during the convention. Come meet old friends and make new ones in Las Vegas!
A NEW KIWANIS YEAR & NEW ELIMINATE EMPHASIS

Long ago poet Robert Frost penned the words - “And we have miles to go before we sleep.” That saying is, I believe, appropriate for the Ohio District Kiwanis work in Eliminate.

During the 2011-12 Kiwanis year, Ohio was the FIRST DISTRICT INTERNATIONALLY to raise $1 million, thanks to the many Ohio Kiwanians who saw the need to think and pledge with their hearts. THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

And more recently, kudos go to the Lima and Powell clubs, who completed their Model club pledge; and to Elyria, who completed their pledge of $10,000 by going over the mark by approximately $2,000! Thank you Elyria Kiwanis and member Dr. Dennis Lehman, whose dogged determination continues to move the project forward.

But we still “have miles to go before we sleep”. By that I mean that when Kiwanis International Foundation (now Kiwanis Children’s Fund) stated the project was completed - that was in GIFTS AND PLEDGES. In other words, we have the pledges, now they need to fulfilled with the gifts.

In the case of Ohio, a total of $399,000 is still owed toward completion of our $2.6 million overall pledge. What does that mean?

*For Lt. Governors, you will soon be receiving a breakdown of information on all the clubs in your area - and whether they have paid or still have outstanding pledges towards a Bronze, Silver or Model club. Please urge, beg, cajole or whatever is necessary to increase payments on this pledge.

*For those who have outstanding pledges, we are asking: (1) Clubs with open pledges continue to pay on these pledges, even if it is past the five year mark; and (2) Clubs in that division consider assisting the club or clubs who need assistance, by continually making small pledges to assist a sister club. Please make your checks payable to Kiwanis Children’s Fund, put the club’s K# on the pledge; and send to: The Eliminate project campaign, P.O. Box 6457, Dept. 286, Indianapolis In. 46206.

The Ohio District is also considering some major fundraising events to supplement your efforts. Please remember that a simple $1.80, the cost of a Starbucks or Tim Hortons coffee, can save the lives of a mother and her unborn children. Please

Each year, Kiwanis clubs around the world join in a day of service. Kiwanis One Day currently is held on the fourth Saturday of October. In 2017, Kiwanis One Day will be observed on October 28.

Kiwanis One Day is a great opportunity to bring together the Kiwanis family of clubs to focus on local community service. It’s an example of our belief that kids need Kiwanis—kids in the community need Kiwanis to provide programs and services no longer available because of school and municipal budget constraints, and kids who want to be in youth clubs need Kiwanis club members as mentors to help them thrive, prosper and grow.

Start planning today for Kiwanis One Day: Toolkit. Got a game plan? Click to get one, including project ideas. Media resources. Here is a customizable news release, a social media square, social media posts, an invitation to help, opening remarks and the Kiwanis ‘Just The Facts’ fact sheet. Visit the media relations page for tips and more resources on how to work with the media and create awareness for your club.