As we enter the traditional holiday season we often think of family. Did you know that November was Kiwanis Family Month? In addition to our traditional Kiwanis clubs our family consists of our Service Leadership Programs including K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K and Aktion Club. I hope each of you took time to interact with these other branches of your immediate Kiwanis family recently or in the near future.

Please consider inviting them to one of your meetings or projects or better yet you visit one of their meetings or projects. Think of how much more service we can provide when we all work together. Kiwanians are mentors to all these other branches of the Kiwanis family and they look up to us for wisdom and support. Just being visible and interacting with the K-Kids, Builders Clubs, and Aktion Clubs is a great way to show your support. With Key Club and Circle K we can support them by physically helping with each other’s events, by providing them financial support to attend Kiwanis related events, and by providing educational opportunities to these groups on our varied careers by offering to be a speaker at their meetings or maybe even if you have the opportunity inviting them to visit your business for a tour, internship, or part time employment to allow them to help explore career opportunities they may have an interest in.

Service such as this to the youth of our Kiwanis family will provide them value added membership benefits and hopefully keep them part of the Kiwanis family for life. Our Service Leadership Programs are a pride of our organization and no other service organization in the world provides service to all the age and demographic groups that Kiwanis does.

I have enjoyed much interaction with our SLP programs since the start of the Kiwanis year by attending both the Circle K and Key Club fall rallies and hosting a Tri-K Board meeting where the Ohio Kiwanis, Ohio Circle K, and the Ohio Key Club Boards all met together to discuss topics common to all our organizations and how we can strengthen the Kiwanis family bond. These interactions showed me first-hand the importance of the youth in our future success and taught me the passion these other family members share with us for service to our communities and the Kiwanis organization. Please consider holding joint events or meetings similar to this with your local SLPs to experience this energy first hand as I have.

In closing as we are thankful for our Kiwanis family I wish all Ohio Kiwanians and their families a wonderful holiday season and am thankful to you for your commitment to Kiwanis and your communities.
I wanted to take just a few moments to highlight some items of interest to clubs and officers in the Ohio District. I apologize for the brevity of the article, but we are in the middle of packing to move our office on Tuesday, November 22nd. On that date, the district office will move to the following address:

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

Please be sure to mark your files and send correspondence to this new address beginning Thanksgiving Week. Our phone number and email addresses will not change.

Club Secretaries
We received correspondence earlier this week, and you should have too, concerning the availability of the Activity Tracker on the Monthly Report. Previously this was the Excel spreadsheet that clubs could list multiple service/fundraising activities. I encourage you to use this form to make sure your activities are listed and available for Kiwanis Leaders to review and acknowledge. If you have questions how this works, please give us a call in the district office after December 1st. We would be glad to work with you.

New Club Information
If your Kiwanis Club has formed since January 1, 2015, the IRS has a new filing requirement for the club. An email was sent to all New Club Presidents and Secretaries on November 2, 2016 advising them of the need to obtain an EIN number from the IRS and to send the number to Kiwanis International to be sure your club is added to the group tax exemption filed annually by Kiwanis. In addition, some new clubs may need to file a Form 8976 with the IRS. If the club filed a Form 990, 990-EZ, 990-N, or Form 1024 prior to July 8, 2016, you are not required to file a Form 8976. If you have not filed one of the above forms and your club was organized prior to July 8, 2016, you must file the Form 8976 immediately. If you were organized on or after July 8, 2016, you must file the Form 8976 within 60 days of your organization date or the date of your EIN notification letter from the IRS. The Form 8976 is an electronic form and I understand it is short and simple.

I want to take a minute to thank you and your club for all that you do to serve your communities, its children, and the children of the world. I am not sure if you have heard this yet, but the Kiwanis International Foundation has changed its name to the Kiwanis Children’s Fund. I cannot think of anything more appropriate!

Dave Whiteman
District Secretary
Secretary@ohiokiwanis.org

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.
Aktion Club Fall Update

Contests: Ohio Kiwanis and Aktion Club has much to be proud of. Hancock County Aktion Club member Dan Sartin won first place in the International Speech Contest. His speech was on the theme the “Call to Lead.” After winning first place in Ohio, he submitted a recorded version of this speech to KI for consideration. Congratulations, Dan, on this great honor.

Additionally, the Shelby County Aktion Club received an Honorable Mention in the International Scrapbook Contest. After winning first place in Ohio, their scrapbook was submitted to KI for consideration. Congratulations!

Hopefully, Aktion Clubs will start working on their contest submissions for next summer. Contests include the Poster, Scrapbook, Speech, Single Service, and T-Shirt. Clubs or individuals compete at the district level, and then the winning entry can be submitted to International.

Dues are due for Aktion Club members. Dues are $8 per member and are submitted to International. The roster should be updated on the Member Services site and then the dues should be remitted. It is important that the contact information for club advisors is up to date on the Member Services site. This contact information is what is used by the District and International. If the email contacts are out of date, then the club is not getting the necessary information about district and international Aktion Club happenings.

Kiwanis-Family Month: November is Kiwanis-Family Month. If your Kiwanis Club sponsors an Aktion Club, this is the perfect time to reach out to them to show you care. You may want to have a social event with your Aktion Club or perform a special service project with them. I encourage you to take the time to reach out to learn more about the members and ensure that your Kiwanis Club is sponsoring the Aktion Club in the ways that the club needs.

Kiwanis Mid Year: Mark your calendar for March 4th. Aktion Club members will once again be invited to join in the Mid Year Conference. The committee is currently working on the plan for the day, but there will be workshops and activities that Aktion Club members will benefit from.

With Kiwanis-Family Month, Advisor Appreciation Day was November 4th. I want to thank all of the Aktion Club Advisors for all of their hard work throughout the year to support their Aktion Clubs. Without their efforts, Aktion Clubs would not be as successful as they are. My hat is off to the advisors for their dedication and continued support and inspiration. Thank you!
The Formula – Strengthen Your Club

I hope everyone is having a great year. I had a wonderful chance today to hear a positive way to view things. We had a hard freeze last night and I’m not a fan of the cold. But someone said that last night only means one less day until spring. What a terrific way to put it!

And I cannot think of anything more positive than the service that all of your clubs do.

Our challenge is to grow our service and strengthen our clubs. I see real positive steps being taken to bring in new members and, to retain those new, and existing, members.

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

Also, there are two new member add contests currently going on. KI has one that every sponsor of a new member is entered in a drawing for two airline tickets. It is called Kick Start – but ends November 30. See http://kiwanis.org/kickstart for more information.

I hope you have heard the details for our Laps for Literature contest in Ohio. This runs all year and has the divisions compete to meet their division’s goal quickly. All clubs are members of their division’s team.

Your Lt. Governor has the details on the Laps for Literature contest so ask for more information if you have not already received it. 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!

Greetings:

Did you know that Kiwanis International has invested on your behalf in an excellent overall insurance program that protects not only the individual Kiwanian, but also clubs, SLP’s, club foundations, divisions, and districts? It’s a very all-encompassing policy. In addition, the KI insurance program includes very solid liability protection for both liquor and sexual misconduct exposures. Clubs have the ability to purchase optional Crime and Accident policies.

Each club will be receiving shortly, or, perhaps, already received, the new Club Insurance Resource Guide for 2016-2017. This document is very valuable and contains information on a whole host of important insurance-related topics such as Certificates of Insurance, have a club Insurance Advisor, and may more.

I am ready and willing to counsel your club and/or division on insurance matters. And, I have an excellent power point presentation that I would like to present to as many divisions as possible, particularly those divisions that I have never addressed on this topic or haven’t addressed in a number of years. Hopefully, with 40+ years experience in the insurance industry, I can answer your good questions. If I don’t have the answer, I know where to obtain the answer—either from KI or The Hylant Group, our Kiwanis insurance broker out of Indianapolis.

I am ready to assist. Thank you.
YOUNG CHILDREN – OUR MOST VALUABLE NATURAL RESOURCE!

The hashtag -- #KIDSNEEDKIWANIS -- says it all! Kiwanis is the only international service organization that has programs designed to focus on children of all ages in addition to our post high school adults. Each age served has different needs and provides Kiwanians with a wide variety of ways to make an impact. Our Kiwanis Clubs have embraced all of these programs.

As a retired educator, I have seen educational trends come and go, but in time we always seem to return to the most basic ones which are fundamental to the development of a sound and healthy child. 20 years ago as a new Kiwanian, our major focus was on children aged birth to age 5 with the Young Children: Priority One program. Over the years our Kiwanis family programs have grown to embrace school-age children of all ages. As our programs expanded, Kiwanis somehow lost track of the importance of building a strong foundation. A similar shift in education occurred with the focus being put on the middle school age child because that seemed to be such a volatile age. Time passed -- trends lose popularity and impact and older ones come back in vogue.

I am happy to say that there is a renewed interest in our youngest children and providing them with a strong, happy and healthy foundation -- both in education and Kiwanis. This renewed interest in our youngest children -- birth to age 5 -- is resulting in a reworking of our Kiwanis program which we now know by the title – Young Children Priority One! Look carefully at this title and check out WHAT is different. Notice we no longer have the colon between the words children and priority. Notice I have not mentioned the acronym we so often used to designate this program – YC:PO. That is because we no longer use that acronym for this program because it is important that we do NOT minimize the importance of our children from birth to age 5!

Young Children Priority One focuses on children prenatal through age 5 through four areas: 1) maternal and child health; 2) child care and development; 3) parent education and support; and 4) safety and pediatric trauma. Over the years, Kiwanis Clubs have continued to buy car seats and work car seat events; continued to buy and fit bike helmets; continued to purchase books for newborns; etc., BUT realize that the plight of young children in many communities is deplorable and we can do so much more!

Kiwanians, the children of the Ohio District NEED Kiwanis NOW, more than ever before!

DID YOU KNOW.....Many more babies die in the United States than you might think. According to the CDC, 25 other industrialized nations do better than the United States at keeping babies alive. Ohio in 2014 ranked 45th nationally – near the bottom and had one of the highest mortality rates for infants born to black mothers.

DID YOU KNOW.....In 2015, 42.2 million Americans lived in food insecure households, including 29.1 million adults and 13.1 million children. 12 states exhibited statistically significantly higher household food-insecurity rates than that U.S. national average for 2015. Ohio ranked sixth on that list with a 16.1% rate of food-insecurity.

DID YOU KNOW..... The abuse of children in the home remains a serious public health problem in the United States. On the average, there are about 3.2 million reports of suspected abuse and neglect every year with almost 2 million of these reports being investigated. Ohio ranks 50th out of all 50 states in terms of funding for child protective services.

WHAT CAN KIWANIS CLUBS OF THE OHIO DISTRICT DO.....First off, each and every club needs to continue doing the projects they do as part of the Young Children Priority One program. Secondly, they need to find out what their municipality and/or county is doing as far as keeping our young children safe and healthy and explore new ways your Kiwanis Club can help make a difference and have a greater impact. Realize that Kiwanis cannot turn these problems around alone, so Clubs need to find ways to “partner” with existing agencies and organizations. For instance – every county has a Health Department and Jobs and Family Services Office. Does your Club currently work with either of these groups on service projects aimed at making the difference in the lives of young children?
We are well on our way to having several new Builders Clubs around the district. I want to thank the Kiwanis Clubs who have chosen to sponsor a new Builders Club this year. This is a great opportunity for learning about leadership, volunteerism, trust, a working together as a group to accomplish great things in your schools and communities. I want to congratulate those clubs that I know about on their charter events: Strongsville and Worthingway Middle School. Also congratulations to two new charters: Brookville Intermediate School sponsored by the Brookville Kiwanis and the Early College Academy in Canton sponsored by the Canton Kiwanis. It would be wonderful to have at least 10 new chartered Builders Clubs this 2016-17 Kiwanis year. We have two, we just need 8 more.

I encourage your clubs to talk about chartering a Builders Club if you have not already done so. Please contact me for any help you might need: musiclady46@frontier.com

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I challenge each Ohio District Kiwanis Club to look into options to form a partnership this year with such an agency such. If your Club is already working with one such agency, find out how else you might be able to make a difference in your community? Working together – Kiwanis and other agencies/non-profits – we can make a difference.

For information on topics dealing with Young Children Priority One and suggestions of agencies/non-profits to seek out and partner with in your community, check out the Ohio District Kiwanis Young Children Priority One facebook page. Feel free to post information on that page about your projects and don’t hesitate to contact me and schedule a program for your Division or Club. Remember – Kids Need Kiwanis!

Kiwanis Club of Youngstown donated $750 to the Salvation Army of Mahoning County on Oct. 28.

The funds will support Salvation Army’s Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas gift programs. Carla Hunter, Kiwanis president, right, presented the check to Jorge Munoz, Salvation Army lieutenant and fellow Kiwanis member.

The army provides financial, social and spiritual services for at-risk community members, and expects to feed more than 400 people at its Thanksgiving dinner.

Pancakes with a Purpose Registration is now open for National Pancake Day, March 7, 2017. Drum up interest with club members and watch the training video to see how you can support this event where every dollar stays local with your Children’s Miracle Network Hospital.
Interclub – A Kiwanis activity where Kiwanians enjoy fellowship, have fun and share experiences with others in the Kiwanis family.

Most would agree that no one club or Kiwanian knows all there is to know about serving – and I think most would also agree that the single best resource for Kiwanians and their clubs are our worldwide network of members.

In addition to the pleasure of Kiwanis fellowship, ideas, improve your members’ club experience and stretch your club’s capacity for service in your community. Within a short distance in my area of the Ohio District you’ll find a noon time Kiwanis brass band, a recognition luncheon with Key Club leaders, an evening soiree and a great lunch with views overlooking a fairway walk to the 18th green to name but a few.

What constitutes as an interclub?

An interclub is earned when your club, with the correct number of members in attendance, attends another Kiwanis Club meeting, event, or a Kiwanis Family Club meeting or event.

What is the attendance requirement needed to qualify as an interclub?

- An interclub occurs when at least four members of your club, (three members plus one of those listed below) for clubs of 30 or more members.
- An interclub occurs when at least three members, (two members plus one of those listed below) for clubs of 20 to 30 members.
- An interclub occurs when at least two members, (you cannot use one of those listed below) for clubs of 20 or less members.

Who besides club members can be counted as a member to complete the required number of members needed to qualify as an interclub?

Current Lt. Governor, Current Division Officers, Current District Officers, Current International Officers. Each club can use only one of the above to complete the required number of member to qualify as an interclub.

Who is the Kiwanis Family?


Who are eligible SLP organizations?

Circle K Clubs, Key Clubs, Builders Clubs, K-Kids Clubs, and Aktion Clubs.

What are eligible District Events?

Mid-Year Education Day, District Golf Outing, District Convention, and for this contest only, attendance at the Kiwanis International Convention will count for this criteria.

Your District leadership strongly encourages that you continue, increase or start the Interclub practice. Your Club, it’s members and the Ohio District will benefit. To encourage participation, the District will award banner patches to Clubs that meet the following criteria:

Bronze Level - Interclub with at least six different Kiwanis Clubs one of which must be a Kiwanis SLP organization.

Silver Level - Interclub with at least nine different Kiwanis Clubs, including at least one Kiwanis Club outside your home Division, one with a Kiwanis SLP organization, one Division Council meeting, and one at a District sponsored event (this cannot count as the out of Division event).
Consider becoming an Ohio Kiwanis Foundation Ambassador

Your Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation has a giving program that is the only one of its kind in all of Kiwanis International. The purpose of the Ambassador program is to recognize Ohio District Kiwanians for their individual continuing donations to the Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation.

Any Ohio District Kiwanian may enter the program with a minimum donation of $50. The Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation will record and track the Kiwanian’s donations to the Foundation.

Member recognition for qualified levels of giving will be awarded as the member attains the various levels of participation.

Individual recognition will be presented at a club, division council, or district meeting.

The levels of recognition are:

- **Entry Level** initial donation of $50
- **Patron Level** donation of a total of $100
- **Gold Level** donation of a total of $250
- **Past International Presidents’ Level** donation of a total of $500
- **Emerald Level** donation of a total of $750
- **Schneider / Williams / Sellers/Penn Level** donation of a total of $1000 will qualify for either the Schneider, Williams, Sellers or Penn Award
- **Diamond Levels** donation of each additional $1000

As we end this fiscal year it is a perfect time to recognize Kiwanis members for their contributions to our clubs. Donations are tax deductible.

To learn more about how to contribute to our Ambassador program you can visit our Ohio District Kiwanis Foundation website at odkf.org.

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**Webinar Wednesday**

Due to the World Series game the November webinar was rescheduled to December 7th at 8pm. Here is the link and please try to join as we hear about the District Foundation.

Join from PC, Mac, iOS or Android: https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1487185021
Third Generation President Leads Club

The Kiwanis Club of Toledo celebrated their centennial year of service this year, in addition the 60 member club has what may be a very unusual occurrence in leadership.

Billy Mann is serving as the Club’s 52nd President and only third generation president known in the history of the local organization and perhaps also Kiwanis International.

Charles Mann III joined the Kiwanis Club of Toledo in 1962 and was Club President in 1982. The former River Run sculpture at Promenade Park and Living Stream at the Toledo Zoo were major highlights of his tenure in the Club. His son, Richard Mann joined the Club in 1990 and was President in 1999. During his time as President the Clubs continued their legendary Pancake Festival tradition and added a competitive blood drive between the Downtown Kiwanis and Rotary organization (of which his brother Charles Mann IV was at the time President).

William (Billy) Mann will carry on as a third generation President and in his Presidential year finalize the Club’s Centennial Project, a collaborative partnership between the Toledo Mud Hens and Kiwanis Club. Highlights of the partnership include a ticket package for central city children access to baseball games, and supporting the renovation of Muddy’s Marsh at Fifth Third Field.

“I am proud to serve this esteemed service organization as my family has done for generations. Service to the community and providing unique and fun opportunities for children within our central city are vitally important to improving the quality of life in Toledo. I look forward to a fun and engaging year ahead.” –Billy Mann, President.

There’s No Place Like Home

The Ohio District Kiwanis Office has moved to a new location. Closer to the OSU Campus and right off of SR 315, The office is now located at 941 Chatham Lane, Suite 326, Columbus 43221.

We ask that you be patient as we work through getting phone and networking lines installed, as well as dealing with the other issues that crop up with an office move. As you can see from the picture, we have been unpacking as fast as we can, but, because the layout is dramatically different from our previous office, we may take a bit longer locating some requested resources.

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the move. Dan Litzinger and Jim Janosik painted the front office to a very cheerful jazzy blue and lemon chiffon combo that reflects our Kiwanis colors! Tim Daniel and James Milner hauled off “leftover” items that needed to be donated. Sharon O’Neal helped with sorting through archive items to be retained. Countless other members helped with purchasing surplus items we needed to downsize. Once again, it was a team of volunteers that stepped up to help us with a monumental task.

While we still have some unpacking (and a LOT of organizing) to do, we welcome any Kiwanis Family members who would like to visit our new space. While here you can purchase a couple of Kiwanis items for yourself or as a gift for a special Kiwanis Family member.

Keep in mind that a visit to the office will garner you a “make-up” credit for an interclub visit. We look forward to serving you.

Some of the emptied packing boxes waiting to be returned to the moving company.